



DIRECTIONS TO INDIAN BOTTOM ASSOCIATION

1. WEST VIRGINIA

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

or

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

3. VIRGINIA

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

or

4. Follow 23 to Junction 119 and 23 at Jenkins, turn left on 119 and follow No. 2 above.

5. ASHLAND-PRESTONSBURG

Follow 23 to Junction 80 and 23 near Allen, turn right on 80 and follow No. 1 above.

6. LEXINGTON-LOUISVILLE

Take I.64 to Winchester turn right on Mt. Parkway to Campton, turn right on new 15 follow on through Hazard to Cody, turn left on 160 to Junction 1393, turn right on 1393, to association.

**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 .....

PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE SEVENTY FIFTH ANNUAL SESSION OF THE  
INDIAN BOTTOM ASSOCIATION,  
of  
OLD REGULAR BAPTIST OF JESUS CHRIST  
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 1970

The Indian Bottom Association in session associated with the CEDAR GROVE Church, Hallie, Letcher, Co. Ky. September, 4, 5, 6, 1970 met at the church house for preaching services. Elder James D. Fields was called to the stand according to appointment of last years session, choosing a text on the promises of GOD, preaching a good sermon and a heart moving prayer. After which Elder Manus Ison was blessed to deliver a wonderful sermon, (Text: Be ye not deceived, God is not mocked etc.)

The delegates remained at the church house. Elder Mitchel Chaffins of the New Salem Association was blessed with a downpouring of GOD'S SPIRIT in preaching and prayer, to introduce for the business session.

The Association then was called to order by our beloved moderator Elder Manus Ison, who called for letters of the churches that compose the Indian Bottom Association.  
1. After reading the Cedar Grove 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 Manus Ison... Moderator  
Elder James D. Fields... Asst. Moderator  
Elder Olus Baldrige... Clerk  
Brother McKinley McIntosh... Asst. Clerk

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

4. Called for churches desiring to take up fellowship with us and received none.

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

6. Called for letters from corresponding associations and received:

A. NEW SALEM---Letter with delegates: Elders Banner Manns, Lonzo Yonts, Grover Adkins, Frank Slone, Mitchel Chaffins, Henry King, Bros. W.B. Day, Hager Watts, Joe Brown, Cobert Bates, Jink Ray, Perry Tackett, J.C. Sparks, George Mathews, Dean Bates, and John Frazier; letter in hands of W.B. Day.

B. UNION---Letter with delegates: Elders W.F. Hubbard, Dallas Ramsey, Andy Bates and Hamilton Blevins.

C. SARDIS---Letter with delegates: Bros. Clifford Maynard, Marshall Williamson, Ross Smith and Joe Woricks.

D. PHILADELPHIA---Letter with delegates: Elders Henry Barney, Ira Adkins, George Woods, Bros. Herbert Barney and Walter Morrison.

E. NORTHERN NEW SALEM---Letter with delegates: Elders Paris Tackett, Bros. Clarence Jenkins and Cleon Combs.

F. THORNTON UNION---Letter with delegates: Elders I.D. Back, Critt Elderidge, Agnon Back, Raymond Collins, Arnold Caudill, Bros. Halic Dyer, Elbert Ritchie, Estill Smith, Arthur Dixon, Cro Adams, Lawrence Maggard, Bern Amburgey, J. J. Amburgey and Wesley Ralieg.

- 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, received following: Elders Ermil Ison, Lloyd Eldridge, and Green Fields, Bros. Delbert Kazee, Lewis Craft, J. B. Eversole Hatler Kaiser, who too received the right hand of fellowship and seated with us.
  8. By move and second, it was agreed that moderator make all temporary appointments throughout this session.
  9. Appointed one (1) delegate from each church with entire delegation (3) from Cedar Grove 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 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 be filled Friday evening by: Elder Clifford Maynard.. Sardis association, Elder Frank Slone.. New Salem, Elder Ross Hopkins.. New Salem. Saturday morning: Elder W.F. Hubbard.. Union Elder Henry Barney.. Philadelphia, Elder Paris Tackett.. Northern New Salem.
  13. By a move and second the Association adjourned until 9:30 o'clock Saturday morning.

