

DIRECTIONS TO INDIAN BOTTOM ASSOCIATION
TO BE HELD AT THE BIG CREEK CHURCH, DUPONT, INDIANA

1. EASTERN KENTUCKY and VIRGINIA

Get on Mountain Parkway either at Prestonsburg, Ky. or at Hazard, Ky. which one is most convenient. Follow Parkway to Junction I-64 at Winchester, Ky. follow 64 to Lexington, then take I-75 to Cincinnati, Ohio. Keep left lane, watch for U.S. 50 West signs follow U.S. 50 to North Vernon, Indiana, approximately 65 miles from Cincinnati. Turn left on State Route 7 to Dupont, Indiana then 2 miles south toward Madison you pass a forest tower, look for a side road (left) at a bridge, turn and follow to Association.

2. From Louisville cross river to Indiana State Route 62, follow to Madison, then take Rt. 7 toward Dupont till you can see a forest tower at a bridge, take side road to right follow to Association.

3. WEST VIRGINIA, NORTH EASTERN KENTUCKY and OHIO take U.S. 52 to Cincinnati, then follow U.S. 50 as in number 1.

P R O C E E D I N G S
OF THE SEVENTY-THIRD ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
INDIAN BOTTOM ASSOCIATION
OF
OLD REGULAR BAPTIST OF JESUS CHRIST

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 1968

The Indian Bottom Association in session assembled with the Reynolds Fork Church, Mallie, Knott County, Kentucky September 6, 7, 8, 1968, at the Reynolds Fork Church house for preaching services. Elder Earnest Ward came forward according to appointment of last year's session and was blessed in spirit and power to introduce the service and led in a humble prayer, after which, Elder Verlin Fields who also was blessed by the same spirit, whose text was "There's gods many but unto us there's only one God."

Then the delegates assembled at a church house nearby prepared for this purpose, the services were introduced by Elder Sidney Hudson of the Northern New Salem Association, being wonderfully blessed to do so.

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

1. After reading the Reynolds Fork Church letter a move and second was made to receive all the church letters, as they were 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 the following as officers:

Elder Manis Ison, Moderator
Elder James D. Fields, Assistant Moderator
Elder Olus Baldrige, Clerk
Elder Dillis Combs, Assistant Clerk

3. The moderator then called for newly organized churches and received one by letter of application by name of Happy Home Church, letter read, and by a move and second to receive letter and seat the delegates with us.

4. Called for churches desiring to take up fellowship with us and received.

(a) A letter from the Poor Fork, letter read, a move and second to seat the delegates and refer their letter to the Committee on Arrangements.

(b) A letter from the Providence Church, a move and second to seat delegates and refer their letter to the Committee on Arrangements.

5. Upon motion and second, it was agreed that we omit reading Articles of Faith, Constitution, and Rules of Decorum, but have same printed in our minutes.

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

A. NEW SALEM, letter with delegates: Elders Hager Watts, Troy Sparkman, Burton Howard, Banner Manns, Coy Combs, Edd Moore, R. E. Holbrooks, Bros. W. B. Day, Joe Brown and Green Perry. Letter in hands of Hager Watts, by move and second to receive letter delegates given the right hand of fellowship and were seated with us.

B. Union, letter with delegates: Elmer Church, Mander Yountz, Bruce Mullins, Fon Bolen, Fred Rice, Richard Stallard, James Hamilton, Gobel Slone, Thurston Bowman, Lester Baker, Andy Bates, Arvil Kiser, Francis Hubbard, Evans Bailey, Tyree Church, Earl Hogston. Letter in hands of Bruce Mullins. By a move and second said letter was received delegates were given the right hand of fellowship and seated with us.

C. SARDIS, letter with delegates: Joe Ward, Lewis Markham, Marshall Williamson. Letter in hands of Lewis Markham, said letter was received by a move and second, delegates were given the right hand of fellowship and seated with us.

D. PHILADELPHIA, letter with delegates: Elders Ira Atkins, George Woods, Eales Cotton and Walter Bryant. Letter was received by a move and second, delegates were given the right hand of fellowship and seated with us.

E. NORTHERN NEW SALEM, letter with delegates: Elders Sidney Hudson, Hershel Sturgill, Hillard Profitt, Roy B. Akers, Bros. Bill Dunbar, Bill Rose, Erving Hicks, Birchel Short, Steve Blair. Letter in hands of Roy B. Akers, letter received by a move and second. Delegates were given the right hand of fellowship and seated with us.

F. THORTON UNION, letter with delegates: Elders Raymond Collins, Guy Holbrooks, T. P. Bentley, Critt Eldridge, Kirby Ison, Charlie Gibson, Arnold Caudill, Lawrence Maggard, Elbert Ritchie, Hallie Dyer, Steve Caudill. Letter in hands of Guy Holbrooks, letter received by a move and second and delegates were given the right hand of fellowship and seated with us.

7. Called for transit ministers and members of same faith and order, received the following: Steve Blair, Cullen Hogg, Delmer Kincer, Ermil Ison, George Spengler, Sollie Miller, Charlie Cornett, Denver Tolliver.

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

9. Appointed one delegate from each church with entire delegation (3) from the Reynolds Fork Church as committee

on Ministry to arrange for preaching Friday evening and Saturday morning.

10. Appointed the same committee as on ministry, but with only one delegate from Reynolds Fork Church, with Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk, Assistant Clerk and delegates from our sister associations and transits to meet with us Friday afternoon at 4:00 o'clock to arrange the work for Saturday morning.

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

12. Committee on Ministry reported stand to be filled Friday evening by: Elder Ermil Ison, Indian Bottom; Elder Hershel Sturgill, Northern New Salem; Elder Ruebin Riddle, Indian Bottom.

Saturday morning by Elder Rex Ison, Indian Bottom; Elder Ray Collins, Thornton Union; Elder Fon Bolen, Union; Elder Francis Hubbard, Union; Elder Sidney Hudson, Northern New Salem.

13. By a move and second the association be adjourned until 10:00 o'clock Saturday morning.

SATURDAY MORNING, SEPTEMBER 7, 1968

The Indian Bottom Association met pursuant to adjournment, and after singing some old hymns of Zion Elder Burton Howard of the New Salem was called on to introduce service and lead in Prayer.

1. Called the roll and marked the absentees.
2. Ministers chosen to preach on stand and the congregation was excused to go to the stand for preaching services.
3. Committee report was read and received by move and second and the committee discharged.
4. Appointed a committee on finance who reported the sum of \$340.00, by move and second committee discharged.
5. By a move and second to have 2,000 copies of minutes printed, and that Clerk superintend printing of same and Clerk to be Secretary-Treasurer, also that he be allowed \$25.00 for expenses.
6. Appointed same committee on ministry as on Friday to arrange for preaching Saturday evening and Sunday. The Committee reported for Saturday evening: Elder Hershel Baldrige, Indian Bottom; Elder Carl Back, Indian Bottom; and Elder Fon Bolen, Union.

