

**MINUTES**  
of the  
*Seventieth Annual Session*  
of the  
*Indian Bottom Association*  
of  
**OLD REGULAR BAPTIST**  
**The Church of Jesus Christ**



held with  
***Cedar Grove Church***  
***Hallie, Letcher County, Kentucky***  
**September 3, 4 and 5, 1965**

**Elder J. W. Pratt**  
Moderator  
**Elder Beckham Fields**  
Assistant Moderator

**Elder Alonzo Allen**  
Clerk  
**Elder Olus Baldrige**  
Assistant Clerk



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## HALLIE, LETCHER COUNTY, KENTUCKY

### PROCEEDINGS:

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 1965

Proceedings of the seventieth (70th) session of the Indian Bottom Association of Old Regular Baptist, the Church of Jesus Christ, now in session assembled with the Cedar Grove Church, Sept. 3, 4 and 5th, 1965 at Hallie, Letcher County, Kentucky.

The Association met at the Cedar Grove Church and, after singing some of the old hymns of Zion, Elder James Caudill came forward according to the choosing of the delegates of our 1965 session of the Indian Bottom Association and opened the services of the Indian Bottom Association.

Elder Carl Back, also according to the choice of the delegates, came forward and preached the Introductory Sermon using kind words in the spirit persuading the brethren in love to be united as one in the Lord.

The delegates were then dismissed to the place arranged for the work of the Association.

After assembling ourselves together at the house, an old song of Zion was sung, then Elder Hobart Bates was called to the stand to introduce the service of the Association and was well blessed in prayer.

The 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 Cedar Grove Church letter it was moved and seconded to receive all church letters, as they were all in regular form, and seat the delegates, and refer the queries and requests to the committee on arrangements.

2. The 1965 session of the Association was then organized by choosing Elder J. W. Pratt, moderator; Elder Beckham Fields, assistant moderator; Elder Alonzo Allen, clerk; and Elder Olus Baldrige, assistant clerk.

3. The Moderator then called for newly organized churches, and received one, Bethel Church, Sligo, Ohio.

4. Called for churches desiring to take up correspondence with us; there were none.

5. It was moved and seconded that we omit reading the articles of Faith, the rules of decorum, and the constitution in order to redeem time; but to have same printed in our minutes.

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

A. NEW SALEM with delegates: Elders Hobart Bates, Willie Bates, Henry Little, Bro. Hager Watts, Dan Cornett, Henry King, Hershell Huff and Banner Manns.

B. NORTH NEW SALEM with delegates: Elders Roy Caudill, Roy B. Akers and Hiram Adkins. Brethren: Marvlous Short and Hillard Profitt.

C. PHILADELPHIA with delegates: Elders John Moore, Golden Adkins, Rush Stanley, Walter Bryant, and Shady Smith.

D. THORNTON UNION with delegates: Elders Wesley Younts, George Collins, Timothy Bentley, Raymond Collins, Kirby Ison, Odes Williams, Agnas Back and R. H. Welch. Brethren: Hallie Dyer, Lawrence Maggard, Harrison Nickols, Guy Holbrooks, Hargis Caudill, Kenny Adams, James Wright, Charlie Cornett, Alerdee Craft, and Francis Hubbard.

E. SARDIS with delegate: Bro. Earl D. West.

F. UNION with delegates: J. H. Castle, Fred Rowe, W. F. Hubbard, Elmer Church, and Fred Rice.

Letters from all Associations received and delegates seated in Council.

Transients called for and received the following: Elder Mander Yontz, and Brother Billy Day.

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

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

9. Appointed same committee, as on ministry, with only one delegate from Cedar Grove Church, Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerks, delegates of our correspondence, and transients 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 same: New Salem, Union, Sardis, Philadelphia, North New Salem, and Thornton Union.

11. Committee reported stand to be filled Friday night by Elders: Ermil Ison and J. W. Pratt.

Saturday morning by Elders: Roy B. Akers, Banner Manns, Francis Hubbard, and Charlie Cornett.

12. On motion the Association adjourned until 9:00 o'clock Saturday morning.

#### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 1965

The Indian Bottom Association met pursuant to adjournment, and after singing some beautiful hymns of Zion, Elder \_\_\_\_\_ was called to the stand and we feel was blessed in supplication and prayer.

The Association was then called to order by our beloved Assistant Moderator Beckham Fields.

1. Called the roll and marked the absentees.

2. Ministers chosen by the committee to preach on the Stand, and the congregation was excused from the house to go to the Stand.

3. Committee report received, moved and seconded and committee discharged.

4. Appointed a committee on finance and it reported \$300.00 from the several churches.

5. Moved and seconded to have 1600 copies of our minutes printed and that clerk superintend printing of same, and that clerk to be secretary and treasurer.

