

MINUTES
OF THE
SEVENTY-SECOND ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
INDIAN BOTTOM
ASSOCIATION
OF
OLD REGULAR BAPTIST
THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST



HELD WITH
The Big Leatherwood Church
Cornettsville, Perry County, Kentucky
September 1, 2, 3, 1967

ELDER J. W. PRATT **ELDER OLUS BALDRIDGE**
Moderator Clerk

ELDER MANIS ISON **ELDER DILLIS COMBS**
Ass't. Moderator Ass't. Clerk

DIRECTIONS TO INDIAN BOTTOM ASSOCIATION

1 WEST VIRGINIA

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

or

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

3. VIRGINIA

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

or

- 4. Follow 23 to Junction 119 and 23 at Jenkins, turn left on 119 and follow No. 2 above.**
- 5. ASHLAND-PRESTONSBURG**
Follow 23 to Junction 80 and 23 near Allen, turn right on 80 and follow No. 1 above.

6. LEXINGTON-LOUISVILLE

Follow Interstate 64 to Winchester, turn right on Mountain Parkway to near Campton, turn right on new 15, follow to Combs (near Hazard) take 80 left to Hindman, turn right on 160 to junction of 1393 to association (about 5 miles from Hindman).

PROCEEDINGS
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FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 1967

The Indian Bottom Association in session assembled with the Big Leatherwood Church, Cornettsville, Perry County, Kentucky, September 1, 2, 3, 1967, at the place arranged for preaching. The services were introduced by Elder Rex Ison, followed by Elder Dillis Combs, who preached the Introductory Sermon, and whose text was "Without Faith, It Is Impossible To Please God."

Service at the Delegate House was introduced by Elder Homer Elliott of Little Ida Church of Northern New Salem Association.

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

1. After reading the letter from Big Leatherwood Church, it was moved and seconded to receive all church letters as they were all in regular form, seat the Delegates and refer all queries and requests to the Committee on Arrangements.

2. The Association was then organized by choosing: Elder J. W. Pratt, Moderator; Elder Manis Ison, Assistant Moderator; Elder Olus Baldrige, Clerk; and Elder Dillis Combs, Assistant Clerk.

3. The Moderator then called for newly organized Churches and received none.

4. Called for Churches desiring to take up fellowship with us and received one, The Providence Church. It was moved and seconded to seat their Delegates and refer their letter to the Committee on Arrangements.

5. Upon motion and second, it was agreed that we omit reading of our articles of faith, but read the rules of decorum and constitution, and have same printed in our Minutes.

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

A. NEW SALEM with delegates: Elders Burton Howard, Willie Bates, Leonard Slone, Troy Nickles, Henry King, Hershel Huff, Coy Combs, Marion Moore, Clyde Hall, and Brethern Hager Watts, Frank Slone, Mont Combs, Joe Brown, letter in hands of Hager Watts.

B. UNION with delegates: Elders Denver Tolliver, Bruce Mullins, John Sexton, Frank Akers, Walker Rose, Mander Younts, Thurston Bowman, and J. B. Elswick. Letter in the hands of Bruce Mullins.

C. SARDIS with delegates: Elders Lewis Markham, H. Jimmy Deeley, Lloyd Sesco, and Brother Marshall Williamson. Letter in hands of Lewis Markham.

D. PHILADELPHIA with delegates: Elders John Moore, Henry Barney, and Brothers Walter Bryant and Rush Stanley. Letter in hands of John Moore.

E. NORTHERN NEW SALEM with delegates: Elders Sidney Hudson, Homer Elliott, Hillard Proffitt, Roy Caudill, Winford Riddle, Baxter Osborne, Hershel Sturgill, and Brothers Jerome Watts, Jr., W. C. Rose, Bill Dunbar, Ray Coburn. Letter in the hands of Roy Caudill.

F. THORNTON UNION with delegates: Elders Kirby Ison, James Wright, Charlie Gibson, Charlie Cornett, Raymond Collins, Wesley Younts, I. D. Back, T. P. Bentley, Lawrence Maggard, Harrison Nickles, Alex Dyer, George Collins, Critt Eldridge. Bretherns Marion Sparkman, Alonzo Howard, Pearl Dixon, Elbert Ritchie, Delmer Kincer, Robert Wagner. Letters in the hands of Kirby Ison.

7. Called for transit ministers and members of same faith and order, Elders Cullen Hogg, Andy Bates, and Brother Carew Slone.

8. Letters received from our corresponding Associations and Delegates seated by the right hand of fellowship by our Moderator.

9. By a regular move and second, it was agreed that the Moderator make all temporary appointments throughout this session.

10. Appointed one Delegate from each Church with the entire Delegation of the Big Leatherwood Church as Committee on Ministry to arrange for preaching Friday evening and Saturday morning.

11. Appointed the same Committee as on Ministry, but with only one Delegate from the Big Leatherwood Church, Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerks, with Delegates from our Sister Associations and Transients to meet with us Friday afternoon to arrange the work for Saturday morning.

12. By a regular move and second, it was agreed that we correspond with the following Associations and that our Clerk prepare letters to the same: New Salem, Union, Sardis, Philadelphia, Northern New Salem, and Thornton Union.

13. Committee reported stand to be filled Friday evening by: Elders Winford Riddle, Hershel Sturgill, and Bruce Mullins. Saturday morning: Elders Homer Elliott, J. B. Elswick, Burton Howard, and Sidney Hudson.

14. By move and second, the Association adjourned until 9:00 o'clock Saturday morning.

SATURDAY MORNING, SEPTEMBER 2, 1967

The Indian Bottom Association met pursuant to adjournment, and after singing some old hymns of Zion, Elder Raymond Collins of Thornton Union Association, was called to the stand to bring up the service and prayer by Elder Baxter Osborne of Northern New Salem.

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

1. Called the roll and marked the absentees.
2. Ministers chosen to preach on the stand and the congregation was excused from the house to go to the stand prepared for preaching service.
3. Committee report was read and received by a move and second and committee discharged.
4. Appointed a Committee on finance who reported the sum of \$345.00.
5. Moved and second to have 1600 copies of Minutes printed, and that our Clerks superintend printing of same, and Clerks 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 Marion Moore, Hershell Huff, and Henry King.
For Sunday: Elders Earnest Ward, Kirby Ison, and J. W. Pratt.
7. The Circular Letter to be written by Elder J. W. Pratt. Brother Jim Pratt asked to be excused because of a nervous condition in his hands and recommended that a Circular Letter, written in 1906 in the Indian Bottom Association by Elder R. H. Fields, be printed in our Minutes. By a move and second that same be done. It was further agreed by move and second that Elder James Fields write a Circular Letter for the inspection of our seventy third session of the Indian Bottom Association.
8. Brethern were called on to report on attending Union meetings and Associations, who reported they had done the best they could. It was moved and second to receive their report and excuse their failures, and have Union meeting and communion times printed in Minutes.
9. Upon move and second, it was agreed to have obituaries and pictures printed in our Minutes with the understanding that five dollars (\$5.00) be included for printing of pictures.

