

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



HELD WITH
The Big Creek Church
Dupont, Indiana
September 5, 6, 7, 1969

ELDER MANIS ISON	ELDER OLUS BALDRIDGE
Moderator	Clerk
ELD. J. D. FIELDS	BRO. McKINLEY McINTOSH
Ass't. Moderator	Ass't. Clerk

DIRECTIONS TO INDIAN BOTTOM ASSOCIATION
TO BE HELD AT THE CEDAR GROVE CHURCH
HALLIE, LETCHER COUNTY, KENTUCKY

1. From Hazard, Ky. go east on Ky. 15 to Jeff, Ky. (approximately 8 miles) turn right on Ky. 7 follow to Ulvah, Ky. turn right on Line Fork road to association.
2. From Hindman, Ky. leave Ky. 80 on 160 to (about 12 miles to Cody, Ky.) Ky. 15 turn left to Ison, Ky. turn right on Ky. 7 follow to Ulvah, Ky. turn left on Line Fork road to association.
3. From Whitesburg, Ky. take Ky. 15 west to Ison, Ky. take Ky. 7 as in no. 2.

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FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 1969

The Indian Bottom Association in session assembled with the Big Creek Church, Dupont, Ind., September 5, 6, 7, 1969 met at church house for preaching services, Elder Hershel Baldrige was called to the stand according to appointment of last years session, and was blessed to speak wonderfully and humble prayer, after which Elder Rex Ison was blessed to deliver a wonderful introductory sermon.

The delegates remained at the church house and Elder Nelson Seals (of the Indian Bottom) was called on to introduce for the business session.

The association then was called to order by our moderator, Elder Manis Ison, who called for letters of the churches that compose the Indian Bottom Association.

1. After reading the Big Creek 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
Brother McKinley McIntosh, Assistant Clerk

3. The Moderator called for newly organized churches and received none.

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

(a) One from New Bethelhem, Talcum, Ky. by move and second to receive letter and seat delegates.

(b) One from Clear Fork, Cordia, Ky. by a move and second to receive letter and seat delegates.

(Note) These two churches were among several that formerly belonged to our association, we gladly welcome them home.

5. Upon motion and second it was agreed, that we read the Rules of Decorum, and have Articles of Faith, Constitution, and Rules of Decorum, printed in minutes.

6. Called for letters from corresponding associations and received:

A. NEWSALEM, letter with delegates: Elders Burton Howard, Melvin Watts, Frank Slone, Monroe Owlsey, Sollie Miller, and Brothers Hager Watts, Riben Workman, N. V. Slone, Joe Brown, and Aster Eldridge.

B. UNION, letter with delegates: Elders Ralph Potter, Andy Bates and Brothers D. F. Baker, Bart Potter and Bill Baker.

C. SARDIS, letter with delegates: Elders Lloyd Sesco, Wayne Herald and Brother Clifford Maynard.

D. PHILDELPHIA, letter with delegate: Brother Walter Morrison.

E. NORTHERN NEW SALEM, letter with delegates: Elders Roy B. Akers, Marion Sword, Hillard Proffitt, Forest Orsborne, Lawrence Day, Buford Brock, Hershel Sturgill, Hendrick Hampton, Paul Adkins, Hillard Newsom, and Bros. Clarence Jenkins, Zee Holbrooks, Bill Ison, Rankin Caudill, Don Wagers and Steve Blair.

F. THORNTON UNION, letter with delegates: Elders Raymond Collins, Critt Eldridge, Charlie Gibson and Glenn Hampton.

All the foregoing letters received 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 and received the following: Elders: Dewey Sexton.

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

9. Appointed one (1) delegate from each church with entire delegation (3) from the Big Creek 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 (1) delegate from each church, with Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk, Assistant Clerk, and entire delegation from our Corresponding Associations and transits to meet with us Friday afternoon at 2:30 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 associations 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 Charlie Gibson of Thornton Union Elder Andy Bates of Union and Elder Lloyd Sesco of Sardis.

Saturday morning by Elder Roy B. Akers of Northern New Salem, Elder Raymond Collins of Thornton Union, Elder Burton Howard of New Salem and Elder Wayne Herald of Sardis.

13. By a move and second the association adjourned until 9:30 o'clock Saturday morning.

SATURDAY MORNING, SEPTEMBER 6, 1969

The Indian Bottom Association met pursuant to adjournment, and after singing some old hymns of Zion, Elder Odis Ritchie of Indian Bottom was called on to introduce services and prayer by same.

1. Called roll and marked the absentees.

2. Ministers chosen to preach on stand and the congregation excused to go to the Big Creek church house as delegation met at a church in Dupont having arranged for this purpose at this time.

3. Committee on Arrangements report was read and received by a move and second and committee was discharged.

4. Appointed a committee on finance: Brothers Rex Ison, Earnest Ward, Gardner Jent, who reported the sum of \$385 by move and second to receive report and committee discharged.

5. By a move and second to have 2,000 copies of minutes printed and that clerk superintend printing same and he be secretary-treasurer and 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, Saturday evening services were dismissed.

For Sunday: Elder Alonzo Allen, Indian Bottom; Elder Verlon Fields, Indian Bottom; Elder Winford Riddle, Indian Bottom and Elder Manis Ison, Indian Bottom.

7. Circular letter to be written by Elder Ermil Ison, read and approved to be printed in our minutes, in same move and second to receive Bro. Ermil's letter, it was agreed that Elder J. W. Pratt write a letter for inspection at our 1970 session.

8. Brethren were called on to report on attending union meetings and associations who reported that they had done the best they could, move and second to receive their report and excused 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 the minutes with the understanding that five (\$5.00) dollars be included for printing of pictures.

11. Treasurer's report:

Total for last year -----	\$522.70
Cost of printing minutes -----	\$438.60
For expense of clerk (postage, gas, misc.) --	25.00
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Total expenses for 1968 -----	\$463.60
Balance on hand September 6, 1969 -----	\$ 59.10
Received from churches this year -----	385.00
Received for pictures -----	55.00
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Total on hand -----	\$499.10

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

A. NEW SALEM: To convene with Beaver Church, Drift, Floyd Co., Ky. beginning on Friday before the fourth Saturday in September 1969. Delegates chosen were Elders Kirby Ison, Alonzo Allen, Verlon Fields, Nelson Seals, J. W. Pratt, Manis Ison, Olus Baldrige, Hershel Baldrige, Rex Ison, James D. Fields, Brothers Billy Day, Melvin Blair, Dewey Eldridge, Wade Watts, Squire Watts, McKinley McIntosh and James Combs.