SATURDAY MORNING, SEPTEMBER 5, 1970

The Indian Bottom Association met pursuant to adjournment, and after singing some old songs of Zion, Elder Ira Adkins of Philadelphia Association was called on to introduce the business session and prayer by same. The association proceeded as follows:

1. Called the roll and marked the absentees.
2. Ministers chosen to preach on stand and congregation excused to go to the stand for preaching.
3. Committee on arrangements report read and received by a move and second; committee was discharged.
4. Appointed a committee on finance: I. D. Back, Andy Bates and Nelson Seals who reported \$380.00 from the churches.
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. Saturday evening services were cancelled. For Sunday:

Elder Nelson Seals... Indian Bottom

Elder James D. Fields... Indian Bottom

Elder Bill Halcomb... Thornton Union

Elder Manus Ison... Indian Bottom

7. Circular letter to be written by Elder J.W. Pratt read and approved to be printed in the minutes, by same move and second that Elder James Caudill write a circular letter for inspection at our 1971 session.

8. Brethren were called on to report on attending union meetings and associations who reported that they had done the best they could. A move and second to receive their report and to excuse their failures.

9. Moved and seconded that union meetings and communion times be printed in minutes.

10. By 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.....\$ 499.10

Cost of printing minutes.....\$ 438.60

Expenses of clerk; postage, gas etc. \$ 25.00

Total expenses for 1969.....\$ 463.60\$ 463.60

Balance on hand September 5, 1970.....\$ 35.50

Less service tax on check......05

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\$ 35.45

September 5, 1970 received from churches.....\$ 380.00

Donations on Saturday.....\$ 60.00

Donations on Sunday.....\$ 92.09

For pictures.....\$ 92.50

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\$ 660.04

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

A. New Salem: To convene with the Caney Creek Church, Caney Creek, Pike Co., Ky., beginning on Friday before the fourth Saturday in Sept., 1970. Delegates chosen were: Elders Hershel Baldrige, Alonzo Allen, Verlon Fields, Kirby Ison, Olus Baldrige, Manus Ison, Nelson Seals, J. W. Pratt, Green Fields, Lloyd Eldridge, Clark Hays, James Caudill, Billy Day, James D. Fields and Melvin Blair.

B. Union: To convene with the Yspilanti Church, Yspilanti, Wayne Co., Michigan, beginning on Friday before the third Saturday in September, 1970. Delegates chosen were: Elders Manus Ison, Kirby Ison, Olus Baldrige and Verlon Fields.

C. Sardis: To convene with the Leannah Church, Pilgrim, Martin Co., Ky., beginning on Friday before the second Saturday in September, 1970. Delegates chosen were: Elders Olus Baldrige, Manus Ison, Kirby Ison, Hershel Baldrige, Verlon Fields.

D. Philadelphia: To convene with the New Mt. Olive Church, Malonton, Ky., beginning on Friday before the second Saturday in August, 1971. Delegates chosen were: Elders Kirby Ison, Manus Ison, Nelson Seals, Hershel Baldrige, Verlon Fields, Olus Baldrige, James D. Fields, Alonzo Allen and McKinley McIntosh; letter in hands of Alonzo Allen.

E. Northern New Salem: To convene with the Little Memory Church, Sunman, Ripley Co., Indiana, beginning on Friday before the first Saturday in August, 1971. Delegates chosen were: Elders Manus Ison, Hershel Baldrige, Verlon Fields, Olus Baldrige, Green Fields, J. W. PRATT, H. H. Fields, Lloyd Eldridge, Kirby Ison, Alonzo Allen, and Bros. Billy Day, Carl Dixon, Carl Caudill, Venon Miller.

F. Thornton Union: To convene with the McRoberts Church, McRoberts, Ky., Letcher Co., beginning on Friday before the third Saturday in August, 1971. Delegates chosen were: Elders Kirby Ison, Nelson Seals, J. W. Pratt, Manus Ison, Carl Back,

Hershel Baldrige, Olus Baldrige, Lloyd Eldridge, Clark Hays, James D. Fields, Verlon Fields, and Bros. J. B. Eversole, Floyd Huff, Coy Fields, Dave Hampton, Ralph Asher, McKinley McIntosh, Billy Day, Melvin Blair, and Bee Halcomb.

13. Committee on Ministry chose Elder Kirby Ison to preach the introductory sermon in 1971 session and Elder Ermil Ison be his alternate.

14. In regard to request for the 1971 session of the Indian Bottom Association it was agreed by a move and second that the Reynolds Fork Church, Mallie, Knott Co., Ky. have the next session.