10. Treasurer's Report:

Total for last year		\$379.76
Cost of printing Minutes	\$314.00	
Postage and mailing of Minutes	12.06	
Total Expenses	<u>\$326.06</u>	
Balance in Treasury		53.70
Received from the Churches this year		\$345.00
Received for pictures		55.00
Total on hand		<u>\$453.70</u>

11. Letters to Associations prepared as follows:

A. NEW SALEM: To convene with the Little Ettie Church, Beaver, Ohio, Friday before the fourth Saturday in September, 1967. Delegates chosen were Elder Hershell Baldrige, Elder Olus Baldrige, Elder Dillis Combs, Elder Alonzo Allen, Elder Manis Ison, and Brother Wade Watts, and Brother Melvin Blair.

B. UNION: To convene with the Dorton Church, Dorton, Pike County, Kentucky, beginning on Friday before the third Saturday in September, 1967. Delegates chosen: Elder Dillis Combs, Elder Olus Baldrige, Elder J. W. Pratt, Elder Manis Ison, Elder Alonzo Allen, Elder Verlin Fields, Elder Rueben Riddle, and Brothers Billy Day, J. B. Eversole, McKinley McIntosh, Hershel Baldrige, and Wade Watts.

C. SARDIS: To convene with the Bent Branch Church, Meta, Pike County, Kentucky, Friday before the second Saturday in September, 1967. Delegates chosen: Elder Earnest Ward, Elder Olus Baldrige, Elder Hershell Baldrige, Brothers Wade Watts, McKinley McIntosh, and Melvin Blair.

D. PHILADELPHIA: To convene with the South Fork Church, Melrose, Kentucky, Friday before the second Saturday in August, 1968. Delegates chosen: Elder Silas Frasure, Elder Olus Baldrige, Elder Earnest Ward, and Elder Alonzo Allen.

E. NORTHERN NEW SALEM: To convene with the Little Angel Church, Columbus, Ohio, Friday before the first Saturday in August, 1968; Delegates chosen: Elder Dillis Combs, Elder Earnest Ward, Elder Alonzo Allen, Elder Rex Ison, Elder Silas Frasure, Elder Hershell Baldrige, Elder Olus Baldrige, and Elder Ermil Ison.

F. THORNTON UNION: To convene with the Little Samuel Church, Lothair, Perry County, Kentucky, Friday before the third Saturday in August, 1968. Delegates chosen: Elders Dillis Combs, Reuben Riddle, J. W. Pratt, Verlin Fields, Nelson Seals, Olus Baldrige, Carl Back, James Caudill, Cullen Hogg, Manis Ison, Brethern's Wade Watts, Henry Eldridge, Billy Day, Dave Hampton, B. F. Logan, McKinley McIntosh, Melvin Blair.

12. Committee on Ministry chose Elder Verlin Fields to

preach the introductory sermon in our 1968 session and Elder Earnest Ward to be his alternate.

13. In regard to request for the 1968 session of our Association, it was agreed by move and second to let Reynolds Fork Church, Mallie, Knott County, Ky., have the 1968 session of the Indian Bottom Association.

14. After debate in love and peace, and after hearing the will of the Providence Church who ask to be investigated by this Association for fellowship with us, it was moved and second by the Association for the Moderator to appoint a committee for an investigation. Committee appointed is as follows:

Elder Coy Combs of the New Salem
Elder James Fields of the Indian Bottom
Elder Raymond Collins of the Thornton Union
Elder John Moore of the Philadelphia
Elder Baxter Osborne of the Northern New Salem
Elder John Sexton of the Union
Elder J. W. Pratt of the Indian Bottom

15. Resolved by Association that Clerk draw up a resolution of appreciation to the Big Leatherwood Church and community at large for the wonderful care and consideration given the 1967 session of the Indian Bottom Association.

16. Upon motion and second, it was agreed to omit the reading of work of Association to redeem time.

17. Upon a move and second to adjourn to the time and place of our next session of Association.

18. The business session of the annual business meeting of the Indian Bottom Association was closed with prayer by Elder Hershell Huff of New Salem.

Done and Signed by order of Association.

Elder J. W. Pratt, Moderator

Elder Manis Ison, Assistant Moderator

Elder Olus Baldrige, Clerk

Elder Dillis Combs, Assistant Clerk

SUNDAY SERVICE, SEPTEMBER 3, 1967

A large congregation of brethren and sisters from near and far together with a host of interested friends of Regular Baptist assembled at the Big Leatherwood Church House. After singing some old songs of Zion, Elder Earnest Ward of Indian Bottom Association came to the stand and was blessed to introduce the services and led in prayer.

Elder Kirby Ison of the Thornton Union Association came next using as his text, St. Matthew 20:30, "Have Mercy on us O Lord, thou Son of David." He was wonderfully blessed to preach the mercies and power of Jesus, the son of God.

Then came Elder J. W. Pratt, who also preached of the goodness of God and the wonderful promises through Jesus and His glorious gospel of everlasting peace and life. He

closed out with tender consolation to the children of God. Throughout much shouting, hand shaking, and praising our King, the seventy second session of the Indian Bottom Association came to a close.

RESOLUTION AS REQUESTED IN ITEM 15

Resolved that the Officers and Delegates of the seventy second session of the Indian Bottom Association extend their most heartfelt thanks to the Big Leatherwood Church and the community at large. Also the Brethern and Sisters of the Thornton Union, who helped feed and care for us and our correspondence while in session with the Big Leatherwood Church. May God bless you in basket and store. Also we wish to thank the Brethern of the church where the Delegates met Saturday for our business session; as well as anyone that aided in any way to make this another wonderful Association. I may not see another Association, neither may you, so while lifes blood warms our mortal bodies, let us love one another and live in peace as much as possible.

Olus Baldrige, Clerk

CIRCULAR LETTER

Circular Letter written in 1906 by Elder R. H. Fields

In compliance with the request of the Delegates who composed our last Annual Union Meeting, I attempt to write a short circular letter on the Principles of Faith on which we stand, for publication in our Minutes.