For Sunday: Elder Edd Moore, New Salem; Elder Her-

shel Sturgill, Northern New Salem; Elder Kirby Ison, Thornton Union; Elder Manis Ison, Indian Bottom.

7. The Circular Letter, written by Elder James D. Fields, read and joyfully received and ordered have it printed in the minutes, it was further agreed by the same move and second that Elder Ermil Ison write a Circular Letter for the inspection of our Seventy-Fourth Session.

8. Brethren were called on to report on attending Union Meetings and Associations who reported that they had done the best they could, by a move and second to receive their report and excuse their failures.

9. Moved and seconded that Union Meeting and Communion times be printed in minutes.

10. Upon move and second it was agreed to have obituaries and pictures printed in minutes with the understanding that five (\$5.00) dollars be included for printing of pictures.

11. Treasurer's Report:

Total for last year		\$453.70
Received after Association for pictures		10.00
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		\$463.70
Cost of printing minutes	\$348.00	
Gasoline for 3 trips to Press	10.00	
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Total Expenses	\$358.00	
Balance in Treasury		\$105.70
Received from the churches this year		340.00
Received from the Little Dove Church		10.00
Received from a Brother		2.00
Received for Pictures		65.00
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Total on hand		\$522.70

12. Letters prepared by clerk to corresponding associations as follows:

A. NEW SALEM: To convene with the Robinson Creek Church, Robinson Creek, Pike County, Kentucky, beginning on Friday before the fourth Saturday in September 1968. Delegates chosen were Elders Hershel Baldrige, Alonzo Allen, Olus Baldrige, Manis Ison, James D. Fields, Dillis Combs and Bros. Wade Watts, Melvin Blair, Squire Watts.

B. UNION: To convene with the Little Josie Church at Breaks, Buchanan County, Virginia, beginning on Friday before the third Saturday in September, 1968. Delegates chosen were Elders Dillis Combs, Hershel Baldrige, Alonzo Allen, Manis Ison, Olus Baldrige, James D. Fields, Melvin Blair, Billy Day, Wade Watts, McKinley McIntosh, and J. B. Eversole.

C. SARDIS: To convene with the Apple Orchard Church, Route 881, McCombs, Pike County, Kentucky, about 20 miles from Pikeville, Ky. beginning on Friday before the second Saturday in September 1968. Delegates chosen were Elders Manis Ison, James D. Fields, Dillis Combs, Olus Baldrige, Bro. McKinley McIntosh.

D. PHILADELPHIA: To convene with the Little Mary Church, Route 5, Ashland, Kentucky beginning on Friday before the second Saturday in August 1969. Delegates chosen were Elders Alonzo Allen, Dillis Combs, Hershel Baldrige, Olus Baldrige, Nelson Seals, Manis Ison, James D. Fields, Carl Back, Gardner Jent, Earnest Ward, Bros. Johnny Jent, Wade Watts, and Melvin Blair.

E. NORTHERN NEW SALEM: To convene with the Little Rebecca Church at Plymouth, Richland County, Ohio, beginning on Friday before the first Saturday in August 1969. Delegates chosen were Elders James Caudill, Dillis Combs, Olus Baldrige, Hershel Baldrige, Alonzo Allen, Rex Ison, Earnest Ward, Winford Riddle, Ermil Ison, Manis Ison, James D. Fields, Green Fields, Gardner Jent, Bros. Birchel Mosley, Wade Watts, Luther Cook, Carl Caudill,

F. THORNTON UNION: To convene with the Blair Branch Church, at Ison, Letcher County, Kentucky, beginning on Friday before the third Saturday in August 1969. Delegates chosen were Elders Manis Ison, James D. Fields, Nelson Seals, Olus Baldrige, Dillis Combs, Cullen Hogg, Bros. Dave Hampton, Billie Day, Melvin Blair, J. B. Eversole, Squire Watts, Wade Watts, McKinley McIntosh, Birchel Mosley.

13. Committee on Ministry chose Elder Rex Ison to preach the introductory sermon in our 1969 session and Elder Hershel Baldrige to be his alternate.

14. In regard to request for the 1969 session of association it was agreed by move and second to let Big Creek Church Route 7, DuPont, Indiana have the 1969 session of the Indian Bottom Association.

15. Called for committee report in regard to the Providence Church. Elder Raymond Collins (one of committee members) read report of committee. We, the Indian Bottom Association, by a move and second agree to follow the advice of Elder James D. Fields, our Assistant Moderator, as follows: If the Providence Church wants fellowship as a body, the Providence Church (those members not in question) to go to a church who is in correspondence and fellowship with us in any Association by recommendation and then get an arm from that Church and be reorganized.

16. In answer to query of Reynolds Fork Church we say: Once that a church is received in full fellowship in an

association it has the same rights as any church in that association.

17. Resolved that we, the Indian Bottom Association, delete the last part of item 16 of Constitution and have it changed in minutes.

18. The Indian Bottom Association by a move and second granted the Bull Creek Church's request that their church time be published in our 1968 minutes as being on the third Saturday and Sunday in each month starting in Sept. 1968.

19. After some discussion concerning the Poor Fork Church, a move and second was made to receive it under watch care and appoint a committee to work with them and report their findings to the 1969 session of the association. Committee as follows: Elder J. W. Pratt, Elder James D. Fields, Elder Carl Back, Elder O-lus Baldrige, and Elder Dillis Combs.

20. Requests of Bethel and Ivy Point Churches who ask the Indian Bottom Association to inquire of some of the members of the Reynolds Fork Church as to double married Preachers and lay members.

A. Our moderator called upon Brother Lewis Craft (one of the members in question) who came before the body of this Association and answered. I quote: "My first wife was a fornicator from the start of our marriage to the end and that I did not put her away but she took another man and left me and I have witnesses to prove this." The Association accepted this and agreed not to let anyone mention this any more.

B. Other members in question, the Association appointed a committee to investigate their condition and report their finding to the next session of our Association. Committee to meet with the Reynolds Fork Church the third Saturday in November 1968. Committee appointed as follows: O-lus Baldrige, Dillis Combs, McKinley McIntosh, Hager Watts, Leonard Slone, Troy Sparkman, Burton Howard.

21. Resolved by the Association that the Clerk draw up a resolution of appreciation to the Reynolds Fork Church and community at large for the wonderful care and consideration given the 1968 session of the Indian Bottom Association.

22. Upon motion and second to read, correct, if needed and approve minutes of the work of Association.

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

24. The business session of the annual business meeting of the Indian Bottom Association was closed with inspiring words and prayer by Elder Chalmer Engle of the Indian Bottom Association.