B. UNION: To convene with the Samaria Church, Wolf-pit, Pike Co., Ky. beginning on Friday before the third Saturday in September, 1969. Delegates chosen were Elders Kirby Ison, Alonzo Allen, J. W. Pratt, Carl Back, James Caudill, Manis Ison, James D. Fields, Odis Ritchie, Olus Baldrige, and Brothers Billy Day, Dewey Eldridge, Squire Watts, Wade Watts, Melvin Blair, McKinley McIntosh.

C. SARDIS: To convene with the Mt. Pleasant Church, Route 119 at Sidney, Pike Co., Ky. about halfway between Pikeville, Ky. and Williamson, W. Va. beginning on Friday before the second Saturday in September 1969. Delegates chosen were Elders Kirby Ison, Earnest Ward, Alonzo Allen, Verlon Fields, Manis Ison, James D. Fields, J. W. Pratt, Olus Baldrige, Carl Back, Jim Caudill, Brothers Billy Day, Squire Watts, Wade Watts, Melvin Blair and Alemader Caudill.

PHILADELPHIA: To convene with the Rosa Church at Lloyd, Greenup Co., Ky. beginning on Friday before the second Saturday in August 1970. Delegates chosen were Elders Alonzo Allen, Earnest Ward, Kirby Ison, Olus Baldrige, J. W. Pratt, Manis Ison and Brothers Wade Watts and McKinley McIntosh.

E. NORTHERN NEW SALEM: To convene with the Little Polly Church, Marshall, Michigan, beginning on Friday before first Saturday in August 1970. Delegates chosen were Elders Kirby Ison, Hershel Baldrige, Olus Baldrige, Ermil Ison, Winford Riddle, Rex Ison, Brothers Wade Watts, James Combs and Kelly Day.

F. THORNTON UNION: To convene with the Thornton Church at Mayking, Letcher Co., Ky. beginning on Friday before the third Saturday in August 1970. Delegates chosen were Elders Kirby Ison, Nelson Seals, J. W. Pratt, Carl Back, James Caudill, Verlon Fields, James D. Fields, Manis Ison, Odis Ritchie, Winford Riddle, Olus Baldrige and Bros. Dewey Eldridge, Willie Eldridge, Henry Eldridge, Billy Day, McKinley McIntosh, Squire Watts, Wade Watts, and Melvin Blair.

13. Committee on ministry chose Elder Manis Ison to preach the introductory sermon in 1970 session and Elder James D. Fields be his alternate.

14. In regard to request for the 1970 session of the Indian Bottom Association it was agreed by a move and second to let Cedar Grove Church have next session.

15. Called for committee report in regard to requests of Bethel and Ivy Point Churches, committee met as appointed and report read. By a move and second, the Indian Bottom Association agreed that Reynolds Fork did not err, and discharged committee.

16. Committee report concerning the Poor Fork Church committee met as appointed and report read. By a move and second be received and committee discharged, and by same move, we, the Indian Bottom Association advices that we leave them alone until such a time that they can come in full love and fellowship, and that they are no longer under our watchcare.

17. Request of the Thornton Union, we refer them to item 17 of our Constitution as our answer.

18. In answer to the request of Cedar Grove concerning honoring the work of W. T. Francis and (or) the Providence Church. By a move and second we the Indian Bottom Association say as an advisory council that all work done by W. T. Francis or the Providence since 1947 and 1948 is illegal and advice all our ministers and members that they have nothing to do with them.

19. Resolved by the association that the clerk draw up a resolution of appreciation to the Big Creek Church and community at large for the care and consideration given the 1969 session of the Indian Bottom Association.

20. It was agreed that clerk read items 16, 17, 18 and omit the reading of remaining and that they be approved to be printed.

21. Upon motion and second to adjourn to the time and place of our next association.

22. The business session of the annual business meeting of the Indian Bottom Association was closed with inspiring

words and prayer by Elder Kirby Ison 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
Brother McKinley McIntosh, Assistant Clerk

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 1969

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 Big Creek Church house.

After singing some old songs of Zion, Elder Alonzo Allen was called to the stand and addressed the congregation with inspiring words and prayer.

Elder Winford Riddle came to the stand and was likewise blessed to peach a wonderful sermon.

Then Elder Verlon Fields came forward and so wonderfully blessed that shouting and praising the Good Lord no doubt many said there is realty in serving the Lord. Then Brother Manis Ison said that the victory had been won and expressed his thanks to God for such wonderful Association and closed in prayer, thus the seventy fourth session came to a close.

RESOLUTION AS REQUESTED IN ITEM 19

Resolved that the Officers and Delegates of the seventy-fourth session of the Indian Bottom Association extend their most heartfelt thanks to the Big Creek Church and the Dupont, Ind. 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-fourth annual meeting. May God bless you in basket and store. We wish to thank the Brothers and Sisters of the church where our delegates met, as well as anyone that aided in any way to make this another wonderful association.

Olus Baldrige, Clerk

CIRCULAR LETTER

Dear Brothers and Sisters of the Indian Bottom Association and everyone who may read this circular letter.

May the Lord bless you to receive the comments herein contained in the same Spirit they are intended. I realize that not all will be enthusiastic, some will be indifferent and uncon-

cerned with the words written here. Nevertheless the Brethren have selected me to write this letter for your consideration, and by the help of God will proceed.

Almost two thousand years ago, God looked down upon the earth he had created. He saw man He had made and placed upon the earth, committing almost every sin one could imagine. He saw the blind, the lame, the sick and the hungry. He saw men oppressed and imprisoned by their sinful deeds. God, having just one Son and he being well beloved by the Angels, had enough compassion on us that he sent his only begotten son that all who are bound in social caste and dead in sin and trespass might have eternal life by believing upon this son of God whom we know as Jesus Christ.

Now this Jesus, this Savior, this Son of God, was immediately about his Father's business. He taught in then present Synagogs and Temples wrought by the hands of men. On the highways, and the byways and in the hill country and remote sections of his world, wherever he came into contact with grief, He proceeded to make things better. He gave sight to the blind, speech to the dumb, hearing to the deaf and liberty to those imprisoned. Little did most men realize that this meek and humble man was setting a Kingdom up on the earth that would never end. We are told in Hebrews 12:28 that this Kingdom cannot be moved. This Kingdom is a Kingdom of Heaven. It is a Kingdom wherein priests and princes dwell in peace.

The word peace in the Hebrew language means Welfare. I might ask the question today, "What is your welfare?" Are you at peace? Do you have peace? Do you know Jesus? Can you speak his name with reverence? Peace is a word often heard throughout this new Kingdom. Some whisper it while others cry it aloud. It is heard on almost every corner and every high place. It means very much to some but very little to most. Since very early in the history of mankind, men have sought it. Peace cannot be bought. It is not found in the market places or gotten from caravans carrying precious goods. But, rather it is inherited. It is a gift of God. Jesus said in John 14:27 "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you; not as the world giveth, give I unto you."