Now, my dear brethren and sisters, when I think of my unworthy feelings, shortsightedness, and inability to attempt such a great task, I greatly desire your prayers, knowing that if blessed with light I could give only a few hints in a letter like this.

My mind runs back to the words of the great Apostle Paul to the Roman brethren: (Romans 5:12) "Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin: and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned." Poor, fallen man, then, being in that dreadful condition, under the sentence of an eternal death by reason of his own sin, and being wholly depraved of any saving power, it moved the sweet bowels of love of the Great Sovereign, who so loved the world that he was willing to come to our relief by the gift of his own son. O, what glorious love is this!

When we look back at our past condition, and the total inability of man to recover himself from this state of eternal misery and woe, and hear one say, "What is man that thou shouldst be mindful of him,"--poor benighted soul, as prone to sin as the sparks to go upward, --poor, fallen man--and then view that Great Fountain of Sovereign Mercies, unmerited by us in the least degree, that caused that Holy One to be willing to leave the shining courts of heaven and come down to us and give his body a sacrifice for us, and pour out his soul unto death to reconcile the world to himself.

Can we keep from shedding tears of gladness and praise to God for the gift of his Son. He is the One spoken of by all the prophets, and held forth in types and shadows which we have no space here to mention. He is the one that John saw walking, when he said "Behold the Lamb of God who taketh away the sin of the world," and the Light that John said shall lighten every man that cometh into the world--that light that darkness comprehendeth not--that Power that can awaken the inner man from the dead slumber of sin and unbelief and show him the need of that great Fountain of Mercy. When so awakened and enlightened, it is then that poor men and women are quickened or made to know God.

But, alas! Some, when they do know Him, glorify him not; neither are they thankful; therefore their foolish hearts are darkened. Why? Because they love not the truth, and are not willing to retain God in their knowledge. But that little few that are willing to incline their ears and hear, and are willing to be led by the goodness of God, to them he more and more reveals himself. He shows them their true condition, and they are willing to say, "O Lord, I am oppressed; undertake for me." While the law from Mount Sinai is thundering its condemning sentence in their poor hearts, and their eyes flow with tears, and they are given faith to see that wonderful power to save, but feel like they have wilfully sinned away their day of visitation, this is Godly sorrow for sin, that is not to be repented of, and that the angels in heaven rejoice over--being quickened by His spirit, and led down to the feet of Sovereign Mercy by the cords of His sweet love. This is the wicked forsaking his ways and the unrighteous his thoughts, and returning to the Lord who will have mercy, and to our God who will abundantly pardon.

Dear brethren and sisters, that was a time with me I am unable to describe, when my heart (as I believe) was rent to God for mercy. Oh! what agonies! But when it pleased God to say, "Thou are made whole; go in peace," and the rays of his love entered the soul, it leaped for joy and poured forth praises to God, unspeakable and full of glory. Then it was that we could say by the Holy Ghost that Jesus is the Lord. Then it was that we could love Him with all our strength, soul and mind; and could witness with Peter and say of a truth that God in no respector of persons, but in every nation he that feareth God and worketh righteousness is acceptable with Him.

We see, then, that he is willing to save all that call upon him in truth, and that he willeth not in the death of any but would that all would turn and live. We see then that we are killed dead to the love of sin, and made alive to the love of holiness; and that old things are passed away and that all things are become new. We have new desires of mind, and

desire to be obedient to His will and word, and to follow his foot-prints down into the liquid grave and rise in newness of life, and by an eye of faith see His great power to save to the uttermost and keep us through the annals of eternity. Christ said: "None is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand."

Can any one believe in apostasy? Or can any one believe that He died only for a few, when we hear Him saying, "Look unto Me and be ye saved, all ye ends of the earth, for I am God, and besides me there is no saviour."

Then, dear brethren and sisters, let your faith be strong. Live in that hope which is sure and steadfast, and enters that within the veil where the fore-runner for us is entered, even Jesus, who today sits on the right hand of the Father making intercession for the saints according to the will of God to whom be the glory forever and ever.

Your brother, in tribulation and hope of eternal life,
R. H. Fields

UNION AND COMMUNION MEETINGS

APRIL, 1968

BETHEL—UNION: Fourth Saturday and Sunday in April, 1968. Elders Alonzo Allen, Dillis Combs, Burton Howard, Kirby Ison, and Olus Baldrige.

COMMUNION—Fourth Sunday in June.

MAY, 1968

PILGRIMS HOME—UNION: First Saturday and Sunday in May, 1968. Elders Ermil Ison, Earnest Ward, Winford Riddle, and Rex Ison.

COMMUNION: First Sunday in June:

BULL CREEK—UNION: First Saturday and Sunday in May, 1968. Elders Charlie Gibson, Manis Ison, Rex Ison, Moderator and Assistant Moderator.

COMMUNION: First Sunday in August.

LITTLE DOVE—UNION: Second Saturday and Sunday in May, 1968. Elders: Manis Ison, I. D. Back, Raymond Collins and Crit Elderidge.

COMMUNION: Second Sunday in July.

REYNOLDS FORK—UNION: Third Saturday and Sunday in May, 1968. Elders: Denver Tolliver, Hershel Sturgill, J. W. Pratt, Marves Lee Short, Andy Bates, and Mander Yonts.

COMMUNION: Third Sunday in June.

POWELL—UNION: Third Saturday and Sunday in May, 1968. Elders: Hershel Sturgill, Roy Caudill, Burton Howard, John Moore, Alonzo Allen, Moderator and all orderly brethren who will attend.

COMMUNION: Third Sunday in July.

CEDAR GROVE—UNION: Fourth Saturday and Sunday in May 1968. Elders: Dallas Ramsey, Burton Howard, Melvin

Watts, I. D. Back, Hiram Adkins and Moderator.

COMMUNION: Fourth in August.

JUNE, 1968

BIG LEATHERWOOD—UNION: Second Saturday and Sunday in June 1968. Elders: Manis Ison, Verlin Fields, Lewis Craft, and Melvin Watts.

COMMUNION: Second Sunday in August.

KINGDOM COME—UNION: Second Saturday and Sunday in June, 1968. Elders: All the same faith and order is invited.

COMMUNION: Second Sunday in July.

NEW HOME—UNION: Second Saturday and Sunday in June, 1968. Elders: Ernest Ward, Ermil Ison, Dillis Combs, and Burton Howard.

COMMUNION: Second Sunday in July.

OVEN FORK—UNION: Second Saturday and Sunday in June, 1968. Elders: Carl Back, Dewey Eldridge, I. D. Back, and Manis Ison.

COMMUNION: Second Sunday in July.