6. Appointed same committee on ministry as on Friday to arrange for preaching Saturday night and Sunday. The committee reported for Saturday night: Elders Manis Ison and Raymond Collins. For Sunday: Elders Kirby Ison, Elmer Church, John Moore, and Moderator, J. W. Pratt to close.

7. The circular letter written by Beckham Fields, who was appointed at our last session, was read and same was approved, moved and seconded and ordered printed in our minutes, and Elder Verlin Fields chosen to write a circular letter for the inspection of our next Association when convened with the New Home Church, Leburn, Knott Co., Ky.

8. Brethren called to report on attending union meetings and associations. They reported they felt they had done the best they could. It was moved and seconded to receive their report and excuse their failures.

9. Moved and seconded to have obituaries printed in our minutes with the understanding that five dollars be included for the printing of pictures.

Treasurer's Report:

Total for last year .....	\$336.46
Cost of printing minutes .....	\$256.80
Postage and mailing .....	7.30
<b>Total Expenses .....</b>	<b>\$264.10</b>
Balance in treasury .....	\$ 72.36
Received from churches this year .....	300.00
Received for pictures this year .....	20.00
<b>Total on hand .....</b>	<b>\$392.36</b>

11. Letters to Sister Associations prepared as follows:

A. NEW SALEM: To convene with the Stone Coal Church, Garrett, Floyd County, Kentucky Friday before the fourth Saturday in September 1966. Delegate list to be chosen at our next session.

B. UNION: To convene with the Hurrican Church, Wise, Wise County, Virginia Friday before the third Saturday in September 1966. Delegates chosen: Ermil Ison, Beckham Fields, Manis Ison, Estill Jent, Verlin Fields, Cullen Hogg, Olus Baldrige, Alonzo Allen, Hershell Baldrige, Billy Day, Walter Anderson, Leroy Cornett, Lester Hubbard, Ishmael Clark, and Jessie Eversole.

C. SARDIS: To convene with Southern Home Church Friday before the second Saturday in September, R. R. 1 Citra, Florida. Delegates chosen: Alonzo Allen, Ermil Ison, Ernest Ward, and Leroy Cornett.

D. PHILADELPHIA: To convene with the Little Rosa Church Friday before the second Saturday in August 1966 Below Greenup, Greenup County, Kentucky. Delegates chosen: Ermil Ison, Walter Anderson, Carl Caudill, J. W. Pratt, Beckham Fields, Olus Baldrige, Alonzo Allen, Manis Ison, Ernest Ward, Leroy Cornett, Billy Day, and Lester Hubbard.

E. NORTH NEW SALEM: To convene with the Little Zion Church Friday before the first Saturday in August 1966 at Romeo, Michigan. Delegates chosen: Olus Baldrige, Alonzo Allen, Ermil Ison, Beckham Fields, Verlin Fields, J. W. Pratt, Billy Day, Ishmael Clark, Leroy Cornett, Ernest Ward, and Woodrow Cornett.

F. THORNTON UNION: To convene with the Little Rock Church, Kona, Letcher County, Kentucky Friday before the third Saturday in August 1966: Delegates chosen: Ermil Ison, Beckham Fields, Manis Ison, Estill Jent, J. W. Pratt, C.C. Hogg, Olus Baldrige, Alonzo Allen, Hershell Baldrige, Verlin Fields, Jesse Eversole, Billy Day, Leroy Cornett, Lester Hubbard, Ishmael Clark, and Dewey Eldridge.

12. Committee on ministry chose Elder Ermil Ison to preach introductory sermon at the 1966 session of our Association and Verlin Fields to be his alternate.

13. In regard to the request of Big Leatherwood Church and New Home Church for the 1966 session of the Indian Bottom Association, it was agreed by the delegates of the Big Leatherwood Church moved, and seconded by the Association delegates to give New Home Church the privilege of having the 1966 session of the Indian Bottom Association at Leburn, Knott County, Kentucky on Route 80.

14. Resolved by the Association that the clerk draw up a resolution of appreciation to the Cedar Grove Church and community at large for the wonderful care and consideration given the 1965 session of the Indian Bottom Association.

15. Moved and seconded to omit the reading of the Association work to redeem time.

16. Moved and seconded that we adjourn to the time and place of our 1966 session of the Indian Bottom Association.

17. The 70th session of the annual business meeting of the Indian Bottom Association was closed with supplication and prayer by Elder Elmer Church of the Union Association.