Jesus did not and cannot lie. He left his peace with us. He gave his peace to us as he said he would. He left it to, yes gave it to, the citizens of this new Kingdom. Aliens don't have it. Those who slipped in while men slept don't have it. They can't glorify. They can't testify. They can't speak his name with reverence. They whisper, yes even cry peace but their deeds are those of war and destruction.

Love is another word we often hear throughout this new Kingdom. Love God, Love thy neighbor. Let brotherly love continue. How often have we heard these phrases voiced about the multitude. Yet actions speak louder than words. In other words it is better felt than told. What deed have we done lately for our fellowman that would tend to prove to him that we are possessors of this excellent quality called love? The Bible says that open rebuke is better than secret love. We can say all the days of our lives that we have love for each other but if we never support this saying by deeds, then our words will amount to no more than a tinkling sound or a sounding cymbal. This new Kingdom we are writing about is a Kingdom of love. And, once again its inhabitants have it and as we wrote concerning peace, aliens or imposters don't have. Love is one of the more often used words in the New Testament. It is the strongest word pertaining to Christianity. So Brethren let us strive just a little harder each day to let our love be made manifest one toward the other.

Now, I feel I should comment briefly on the conditions in the world as well as in the Church. A person remarked recently, "Things are happening so fast today, I just can't keep up." I answered, "We are not supposed to try to keep up with the things that are not supported by the word of God." I believe God expects us to use the intelligence he gave us to get more knowledge but out of this knowledge we should gain some wisdom. I believe God gave us this intelligence that we may be able to keep up with Satan as far as knowledge is concerned but I do not believe He expects us to keep up with the Devil in deed or practice as his deed and practice are always evil. I believe by the word of God, it's wrong for our Brethren to war against each other, not only in the Indian Bottom Association, but throughout all Regular Baptist. I believe it's wrong for Church members to identify themselves with the world. If we talk, act and look like the unsaved and lost, then we certainly can't be much of an influence or a light unto them. One of the ways to tell a piece of money as well as other things of value or great price, is the picture on the face of it or the image it bears. Each one of us projects a certain image by our actions. May I ask this question? What is our image? By the word of God is there some part of our projection we can and should change? We are told in Titus 2:11-12 "For the grace of God that bringeth Salvation hath appeared unto all men." Teaching us that denying ungodliness and worldly lust, that we should live soberly, righteously, and Godly in this present world." When we have done that, then we can be a light and influence to those that are lost.

I am glad for the identity God gave me. I'm thankful that I found peace in Jesus Christ. I'm glad to be called a Regular Baptist. I'm thankful for her and the image she bears. There are almost thirty different Church affiliations that call themselves Baptist. But, the old time Baptist are different. The world knows it. They can see it. Their walks are different. Their talk is different. They act different. They sing different, pray different, preach different and look different. And if they don't they should.

Humbly submitted by Elder Ermel R. Ison

UNION AND COMMUNION MEETINGS

MAY 1970

PILGRIMS HOME—Union: First Saturday and Sunday in May 1970. Elders Frank Slone, Roy Caudill, Verlon Fields, and I. D. Back. Communion: Second Sunday in July 1970.

LITTLE DOVE—Union: Second Saturday and Sunday in May 1970. Elders Crit Eldridge, Melvin Watts, Manis Ison and Winford Riddle. Communion: First Sunday in June.

REYNOLDS FORK—Union: Third Saturday and Sunday in May 1970. Elders James Combs, Hershel Sturgill, Odis Ritchie, Hershel Baldrige, Frank Fugate and Marvin L. Short. Communion: Third Sunday in June.

POWELL—Union: Third Saturday and Sunday in May 1970. Elders Manis Ison, Winford Riddle, Steve Osborne, Moderator and Assistant Moderator. Communion: Third Sunday in July.

BULL CREEK—Union: Third Saturday and Sunday in May 1970. Elders Lee Mosley, Hershel Baldrige, Verlon Fields and Winford Riddle. Communion: Third Sunday in August.

CEDAR GROVE—Union: Fourth Saturday and Sunday in May 1970. Elders Burton Howard, Melvin Watts, Dallis Ramsey, Bennie Slone, Carl Tuttle, Hershel Baldrige and I. D. Back. Communion: Fourth Sunday in August.

JUNE 1970

HAPPY HOME—Union: First Saturday and Sunday in June 1970. Elders Frank Slone, Manis Ison, Winford Riddle, Critt Eldridge, Earl Hoston. Communion: First Sunday in July.

CLEAR FORK—Union: First Saturday and Sunday in June 1970. Elders Hershel Baldrige, Olus Baldrige, Nelson Seals and Lewis Craft. Communion: First Sunday in July.

BIG LEATHERWOOD—Union: Second Saturday and Sunday in June 1970. Elders Carson Carson, Nelson Seals,

Andy Bates, Verlon Fields. Communion: Second Sunday in August.

KINGDOM COME—Union: Second Saturday and Sunday in July 1970. Elders: All same faith and order. Communion: Second Sunday in July.

NEW HOME—Union: Second Saturday and Sunday in July 1970. Elders James Combs, Verlon Fields, Ermil Ison, Manis Ison and Burton Howard. Communion: Second Sunday in July.

OVEN FORK—Union: Second Saturday and Sunday in June 1970. Elders Carl Back, I. D. Back, Patten Taylor, Isaac Sanders, Isma Sparks. Communion: Second Sunday in July.

LITTLE ZION—Union: Third Saturday and Sunday in June 1970. Elders Andy Bates, Hershel Baldrige, Lee Mosley and J. W. Pratt. Communion: Third Sunday in July.

BIG CREEK—Union: Third Saturday and Sunday in June 1970. Elders Hiram Adkins, Hendrick Hampton, Ivory Sowards, Roy Caudill and Paris Tackett. Communion: Third Sunday in July

MAPLE GROVE—Union: Third Saturday and Sunday in June 1970. Elders Carl Back, Lester Hubbard, Dewey Eldridge, Melvin Wright, Patten Taylor and Moderator. Communion: Third Sunday in July.

TOLSON CREEK—Union: Fourth Saturday and Sunday in June 1970. Elders J. W. Pratt, Reubin Riddle, Jim T. Caudill, and John Wright. Communion: Fourth Sunday in July.

DIXON MEMORIAL—Union: Fourth Saturday and Sunday in June 1970. Elders: All ministers of same faith and order. Communion: Fourth Sunday in July.

BETHEL—Union: Fourth Saturday and Sunday in June 1970. Elders: Ross Hopkins, Manis Ison, Verlon Fields, Burton Howard, Dillis Combs, Kirby Ison, Moderator and Assistant Moderator and Odis Ritchie. Communion: Fourth Sunday in July.