LITTLE ZION—UNION: Third Saturday and Sunday in June, 1968. Elders: Hershel Baldrige, Jimmie Caudill, Rubin Riddle, and the Moderator.

COMMUNION: Third Sunday in July.

BIG CREEK—UNION: Third Saturday night and Sunday in June, 1968. Elders: Verlin Fields, Manis Ison, J. W. Pratt, Ermil Ison, I. D. Back and Rex Ison.

COMMUNION: Third Sunday in July.

MAPLE GROVE—UNION: Third Saturday and Sunday in June 1968. Elders: Carl Back, Herman Caudill, Lester Hubbard, Tommy Jent, and Gardner Jent.

COMMUNION: Third Sunday in July.

TOLSON CREEK—UNION: Fourth Saturday and Sunday in June 1968. Elders: Reuben Riddle, Basil Hall, J. W. Pratt.

COMMUNION: Fourth Sunday in July.

DIXON MEMORIAL—UNION: Fourth Saturday and Sunday in June 1968. Elders: J. W. Pratt, Hershel Baldrige, Crit Eldridge, James Fields, Lewis Craft, and Melvin Watts.

COMMUNION: Fourth Sunday in July.

IVY POINT—UNION: Fourth Saturday and Sunday in June 1968. Elders: Vansel Slone, I. D. Back, Manis Ison, and Moderator, Dillis Combs.

COMMUNION: Fourth Sunday in July.

AUGUST, 1968

DEFEATED CREEK—UNION: First Saturday and Sunday in August, 1968. Elders: Ermil Ison, Lee Mosley, J. W. Pratt, Kirby Ison, Reuben Riddle, Manis Ison and Verlin Fields.

COMMUNION: First in August.

OBITUARY OF ELDER BECKHAM FIELDS



He was born March 31, 1901 and passed away from this life May 12, 1967, making his stay here on earth 66 years, one month and twelve days. He was the son of George M. Fields and Rebecy Belle Caudill Fields.

Early in life he married Arlie Back. To this union were born 5 girls. Mrs. Florence Fields, Carcassonne, Ky.; Mrs. Jean R. Rainess, Baltimore, Maryland; Mrs. Hetty Caudill, Paris, Ky.;

Mrs. Shirley Dixon, Pine Top, Ky.; and Mrs. Clovis Whitaker, Frankfort, Ky.

After the death of his first wife he married Dixie Caudill. To this union was born eleven children. Two having preceded him in death. Those living are: Mrs. Marie Caudill, Elkhorn City, Ky.; Mrs. Clarice Ann Holland, Lexington, Ky.; Mrs. Polly Sue Ballard, Winchester, Ky.; John M. Fields, Chicago, Illinois; Beckham, Jr., (U.S. Air Force, Japan); Mrs. Norma Lou Williams, Lexington, Ky.; Mary Alice, Linda Mae, and Connie Lee at home.

He had 34 grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren. He has one brother and two sisters dead. His brothers and sisters living are Dewey Fields, Waynesburg, Ky.; Davis S. Fields, Louisville, Ky.; James D. Fields, Carcassonne, Ky.; Raymond I. Fields, Louisville, Ky.; Mrs. Cora Dixon, Blackey, Kentucky; Mrs. Lucinda Eldridge, Waynesburg, Ky.; Mrs. Paulina Sloane, Lexington, Ky.; and Mrs. Leona Watts, Waynesburg, Ky.

Several years ago Brother Beckham felt the call of God to repent and be saved but as I have heard him say he would not accept the call at first, but after some time he began to feel that he needed God more than anything else he could think of and with great fear and sorrow he began to plead for the mercies of God and that God did have mercy and saved him by his grace which we have heard Brother Beckham preach so much about. He went for several years after he was saved before he joined the church. but finally in the year of 1940 on the third Saturday night of June he left his home and took along with him one or two more brothers and after having gone to Brother Crit Eldridge's home he began to tell how the Lord had saved him and that he had come to him to join the Church because he had suffered long enough

and that he wanted to be baptized the next day for fear he may not live until the next church time. He was baptized on the next day and immediately felt the call to preach and told his wife what he felt, but was going to fight against it. But God by his wrath made him become willing to answer and to fulfill the call and how deep and profitable was his calling. He was highly respected and recognized for his sound judgment and doctrine and because of this he was selected by the Indian Bottom Association as Assistant Moderator and as an advisor and moderator of many of the churches.

There are so many good things that could be written about him, but in my opinion the greatest of them all is that he was a good man and his steps were orders of the Lord.

Mrs. Dixie Fields

OBITUARY OF JULIUS YOUNG



It is with much sadness I will try to write an obituary of Julius Young. The son of William and Dyance Young, born in the year 1877. He died December 22, 1966, making his stay on earth 89 years, 11 months and 10 days.

In early life he was wed to Virgie Amburgey and to this union 11 children were born. Two died as infants and losing his son Lafayette in 1963. Surviving are Dorothy Thornsberry Smith of Mousie, Ky.; Rachel Collins, Ethel Collins, Dyance Asher, all of Indiana; Davada Durham, Bethel Fields, and Alta Amburgey of Florida; and Betty Jane Combs of Sassafrass, Ky. He had 47

grand children and 50 great-grandchildren. He had five sisters: Arbell Young, Florence Young, Rachel Amburgey, and Alice Combs. Two brothers Manton Young of Redfox, Ky., and Columbus Young of Hazard, Ky.

Julius never did join the church, he left a good hope and in his last days, he bore his sickness with patience. His belief was Regular Baptist. He loved the New Home church and loved to go there. He stayed with his daughter, Dorothy Thornsberry Smith of Mousie, for the last 29 months of his

stay on earth. So to all it would be good for you to believe in the Lord from hereafter. I believe he is now in Heaven from the life he lived.

Requested by Bert Howard

OBITUARY OF WILLIE HALCOMB



Willie Halcomb entered Eternal Life Tuesday, February 28, 1967, at the Whitesburg Regional Hospital where he had been a patient for seven weeks.

He was a member of the Defeated Creek Regular Baptist Church.

He was the son of the late Henry and Nancy Musselwhite Halcomb. He was born April 10, 1901, being 65 years, 10 months and 18 days of age at the time of his passing.

He is survived by his wife, Callie Roark Halcomb and three daughters: Rudell Howard and Janice June Rowe both of Madison, Indiana and Luvena Halcomb of Kingscreek, Ky. Two sons, Bob Halcomb and Henry Halcomb, both of Ingrams Creek. Also surviving are three sisters: Bertha Ison, Cumberland, Ky.; Maggie Fields and Lydia Garrett both of Whitesburg, Ky. One brother Garvis Fields of Cumberland, Ky., and 20 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren, as well as a host of other relatives and friends.