Done and signed by 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 MORNING, SEPTEMBER 5, 1965**

A large and well behaved congregation assembled at the Cedar Grove Church, and sang some of Zion's hymns. Elder C. C. Hogg then came forward and introduced the service and Brother Ernest Ward led in prayer. Elder John Moore followed, using as his text, "I will deliver unto you the sure mercies of David," and was well blessed. Then came Elder Roy B. Akers who was also blessed, and was followed by Elder Ermil Ison, who quoted, "A greater than Solomon is here." He was also wonderfully blessed. Our Moderator, Elder J. W. Pratt closed the service with many kind and loving remarks in honor to God for such a wonderful meeting. The service closed with much rejoicing and praising the Lord.

#### **RESOLUTION AS REQUESTED IN ITEM 14**

Resolved that the delegates and officers of the 70th session of the Indian Bottom Association do humbly bow their hearts to God, our Creator, in behalf of the consideration, generosity, and hospitality extended to us by the Cedar Grove Church, the community, and many other friends that ministered to our needs.

May God bless us to live humble, always abounding in the meekness of the spirit, preferring another before ourselves, continuing to lift up a standard unto our children, our friends, our neighbors, and the whole world of mankind.

May we, the children of the heavenly King, give glory and honor to God, our Creator, in all things whatsoever we do, because God is God! and His mercy toward us endures forever. "For you are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's," also, "Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven." "Who so offers praise, glorifies me, and to him that orders his conversation aright will I show the salvation of God." Yet if any man suffer as a Christian, let him be not ashamed, but let him glorify God on this behalf. To Him, our God and Creator, be glory and dominion forever for our God shall supply all our needs according to his riches in glory by Jesus Christ. Now unto God, our Father be glory forever and ever. Amen.

Humbly,  
Your Clerk

#### **UNION AND COMMUNION MEETINGS**

**May, 1966**

LITTLE DOVE—UNION: Second Saturday and Sunday in May 1966  
Ministers called: Any of the same faith and order that has a mind to come.

COMMUNION: Second Sunday in July 1966.

BULL CREEK—UNION: First Saturday and Sunday in May 1966. Ministers called: Elders: Lester Hubbard, Verlin Fields, Kirby Ison, Moderator and assistant.

COMMUNION: First Sunday in August 1966.

REYNOLDS FORK—UNION: Third Saturday and Sunday in May 1966. Ministers called: Elders: Vausal Slone, Dillis Combs, Hershell Sturgill, Crit Eldridge, Lonzo Yantz.

COMMUNION: Third Sunday in July 1966.

POWELL—UNION: Third Saturday and Sunday in May 1966. Elders chosen: Alonzo Allen, Crit Eldridge, Ermil Ison, Beckham Fields and Moderator with any other of same faith and order that would have a mind to come.

COMMUNION: Third Sunday in July 1966.

CEDAR GROVE—UNION: The fourth Saturday and Sunday in May 1966. Elders called: Cullen Hogg, James Fields, Ermil Ison, Ray Collins, and Melvin Watts.

COMMUNION: Fourth Sunday in August 1966.

PILGRIM HOME—UNION: First Saturday and Sunday in May 1966. Ministers chosen. Elders: Perry Tackett, Parris Tackett, Walk Sturgill, Marvis Short, Chuck Kezze, John Moore, Clifford Colley and Beckham Fields. All Regular Baptist in order is welcome.

COMMUNION: The First Sunday in June.

BETHEL—UNION: The fourth Saturday and Sunday in May 1966. Ministers chosen: Elders: Kirby Ison, Beckham Fields, Verlin Fields, and Alonzo Allen.

COMMUNION: The Fourth Sunday in June 1966.

#### JUNE, 1966

BIG LEATHERWOOD—UNION: Second Saturday and Sunday in June 1966. Ministers chosen: Elders: Carl Back, Charlie Cornett, Melvin Watts, and Verlin Fields.

COMMUNION: Second Sunday in August 1966.

LITTLE ZION—UNION: The third Saturday and Sunday in June 1966. Ministers chosen: Elders: Henry King, Andy Bates, Charlie Cornett, and Moderator.

COMMUNION: Third Sunday in July 1966.

KINGDOM COME—UNION: The second Saturday and Sunday in June 1966. All Regular Baptist of same faith and order are invited to come.

COMMUNION: The second Sunday in July 1966.

NEW HOME—UNION: The second Saturday and Sunday in June 1966. Ministers chosen. Elders: Manis Ison, Hobart Bates, Ermil Ison, Beckham Fields.

COMMUNION: The second Sunday in July 1966.

TOLSON CREEK—UNION: The fourth Saturday and Sunday in June 1966. Ministers called. Elders: No special requests received.