15. In regard to Cedar Grove request as follows: In Meekness of the Holy Spirit and in much love, we humbly request that this association consider the appointment of a council composed of seven brethren, members of this association, who are deemed best qualified to carry on their several duties which the association may assign to them; whose duties would be to hear and gather facts and give advice relative to problems and difficulties which commonly arise among the churches. We suggest and request that if this council is appointed that the association give them a charge as to their duties and the powers and authority under which they may labor and function.

Done and signed by order of the church,  
Elder Manus Ison, Moderator  
Brother Squire Watts, Clerk

In regard to the request from the Cedar Grove Church relative to the appointment of a council from our brethren and their various duties. After careful consideration and considerable thought being given on the subject, we think it is a forward move for Regular Baptist; therefore, we unanimously agree and grant the request.

Whereupon this association by move and second duly carried authorized the moderator to appoint members to compose the council, and to advise them of their several duties relative to the welfare and prosperity of our churches.

Be it further recognized by this association that the council take note of any trouble or difficulty arising in any church or between churches and use their best judgement and skill in arbitrating a peaceful solution and getting the problems settled peacefully without the intervention of the associations. However, their findings, decision and recommendations shall in no-wise Lord it over God's heritage. They must always rely on God's word and the guidance of the Holy Spirit to assist them in solving whatever duties they may encounter for the upbuilding of the church and the Lord's Kingdom.

They are admonished to strive to preserve and to work for the advancement of the Regular Baptist Churches in maintaining her old time image, practice and doctrine. We also recommend that this council organize themselves; that they have a chairman and a secretary and that minutes be kept of their work; that they vote on all matters to be passed upon by the council, the chairman voting only in case of a tie vote. This association urges this council to enter into its duties and begin its functioning as soon as they can arrange to do so, and that the "Great I Am" will be with them in all their undertaking.

Committee appointed: Elder James D. Fields, Elder J. W. Pratt, Elder Kirby Ison, Elder Olus Baldrige, Elder Carl Back, Elder Nelson Seals, Elder Manus Ison.

16. In regard to the request of the New Home Church and Kingdom Come Church regarding conditions a church must meet to get a letter of dismissal from the Indian Bottom Assn.

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We the Indian Bottom Association as an advisory council, say to the New Home and Kingdom Come Churches that their requests are hereby granted relative to a church requesting a letter of dismissal from this association.

We advise that a church requesting a letter of dismissal must at its regular council meeting time, notify by word of mouth or in writing, each and every member of the church's anticipation and intentions, and that the matter be thoroughly discussed at their regular council meeting time, that we thoroughly inquire of her membership, if there be any member who would not prefer to leave this association.

If it should be manifested that some should prefer not to leave this association the church upon request by the members grant them a letter of dismissal. We further advise that any church who fails to fully comply with this advice shall forthwith be denied their request, and if a letter having been granted to a church who has not fully complied to this advice, the letter shall be deemed null and void, canceled and held for naught by this association.

We also advise our churches to grant letters of dismissal to members who ask for same, that are in good standing with the church.

17. In answer to the request of New Home concerning several disorders in the Charlestown Regular Baptist Church of the Thornton Union Association.

We, the Indian Bottom Association now in session and in compliance with our work of our last session, sendeth this request to our sister, the Thornton Union Association:

For the sake of peace and fellowship among our brotherhood we ask Thornton Union Association to investigate the disorders in the Charlestown Church regarding double married members, and members taken into the church illegally who were members held in disorder by this Association. This request is sent in much love to our sister association trusting that she will treat this matter in a manner that will be acceptable in the sight of our dear Lord. Our prayer is that God will give you a mind to work with this church in such a way that it will cause peace to abound among us and that the glory of God will show forth its goodness to us and our blessed children.

18. In regard to the requests of Bethel and Pilgrim's Home churches asking for letters of dismissal, our moderator asked if they had or would comply with the sixteenth item of this year's work and they answered yes. A move and second was made to grant their requests when joined to another association of the same faith and order.

19. Resolved by the association that the clerk draw up a resolution of appreciation to the Cedar Grove Church and community at large for the care and consideration given the 1970 session of the Indian Bottom Association.

20. By a move and second it was agreed that we omit the reading of this year's minutes.

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 remarks and prayer by Elder I.D. Back of the Thornton Union



Association.

Done and signed by order of the Association.