Now that he is gone I know that he is sleeping,
Resting up there with the Angels above,
Some sweet day I hope to meet him,
Way up in Heaven where all is love.

OBITUARY OF ALMA BALDRIDGE THACKER

It is with much sadness and lonely feeling that we will attempt to write an obituary of our loving daughter, wife and mother and also brother and sister, of Alma Thacker. She was born into the home of Charles and Allie Maggard Baldrige on June 2, 1912 - died May 23, 1967 making her stay on earth 54 years, 11 months and 23 days.

Early in life she was married to Sidney Thacker. Unto this union was born 5 children, three died in infancy. She leaves a heart-broken mother, husband, two sons, 4 brothers and 2 sisters and three grandchildren to mourn her loss.



She joined the Old Regular Baptist Church in November, 4th Sunday and was baptized the same day feeling she may not be on earth much longer. The next Sunday, her husband Sidney had a called meeting in their home and he also joined the Old Regular Baptist Church and was baptized near their home. Oh, how happy they seemed to be. They rejoiced together there in their home and seemed to be so happy living for the Lord, but Alas! the death Angel came in that humble home about 1:00 o'clock on the night of May 23, and oh so quickly took our precious loved one away

while we were sleeping. How sad it was for us to know she had to leave us so sudden, but we realize and believe that she didn't have to linger and suffer long, only a minute or two.

We feel and hope to meet her in a better country than this, where no more deaths will ever come. Where we won't have to be awakened in the night telling us our loved ones are gone. Oh, bless the thought it won't be long until we will see her again. She is badly missed by her friends, the New Home Church, her loving Husband, Mother, Brother, and Sisters. I could write on and on but it isn't necessary.

Written by her Broken Hearted Mother and Brother
Hershel and Allie Baldrige

OBITUARY OF IDA PIGMAN SUTTON

Ida Pigman Sutton was born October 23, 1879 and deceased December 22, 1966. In the year 1908, she was married to Marion Pigman and to this union was born three daughters. Her husband and daughters preceded her in death. She is survived by 5 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren, also 5 step-sons and 3 step-daughters.

In the year of 1921 she married Abe Childers who preceded her in death. In 1953 she married Jake Sutton who also preceded her in death.

In 1950 she joined the Regular Baptist Church and was baptized, taking the membership with the Reynolds Fork Church.

She loved her church and her brothers and sisters in the church. She often said her church was her life and attended regularly while she lived in reach of the church. The last few years of her life she was unable to attend her church which caused her much sorrow.

Written by Ida Sutton (Herself)

OBITUARY OF OSCAR LEE MOORE



Oscar Lee Moore was born June 21, 1950 at the Stumbo Hospital at Lackey, Ky. He was the son of Delmer and Virda Pigman Moore of Mallie, Kentucky.

He was a fine little boy in good health. He would run and play with other children and seemed to enjoy life. When he was 5 years of age, he fell off a porch. About ten days after this fall he became sick. He seemed to be paralyzed. The doctors could never help him very much. He was never well from that time on, and gradually grew worse. He was never able to go to school. He always had a pleasant attitude and seemed to take his lot in life

well.

He leaves to mourn his loss, his Mother and Father of Mallie, Ky.; his grandmother, Corsetta Watts Pigman at Hindman, Ky.; one sister Olive Mae Mullins of Mallie, Ky.; and two brothers, Frank Reynolds of Dayton, Ohio and Paul Moore of Mallie, Ky.

We feel that our loss is Heavens gain.

OBITUARY OF BROTHER SILAS COX

Brother Silas was reared on Linefork Creek in Letcher County, Kentucky. He was considered a good boy by every one when he was growing up. He had such pleasant personality that he made friends with all those he came in contact with.

Early in life he married Maudie Miller, the daughter of Harvey and Sallie Miller. To this union were born the following children: Eugene Cox, Burton Cox, Bennett Cox, Otho



Cox, Launa Cox Sparkman and Pansy Ruth Cox. Pansy Ruth preceded him in death.

Even though Brother Silas was considered a good boy and man by everybody, he was made to know by the spirit of God that he was a sinner and must repent or perish, therefore he chose to repent and believe in God and live. He joined the Defeated Creek Regular Baptist Church several years ago and was ordained a deacon of the Defeated Creek Church and served in that capacity until his death.

Brother Silas was highly respected for his faithfulness and his intelligent and reasonable judgement.

The Church always depended on his help in every cause. His life was an inspiration to many who came in contact with him, especially to the writer.

Brother Silas has passed from these earthly suns to the midst of Heavenly suns and it can be truthfully said that he fought a good fight, he kept his faith and his works will follow after him while he is in that rest which is for the

people of God.

I know his good wife and children are lonesome for him, but they can comfort themselves with the thought that he is at rest with God.

Oh! that we had more of his kind.

A Brother in the Hope.

Manus Ison

OBITUARY OF GRANT FOYSTER CAUDILL

Grant Foyster Caudill was born on September 16, 1917 to Willie and Bertha Caudill at Jeremiah, Ky. He answered

the call of his Lord on February 24, 1967 making his stay here 49 years, 5 months and 7 days. He lived all his life in and around the community of Jeremiah, Ky.

He was married to Gracie Hampton on February 28, 1940. To this union was born 5 sons: Marvin, Pikeville, Ky.; Michael Jeremiah, Ky.; David Merle, Murray Foyster, and Tim Morris, all at home. He was a devoted husband and father.

In August of 1963 he joined the Little Dove Church of Regular Baptists at Sassafras, Ky. He told a wonderful experience of grace and was baptized into full fellowship in September 1963. He was a faithful, devoted member. He loved to hear good preaching and seemed to never hear enough. He was a good singer and whistled and sang the old hymns even as he worked. He was gifted with a wonderful understanding of the work of the church. He counseled his children at home. His talk was all on Heaven's things and he said he felt compelled to talk to his fellow-workers and his neighbors and friends, telling them of Jesus and warning them of the danger they were in. We believe that God let him cram all the happiness he could into a few short years because he wasn't going to stay here long. He is sadly missed in his home, community, and church: but another mansion has been filled in Heaven.

Besides his wife and 5 sons, 2 daughters-in-law and 2 grandsons, he is survived by his father, Willie Caudill, his step-mother Della, and 5 brothers: Rankin and David of Fern Creek, Ky.; Winselow of Jeremiah, Ky.; Verlon of Kodak, Ky.; and Hansford of Smithsboro, Ky. He also left 3 sisters: Mrs. Cora Everidge of Jeremiah, Ky.; Mrs. Zana Littlefield and Mrs. Oreva Dickson of Whitman, Mass. He left a host of friends and relatives to mourn his passing.