COMMUNION: Fourth Sunday in July 1966.

MAPLE GROVE—UNION: The third Saturday and Sunday in June 1966. Ministers chosen: Elders: Carl Back, Herman Caudill, Crit Eldridge, and Moderator.

COMMUNION: Third Sunday in July 1966.

DIXON MEMORIAL—UNION: The fourth Saturday and Sunday in June 1966. Elders: Crit Eldridge, Tommy Jent, Francis Maggard, and Buford Caudill.

COMMUNION: The fourth Sunday in July 1966.

OVENFORK—UNION: Second Saturday and Sunday in June 1966. Ministers called: Elders: Rubin Riddle, Manis Ison, I. D. Back, Verlin Fields, and Beckham Fields.

COMMUNION: Second Sunday in July 1966.

## AUGUST, 1966

DEFEATED CREEK—UNION: The first Saturday and Sunday in August 1966. Ministers chosen: Elders: Beckham Fields, Verlon Fields, James Fields, Melvin Watts, Lee Mosley, and Manis Ison.

COMMUNION: The first Sunday in August 1966.

IVY POINT—UNION: None requested.

16a—Circular Letter.

16b—Articles of Faith.

16c—Rules of Decorum.

16d—Constitution.

### CIRCULAR LETTER

September 1, 1965

Dear Brethren of the Indian Bottom Association:

Having been chosen last year to write a circular letter for your inspection this year, I undertake it with great fear. Many subjects have run through my mind in the last year, but the subject that has arrested my mind, and the most important to write about, is just how is man saved. Some says they just got tired of sin, and started seeking and working until they had worked themselves out of works and, for that, God saved them, while others say it is all the work of God, and that his power was so great they could not resist it. This diversity of doctrine is confusing the minds of our children, and has them halted between two opinions; and, I fear some will halt too long!

I believe I can best set forth the works of man, and the work of God by relating some of my own experiences. I will use this scripture to start with: (Prov. 16:6) "By mercy and truth Iniquity is purged, and by the fear of the Lord men depart from evil." Now there must be some reason why men fear the Lord. Our father Adam heard the voice of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, Gen. 3:8, and he hid himself because he was afraid, Gen. 3:10; when the light that lighteth every man that cometh into the world (St. John 1:9), appears unto a man it brings knowledge of his standing before God, and his certain doom if he dies as he is! Now is the time to make his choice; and, the choice he makes, means eternal life or eternal death. If he will only stand and see, and meditate, there will be a fear set up in his heart. That is what caused me to quit sinning. I was afraid to go any farther in sin.

(Psa. 111:10) "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom." I soon found out, that to turn from evil did not save me. I was still guilty and under the wrath of God. I did not know which way to go! I had done the only thing I knew to do and I was still a sinner! Now comes the love and works of God! (John 3:16) God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." (Mark 11:22), Jesus said to have faith in God, and he said in (John 6:29), "This is the work of God, that ye believe on him whom he hath sent." (Rom. 10:14), "How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed, and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard, and how shall they hear without a preacher." (Rom. 10:17), "So faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God. Then it was I that heard the word of God, as his son Jesus preached it! (Luke 5:32), "I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance!" (Isa. 45:22), "Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth. For I am God, and there is none else."

There was faith that came with that word, and I believed he had the power to save, and would save, if I could get to him. Then I started to earnestly seek for the Lord. But the more I sought, the more lost I became. A great and awful sorrow set up in my heart for the sins I had committed against God, that had me separated from Him. It seemed like everything I



tried to do made my case worse. And, the more lost I became the greater my sorrow and suffering became! I did not know that this was the goodness of God leading me unto repentance! So, I just wandered about from place to place crying for mercy. After months of mourning and crying, I came to the end of my strength, a poor dying wretch without God and without hope in the world, with the smoke of hell rolling up around me! And, as I was sinking down to that awful place, I cried from my heart, "Lord save or I perish!" And the Lord heard my cry and he delivered me from all my troubles! He washed me in his blood, and baptized me by his Holy Spirit into himself! He gave me a hope which is not of this world, but of, Christ Jesus formed in the soul! All fear of dying was gone! There was a love in my heart I had never known before. And He showed me the Old Baptist Church, and I knew them that were worshipping there, and the Lord told me to join myself unto them, for they were my people.

I have never worried about where the true church was. I am living in her today; and from the day he saved my soul, I have had a desire for good works. The love he saved me with has kept me pressing on to the mark of the high calling for forty-one years, and I believe it will take me to heaven when I lay down this earthly tabernacle! So it was not by the works of righteousness which I had done, but it was the mercies of God that saved me; for it is by grace through faith, that ye are saved, not of works, but it is the gift of God!