Done and signed by order of the Indian Bottom Association.

Elder Manis Ison, Moderator
Elder James D. Fields, Assistant Moderator
Elder Olus Baldrige, Clerk
Elder Dillis Combs, Assistant Clerk

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 1968

A large congregation of brethren and sisters from near and far together with a host of interested friends of Old Regular Baptist assembled at the Reynolds Fork Church.

After singing some old songs of Zion, Elder Edd Moore of the New Salem Association was called to the stand and with spirit and power to introduce the services and led in prayer.

Elder Hershel Sturgill of the Northern New Salem came and was likewise blessed to preach a wonderful sermon.

Next came Elder Kirby Ison using for text Acts 16, verse 30: "What must I do to be saved?" This writer can not tell of the beautiful things Brother Kirby was blessed to bring to light.

Then came Elder Manis Ison who used for a text: "Great is the mystery of Godliness." who wonderfully closed out this session with much shouting and rejoyceing and handshaking among all there, the seventy-third session came to a close.

RESOLUTION AS REQUESTED IN ITEM 21.

Resolved that the Officers and Delegates of the seventy-third session of the Indian Bottom Association extend their most heartfelt thanks to the Reynolds Fork Church and the Mallie community at large. Also the Brethren and Sisters of the sister churches of this, and our corresponding Associations who helped to care and feed us and our correspondence while in session during this the seventy-third annual meeting. May God bless you in basket and store. We wish to thank the brethren and sisters of the church where our delegates met. Also the Knott County sheriffs department for directing traffic and parking, as well as anyone that aided in any way to make this another wonderful association.

Olus Baldrige, Clerk

CIRCULAR LETTER

Dear Brethren and Sisters of the Indian Bottom Association

Having been appointed last year to write a Circular Letter for your inspection, and if found worthy to be printed in

our minutes.

Apostle James Chapter 5 verse 16-17-18 confess your faults one to another and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.

Elias was a man subject to like passions as we are, and he prayed earnestly that it might not rain, and it rained not on the earth by the space of three years and six months.

And he prayed again and the Heaven gave rain, and the earth brought forth her fruit. So beloved let us lift our hearts and look to Elias God For we all have our faults and short comings.

1st John Chapter 1 verse 8-9 and 10.

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

St. John Chapter 15 verse 12-13 this is my Commandments that ye love one another as I have loved you.

Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.

So my beloved, this love is not something to just preach or talk about, but a love to practice and live every day.

St. John Chapter 10 Verse 4-5

And when he putteth forth his own sheep, he goeth before them, and the sheep follow him: for they know his voice.

And a stranger will they not follow, but will flee from him: for they know not the voice of strangers.

Since I was a small boy I have been acquainted with sheep, my grandmother kept them, my father kept them. Since the wife and I have been married we have had many flocks of sheep.

Dear beloved, there is one thing you can't do, you can't drive sheep anywhere, but you can lead them. Once I had a flock of sheep that had been out in a certain pasture, I wanted them put in a different field. I told my wife the Lord said my sheep know my voice, so when I called to them they began to bleat one to another and as I climbed the mountain calling to them they began to follow.

So today my beloved we have sheep that are scattered on all hills. Instead of trying to drive them let us call them in meekness and love, I am sure they can be led into sheep fold of the Lord.

So that when our Lord calls us home that we may be found in Love and peace with another.

Giving praise and Glory to God who all praise and Glory is due.

So in closing beloved, let Brotherly Love continue.

Your Brother in Hope of Eternal Life.

Elder James D. Fields

UNION AND COMMUNION MEETINGS

MAY 1969

PILGRIMS HOME—UNION: First Saturday and Sunday in May 1969. Elders Winford Riddle, J. B. Elswick, Burton Howard, Hershel Baldrige, Mitchell Chaffins. **COMMUNION:** First Sunday in June.

LITTLE DOVE—UNION: Second Saturday and Sunday in May 1969. Elders Crit Eldridge, Dillis Combs, Manis Ison, and I. D. Back. **COMMUNION:** Second Sunday in August.

REYNOLDS FORK—UNION: Third Saturday and Sunday in May 1969. Elders Kirby Ison, Hershel Sturgill, Ermil Ison, Andy Bates, J. Nelson Seals, and Moderator. **COMMUNION:** Third Sunday in June.

POWELL—UNION: Third Saturday and Sunday in May 1969. Elders Steve Osborne, Alonzo Allen, and any old regular Baptist who have a mind to come. **COMMUNION:** Third Sunday in July.

BULL CREEK—UNION: Third Saturday and Sunday in May 1969. Elders Crit Eldridge, Ruben Riddle, Verlin Fields, Winford Riddle, and Moderator. **COMMUNION:** Third Sunday in August.

CEDAR GROVE—UNION: Fourth Saturday and Sunday in May 1969. Elders Dallas Ramsey, Burton Howard, Melvin Watts, I. D. Back, Raymond Collins and Dillis Combs. **COMMUNION:** Fourth Sunday in August.

JUNE 1969

HAPPY HOME—UNION: First Saturday and Sunday in June 1969. Elders Crit Eldridge, Manis Ison, Burton Howard, Coy Combs, and Carl Caudill. **COMMUNION:** First Sunday in July.

BIG LEATHERWOOD—UNION: Second Saturday and

Sunday in June 1969. Elders Ed Sumpter, Hershel Baldrige, Lewis Craft, Verlin Fields. COMMUNION: Second Sunday in August.

KINGDOM COME—UNION: Second Saturday and Sunday in June 1969. Elders: All the same faith and order are invited. COMMUNION: Second Sunday in July.

NEW HOME—UNION: Second Saturday and Sunday in June 1969. Elders Ermil Ison, Ernest Ward, Manis Ison and Burton Howard. COMMUNION: Second Sunday in July.

OVEN FORK—UNION: Second Saturday and Sunday in June 1969. Elders Patton Taylor, Isma Sparks, I. D. Back, Carl Back and Manis Ison. COMMUNION: Second Sunday in July.

LITTLE ZION—UNION: Third Saturday and Sunday in June 1969. Elders Jimmie Caudill, Andy Bates, Hershel Baldrige, and Moderator. COMMUNION: Third Sunday in July

BIG CREEK—UNION: Third Saturday and Sunday in June 1969. Elders Ivan Amburgey, Hiram Adkins, Manis Ison Ermil Ison, I. D. Back and J. B. Elswick. COMMUNION: Third Sunday in July.

MAPLE GROVE—UNION: Third Saturday and Sunday in June 1969. Elders Carl Back, Herman Caudill, Lester Hubbard, Gardner Jent and Moderator. COMMUNION: Third Sunday in July.

TOLSON CREEK—UNION: Fourth Saturday and Sunday in June 1969. Elders Basil Hall, Reubin Riddle and J. W. Pratt. COMMUNION: Fourth Sunday in July.