IVY POINT—Union: Fourth Saturday and Sunday in June 1970. Elders: All of the same faith and order. Communion: Fourth Sunday in July.

NEW BETHLEHEM — Union: Fourth Saturday and Sunday in June 1970.

AUGUST 1970

DEFEATED CREEK—Union: First Saturday and Sunday in August 1970. Elders Herman Caudill, J. W. Pratt, James Fields, Rubbin Riddle, and R. H. Fields. Communion: First Sunday in August.

OBITUARIES

MANDER X. YONTS



But man dieth and wasteth away, yea man giveth up the ghost, and where is he? So man lieth down and riseth not till the Heaven be no more, They shalt not awake nor be raised out of their sleep, Oh that thou wouldst hide me in the grave that thou wouldst keep me secret, until thy wrath be passed that thou would appoint me a set time and remember me. Thou shall

call and I will answer thee, thou wilt have desire to the work of thine hands.

So it is that I attempt to write a few words in behalf of this our Dear brother Mander X. Yonts, M. X. as he was known by his fellow man was born in Letcher County January 14, 1910. To grace the home of Martin and Allifair J. Yonts there he grew to manhood and was loved even as a little boy by all who knew him.

In order to obtain an education he walked to the schools in Letcher County and also to Alice Lloyd College at Pippa Passes, in Knott County. He was a very intelligent and studious boy but was determined to educate himself in order to full-fill the dreams which were his. He was a teacher, scholar and engineer, for his short stay among us. Early in life he met and married Gladys Collins on August 12, 1937. To this union was born three children Virginia, James Bradley and Margaret Ann Yonts.

Mander realized early in life that he must be obedient to God, the creator of all man kind, the father of the Adamic race so early in life he begged and pleaded to God to have mercy on a poor wretched man and after much crying and pleading God granted him a pardon and set his Soul at liberty. The first Saturday in September, 1942 he gave his hand as a token of the love he had for the family of God. He related to them his relationship with God, and was constrained to tell God's people about it. He was accepted in the Old Regular Baptist faith at the Elizabeth Church in Letcher County. He has remained true to the faith he had in God and a more humble soul, a more consecrated christian I have never known.

In a short time after he was baptized he felt another

call to the ministry. After much prayer and begging he could not dodge this great calling, therefore he was ordained to the ministry in 1945. Brother Mander accepted this great challenge with a prayerful heart and mind, and was at the time of his passing one of the most interested and active workers in the vinyard of the Lord. He never possessed a forceful delivery, which many preachers are gifted with, due to an impediment of speech, but when it came to the prophesy of the Bible, the things foretold and also the things that had happened, he was the best of all the hundreds of preachers I have been blessed to hear.

He has told me many times the thing he dreaded most was that he might say or do something that would wound the feelings of someone. He was one of the most careful men it has been my privilege to know.

He has served this church and others as Moderator and as assistant Moderator, the Reynolds Fork Church in particular, since May, 1957, and it has grown well under such fine leadership.

Then truly can be said there has fallen a great warrior in Zion and as Paul said can also be said of his passing, I am now ready to be offered. The time of my departure is at hand, I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith. Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness which the Lord, the righteous judge shall give me at that day and not for me only but unto them also that love his appearing.

The same can be said about the work he performed for a livelihood for some thirty years for Kentucky Power Company; always concerned about his work being just right and on time; he was concerned also about the welfare of the souls of these men also. He spoke and called them by name, saying "If they don't come in time tell those who haven't to mend their ways and be better men."

On Sunday night after being near death all day he revived and talked most of the night about things he wanted done concerning his family, the church, also his natural brothers and sisters. He told us he had been with the Lord all day in the most beautiful field of flowers he had ever seen, and that the Lord let him look into Heaven and that there was just a glass between him and Heaven and the Lord permitted him to lay his hand on the glass.

All this suffering he bore with much patience until the end, holding fast to the faith he had in God, until at 6:55 P.M. February 12, 1969, he wrapped his robe about him and quietly went to sleep.

Leaving to mourn his passing Gladys, his heart broken wife, three bereaved children, one grandchild, three sisters,

Stella, Rinda and Sabrina, four brothers, Lonzo, Lawrence, Wesley and Leslie, along with many relatives and friends.

This companion has lost a true husband, these children a devoted father, and the church one of its most solid cornerstones.

We are reminded again of the brevity of this life and the certainty of death as we were only permitted to keep him for 59 years and 28 days.

So I cannot say and I will not say
That he is not dead — He is just away
With a cheery smile and a wave of his hand
He wandered into the unknown land
And left us dreaming how very fair
It needs must be since he lingers there
So think of his faring on as dear
Is the love of there as the love of here
Think of him still as I say
He is not dead he is just away.

Humbly submitted by a brother in hope

Lewis F. Craft

Written by Bro. Yonts while in the hospital, found in his dresser there after he passed away.

A PRAYER

"Lord, Thou knowest better than I know myself that I am growing older and will some day be old. Keep me from the fatal habit of thinking I must say something on every subject and on every occasion. Release me from craving to try to straighten out everybody's affairs. Make me thoughtful but not moody; helpful but not bossy. With my vast store of wisdom, it seems a pity not to use it at all-but Thou knowest, Lord, that I want a few friends at the end. Keep my mind free from recital of endless details give me wings to get to the point. Seal my lips on my aches and pains. They are increasing and love of rehearing them is becoming sweeter as the years go by. Give me grace enough to enjoy the tales of others but help me to endure them with patience. I dare not ask for improved memory but a growing humility and a lessening cocksureness when my memory seems to clash with the memories of others. Teach me the glorious lesson that occasionally I may be mistaken. Keep me reasonably sweet. I do not want to be a saint - some of them are so hard to live with - but a sour old person is one of the crowning works of the devil. Give me the ability to see good things in unexpected places and talents in unexpected people. Give me the grace to tell them so. Amen"

ROBERT "BOB" LOGAN



It is with much sadness and unworthiness that we attempt to write the obituary of our dear father and husband, Bob Logan. He was born May 16, 1892, and departed this life October 16, 1968, being 76 years, 4 months and 14 days old at the time of his death.

He was born on Little Leatherwood and spent his entire life there.

He was the son of Thomas and Maveria Logan. He met and married Ila Watts September 25, 1913 and to this union was born 10 children, 6 daughters and 4 sons. Two daughters preceded him in death, one in 1937 and the other in 1940. He leaves to mourn his death a companion and 8 children. Four sons: Virgil and Clayton of Indiana, Willard of Owingsville, Ky. and Howard of Cornettsville, Ky. Four daughters Mrs. Frances Powell of Huntington Beach, Calif.; Mrs. Ruth Bustle of Cincinnati, Ohio and Mrs. Esther Holcomb and Agnes Logan of Cornettsville, Ky. He leaves 15 grandchildren, 3 great-grandchildren, 3 brothers and 2 sisters. Also he leaves a host of relatives and friends.