Dearly beloved Brethren, let us be good to one another, pray for one another, and love one another, and so fulfill the law of Christ! Farewell for a little while.

Your Humble Servant,  
Elder Beckham Fields

#### ARTICLES OF FAITH

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

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

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

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

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

6. We believe in the perseverance of the Saints. That by grace through faith they are born again and adopted into the family of Heaven; that they become equal heirs with Jesus Christ in glory, and that He will raise them up at the last day.

7. We believe that Baptism and the Lord's Supper are Gospel Ordinances; that true believers are the proper subjects and we admit no other.

8. We believe that the true mode of baptism is by immersion to baptize a person by their own consent, back foremost in water in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost.

9. We believe that washing of one another's feet is a commandment of Christ, left on records with His Disciples, and ought to be practiced by his followers.

10. We believe in the resurrection of the dead and general judgment when all will be judged according to their deeds done in the body.

11. We believe the punishment of the wicked will be everlasting and the joys of the righteous will be eternal after death.

12. We believe that no one has a right to administer the Gospel Ordinances but such as are legally called and qualified there unto.

13. We believe it to be the duty of all church members to attend church meetings, and that it is the duty of the church to deal with them for neglecting the same.

14. We believe it to be the duty of all church members to contribute to the support of the church by defraying all reasonable expenses of same, never neglecting the poor, according to their several abilities.

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

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

17. None of the above articles shall be altered without legal notice and free consent.

#### **RULES OF DECORUM**

1. The association shall be opened and closed by prayer.

2. The moderator and clerk shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.

3. Only one member shall speak at a time, and shall rise from his seat and address the moderator, when he is about to speak.

4. The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted in his speech by anyone except the moderator until he is done.

5. He shall strictly adhere to his subject and in nowise reflect on the preceding speaker, but shall define his ideas on the proposition for debate, so far as he can.

6. No person shall abruptly absent himself from the association without leave of the same.

7. No person shall rise and speak more than three times on any subject without permission from the association.

8. No member of the association shall have the liberty to laugh during the sitting of the same, nor to whisper in time of public speech.

9. No member shall address another in any other form or term than that of "brother."

10. The moderator shall not interrupt a brother or prohibit him from speaking until he gives his views on the subject unless he shall violate the Rules of Decorum.

11. The names of the several members of the association shall be enrolled by the clerk, and called as often as the association may require.

12. The moderator shall be entitled to the same privileges of speech as any other member, provided the chair be filled, but he shall have no vote unless the association be equally divided in which event he shall give the deciding vote.

13. Any member who shall willfully and knowingly violate any of these rules shall be reprimanded by the Association as it may think proper.

#### **CONSTITUTION**

Having by unanimous voice changed our organization from an annual union meeting to an association, we therefore propose to keep the order and rules of an association according to the following form of government:

1. The association shall be called the Indian Bottom Association.

2. The association shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches in our union, and duly sent to represent them in the association, who shall be members whom they judge best qualified for that purpose, and producing letters from their respective churches, certifying to their appointment, these shall be entitled to a seat.

3. In the letters from the different churches shall be expressed their full number in fellowship, those baptized, received by letter, restoration, application, dismissed, excluded and deceased since our last association.

4. The members thus chosen and convened shall have no power to lord over God's heritage nor shall they have any clerical powers over the churches nor shall they infringe on any of the rights of any of the churches in the union.

5. The association, when convened, shall be governed by a regular and proper decorum.

6. The association shall have a moderator and assistant moderator,

clerk, and assistant clerk, and treasurer, who shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.

7. New churches may be admitted to this union, which shall petition by letter and delegates, and if found, upon examination to be orthodox and orderly, shall be received by the association, and manifested by the moderator giving the right hand of fellowship.

8. Every church in the union shall be entitled to representation in the association.

9. Every query presented by the churches to the association, being first debated in their own church, shall come under the consideration of the association.

10. Every motion made and seconded shall be considered by the association, except it be withdrawn by the party who made it.

11. We think it absolutely necessary that we have an association fund, for defraying the expense of the same, for the raising of which we think it the duty of each church in the union to contribute such sums voluntarily as they think proper, and send it by their delegates, to be deposited with treasurer, who shall be responsible to the association for any pay the same out as the association may direct.

12. There shall be an association book kept in which the proceedings of every association shall be regularly recorded by the secretary, who shall receive annual compensation for same.

13. The minutes of the association shall be read and corrected, if need be, and signed by the moderator and clerk before the association rises.

14. Amendments to this plan of government may be made by a majority of the union when in regular session, when so desired.