DIXON MEMORIAL—UNION: Fourth Saturday and Sunday in June 1969. Elders Charlie Gibson, Reuben Riddle Arnold Caudill and Moderator. COMMUNION: Fourth Sunday in July.

BETHEL—UNION: Fourth Saturday and Sunday in June 1969. Elders Dillis Combs, Sidney Hudson, Ivan Amburgey Charles Kazee. COMMUNION: Fourth Sunday in July.

IVY POINT—UNION: Fourth Saturday and Sunday in June 1969. Elders Olus Baldrige, Manis Ison, Ermil Ison Vansel Slone. COMMUNION: Fourth Sunday in July.

AUGUST 1969

DEFEATED CREEK—UNION: First Saturday and Sunday in August 1969. Elders I. D. Back, Kirby Ison, Manis Ison, Verlin Fields, R. H. Fields, Ruben Riddle, Jonah Roarl and J. W. Pratt. COMMUNION: First Sunday in August.

OBITUARIES

RICHMOND AMBURGEY

and ARMINTA BREEDING



In much weakness I attempt to write an obituary of a dear brother and sister, a much concerned father and mother, and a humble and devoted husband and wife. Richmond Amburgey and Arminta Breeding Amburgey.

Richmand was born Mach 25, 1877 and departed this life August 21, 1954 making his sojourn in this unfriendly world 77 years. 5 months and 4 days.

While a young man he met wooed, and was married to the beautiful young daughter of Paul and Rachel Breeding. Arminta, who was to him a kind and obedient wife, this marriage took place on January 28, 1906 and to this union was born eight children, four boys and four girls who are: Vella, Della, Lotta, Maud, Estill. Wilson, Gail and Glyn.

Both Richmond and Minta were blessed to remain with their children and see them grown men and women.

Arminta was born November 18, 1881 and deceased this life November 24, 1967 making her stay on earth 86 years and 6 days at her passing. So our God blessed these two to live to ripe old age, being allowed by Divine Providence to stay together for almost half a century.

God also blessed this brother and sister to aise a nice and respected family.

Later in life God spoke to them to tell them he had their record of their lives and that they could not go live with him in the condition their souls were in so they both, like obident children, took heed and turned from their wicked ways and repented toward God for their sins, and after much pleading the Lord Jesus granted them both a pardon and they both took up fellowship with the Little Samuel Memorial Church of Old Regular Baptist, Lothair, Kentucky, June 13, 1951 and were baptized July 7, 1951.

Both lived a devoted christian life from that good day until the end.

Richmond was afflicted for many years but this he bore

with much patience always concerned about Arminta having to work so hard but often spoke of the beautiful home he was going to, he said to his wife one day he just wanted to go to sleep and never wake up and this happened August 21, 1954.

Arminta too became afflicted, this she also bore by the help of the Lord until, God called her away to her new home on November 24, 1967, where in dwelleth righteousness and death is a stranger there.

I saw the way worn travelers
In tattered garments clad
They were struggling up the mountain
It seemed that they were sad
Their backs were laden heavy
Their breath was almost gone
Yet they shouted as they journeyed
Deliverance will come.

We feel these two good people have been delivered and are resting from all their labor.

Leaving to mourn their passing 8 broken-hearted children, 8 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren.

Arminta leaves 3 brothers, Wesley Breeding of Shelbyville, Kentucky, Johnnie and Francis of Redfox, Kentucky and we feel our loss is Heaven's eternal gain.

Humbly submitted by Lewis F. Craft, a brother in hope

FLORA BROWN WHITAKER



Flora Brown Whitaker, born February 22, 1890 and departed this life December 2, 1967. Making her stay on earth 76 years, 9 months and 10 days. She was married to Steve Whitaker on October 6, 1906 and to this union was born 14 children. Seven of them and her husband has preceded her in death. Leaving six sons and one daughter to mourn her loss, Kern Whitaker, Blackey, Ky., Ike Whitaker, Kansas City, Mo., Fulton Whitaker, Glendale, Ky.

Courtney Whitaker, Hodgenville, Ky., Densil Whitaker, Cornettsville, Ky., Vina Mae Blair, Blackey, Ky. and S. A. Whitaker, Blackey, Ky.

Flora was a member of the Regular Baptist Church and as long as she was able she filled her seat and she was loved and admired by all friends and neighbors. May I say this to her six remaining sons, the many lonely hours come, now Mother no longer dwells there. But, now awaits you some where in Heaven. May God bless your only remaining sister who has made ready for the coming of the Lord. I am praying that you six sons will come and go with us to meet Mother beyond the sunset.

A brother in nature and in Christ, Jack Brown

RUIE (MAGGARD) DRAUGHN



It is with much sadness, I will try to write the obituary of my dearly beloved mother, Ruie Maggard Draughn, who was born July 1, 1898, into the humble home and a very christian one of N. T. and Elizabeth (Pratt) Maggard, at Leburn, Kentucky.

Her long hard journey, called life, was ended at the Homeplace Hospital, Ary, Kentucky on April 2, 1968. Making her stay on earth 69 years, nine months and one day. Left to mourn her passing are her brokenhearted husband Leslie Draughn and 7 children, 3 boys, Shelby and Homer of Garrett, Kentucky, Delmar who stayed with her at home, and 4 girls, Gertrude of North Carolina, Norma Lee Slone of Lexington, Ky. Jean Smith, Louisville, Kentucky; and Clara Evelyn Moore, Leburn, Kentucky and 15 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren, also a faithful sister and 2 brothers in hope, Allie Baldrige, Ted and Erbie Maggard, a host of many many friends and relatives to mourn her departure. One child, Irene preceded her in death.

The passing of mother and sister are the only two times death has invaded our immediate home in nearly 40 years. How wonderful has God's mercy and love been toward our family. We have blessed beyond words to have had such a wonderful christian mother to bring us up in the fear of the Lord.

The Bible says "By their fruits, ye shall know them" Mother's light has shined so bright before us, we know her

life was spent serving Jesus. She became a christian nearly 17 years ago as she often told me of her experience with Christ. How she suffered and died to sin and became alive unto salvation. I knew she had to be serving the Lord to be so humble and longsuffering and meek. The Lord showed her the true Church and showed her a heavenly table of food and told her she lacked only one step getting to that table of food and that was to join the New Home Church and as she started to make that one step he picked her up and sat her down inside. She put this vision to action when she and I both joined the New Home Church and were baptized side by side. Oh, how happy she was. She loved the church and the good preaching and brethren and the good sisters. Her delight was to have food prepared to feed them after church, she loved to travel miles to hear the old time way preached.