Papa took sick on Monday morning about 2:00 A.M. We rushed him to the Hazard Appalachian Hospital where we were told he had suffered a cerebral hemorrhage. He never regained conscious after Monday evening. The doctors told us there was nothing that could be done and that he had only a few days to live.

During his stay in the hospital, we never left him, day or night. He lived 7 days after taking sick. On October 14, 1968 at about 12 noon, Jesus eased his pains and sorrows and took him to his eternal home in Heaven.

Papa joined the Old Regular Baptist Church in 1940, and was baptized by Bro. J. W. Pratt and Bro. Dixie Ison. He served as a delegate of the Association for a number of years. He faithfully filled his seat in the church until death, and why, oh, why did he have to suffer, but God knows best and we will know more about it in the sweet by and by.

He was laid to rest October 16, 1968 in the Johnny Spencer Cemetery at Daisy, Ky. Rev. J. W. Pratt, Rev. Reuben Riddle, Rev. Lewis Craft, and Rev. Verlin Fields preached his funeral.

Death is just a step between you and the grave.
How it overtakes you is how you will lay.
Papa is resting now from labor and chores.
Soon he will rise from his sleep to die no mre.
When death comes your way be ready to die.
For after death overtakes you it will be too late to cry
Where Papa is resting with Jesus and the fold.
If you die in your sins where he is you can't go.
We miss our daddy being around so near.
When we are lonely we call for him but he is not here
We know he is gone forever from this earth.
But we feel we will meet him for in Christ we have
a new birth.
Death is not so bad with its jaws so cold.
For Heaven is real with its mansions of Gold.
Jesus has prepared one for you and me.
Lets be ready to go meet Papa and with him for-
ever be.
Written by his wife and children.

JAMES WHITAKER



If a man die, shall he live again? This is a question which thinking men of every generation have asked over and over again, and many have sought for a satisfactory answer. Godly men all down through the ages have had firm convictions that there is a continued existance beyond this mortal life, and that their bodies would be raised from the graves, and that in their bodies they would meet

God.

Job, who wrote the book that bears his name said, "I know that my Redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth, and after my skin hath been destroyed, yet in my flesh I shall see God."

Convictions and testimonies of godly men, the revelation of an Eternal God, and the logical reasoning of the thoughtful mind are convincing proof that there is an immortal life beyond this vale of tears. Yes, if a man die he shall live again.

The passing of our loved ones makes us realize just how feebly the flame of life burns upon the secret altar of hearts,

and that it may be extinguished by a sudden little jar, or a single breath. Likewise, we are made to realize how thin the partition is between us and the unseen world. It is as thin as the garments that cover our flesh, and is as easily pierced as a bubble of water floating in the brook.

You, who are listening to this eulogy will soon know this world no more and the forever let us prepare ourselves to find shelter under the wings of His great love and mercy.

As the hands of the clock were nearing the hour of 12:30 P.M., Sunday, the Lord's Day, August 31, this week, the Lord from Heaven called for James Whitaker and he gathered his robes around him and went out from this world to meet his God in Eternity.

Brother Whitaker was born into the home of the late George and Susan Combs Whitaker September 24, 1887, in Roxanna, Kentucky. Here he played as a child; went to school and worked in the fields with his parents. In early manhood he met Ardellia Ingram, of a nearby neighborhood, whom he loved and married. To this union were born six children, Mrs. Chelsie Hogg, Venon Whitaker, Vernon Whitaker, Stephen Whitaker, Mrs. Gladys Hogg and Ira Whitaker. This was a union of peace and love until the Lord called Mrs. Whitaker from their midst to live with Him. A few years later Brother Whitaker met another fine neighborhood girl, Cannie Ison, whom he married. To this union was born the following children: Mrs. Evalee Morris, Mrs. Pauline Frazier, Mrs. Renavae Adams, Mrs. Kathleen King, Glenn Whitaker, Herbert Hoover Whitaker, deceased, Arlie Whitaker, James Whitaker and Thomas Whitaker.

In his youth became active in promoting the program of education in eastern Kentucky, having served nearly one-third of a century as a member of the Letcher County Board of Education. His interest in higher learning is well demonstrated in the fact that eleven of his children have attained college degrees and are now teaching in various school systems in his adopted state, Indiana.

Many years ago he gave his heart to the Lord and became a member of the regular Baptist Church. His devotion and love for his church can never be questioned. He loved the brotherhood; he loved his Lord.

In his passing he leaves fourteen children, thirty-two grandchildren, fifteen great grandchildren, three sisters, Mrs. Julia Ison, Mrs. Ann Brashear and Mrs. Alice Brashear. Also two brothers, Jeff Whitaker and Elijah Whitaker and a host of relatives and friends to mourn his passing.

His departure from us so suddenly and so unexpectedly, brings sorrow and anguish to our hearts, but God knows best. It may be that it is the voice divine calling us, and drawing

our hearts nearer to Him. May God bless this precious family to faithfully respond to that call.

In this, your dark and most desolate moments, I pray that you will reach out and clasp His big hand and let Him lead you. Into each life some storms must rage. We cannot have sunshine and complacency always. We must all experience trials and sorrows. When sorrow takes up its residence with us, it is ours for a little season. We can do no more than to patiently submit to it. But through all, forget not that God reigns; through all let us ever remember our duty toward mankind and to our blessed Lord, and peace will be ours sometime, though it may not be this side of the river.

DAVID (JUNIOR) SMITH



David Fair Smith, known to many as Junior Smith, was born March 30, 1921 and departed this life April 7, 1967 making his stay on earth 46 years and seven days. Junior was a healthy and hard working man in early life but the last 10 or 12 years of his life was afflicted by heart disease. He suffered 2 operations, the last proving fatal to him.

I have my fondest memories of him in the last days of his life. Like all of us he was a sinner in his younger days but I feel with all my heart he took his case up with the Lord and by my conversaton with him I feel the Lord gave him that great Gift no earthy man possesses.

On the fourth Sunday in February 1965 he became a member of the Ivy Point Church. It seemed like he enjoyed his salvation so much and it appeared that he was a man trying to make up for lost time. He very soon became a strong member and loved the orders and precepts of this Good Old Way.

Brother Junior was married to Janet Slone in January 1939 and to this union was born 4 girls and 2 boys. Ollie Handshoe, his oldest daughter resides in Kendallville, Ind. He has two daughters, Sherry and Penny at home and one little daughter, Patricia died in infancy. He has one son, Birtchel married and living in Kendallville and one son, Astor Ray still at home. He is survived also by one brother, Lonnie and his dad, Fair Smith.