15. The association shall endeavor to furnish the churches with minutes of the association, the best method of effecting the same shall be determined by the association.

16. All matters coming before the association shall be decided by will of the majority of the members present except in receiving and dismissing churches and associations, which shall be by unanimous vote.

17. The association shall have power to decide for the general union of the churches and to preserve an inviolable chain of communion among same, giving churches all necessary advice in matters of church difficulty; inquiring into the cause why any church shall have failed to represent itself any time in the association; appropriate the money received to any purpose it may think proper; appoint any member, or members by their consent to transact any business which it may think necessary; withdraw from any church in the union which may violate any of the rules of the association or deviate from the orthodox principles of religion, admit any orderly minister of our faith and order to a seat in the association and adjourn to any time or place it may deem necessary.

#### CHURCH CLERKS AND ADDRESSES

BIG LEATHERWOOD—Floyd Huff, Cornettsville, Ky.

NEW HOME—Wade Watts, Hindman, Ky.

CEDAR GROVE—Lovell Polly, Cornettsville, Ky.

POWELL CHURCH—Howard Eldridge, Waynesburg, Ky.

BULL CREEK—Tommy Jent, Carcassonne, Ky.

REYNOLDS FORK—N. J. Mullins, Mallie, Ky.

DEFEATED CREEK—Coy Fields, Linefork, Ky.

MAPLE GROVE—Chalmer Engle, Whitesburg, Ky.

TOLSON—Hiram R. Whitaker, Roxana, Ky.

LITTLE DOVE—Brax Combs, Sassafras, Ky.

KINGDOM COME—Arlie Caudill, Premium, Ky.

IVY POINT—Birtchell Mosley, Garner, Ky.

PILGRIM HOME—Alonzo Allen, Milan, Ind.

LITTLE ZION—B. F. Logan, Jeff, Ky.

DIXON MEMORIAL—Hubart Caudill, Jeremiah, Ky.

OVEN FORK—Lester Hubbard, Pardee, Ky.

BETHEL—Leroy Cornett, no address.

### CHURCHES AND DELEGATES

BIG LEATHERWOOD—Rubin Riddle, Bob Logan, Bethel Halcomb  
NEW HOME—Wade Watts, Green Perry, Olus Baldrige  
CEDAR GROVE—Lovell Polly, Verlin Fields, Beckham Fields  
POWELL—Perry Tackett, Henry Eldridge, Howard Eldridge  
BULL CREEK—Tommy Jent, Gardner Jent, Estill Jent  
REYNOLDS FORK—Luther Seals, A. J. Taylor, Verlin Slone  
MAPLE GROVE—Troy Engle, Doyle Roberts, Milton Sturgill  
TOLSON CREEK—George Whitaker, Watson Whitaker  
LITTLE DOVE—J. B. Eversole, C. C. Hogg, Dave Hamton  
KINGDOM COME—Kelly Ison, Arlie Caudill, Dewey Eldridge  
IVY POINT—Birchell Mosley, Lee Mosley, David Smith  
PILGRIM HOME—Curt Short, James Combs, Alonzo Allen  
LITTLE ZION—Malcom Hicks, B. F. Logan, Beve Cornett  
DIXON MEMORIAL—Carl Back, James Caudill, John Back  
DEFEATED CREEK—Coy Fields, Woodard Cornett, Willie Holcomb  
OVEN FORK—Alvaro Hubbard, Lester Hubbard, Delmar Raleigh  
BETHEL—Ernil Ison, Ernest Ward, Walter Anderson

### ORDAINED MINISTERS

J. W. PRATT, Jeff, Ky.  
RUBEN RIDDLE, Viper, Ky.  
BECKHAM FIELDS, Letcher, 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.  
WOODARD CORNETT, Line Fork, 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.  
HOWARD CAUDILL, R. 1, Milan, Ind.  
DEWEY ELDRIDGE, Roxana, Ky.  
BEVE CORNETT, Danville, Ky.  
ERMIL ISON, Marwood Lane, Cin., 46, Ohio.  
ERNEST WARD, R. 2, Morrow, Ohio.  
FRANCIS MAGGARD, Partridge, Ky.  
TROY ENGLE, Eolia, Ky.  
CHALMER ENGLE, Whitesburg, Ky.  
RILEY FOUTS, Partridge, Ky.  
LESTER HUBBARD, Pardee, Va.  
DAVE BOGGS, Highsplint, Ky.  
JAMES M. CAUDILL, Jeremiah, Ky.  
NELSON SEALS, R. 1, Bellville, Ohio  
JACK BROWN, Blackey, 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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| 2. _____ | 5. _____ |
| 3. _____ | 6. _____ |

Dear Brethren, receive our letter and these brethren to sit with you in all your advisory council. May the Lord bless you in all your work. We are at peace among ourselves.