Her last few days on earth was spent in much sickness from poisoned kidneys and heart failure. She bore her pain with much patience. Even her death was a wonderfully witness for Christ. She so willfully and humbly submitted to the death angel's call, even as death approached a sweet smile lightened her pretty face. The water that mother wanted from home, no doubt was the water she's drinking from the fountain of God today, where she will never be thirsty again. She died so freely and lovely with such wonderful patience, I thank God my mommy was a christian, although mother is no longer with us, the life she lived and the good council she gave us are very much alive in our hearts. I believe heaven was in her view as I saw her looking upward waiting ever so patiently to be clothed with immortality. As Daddy and us children were by her dying beside she told us "I am not worrying about anything, I have a better home awaiting, I feel".

She told Delmar if you children ever want to see me again "you must come to me, I can't come back to you. She died in her right mind knowing us all until the end. She would reach out her lovingly arms to us as she had so many times throughout the years saying "God Bless my children" I love my children. She didn't complain, but just said "Lord, Good Lord." She was so thirsty and burning up, but didn't want us to fan her because she said it was to much trouble to us.

Our little family can't gather at mother's table anymore on Sunday and hear her say, "Come on children, dinner is ready" we can't see those blessed hands of hers, all but putting food in our mouth and comforting us in the time of trouble, I thank God I have a high hope to go and sit at the table of the Lord, and together we'll praise him forevermore.

Daddy and children dont' you want to go and drink from this same fountain of living water that mother drank from,

where the Lord quences all thirst and wipe all tears from our eyes, where we can be with Jesus and Mother, and no more sorrow shall ever come, It will be a sweet exchange for me.

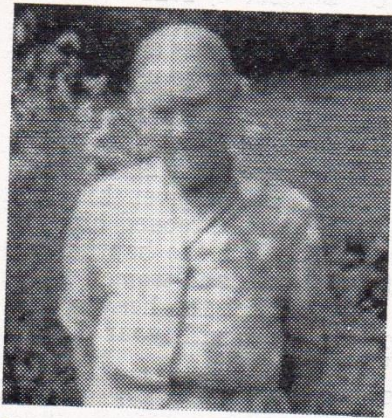
The choice flower of our little family is no longer with us, and her hearts desire was to see her family turn to the Lord while she was alive. Mother didn't live to see all her family come, so my prayer for my daddy, brothers and sisters that haven't made peace with God is this, Seek God, asking him for a godly sorrow that worketh repentence so you can leave a light hanging in the window like mother left.

In a few days the death angel will call again, the wind will suddenly pass over and another one of the family will be gone. Which one of us will be next? If you would count up the cost, the bible says a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of things he pocesses".

We've lost a truly wonderful mother and companion but to lose your soul is worse, May God bless everyone of you and those that were so kind to us upon her passing, I feel that time only separates me from that peace that mother now enjoys.

Written by her daughter and son-in-law, Clara and Bill Moore

LUTISHA SMITH



Mrs. Lutisha Smith passed away from this life on Friday, January 19, 1968, at the Appalachian Regional Hospital, Whitesburg, Kentucky.

She was the daughter of the late Lich and Nancy Combs Jent, born September 12, 1890, being 77 years, 3 months and 7 days of age at the date of her death.

She is survived by the following children: Mrs. Volina Francis and Estill Combs, both of Carcassonne, Kentucky; Hil-lard Smith of East Lake, Ohio. Two step-children, Oakley Fugate of Carcassonne, Kentucky and Mrs. Gracie Speagle, of Covington, Kentucky. 25 grandchildren and 44 great-grandchildren.

She was a member of the Old Regular Baptist Church. She gave in to the church at a memorial meeting in July 1957 and wanted her fellowship in the James Memorial Bap-

tist Church on Bull Creek. She was baptized in full fellowship the third Saturday in August 1957.

She was a mother to all the neighborhood and a faithful member to the church which she belonged.

She is greatly missed by the church and all of the community but we feel our loss is heaven's gain and her soul is resting under the alter of God, waiting for the redemption of the body that spiritual body to live and reign with Jesus eternal in the heavens. So to her relations and all, if you ever go to where Sister Lutisha is you must repent and be born again.

Request by Sister Volina Francis

By Elder Green Fields

CURTIS FRANCIS



It is with a sad and lonely heart I will try to have a few lines written about my dear husband, Curtis Francis.

He was born May 12, 1901 and deceased this life January 9, 1966. He was the son of George Francis and Sally Combs Francis.

On October 8, 1923 we were married and lived and raised our family. He was a good husband and father to us all.

He took sick with cancer and was very sick for a few months. He was well thought of by all that knew him. He liked to attend church and he told me, his wife, Volina, that he felt the Lord had forgiven his sins and had a hope of a better world. He never attached himself to any church here but we feel that he had the baptism of the fire and the Holy Ghost that saves men and women from their sins and makes that soul a fit subject for heaven and immortal glory. So children prepae to meet with your daddy.

Requested by his wife Volina Francis

Written by Elder Green Fields

MARY CORNETT

It is with a sad and broken heart that I will try to write the obituary of a dear friend and sister in the Lord, Sister Mary Cornett. Sister Cornett was born March 15, 1901 and deceased this life June 12, 1965 making her stay here on

earth 64 years, 3 months, and 27 days. In February 20, 1919 she was married to John Henry Smith and to this union was born three children, two sons and one daughter, O. J. Smith, Vollie Smith and Matilda Smith. Matilda preceded her in death. In the year 1928 John Henry Smith was killed in a coal mine accident.

In 1929 she was married to Newton Cornett and to this union was born two sons, Mose and John Cornett. They had a very happy life together.

Brother Newton and sister Mary Cornett joined the Regular Baptist Church around 1940 and was a true member. Brother Cornett died February 12, 1958.

About the year 1960 she was married to Steven Ritchie and they lived a very happy life.

Sister Mary lived a quiet and peaceful life and was kind to everyone. To four sons and many friends, Mother is gone home to God to live with the Angels, and if you ever see Mother again you will have to let Mother's God be your God. Repent of your sins and be born again and you can go where Mother is, to be with her and all of the angels for ever more. To all of us we have lost a good sister in the Lord but God knows best.

We hope our loss is Heavens gain.

Written by a brother in hope, McKinley McIntosh

NEWTON J. MULLINS



Newton J. Mullins was born July 31, 1902, deceased this life here on earth, June 13, 1967. His stay here on earth was 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 are Hazel, Irene, Hattie, Wandalee and Fronia. The boys are Eldridge D., Edmond S., William A. and Newton Jr. He is survived by his wife, Elizabeth Mullins, his sister Dicie Madden, his brothers, Riley Mullins and D. D. Mullins. He has 35 grandchildren and two great-grandchil-

dren. He told us children he was going to a better home above and wanted us all to meet him there. He was a loving father. He will be missed by us all, but we believe that our loss is Heavens gain.