Though we loved him and needed him here, God loved and needed him more in Heaven. God came walking, early in the morning and picked a flower to take Home with Him. Thank God for the little hope I have of meeting him again someday.

Written by his devoted wife, Mrs. Gracie Caudill

OBITUARY OF BROTHER HIRAM AMBURGEY

It is with a sad and aching heart I try to write an obituary of a dear loving husband and father, and a Brother in the Lord. He was born January 19, 1892, and departed this life June 8, 1967 making his stay here on earth 75 years, 4 months, and 19 days.

He was the son of John and Nancy Amburgey. He was



married to Rhoda Combs, July 14, 1911, unto this union six children were born; one whom preceded him in death. The five living are: Mrs. Golda Maddin of Amburgey, Ky.; Mr. Sammie Amburgey of Vicco, Ky.; John Shirley Amburgey of Georgetown, Ohio; Willie Amburgey of Louisville, Ky.; and Dennie Amburgey of Hindman, Kentucky.

He leaves 30 grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren and one brother, William Albert Amburgey of Brinkley, Ky., and one sister, Sister Martha Reedy, Isom, Ky., and a host of friends and relatives to mourn his loss.

Brother Hiram Amburgey joined the Regular Baptist Church at an early age. He has belonged nearly 31 years and served the church as Deacon for 29 years and lived a quiet and peaceful life in his neighborhood. He was loved by many. The church has lost a good member. We will all miss him but we hope our loss is Heaven's gain.

Written by a Brother in Hope
McKinley McIntosh

OBITUARY OF NEWTON J. MULLINS



Newton J. Mullins, born July 31, 1902, deceased this life here on earth June 13, 1967. His stay here on earth 64 years, 10 months, and 13 days. He joined the Regular Baptist Church in the year of 1950, and was a faithful member until death. He loved his Brothers and Sisters in the church.

He was the son of Spencer and Elizabeth Mullins. He was married to Elizabeth Gibson December 10, 1921 and to this union was born 5 girls and 4 boys; one girl preceded him in death. Their names: Hazel,

Irine, Hattie, Wondlee, and Fronie. The boys: Eldridge D. Edmond S., William R., and Newton Jr. He is survived by his wife, Elizabeth Mullins, his sister, Dicie Maddn, his brother, Riley Mullins and D. D. Mullns. He has 35 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. He told us children he was going to a better home above and he wanted us all to meet him there.

He was a loving father. He will be missed by us, but we believe that our loss is Heaven's gain.

Written by his son, Eldridge D. Mullins

OBITUARY OF MARTHA CRAFT



In much weakness and with a sad and aching heart I attempt to write an obituary of this our mother and our friend.

On December 6, 1879 the good Lord sent a beautiful flower to grace the home of William V. and Dicey Combs Dixon. So precious was she to her parents that it caused them to go to the Bible, the word of God to choose for her a name and selected the name of Martha.

Martha grew to womanhood in Letcher County, around Blackey. In early life she met and was married to Joseph E. Cornett and to this union was born eight children, she was preceded in death by Joe and two children, Curtis and May.

Those left to mourn her passing are Charlie and Ealine Whitaker of Crown, Ky.; Venter and Mattie Dixon of Whitesburg, Ky.; Emma Ison of Linefork, Ky. and Joseph Verlon of Harlan, Ky.

Three sisters: Maggie Brown, Blackey, Ky.; Oma Blair, Blackey, Ky.; and Anna Bates, Blackey, Ky. Also one

brother, Bryant Dixon, Blackey, Ky. One half sister Mary Belle Jarrett, Tampa, Florida, two half brothers, Curtis Dixon, Chesterfield, Indiana and Kent of Chicago, Ill., the last known address. 19 grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren and an innumerable host of relatives and many, many friends and neighbors.

On July 7, 1940 she was united in marriage to Archie C. Craft and to us children, 11 at that time, can truly be said she was a mother indeed, she was so kind to us all and was so good to our daddy, a more humble and pious mother I never knew, always more concerned about the welfare of her children and others than she was about herself.

Mom never had her name inscribed on a church record but we are happy in the thought that the life she lived she was a true christian as she prayed to the very end and made mention to her children to not be ashamed to pray and just before her passing she was heard praying not for herself but for those who were near and dear to her heart.

Mom told me many years ago about her relationship with the Lord, and the many dreams and visions she had so we believe the good Lord heard her feeble petition and forgave her for all she had done and now she has gone on before while we remain here on this trouble shore.

Her life for these many years has been a shining light not only to her children but to the world of mankind.

We feel sure that she would have been a member of the church today but due to so much confusion in the churches today and also wanted to be more sure she was right she never enrolled on the record but she was a firm believer and an ardent supporter of this Old Baptist family.

Mom was afflicted for many years but this suffering she bore with much patience until the end, always more concerned about others than about herself.

Her suffering became so severe that near mid-night on June 14, 1967, the cistern wheel refused to roll a tired heart ceased to beat, the silver thread of life was broken and our God spoke to Mom to say come away to me my fair one, leave behind your tired and afflicted and frail body, come away from a world of trouble, heartache and disappointments, to a world of never ending joy and peace.

So quietly, quickly and peacefully her soul slipped away to the arms of Jesus.

Leaving behind to mourn her passing, 6 children, 19 grandchildren, 7 great-grandchildren, 11 step-children, 3 sisters, 1 brother, and many neighbors and friends. Making her stay on this earth 87 years, 6 months and 8 days. We

feel our loss is her eternal gain.

Then may we listen to the words of the great poet who wrote:

I wonder if when the shadows fall

On the last earthly day.

When we say goodbye to the world outside

All tired with our childish play

When we meet the lover of boys and girls

Who died to save them from Sin,

Will we hear him ask as mother did

Are all the children in.

Humbly submitted by one of her step sons,
Lewis F. Craft

OBITUARY OF CORA DAY ELDRIDGE



The Lord gave and the Lord hath taken away, and so it was our dear blessed Mother Cora Day Eldridge. She was the daughter of Hirm and Eliza Day. She was born and raised in Letcher County, Ky. Cora Day Eldridge was born May 2, 1893 and passed from this life December 10, 1965 making her stay here on earth 72 years, 7 months, and 8 days.