The state of our church is as follows: Ordained Ministers \_\_\_\_\_

NAMES:	Post Offices:
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

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 Expert- ence and Baptism	Received by Letter	Restored	Received by Recommendation	Lost by Death	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Total Membership	Meeting Time	Contributions \$
BIG LEATHERWOOD	1	0	0	1	5	3	0	70	2	25
CEDAR GROVE	1	0	0	0	2	1	0	82	4	40
NEW HOME	0	0	0	0	3	1	0	71	2	25
POWELL	0	0	2	1	5	0	0	35	3	20
DEFEATED CREEK	1	0	0	2	1	1	0	18	1	10
BULL CREEK	1	0	0	0	1	2	1	21	1	20
REYNOLDS FORK	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	22	3	10
IVY POINT	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	37	4	10
PILGRIMS HOME	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	15	1	20
LITTLE ZION	0	0	1	0	2	0	1	25	3	20
LITTLE DOVE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	30	2	20
KINGDOM COME	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	35	2	15
TOLSON CREEK	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	22	4	10
MAPLE GROVE	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	26	3	10
OVEN FORK	0	1	0	0	4	0	0	78	2	20
BETHEL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	4	15
DIXON MEMORIAL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	20	4	10
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>615</b>		<b>300</b>

#### OBITUARY

William Powel Pratt, was born May 1st, 1877, deceased December 21, 1964, at age 87 years, 4 months and 20 days.

He was married to Martha Watts, January 31, 1902. To this union was born eight children; J. W. Pratt, Jeff, Ky., Ada Cornett, Slemp, Ky., May Bowling, Marie Caudill, and Charles, all of Cornettsville; Maryann and Cecil and one infant daughter preceded him in death.

He joined the Big Leatherwood Regular Baptist Church the second Sunday in July 1935, and was baptized the second Sunday in August 1935. He was ordained a Deacon and filled the office well. He was a faithful member to his church, and would go when he was able.

In November, 1957 he married Mennie Whitaker and lived happily to-

gether until she was called away. He had been sick several months, and was at times feeble in mind.

He was a great Dad; a great staff for us children to lean on, and I thank God he let us keep him as long as he did. I believe his soul is now lingering under the Altar of God waiting to wit the redemption of the body, By the grace of God we can all see him again.

J. W. Pratt

#### OBITUARY OF ELLIS OWENS



It is with much grief and sadness that I now try to write an obituary of a dear brother, Ellis Owens. He was born November 22, 1922 at Leburn, Knott County, Ky., to Jeff Owens and Rachel Conley Owens. Ellis died August 22, 1965 making his stay on earth 42 years and 8 months. His mother preceded him in death.

He was married to Mabel Sumner in 1943 and to this union was born three children, Bobby Dean, Gary and Gene, who are with their mother at Fisty, Ky., and Cloteen Webb at Fairborn, Ohio. He also leaves one granddaughter, Patty Webb, his father, Jeff Owens; step-mother, Hannah Owens both of Carrie, Ky.; one brother, Edgar Owens of Walcottsville, Indiana; three sisters, Daisy Cornett of Carrie, Ky., Margie Slone of Bypro, Ky.; and Deletha Baldrige of Dillsboro, Indiana; also a host of friends and relatives to mourn his loss.

Ellis had that dreadful disease, cancer of the lungs and throat. He had been in and out of Christ Hospital in Cincinnati since March 20, 1965.

I was by his bedside all through his illness. The doctors had done everything in their power for him but there was a hand more powerful reaching down for him! The doctors had told me that there was not a chance for him to get better and I felt at ease when the Lord called him home!

Ellis had made his home with us for the past three years. Ollus was always good to him and gave him good advice. We are going to miss him but we feel our loss is heaven's gain; He is out of his awful suffering. He lived in an oxygen tent most of the time since March but bore his pain with patience and never ceased to pray day and night for the Lord to have mercy on him.

At eleven o'clock August 21, my sisters, Margie, Daisy, and a friend were standing by his bed. He lifted up his little weak hand and told us that he would see us, that he was going home, and that he was free now. Those were the sweetest words I ever heard!

There are many beautiful things he said and talked about but I don't feel there is any need. He was loved by all who knew him.

Margie stayed with him a month while he was in Cincinnati hospital. He talked at the last about how good she was to him; how she waited on him and read the Bible to him. He enjoyed it.

Daisy, you couldn't stay because of your family of little children who needed your care. But you have that hope in your heart of seeing him again. You were always good to him.