Written by his son, Eldridge D. Mullins

MINERVA ASHLEY



With a sad heart, I will try to write an obituary of a dear and loving sister in the Lord. Sister Minerva Ashley. She was born December 16, 1886 and died April 18, 1968, making her stay here on earth 81 years, 4 months and 2 days. She was the daughter of Watson and Louisa Collins.

In the year of 1904 she was married to Freelin Ashley. To this union was born three children Lillie Pigman, Seco, Ky.; Gracie Ashley in Florida; Silas Ashley, Sassafras, Ky.; also surviving her are 13 grandchildren, 32 great-grandchildren, seven great-great-grandchildren and two sisters, Eulanda Blair, Sassafras, Ky. and Katie Ritchie, Ritchie, Ky. and many brothers and sisters and friends to mourn her passing.

In the year of 1915, July 18, Sister Minerva Ashley came forth and gave her hand to the Clear Creek Church of the Old Regular Baptist and professed a hope in Jesus Christ and was baptized into the Clear Creek Church. At her death her fellowship was in the Happy Home Church at Amburgey, Ky. She was a faithful member. She was loved by all of her Brothers and Sisters. We all do miss her.

We hope our loss is Heavens gain.

Written by a brothers in hope, Bother McKinley McIntosh

IRVIN N. COLLINS

Irvin N. Collins born November 13, 1876 Pike County, Kentucky and moved to Waynesburg, Kentucky in the year of 1911. He sometime later, took up membership with the Powl Church of Old Regular Baptist and was a loyal and faithful member until death ovetook him on August 30, 1968 while a patient in the Christ Hospital in Cincinnati, Ohio. Brother Collins endured his illness, with patience, for several long months, until the summons came down from God to come on home.

Brother Collins was married to Martha Mullins in the year 1898 in Virginia. She preceded him in death. He was the son of Thomas H. Collins and Sirilda Cantrel who also preceded him in death. To this union was born three sons, one of whom preceded both brother and sister Collins in death. Two sons Arthur Collins of Waynesburg, Ky. and Luther Collins of Mason, Ohio, their wives, 18 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren are left to mourn the loss of this devoted father and loved one, who labored and toiled in this life as a farmer for a livelihood and at the same time laying up treasures in heaven above, that fadith not away. Brother Collins will be missed in his church and by the great host of friends he had made in this life, but I am convinced by the life he lived and the record he left here on earth, that Brothers Collins has entered into the joys of his rest and the pleasures of his great and eternal reward. So, children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren like brother Collins, be faithful, sober and vigilant, striving to enter in at the straight gate where you can live eternally in peace, joy, love and happiness. Where there will be no more sad farewells, in the City of God, whose walls are of Jasper and the streets there of pure gold.

Written by a friend of the Collins family and spiritual brother of, as well as a friend to, Irvin Collins.

Elder Alonzo Allen

TOMMY JENT



By the request of Brother Tommy Jent's family, I will try to write his obituary.

Elder Tommy Jent was born August 6, 1914, the son of Bony and Adeline Jent, and died April 28, 1968. Making his stay hee on earth 53 years, 8 months and 22 days at the time of his passing.

He was married to Belle Bailey on December 19, 1936. Unto this union was born 15 children. Five of which preceded him in death. Those left

to mourn his loss is his companion, Belle, and the following children: Five girls, Mrs. Alice Combs, Mrs. Lillian Combs, Mrs. Jessie Collins, all of Detroit, Michigan; Mrs. Jossie Ison, Royal Oaks, Michigan; and Margaret Jent, at home. Five boys, Truman Jent, Carcassonne, Ky.; Roger Jent, Beckham

Jent both of Detroit, Michigan; Raymon Jent, Fort Knox, Ky.; and Crit Jent at home. Four brothers; Tandy Jent, Gardner Jent, Herman Jent, and John F. Jent. Three sisters; Meldy Jent, Mrs. Alphie Jones, and Mrs. Opal Combs, Twenty grandchildren.

Elder Tommy Jent was a member of the Old Regular Baptist Church for 20 years, and was an ordained preacher around 13 years. He was a devout christian, a good companion, and a wonderful father.

He was stricken with a heart attack while he was preaching the Gospel, and died enroute to the hospital.

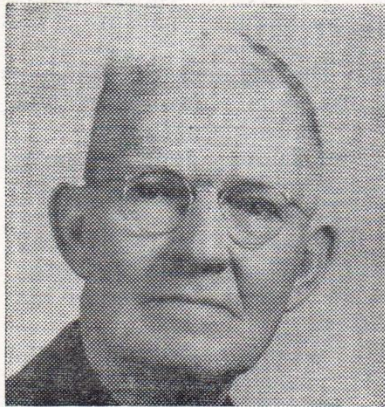
To you children; I you ever expect to meet Daddy again, you'll have to repent of your sins and be born again. Brother Tommy was blest to see five of his children profess a hope in Christ.

I have traveled far and near with Brother Tommy, preaching the Gospel. He was a great light to his family, his neighbors, and his church.

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

Written by a brother in Christ, Elder Crit Eldridge

WILLIAM RITCHIE



It is with much sadness that I try to write an obituary of my dear husband, William Ritchie. He was born March 8, 1882 and died November 2, 1967 at Applachian Regional Hospital, Hazard, Ky. He was the son of Marion and Malinda Ritchie.

He was a retired miner and a member of the Old Regular Baptist Church for 56 years.

He was married to Cordelia Smith April 13, 1901 and to this union six daughters were

born: Vaudie Terry, Frona Madden, Emma Madden, Larcina Moore (deceased) Nettie Fannin, and Della Stone. He leaves 27 grandchildren, 51 great-grandchildren, and 2 great-great-grandchildren and a host of Brethren and sisters in Christ and many friends and neighbors to mourn his loss. Our loss is heaven's gain.

Written by his wife Cordlia, and grandson Bethel Terry

ARMILDA ROARK COMBS



So man lieth down, and riseth not: till the heavens be nor more, they shall not awake, nor be raised out of their sleep.

O that thou wouldest hide men in the grave, that thou wouldest keep me secret, until thy wrath be past, that thou wouldest appoint me a set time, and remember me!

Armilda Roark Combs, the wife of the late E. H. Combs of UZ, Kentucky, passed away March 10, 1968 at the home of her son Wesley of Whitesburg, Ky. She had been in failing health for the past few weeks but told her children that she was just going to rest. Just before she passed away she said that she saw the angels coming after her. She wanted her son James to sing her song she said for the last time. Oh how she loved her boys and wanted to help them and treated them as they were little boys around the old home place.

Years ago she saw the need of a Saviour and prayed and asked God to forgive her of her wrongs and to give her a home in Heaven. She joined the Regular Baptist Church and was a faithful member and one that loved the Lord. She wanted to be good to everyone and to serve her saviour.