Brother Junior left a host of friends and relatives to mourn his loss. I could write many wonderful things about

Brother Junior but time and space does not permit. So children as I close I'll say to you all, you have lost a good friend, the Church has lost a faithful member. He has gone and as old David said he can't come back to you but you can go to him if you leave the field of sin as he did. So sleep on Brother Junior. I miss you too, but in that great Morning I feel we'll meet together again and walk down those golden streets where no heart attacks can ever come.

Written for his family by his nephew and brother in the Lord, Elder Birtchel Mosley, Jr.

BRAX COMBS



Brax Combs, born March 3, 1894, died May 10, 1968. He was the eldest of eight children, born from the wedlock of Watson and Dicie Combs. The other children being C. H. Combs, Astor Combs Effie Sauer, deceased; Ira Combs, Alma Bowling, Reddie Cornett and Delta Combs remain. I hope these remaining have obeyed the teaching of their father and of God for we love them dearly.

In the year 1922 Dad was married to Maude Cornett. They were united as one by the spirit of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. They were separated by his death being subject to the Will of God. To this union the Lord blessed them with four children, Eddis Lee Smith, Watson Combs, Lovell Reynolds and Wilmer Combs. All of these children have been to the School of Faith. Dad set the example but the Son of God laid out the way and made it possible. It now remains to be seen if the family circle will be resurrected as one. We prefer to let God be the judge.

Our father was a member of the Little Dove Old Regular Baptist Church. He wrote his obituary in the life he led before God, the Church, and the world. We prefer that you read it from the memories you have of him. We of the family that remain have our own individual loving memories that will remain until God intercedes. From our loss we now know the meaning of sorrow. From our faith we believe Dad will live again in a real and beautiful city.

It had pleased God to leave with us a most precious

person - our Mother. We try, but cannot fill the loss so she is often very sad and lonely. To the Church and community in honor of Dad's memory and the love you have for her, please help us make her last days more easy to bear. Without charity what profit thee.

He looked toward Heaven with eyes flashing
As they stood around, he said not a word
It was quiet on the night of his passing
But the voice of the Shepard was heard.

Written by his son, Wilmer Combs

CREED CAMPBELL



It is with much sadness I try to write this obituary of my dear husband, Creed Campbell. He was born June 30, 1907 the son of Walter and Martha Singleton Campbell at Daisy, Ky. in Perry Co.

He was married to Emma Bowen July 22, 1937, to this union was born seven children. Three died in infancy. Four sons Joseph A., James W. Edward R. and Daniel L. all are married and a precious blessing

to a lonely mother. Four grandchildren he loved so much he couldn't hardly let them stay at their own homes. He loved his family so much. He was a member of the Old Regular Baptist Church, baptized into the fellowship of Little Dove Church December 9, 1956. One morning he said, "I dreamed I saw the Lord coming down a road, he was leading a bunch of sheep and I was standing beside the road waiting til he got to me." At dusk on October 28, 1968 he went to be with our Lord, so calm, so willing to do his masters will, leaving a void in our hearts. To his relatives, lets meet him in Heaven.

There is an open gate at the end of the road
Through which each must go alone
There in a light we cannot see,
Our Father claims his own
Beyond that gate, sweet loved one in Abraham's
bosom, wait for me
In the mansions of rest Jesus prepared for thee.

IRENE FRANCIS BREEDING COMBS



Proverbs 31, 10 to 31 and II Timothy 4-6, 7, 8 and so it is this our dear and precious sister it has been said that death stops at every door sooner or later. It is never welcome, but it is sure to come. It marks the end of life's journey and is the transilation to prepare the bodies of the Saints for the journey into the eternal splindors* of a never ending day.

Death is cetrain for everyone. We must lay aside all earthly chores when the summons comes. Friend after friend, and loved ones after loved ones depart, there is no union of heart that doesn't end here. Yet when the silver cord has been broken and our loved ones we can not help but be sad sigh for the touch of a vanished hand and the sound of a voice that is stilled.

So it was on the second day of March, 1969 that the short pilgrimage of sister Irene Breeding Combs came to an end. She was born August 17, 1927 to grace the house of Johnie and Lula Breeding of Red Fox, Kentucky. Here she grew to womanhood and was educated in the schools in Knott County. On August 6, 1949 she took by the hand Jr. Grant Combs, vowed before God that she would be to him a true and obedient wife until seperated by death. This she fulfilled to the letter. To this union was born four children, Paul, who preceded by death, Vicky Lynn, Judy Ann, and Ebschia Kay all at home. Sister Irene had been afflicted for some time which cause her to reflect on her past life although from her earliest youth every one who knew her often spoke most highly of her. She was always known to be a good girl. Yet she realized that this wasn't enough. She has strayed away down the path of sin, this she had to make amends while there was still time. She began to beg and pray to the Lord for forgiveness because she realized she was a sinner.

After much prayer and supplication our great God granted her a parden for all the wrong she had done and on March 24, 1968 we had a called meeting at her home in the close of the service she came to her feet and gave her hand and told the family of God her relationship with the Lord and wondered if she was worthy to be one of them, and be per-

mitted to walk with them. About one week after she had joined the church she came to her father's home and said to him, "Daddy, are you going to be baptized with me?" and he said, "Honey, if that is what you want, yes, I will be glad to be baptized with you. If it could be the Lord's will.

So April 7, 1968 I was privileged to assist them in their baptism into the Happy Home Church of Old Regular Baptist, Amburgey, Kentucky. Her seat she filled with much happiness as long as she was able. Her suffering she bore with much patience that we who stood by at her passing, were amazed, never once did she cry out due to the great pain which racked her body. Then said I am sorry I shouldn't have done that. At about 12 noon March 2, 1969 the great Reaper delivered the summons for sister Irene. She wrapped her robe about her and quietly and quickly slipped away to the waiting arms of Jesus. We feel that God placed upon her head a Golden Crown and said welcome home my child.

So this bereaved husband has lost all this world has to offer, a loving wife, the children a fond mother. This vicinity a kind neighbor and this church a pearl, but Heaven has gained another bright jewel, another angel has been added to the heavenly host. Leaving to mourn her passing, a broken hearted husband, three sweet and precious daughters, a bereaved father and mother, one brother, Marvin Breeding and a host of spiritual brothers and sisters along with many friends and relatives, making her short stay here 41 years, 6 months, 13 days. And there we shall meet to never part no more. We'll lay our burdens down at Jesus's feet and rest for ever more.

Humbly submitted by an unworthy brother in hope.
Lewis F. Craft

JOHN D. CORNETT



It is with a sad and unworthy feeling that I attempt to write a short obituary of a dear brother in the Lord, to wit: Bro. John D. Cornett. He was the son of Wesley Cornett and Charity Isom Cornett.