Edgar came to the hospital in Cincinnati to see him the Sunday before he passed away. He was so pleased and he wanted to be taken out into the lobby in a wheel chair. He seemed to enjoy talking to Edgar. He begged him to be a good boy and stop drinking. He asked the doctors to let him go home to see his father. They told him to come back in two weeks, and the Lord permitted him three nights with Papa. But he took very bad at about twelve o'clock Friday and told them to call the ambulance that he was dying. I had gone to get his medicine but went back to the hospital and never left his side until he passed away.

He had called for Olus and Bro. Alonzo Allen on Saturday evening. He kept asking whether they had yet come.

I want to say to Papa, Edgar, Margie, and his children: If you ever see Ellis again you must fall out with your love of sin and call on the same God Ellis called on. I have a hope in my heart that I will see him and Mama again in a home where there will be no sorrow or pain but peace and joy eternal.

Sleep on Ellis, sleep on!  
Your suffering in this life is done  
By the hope of God's mercy  
I'll meet you when my race is run.  
There'll be no cancer in heaven  
There'll be no needles, no pain  
It will be joy there, and peace forever  
In those mansions where Jesus will reign!

Written by a broken-hearted sister, Deletha Baldrige.

#### OBITUARY OF BEATRICE MOSLEY GIBSON



It is with a sad heart I will try to write an obituary of my loving aunt Beatrice Mosley Gilson, the daughter of Martha Hays Mosley and Ruben Mosley. She was born Feb. 27, 1921, deceased this life Feb. 28, 1948, making her stay on earth 27 years and some few months.

She was married to Mason Gibson. To this union was born eight children, one which preceded her in death. The other children are: Gearldine Rush of Kendallville, Ind., Elliouse Slone of Garner, Ky., Elma Glee Short of Pippa Passes, Ky., Bethel Lee Gibson of Garner, Ky., Eugene Gibson of McGuffey, Ohio, Chillistine Gibson of Kendalville, Ind., and Oberine Gibson



of Garner, Ky. She also left two brothers and one sister and a host of friends to mourn her loss.

She was the sister of Bro. Cephus Mosley and I believe they are resting today, just waiting for Jesus to call. Aunt Beatrice didn't belong to the church but I believe she had made peace with God before she died. They could hear her praying and shouting before she died and we believe she is resting today. So I will say to the children: If you want to see Mother again you must fall out with sin and close in with the offered mercies of God and be ready to meet Mother again, where you won't ever have to part from her any more. And so we feel that our loss of her is heaven's gain.

Written by her nephew, Alonzo Mosley.

#### OBITUARY OF JERRY WELLS



Jerry Wells was born March 11, 1868 and died June 21, 1965. He was 97 years, 3 months and 10 days old. He was the son of William and Minerva Fields Wells. In his early years he married Fanie Tiree. To this union was born fourteen children, eleven of whom preceded Jerry Wells in death. His wife Fanie died in 1957. He is survived by one daughter, Eliza Wells Napier of Big Creek, two sons, Joe and Kelly of Big Creek and one sister, Mrs. Pearl Cole of Airport Gardens, thirteen grandchildren, thirteen great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild also survive. Uncle Jerry Wells, as he was known to his many friends, joined the Little Zion Old Regular Baptist Church at Jeff, Kentucky in 1910. He was a faithful and devout member for more than 55 years and believer in Christ. Those of us left behind will long remember the Christian life of Jerry Wells. May we all desire to meet in Glory.

Written by his daughter, Eliza Wells Napier.

### OBITUARIES OF WILLIAM G. CAUDILL AND PHOEBE CAUDILL

William G. Caudill passed from this life January 18, 1961, being 84 years, 10 months, and 11 days old. He was the son of Isaac and Nancy Gilley Caudill.

Phoebe Caudill, his wife, passed away September 16, 1963, being 83 years, 2 months, and 1 day old. She was the daughter of David D. and Betty Hampton Caudill.

William and Phoebe were married in 1896. To this union were born 10 children, 4 girls and 6 boys. Two boys preceded them in death. They both have been members of the Regular Baptist Church for almost half a century and served as deacons most of this time. No one could ask for more devoted service than they gave.

Their departure is mourned by the 8 living children, 37 grandchildren, 77 great grandchildren, and many, many other relatives and friends.

Written by:  
The Caudill Family



“For he that will love life, and see good days,  
let him refrain his tongue from evil, and his  
lips that they speak no guile:  
~~and his ears are open unto their prayers; but~~  
For the eyes of the Lord are over the righteous,  
and his ears are open unto their prayers; but  
the face of the Lord is against them that do  
evil.

Humbly,  
Your Clerk

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