She was united in marriage to N. M. Eldridge July 4, 1909 and to this happy union was born twelve children, two who have passed from this life while in infancy, one daughter at the age of 43 preceded her in death on November 12, 1965 in an automobile accident. There are nine of us left to mourn her loss, three girls, Virgie, Margie, Eliza, and six boys, Roy, Hargis, Preston, Vilas, Joe, Arnold; two sisters Betty Eldridge and Susan Fields, also two brothers Lloyd Day and Joe Day. Our blessed father passed on in 1945 and left us children and mother behind. Now the old home place is oh so lonesome, no father or mother there to welcome us home. Mama was a good mother to every one that knew her. Mother had been in the Old Regular Baptist Church 37 years.

Mama and Papa both were baptized near Blackey, Kentucky. by Elder Buddy Caudill of the Indian Bottom Church. So farewell Mother, we hope by God's great mercy that our loss is Heavens gain.

The Children

OBITUARY OF MONROE AMBURGEY



Monroe Amburgey was born to Wiley and Betty Jane Amburgey on September 17, 1882 at Bath, Kentucky. Monroe was married to Dicie Collins in 1900, and was the father of nine children, four girls and five boys. Mallie Collins, Cinda Hammons, Virda Franklin, Bulah Combs, and Raymond. Haymond, Wiley, Lester and Monroe Jr., Dicie having passed away in 1938. Monroe joined the Old Carr Church in 1916.

He passed away May 3, 12:15, 1965. Monroe leaves nine children, fifty-one grandchildren, three great-grandchildren, one brother, J. W.

Amburgey and one sister, Cinda Taylor. At the death of Monroe, he was 82 years, 7 months, and 16 days.

OBITUARY OF NANCY ANN CRASE

Nancy Ann Crase was born July 11, 1880, and passed from this life November 7, 1966, making her stay here on earth 86 years, 3 months, and 27 days.

Nancy Ann was the daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth Caudill Whitaker. In the year of 1913, she married Gideon Crase. To this union was born two children, Mr. Tildon Crase, Whitesburg, Kentucky, and Mrs. Lilly Crase, Hallie, Kentucky, who are still living. Nancy Ann was one of 12 children. Four sisters, and three brothers preceded her in death. She has three sisters and one brother still living, Mrs. Sophia Bradley and Mrs. Bertha Watts, Hallie, Kentucky, Mrs. Linda Miller, Ewing, Kentucky, and Mr. Alamander Whitaker, Hallie, Kentucky. She also had grandchildren.

Several years ago, she was left with the burden and responsibility of rearing her children by herself, but she

accepted this with courage and faith in God. She did not falter or waiver concerning her duty as a mother. She kept her children together and did the best she could by them. No doubt, many times, the way of life on earth seemed very rough and discouraging to her, but the faith of her God caused the spring of courage and true motherhood to begin to bubble within her and prompted her to move forward in her duty.

Nancy Ann was always admired by her neighbors for her true devotion to her two children, and the way she accepted her hardships. In her later life, she felt impressed to let her people and friends know what God had done for her, and the many times He had visited her in many ways; in the singing of the Saints, and hearing Elder Manus Ison praying, and with His own presence to comfort and encourage her along her burdensome life.

It was one Saturday in 1964, that Elder Manus Ison visited her during an illness, and she related to him what great things the Lord had done for her, and he asked her if she wanted to join the Church and be baptized, and she said, "Lord, Yes!" And then she said, "I will never be satisfied until I am baptized." On the following day she was baptized into the fellowship of the Cedar Grove Baptist Church, and was accepted with pleasure. It was a real cold time, and she was asked by Elder Manus Ison if she was cold, and she said, "No, I am so happy."

Now that she is gone, may we who are living let her life be an example to us for courage and faith in God.

May God's richest blessings be on her children and people.

OBITUARY OF IKE AND CINDA H. CAUDILL

With much sadness in our hearts we will try to write a few words about a devoted Father and Mother, Ike and Cinda H. Caudill.

Dad was the first to sail over life's last horizon, passing from this life June 14, 1966. He was the son of the late Wm. J. and Pheebe Caudill, born March 22, 1904, being 62 years, 2 months, and 22 days of age at his passing.

Dad was a retired highway worker and member of the Dixon Memorial Regular Baptist Church. He was always good to us and provided for his family the best he could. We were not able to be at his bedside at the time of his passing, but we know he would have told all his children to seek out the old time Salvation he found 17 years ago and to live in hope of seeing him again at the shining ports of Glory.



Mom was born August 20, 1907 and the daughter of Mose and Judy Back Hampton. She passed from this life October 23, 1966 making her stay here on earth 59 years, 2 months, and 3 days. She married Dad July 3, 1922 and to this union was born 11 children, all of whom are still living. Lovel, Lowell, Mrs. Delores Gibson, and Lott all of Cincinnati, Ohio. Lawrence, Iky, Donald, and David of Mansfield, Ohio, Mrs. Delta Caudill of Marrow, Ohio. Mrs. Dana Blair of Jeremiah, Kentucky, and Dorse of Ft. Knox, Kentucky. Besides

the children there are 24 grandchildren, Dad was survived by three brothers and four sisters and Mom is survived by one sister and one brother. Mom was a member of Dixon Memorial Regular Baptist Church at the time of her passing. Dad and Mom were strong believers in the regular baptist faith. So dear children, if you want to meet with Dad and Mom again, foresake the ways of this world and come drink of the fountain of Living Waters and we can all meet where heart aches will cease to be and parting never comes.

Written by a loving daughter, Delta Caudill and Elder Ermil Ison.

Oh I am glad I ever had you.
Because of you I will be true,
Your teaching was a light to me
Your virtue was a strength I see.
Near as I can, I'll ever be
Like Father and Mother.

I promise you I will do good;
To grieve your hearts I never could,
I'll ever tread the path you've trod
Believe your Bible, trust your God,
And when we sleep beneath the sod,
We'll be together - Father and Mother.

OBITUARY OF CHARLIE JOHNSON

Charlie Johnson, the son of George and Lutisha Johnson, was born May 30, 1910. He spent his life in Knott Co., Ky.,

in his early life, at the age of 19 years, he met and was married to Evelyn Jones on January 13, 1929. To this union



was born seven children, four boys and 3 girls. They are Gillis Johnson, James Johnson, Kenneth Johnson, John Johnson. The girls: Margie, Sylvia, and Matreva.

Around June 29, 1967, it was determined that Charlie was afflicted with cancer, his suffering he bore with much patience. Then on July 22, 1967, he called for the Brothers and told them how the Lord had come to him in the night and told him what he must do. So he sat to work according to God's will and his sins were pardoned, and he joined the Old Regular Baptist Church, and wanted to be baptized as soon as he was able. But his

suffering became so great that he could live no longer. So the pale horse and his Rider called for Charlie July 28, 1967, making his stay here on earth 57 years, 1 month, and 26 days, leaving to mourn his loss, a broken hearted companion and 7 children, 5 great-grandchildren, and a host of friends to mourn his loss. We feel our loss is Heaven's gain.