Bro. John D. was born Nov. 24, 1894, died Oct. 19, 1968, making his stay here on earth 72 years, 10 months and 24 days.

He was married to Cinda Cornett January 23, 1918 and

unto this union was born 12 children, 8 boys: Lavereal, Hiram, Gid, Darell, Chester, Marvin, Arlie and Perry D. and 4 girls, Adra, Rosetta, Loretta and Emma Jean. Three preceded him in death, one girl, Adra, two boys Lavereal and Darell, the rest still live along with their mother to mourn his passing

He joined the Ingram Creek Church May 8, 1932 and served with great humilitation until June 1957 when he was soon afterwards was ordained as a deacon, the office he dismissed by letter. He then laid his letter in the Powell Church in Lincoln Co. where he lived and served his church with all love and faith until his death. He was loved by all who knew him and the writer can say sister Cornett has lost a devoted and loving husband, the children a kind and loving father, the old church has lost a faithful and strong member and your writer a true Bro. in Churst and a very near friend. So Bro. Cornett leaves his companion, children, Bris. and sisters with a host of good Brethren to mourn his passing. But we feel that his is only sleeping, awaiting for the Lord to come and unite his soul with a new body in that morn. So a few words to the children, if you have not made peace with the Lord it is high time you began to pray for father's and mother's God to have mercy upon you and save your never dying soul so some sweet day in the bye and bye you can go on over the river of death and meet father over there where all is peace, love and happiness. There will be no sickness, there you will not have to see Daddy suffer over there but it will be with a sweet smile he will greet you on that fair shore. o pray on and have faith in God that he is able to take you where father has gone. He suffered his affliction with patience and proved his works while here and I feel while we are parted in body we will soon meet in the spirit around the throne of God and we do believe that our loss is heavens gain. So children be good to mother, help her to get to her home church and God will bless you As this is to lengthy will say there is much more that could be said but space will not permit.

Written by your unworthy and humble servant,

Elder Perry Tackett

FLORA INGRAM

Sister Flora Ingram was the daughter of the late H. C. and Sarah Elizabeth Frazier. She was born April 15, 1900, and spent most of her life on Linefork, Ky., near Gordon.

Early in life she married Anderson Ingram, who preceded her in death eight years ago. To this union was born six children, one died an infant. Those still living are three

sons: Melvin, Manuel and A. J. Ingram, two daughters: Freeda Ratliff and Ruth Frazier, sixteen grandchildren and twelve great grandchildren.



In the year 1959, she saw the need of a Saviour and fled to him for refuge and help. God showed his great mercy to her by removing the burden of Sin and giving her ever lasting peace, of which she so strongly expressed when she joined the Defeated Creek Church of Old Regular Baptist. She was baptised by Elders Manus Ison and J. W. Pratt.

Sister Flora didn't go around blowing a loud trumpet about herself and her religion, but she proved her sincerity and her devotion to God by her life, by her talk and by her prayers in the church and out of the church, which has given and continues to give, us, her children, her friends and the church great comfort that she is receiving that rest that Jesus promised.

Written and prepared by Elder Manus Ison and her daughter, Ruth Frazier.

MAUDIE COX



Maudie Cox, daughter of Harvie and Sally Miller, was born August 15, 1904 and departed this life January 28, 1969 making her 64 years, 6 months and 13 days old. In 1923 she married Silas Cox, who preceded her in death February 1965.

To this union was born six children, four boys and two girls. Eugene Cox of Charlestown, Ind., Burton Cox of Louisville, Ky., Launa Cox Sparkman of Lexington, Ind., Otho Cox, who is serving in the United States services, George Bennet Cox also of Lexington, Ind., and Pansy Ruth Cox who preceded them in death in 1962.

Maudie leaves to mourn her loss, three brothers and

three sisters, Earnest Miller of Columbus, Ind., Pearlie Sades Eads of Scottsburg, Ind., Mary Fields of Columbus, Ind., Venon Miller of Lexington, Ind., Dixon Miller of Letcher County, Ky., Flora Cornett of Letcher County, one half brother Harvey Ison of Blacky, Ky. and 14 grandchildren.

Early in life she joined the Old Regular Baptist Church at Defeated Creek and lived a good Christian life through the remainder of her life. She lived the last years in much suffering and we all feel in our hearts that she has passed from this old painful, sinful world to a world of peace and happiness where we believe that she will rejoin her long time companion, Old Brother Silas. And we also believe that our loss is Heavens gain.

ELMON GRADY POTTER



Elmon Grady Potter was born into the home of Enoch and Emma Clark Potter, Oct. 30, 1894, at Shelby Gap, Kentucky in Pike County. He departed from this life August 29, 1969, making his stay here 74 years, 9 months, 29 days.

Early in life he met and married Polly Ann Bentley the daughter of Elder Elbert F. Bently and unto this union were born three children, all living. For 39 years of their married life they lived at Seco, Ky. In 1963 Grady and Polly Ann moved to Morrow, Ohio, so they could be near their children and grandchildren in their declining years and resided there at the time of his death.

Grady was the eldest of 14 brothers and sisters. Five preceded him in death and eight are left to mourn his passing. They are two brothers—R. V. Potter of Whitesburg, Ky. and John Vent Potter of Ash Camp, Ky.; and six sisters—Mrs. Pearl Tucker, Shelby Gap, Ky., Mrs. Eura Moore, Danville, Indiana, Mrs. Ollie Sanders, Shelby Gap, Ky. Mrs. Cora Childers, Ash Camp, Ky., Mrs. Chloe Haney, Shelby Gap, Ky., and Mrs. Opal Siebers of Indiana.

He also leaves a loving companion, Sister Polly Ann, who is a member of the Elizabeth Church of Old Regular Baptist at Millstone, Ky. In addition to his companion, he leaves his three children—Mrs. Enola Williams, Morrow, Ohio, Oscar Potter, Cincinnati, Ohio, and Marvin Potter of

Maineville, Ohio. In addition he leaves 16 grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, and a host of friends and relatives.

Grady was a veteran of World War I and a retired coal miner, having worked forty years for the South-East Coal Co., Seco, Ky. He never attached himself to any church but was a strong supporter and believer in the Old Regular Faith and Order.

I was privileged to visit with him in his home on several occasions and his conversation was almost always pertaining to the church and God's work. He contributed generously toward the purchase of the Bethel Church building at Sligo, Ohio. Later when I visited his home to personally thank him, he said, "I did it for my children so they might have a church to attend after I am gone."

The life he lived for the past many years as evidenced and supported by Sister Polly Ann, leads us to believe he is peacefully resting in the arms of Jesus. So dear children, grandchildren, and loved ones, if you want to see Dad or Pappaw again, live a life so that when your call comes, you can meet him and live with him in God's eternal home.