When she was a young woman she met, loved, married, and lived many happy years with Eck Combs. To this union were born eight children, four having preceded her in death. They lived a happy devoted life and were hard workers.

She leaves to mourn her passing four of her sons, Clayton Combs of Batesville, Indiana, Wesley Combs of Whitesburg, Kentucky, Cleon Combs of Whitesburg, Kentucky and James Combs of Harrison, Ohio. She leaves two sisters: Reva Tyree of Crown, Ky., Eva Ingram of Whitesburg, and Amos Roark of Birdstown, Tenn. Nineteen grandchildren and 21 great-grandchildren.

She will be missed but she had been lonely since her companion went away and looked forward to going to a better county. None of her loved ones have anything to worry about as far as she is concerned. They must just get themselves ready to go to that country where she is where it will be peace forever and forever.

Along the Golden Streets, a stranger walks tonight
With wonder in her heart, faith blossomed into sight
She walks and stops and stares and walks and stops

again

Vistas of loveliness, beyond the dream of men.
She who was feeble, weak, and shackled to her bed,
Now climbs eternal hills with light and easy tread
She has escaped at last, the cruel clutch of pain
Her lips shall never taste its bitter cup again.
Oh! never call her dead, this buoyant one, and free
Whose daily portion is delight and ecstasy!
She bows in speechless joy, before the feet of Him
Whom, seeing not, she loved, while yet her sight was
dim

Along the Golden Streets, no stranger walks today,
But one who, long homesick, is Home at last to stay.

MONROE MULLINS



In much weakness and through fear hoping it can be the will of the almighty god to direct my mind to write concerning our precious father and humble husband and a most precious husband, Brother Monroe Mullins.

He was born October 16, 1893, deceased this life March 3, 1968. Being here upon this earth 74 years, 4 months, and 16 days at his passing.

On January 16, 1916 he took by the right hand Millie Gibson, vowed before God he would be to her a kind and devoted husband. This vow he keep to the letter. To this union was born nine children, seven boys and two girls. Two boys preceded him in death, leaving to mourn his passing five boys, Ray, Albert, and Olliver all of Amburgey, Ky.; Ollie James, Sassafras, Ky. and Hiram Jr Mullins, Larks Lane, Ky. Two girls Beatrice Cook and Cleo Everage, Amburgey, Ky. 30 grandchildren, 2 great-grandchildren, and 3 brothers Leander, Jasper, Delzie all of Amburgey Ky. Also many, many friends and relatives to mourn his passing.

Brother Monroe and sister Millie professed a hope in Christ in 1951, and was buried with Him in baptism and took up fellowship in the Old Regular Baptist Church. This life they both carried until the third day of March 1968. Bro Monroe Mullins hung his light in the window as a beacon to his children, and to the world of mankind, wrapped his shroud around him and gently and peacefully went to sleep

Brother Monroe Mullins was by no means a well man and the last six months he was very afflicted. This sickness he bore with much patience until the very end.

There was many at the church witnessed his passing, a more humble soul we never saw, pay due obedience to God.
Written by McKinley McIntosh

LEVY PAGE



It is with a sad and broken heart I will try to write the obituary of a dear brother in the Lord.

Brother Levy Page was born March 20, 1891, deceased this life October 10, 1967, making his stay here on earth 76 years 6 months and 20 days.

He was married to Mary Amburgey October 13, 1921. To this union was born two daughters, Mattie and Nancy Page, who were still at home.

He had four step-daughters, Tora Hall, Della Newsom, Delphia Vance, Emma Vance and one grandson, Kenneth Martin, 19 step-grandchildren, and 34 step-great-grandchildren.

The first Saturday in October 1938 Brother Levy Page joined the Providence Regular Baptist Church. He was baptized into the fellowship of the Providence Regular Baptist Church by Brother Ellice Hopkins and Brother R. E. Holbrooks. He was a dear brother, we loved him and we do believe that he loved his brothers and sisters and the world of mankind. He loved the church, he believed in the old time way, he loved the old time songs. He was loved by many. To his dear wife and children, Daddy is gone to never be back here any more. Daddy is gone to a better world, where his trouble is all over, where all is joy and peace.

So children, repent so you can go where Daddy is, to live with him forever and forever.

Written by a brother in the Lord, McKinley McIntosh

DEVOE SLONE

The son of Fair and Wennie Slone born February 16, 1913 and deceased this life October 1, 1967. In early life he was wed to Versie Gibson and unto this union was born three children whose names are, James D. Slone, June C. Slone and Robert Lee Slone.

Devoe had an operation two months before his death and he never completely recovered. I must say that Devoe was a good neighbor and always had a kind word and a smile when you met him. His wife told me he ask her to pray for him and that he was praying. He had a sever heart attack at 11:30 and he lived until 1:00 P.M. I believe when anyone believes in God with all their heart, soul, and mind and strength God won't let them die until he saves them, however it is very dangerous to put eternity off until the last thing, but God is very full of mercy and neighbors look around and take notice how fast your neighbors are passing away and turn the search light on yourselves and see how long you have to stay here in this world and how long we have to spend in eternity.

Devoe leaves to mourn his loss, his wife, Versie, and three children, five sisters, one uncle, one aunt, and a large host of kindred and friends.

Written by Elder Burton Howard

LINA C. HAMPTON



Mrs. Lina C. Hampton was born April 24, 1894, passed from this life on November 9, 1967 at the Appalachian Regional Hospital, Whitesburg, Kentucky.

She was born into the home of David and Caroline Cornett Caudill. At the time of death she was 73 years, 5 months and 15 days of age.

She is survived by her husband, John S. Hampton, four daughters, Mrs. Carrie Eldridge, Jeremiah, Ky.; Mrs. Hassie Brown and Maxie Campbell both of Letcher, Ky. and Mrs. Gypsy Rowe, Sandusky, Ohio, one son David E. Hampton, Letcher, Ky., two sisters Mrs. Jessie Gibson, Blackey, Ky. and Vernia Lee Adams, Morristown, Tenn. Five brothers Millard Caudill, Willie Caudill, Sam Ray Caudill, George Caudill and Dixon Caudill, 15 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren.

She was a member of the Dixon Memorial Regular Baptist Church at Jeremiah, she had been a member of the church for 28 years.

Three children preceded her in death.

Written by the Family.

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 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.

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, Cornetsville, Kentucky
NEW HOME—Wade Watts, Hindman, Kentucky
CEDAR GROVE—Squire Watts, Hallie, Kentucky.
POWELL CHURCH—William Mullins, R. 1, Crab Orchard, Ky
DEFEATED CREEK—Coy Fields, Linefork, Kentucky
BULL CREEK—Green Fields, Carcassonne, Kentucky
REYNOLDS FORK—Lewis Craft, Rt. 1, Box 40, Hazard, Ky.
IVY POINT—Birtchell Mosley, Garner, Kentucky
PILGRIM HOME—Kelly Day, R. 4, Brookville, Indiana
LITTLE ZION—B. F. Logan, Jeff, Kentucky
LITTLE DOVE—Dave Hampton, Jeremiah, Ky. 41826
KINGDOM COME—Arlie Caudill, Premium, Kentucky
TOLSON CREEK—Hiram R. Whitaker, Roxana, Kentucky
MAPLE GROVE—Chalmer Engle, Box 588, Whitesburg, Ky.