Written by Lewis F. Craft

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 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 preceeding 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, Kentucky
NEW HOME—Wade Watts, Hindman, Kentucky
CEDAR GROVE—Lovel Polly, Cornettsville, Kentucky
POWELL CHURCH—William Mullins, R. 1, Crab Orchard, Ky
BULL CREEK—Tommy Jent, Carcassonne, Kentucky
REYNOLDS FORK—McKinley McIntosh, Sassafras, Ky.
DEFEATED CREEK—Coy Fields, Linefork, Kentucky
MAPLE GROVE—Chalmer Engle, Whitesburg, Kentucky
TOLSON CREEK—Hiram R. Whitaker, Roxana, Kentucky
LITTLE DOVE—Brax Combs, Sassafras, Kentucky
KINGDOM COME—Arlie Caudill, Premium, Kentucky
IVY POINT—Birtchell Mosley, Garner, Kentucky
PILGRIM HOME—Kelly Day, R. 4, Brookville, Indiana
LITTLE ZION—B. F. Logan, Jeff, Kentucky
DIXON MEMORIAL—Hubert Caudill, Jeremiah, Kentucky
OVEN FORK—Delmar Raleigh, Day Rural Sta., Whitesburg, Kentucky
BETHEL—Jacob Akers, Rt. 2, Hillsboro, Ohio
BIG CREEK—Steve Day, Box 82, Grammer, Indiana

CHURCHES AND DELEGATES

BIG LEATHERWOOD—Reuben Riddle, Bob Logan, Bethel Halcomb
NEW HOME—Hershel Baldrige, Wade Watts, Olus Baldrige
CEDAR GROVE—Manis Ison, Verlin Fields, Billy Day
POWELL—Perry Tackett, John Kelly, Earl Caudill
BULL CREEK—Gardner Jent, Estill Jent, Tommy Jent
REYNOLDS FORK—Nelson Seals, McKinley McIntosh, A. J. Taylor
DEFEATED CREEK—Coy Fields, Woodard Cornett
MAPLE GROVE—Chalmer Engle, Milton Sturgill
TOLSON CREEK—George Whitaker, Watson Whitaker, Lilly Ison
LITTLE DOVE—Dave Hampton, J. B. Eversole, Dee Combs
KINGDOM COME—James D. Fields, R. H. Fields, Dewey Eldridge
IVY POINT—Dillis Combs, Birtchel Mosley
PILGRIM HOME—James Combs, Alonzo Allen, Silas Frazier
LITTLE ZION—B. F. Logan, Malcom Hicks, Van B. Combs
DIXON MEMORIAL—Carl Back, James Caudill, Henry Eldridge
OVEN FORK—Delmar Ralieggh, Melvin Blair, Riley Fouts
BETHEL—Ermil Ison, Ernest Ward, Carl Caudill
BIG CREEK—Vernon Miller, Rex Ison

ORDAINED MINISTERS

J. W. PRATT, Jeff, Kentucky
RUBIN RIDDLE, Viper, Kentucky
MANIS ISON, Hallie, Kentucky
VERLIN FIELDS, Banks, Kentucky
JACK BROWN, Blackey, Kentucky
OLUS BALDRIDGE, Leburn, Kentucky
HERSHEL BALDRIDGE, Leburn, Ky.
PERRY TACKETT, Waynesburg, Kentucky
GARDNER JENT, Carcassonne, Kentucky
ESTILL JENT, Carcassonne, Kentucky
TOMMY JENT, Carcassonne, Kentucky
ORELL FLANDERS, Somerset, Kentucky
NELSON SEALS, Rt. 2, Bellville, Ohio
BILL EVERAGE, Sassafras, Kentucky
WOODARD CORNETT, Linefork, Kentucky
JONAH ROARK, Dupont, Indiana
CHALMER ENGLE, Whitesburg, Ky.
CULLEN HOGG, Cumberland, Ky.
JAMES D. FIELDS, Blackey, Ky.
R. H. FIELDS, Kingscreek, Ky.
DEWEY ELDRIDGE, Roxana, Ky.
FRANCIS MAGGARD, Partridge, Ky.
DILLIS COMBS, Leburn, Ky.
SAM JOHNSON, Garner, Ky.
ALONZO ALLEN, Milan, Indiana
SILAS FRAZIER, Rt. 2, Sunman, Indiana
HOWARD CAUDILL, Rt. 1, Milan, Indiana
BEVE CORNETT, Danville, Kentucky
CARL BACK, Jeremiah, Kentucky
JAMES M. CAUDILL, Jeremiah, Kentucky
FRANK CAUDILL, Jeremiah, Kentucky
HOWARD CAUDILL, Waynesburg, Kentucky
RILEY FOUTS, Partridge, Kentucky
ERNEST WARD, Rt. 2, Box 366, Morrow, Ohio
ERMIL ISON, Rt. 2, Mainsville, Ohio
DAVE BOGG, Highsplint, Kentucky
REX ISON, Rt. 6, Madison, Indiana

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	Rec. by Exp.-Baptism	Received by Letter	Restored	Recommendation	Lost by Death	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Total Membership	Meeting Time	Contribution
BIG LEATHERWOOD	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	70	2	\$25.00
CEDAR GROVE	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	79	4	40.00
NEW HOME	4	2	0	3	1	1	0	78	2	25.00
POWELL	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	26	3	20.00
DEFEATED CREEK	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	19	1	10.00
BULL CREEK	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	16	1	20.00
REYNOLDS FORK	3	0	0	32	3	2	2	52	3	20.00
IVY POINT	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	33	4	10.00
PILGRIMS HOME	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	21	1	20.00
LITTLE ZION	2	0	1	0	1	0	0	27	3	20.00
LITTLE DOVE	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	32	2	20.00
KINGDOM COME	1	4	0	0	0	0	0	40	2	15.00
TOLSON CREEK	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	19	4	10.00
MAPLE GROVE	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	20	3	10.00
OVEN FORK	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	76	2	20.00
BETHEL	1	3	0	1	0	1	0	16	4	25.00
DIXON MEMORIAL	1	3	0	0	1	0	0	34	4	15.00
BIG CREEK	4	2	0	1	0	0	0	24	3	20.00
TOTALS	23	18	1	38	16	6	2	682		\$345.00

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, towit:

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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:

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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:

THE 23RD PSALM

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

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

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

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

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

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