"We loved him, yes, we loved him
But Angels loved him more.
Sweet Jesus now has called him
To yonder shinning shore.
The Golden gates were opened,
A gentle voice said come
And with farewells unspoken
He calmly entered home".

Written by his wife and Elder Ermel R. Ison.

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.

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

CEDAR GROVE—Squire Watts, Hallie, Kentucky.

NEW HOME—Wade Watts, Hindman, Kentucky

POWELL CHURCH—William Mullins, R. 1, Crab Orchard, Ky

DEFEATED CREEK—Coy Fields, Linefork, Kentucky

BULL CREEK—Truman Jent, Carcassone, Kentucky.

REYNOLDS FORK—Lewis Craft, Rt. 1, Box 40, Hazard, Ky.

IVY POINT—Birtchell Mosley, Carner, 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—George 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—Elder James Caudill, Jeremiah, Ky.
BIG CREEK—Ray Fields, Box 116, Taylorsville, Ind. 47280
HAPPY HOME—McKinley McIntosh, Sassafras, Ky.
CLEAR FORK—Ance Engle, R.R. 2., Box 805, Hazard, Ky.
NEW BETHELHEM—George Fugate, Talcum, Knott Co.,
Kentucky.

CHURCHES AND DELEGATES

BIG LEATHERWOOD—Rubin Riddle, J. W. Pratt, Bethel
Halcomb.
CEDAR GROVE—Verlin Fields, Billie Day, Squire Watts.
NEW HOME—Wade Watts, Kirby Ison, Hershel Baldrige.
POWELL—Alonzo Allen.
DEFEATED CREEK—Jonah Roark, Woodard Cornett, Jim
Ingram.
BULL CREEK—Gardner Jent, John Jent, Truman Jent.
REYNOLDS FORK—Nelson Seals, Ballard Slone, Luther
Seals.
IVY POINT—Lee Mosley, Birtchel Mosley.
PILGRIMS HOME—James Combs, Ed Carlson, Kelly Day.
LITTLE ZION—Malcom Hicks, Beve Cornett.
LITTLE DOVE—Dave Hampton, Ivory Caudill, Ralph Asher.
KINGDOM COME—R. H. Fields, Dewey Eldridge, Almander
Caudill.
TOLSON CREEK
MAPLE GROVE—Chalmer Engle
OVEN FORK—Delmer Raleigh, Melvin Blair, Alvaro Hubbard
BETHEL—Ernest Ward, Carl Caudill, Luther Cook.
DIXON MEMORIAL—Carl Back, James Caudill, Hubert
Caudill.
BIG CREEK—Rex Ison, Winford Riddle, Kelly Sparkman
HAPPY HOME—McKinley McIntosh, Clifton Cornett, Aster
Whitaker.
CLEAR FORK—
NEW BETHELHEM—Odis Ritchie.

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
KIRBY ISON	Whitesburg, Kentucky
PERRY TACKETT	Waynesburg, Kentucky
JOHN KELLY	Waynesburg, Kentucky
WOODARD CORNETT	Linefork, Kentucky
JONAH ROARK	Commeskey, Indiana
GARDNER JENT	Carcassonne, Kentucky
ORELL FLANERY	Jeremiah, Kentucky
ESTILL JENT	Carcassonne, Kentucky
NELSON SEALS	Litt Carr, Kentucky
SAM JOHNSON	Garner, Kentucky
ALONZO ALLEN	Milan, Indiana
SILAS FRAZIER	Rt. 2, Sunman, Indiana
BEVE CORNETT	Shakertown Rd., Danville, Ky.
DAN NOBLE	Vicco, Kentucky
CULLEN HOGG	Cumberland, Kentucky
JAMES D. FIELDS	Blackey, Kentucky
R. H. FIELDS	Kingscreek, Kentucky
DEWEY ELDRIDGE	Roxana, Kentucky
FRANCIS MAGGARD	Partridge, Kentucky
GREEN FIELDS	Carcassonne, Kentucky
CHALMER ENGLE	Box 588, Whitesburg, Kentucky
RILEY FOUTS	Partridge, Kentucky
DAVE BOGGS	High Splint, Kentucky
CARL BACK	Jeremiah, Kentucky
JAMES M. CAUDILL	Jeremiah, Kentucky
FRANK CAUDILL	Jeremiah, Kentucky
HOWARD CAUDILL	Waynesburg, Kentucky
LLOYD ELDRIDGE	Osgood, Rt. 3, Indiana
ERMIL ISON	Rt. 2, Mainsville, Ohio
EARNEST WARD	Rt. 2, Box 366, Morrow, Ohio
REX ISON	Rt. 6, Madison, Indiana
WINFORD RIDDLE	1641 Merrill, Lincoln Park, Mich.
WILLIAM EVERAGE	Red Fox, Kentucky
FRANK FUGATE	Rt. 2, Box 803, Hazard, Kentucky
LEWIS LUCAS	Rt. 2, Box 334, Hazard, Kentucky
SILAS WILLIAMS	Tina, Kentucky
ODIS RITCHIE	Talcum, 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	0	4	1	0	77	2	\$ 20.00
CEDAR GROVE	1	0	0	0	3	1	0	76	4	\$ 30.00
NEW HOME	1	4	0	2	2	0	0	82	2	\$ 30.00
POWELL	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	26	3	\$ 20.00
DEFEATED CREEK	0	0	0	0	3	1	0	19	1	\$ 10.00
BULL CREEK	1	2	0	0	0	2	0	18	3	\$ 20.00
REYNOLDS FORK	1	3	0	2	1	6	0	37	3	\$ 20.00
IVY POINT	0	1	1	0	1	1	0	31	4	\$ 10.00
PILGRIMS HOME	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	24	1	\$ 20.00
LITTLE ZION	0	2	1	0	0	3	0	29	3	\$ 15.00
LITTLE DOVE	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	31	2	\$ 20.00
KINGDOM COME	1	2	0	1	1	0	0	43	2	\$ 20.00
TOLSON CREEK	1	0	0	0	2	1	0	17	4	\$ 10.00
MAPLE GROVE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	19	3	\$ 10.00
OVEN FORK	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	73	2	\$ 20.00
DIXON MEMORIAL	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	39	4	\$ 20.00
BETHEL	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	31	4	\$ 25.00
BIG CREEK	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	27	3	\$ 25.00
HAPPY HOME	2	6	0	4	1	0	0	37	1	\$ 20.00
CLEAR FORK	2	0	0	8	1	0	0	18	1	\$ 10.00
NEW BETHLEHEM	1	0	0	4	1	0	0	31	4	\$ 10.00
TOTALS	21	22	1	21	27	16	1	785		\$ 385.00

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:

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 33RD 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.