OVEN FORK—Delmar Raleigh, Day Rural Sta., Whitesburg,
Kentucky

BETHEL—Jacob Akers, Rt. 2, Hillsboro, Ohio

DIXON MEMORIAL—Hubert Caudill, Jeremiah, Kentucky

BIG CREEK—Vernon Miller, Rt. 1, Lexington, Indiana.

HAPPY HOME—McKinley McIntosh, Sassafras, Ky.

POOR FORK—Matilda Ison, Cumberland, Ky.

CHURCHES AND DELEGATES

BIG LEATHERWOOD—Rubin Riddle, Bob Logan, Floyd
Huff.

CEDAR GROVE—Verlin Fields, Billie Day, Squire Watts.
NEW HOME—Hershel Baldrige, Wade Watts, Olus Bal-
drige.

POWELL—Willie Mullins, John Kelly, Earl Caudill.

DEFEATED CREEK—Woodard Cornett, Coy Fields, Jim
Ingram.

BULL CREEK—Gardner Jent, Green Fields, John F. Jent.

REYNOLDS FORK—Nelson Seals, Millard Seals, A. J. Taylor.

IVY POINT—Bertchell Mosley, Dinges Watson, Dillis Combs.

PILGRIMS HOME—Alonzo Allen, James Combs, Curt Short.

LITTLE ZION—Malcom Hicks, B. F. Logan, Van B. Combs.

LITTLE DOVE—Dave Hampton, J. B. Eversole, Ralph Asher

KINGDOM COME—James D. Fields, Dewey Fields, Arlie
Caudill.

TOLSON CREEK—George Whitaker, Watson Whitaker, Lill
Ison.

MAPLE GROVE—Chalmer Engle, Milton Sturgill, R. H.
Fields.

OVEN FORK—Delmer Raleigh, Melvin Blair, Alvaro Hubbard

BETHEL—Ernest Ward, Carl Caudill, Luther Cook.

DIXON MEMORIAL—Carl Back, James Caudill, Henry Eld-
ridge.

BIG CREEK—Rex Ison, Winford Riddle, Ray Fields.

HAPPY HOME—McKinley McIntosh, Vollie Mullins, Leander
Mullins.

POOR FORK—Arthur Lloyd, Ed Sumter, Hiram Fields.

ORDAINED MINISTERS

J. W. PRATT	Jeff, Kentucky
RUBIN RIDDLE	Viper, Kentucky
MANIS ISON	Hallie, Kentucky
VERLON FIELDS	Banks, Kentucky
OLUS BALDRIDGE	Leburn, Kentucky
HERSHELL BALDRIDGE	Leburn, Kentucky
PERRY TACKETT	Waynesburg, Kentucky
WOODARD CORNETT	Linefork, Kentucky
JONAH ROARK	Dupont, Indiana
GARDNER JENT	Carcassonne, Kentucky
GREEN FIELDS	Carcassonne, Kentucky
ESTILL JENT	Carcassonne, Kentucky
NELSON SEALS	Litt Carr, Kentucky
SAM JOHNSON	Garner, Kentucky
DILLIS COMBS	Leburn, Kentucky
ALONZO ALLEN	Milan, Indiana
SILAS FRAZIER	Rt. 2, Sunman, Indiana
HOWARD CAUDILL	Rt. 1, Milan, Indiana
BEVE CORNETT	Shakertown Rd., Danville, Ky.
CULLEN HOGG	Cumberland, Kentucky
JAMES D. FIELDS	Blackey, Kentucky
DEWEY ELDRIDGE	Roxana, Kentucky
R. H. FIELDS	Kings Creek, Kentucky
FRANCIS MAGGARD	Partridge, Kentucky
CHALMER ENGLE	Box 588, Whitesburg, Kentucky
RILEY FOUTS	Partridge, Kentucky
DAVE BOGGS	High Splint, Kentucky
ERMIL ISON	Rt. 2, Mainsville, Ohio
EARNEST WARD	Rt. 2, Box 366, Morrow, Ohio
CARL BACK	Jeremiah, Kentucky
JAMES M. CAUDILL	Jeremiah, Kentucky
FRANK CAUDILL	Jeremiah, Kentucky
HOWARD CAUDILL	Waynesburg, Kentucky
LLOYD ELDRIDGE	Milan, Indiana
REX ISON	Rt. 6, Madison, Indiana
WILLIAM EVERAGE	Sassafras, Kentucky
EDWARD SUMPTER	Blair, Kentucky

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	2	1	1	0	71	2	\$ 00.00
CEDAR GROVE	2	0	0	0	0	3	0	78	4	30.00
NEW HOME	3	1	0	1	1	1	0	82	2	25.00
POWELL	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	28	3	20.00
DEFEATED CREEK	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	23	1	10.00
BULL CREEK	0	1	2	1	3	0	0	17	3	20.00
REYNOLDS FORK	2	0	0	6	0	27	0	38	3	20.00
IVY POINT	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	31	4	10.00
PILGRIMS HOME	3	0	0	2	0	0	0	25	1	20.00
LITTLE ZION	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	29	3	15.00
LITTLE DOVE	1	0	2	0	2	1	0	32	2	20.00
KINGDOM COME	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	40	2	20.00
TOLSON CREEK	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	19	4	10.00
MAPLE GROVE	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	19	3	10.00
OVEN FORK	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	74	2	20.00
BETHEL	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	25	4	25.00
DIXON MEMORIAL	3	1	0	1	1	0	0	38	4	20.00
BIG CREEK	0	4	0	1	0	4	0	26	3	25.00
HAPPY HOME	2	1	0	0	2	0	0	27	1	20.00
POOR FORK (Under Watch Care)	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	60	3	
TOTALS	33	8	5	14	16	38	1	782		\$340.00

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:

- 1. 4.
- 2. 5.
- 3. 6.

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

The state of our church is as follows: Ordained Ministers

NAMES: Post Offices:
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Received: Experience and Baptism ; Letter ;
Restored ; Recommendation ; Dismissed by Letter ;
Died ; Excluded ; Membership ;
Money sent Meeting time Saturday and Sunday
of each month

Dear Brethren, pray for us, that Zion may have traveling spirit among us.

Done and signed by order of the Church.
Elder , Moderator
Brother , Clerk
Clerk's Address.

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.