Elder Manus Ison...Moderator

Elder James D. Fields...Asst. Moderator

Elder Olus Baldrige...Clerk

Brother McKinley McIntosh...Asst. Clerk

RESOLUTION AS REQUESTED IN ITEM 19

Resolve that the Officers and Delegates of the seventy-fifth session of the Indian Bottom Association extend their most heartfelt thanks to the Cedar Grove Church, and their friends and the community at large, also the Brethren and Sisters of sister churches and associations who helped to care and feed us and our correspondance while in session during this the seventy-fifth meeting. May God bless you in basket and store. We wish to thank the Letcher County School Board for the use of the Campbell Branch Gym for our Saturday business session, as well as anyone that aided in any way to make this another wonderful association.

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 6, 1970

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 Cedar Grove Church House.

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

Elder James D. Fields, using for text: "He Chose The Afflictions of The People of God Rather Than The Pleasures of Sin For A Season" and was blessed to deliver a wonderful sermon.

Elder Bill Halcomb was called in place of Elder Ermil Ison who was ill. Brother Bill's text was: "Choose the Good part That Mary Chose." Then Elder Manus Ison using for a text: "If You Neglect So Great A Salvation" Brother Manus was blessed to close out this, the seventy-fifth session of the Indian Bottom Association.

CIRCULAR LETTER

After being chosen last year at the Indian Bottom Association to write a Circular Letter, I am now going to try to write a letter for inspection.

I want to write, if the Lord will, the truth as it is in Christ Jesus, such as I think will be good for all the Churches and everybody, you know I will have the guiding Spirit of the almighty God, for all in vain without him. I think there is a lot of preaching done out of Him and it is not identifying.

Jesus said the Spirit of the Lord is upon Me because He hath annointed me to preach the Gospel to the poor. When He was annointed and preached, it was power. The Gospel is the Power God to every one that believes, but to those that do not believe it is foolishness, yet it is the power of God. The Gospel was not only power in the time Jesus was here on earth, or in Paul's day. It is the same today; there is a doctrine that the only way sinners can

ever hear the Gospel is through a preacher (man). John saw another angel fly in the midst of Heaven having the ever lasting Gospel to preach to them that dwell on earth. I feel sure this angel preached to me before man did, which made the second witness, to let me know like he did Nicodemus, 'Ye Must be Born Again.' Some say ye are children before ye are born. If so, Jesus told Nicodemus wrong. Not so, any thing preached that does away the new Birth in Christ, is erroneous doctrine as far as I am concerned.

When ye heard the word of truth, the Gospel of your salvation and after ye have believed then were ye sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise; an heir with Christ in His Kingdom. Your name now written in the Lamb's Book of Life. You have received that White Stone and in that Stone a new name written, and no one knows except He that received it, Christ is that White Stone, and in Him we have a new name which was given by the mouth of the Lord. I believe that new name is Baptist.

Some may say, 'Do I have to join a Baptist Church to be a Baptist?' No, you do not have to join any church, but ye must be born again; as many as are baptised into Christ have put on Christ. Some may say, 'How can I know when this has happened to me?' The way ye may know ye have passed from death unto life. You will hate the things you once loved and love the things you once hated. The worldly pleasures will not be pleasures any more.

Ye are kept by the power of God through faith in His Son. God chastens whom He loves. If we bear not the rod, we are bastards and not sons.

I hope some of our brothers quit trying to dictate other people's lives and let everyone live his own life. If they are Christians, God will take care of them.

One other thing, let's quit judging our brothers and sisters. We are not the judges. We can only look on the outside, but God can look in the heart and He makes no mistake. He knows those that are His. I would like to advise too, let's not talk hearsay about our brothers and sisters or about our sister churches. We hear talk about others very often and ask if they know. The answer is, 'They say...' It is carried from one to another and most of the time gets bigger. We should manifest our love, one to another, and the world may know, 'Ye are my disciples.' If we have love one toward another, we should trust each other. I am sure lots of our brothers are doing all they can or the best they know. There have to be some weak. The Bible says the strong shall bear the infirmities of the weak. I understand my weakness. We should teach forgiveness and practice forgiveness.

I used to be very hasty to condemn the other brother, but we must look over the things that are common to man. For none are perfect in the flesh. If the righteous scarcely are saved where shall the sinner and the ungodly appear?

We are of the Christian family. Today everyone that has been born again is a member of that family, whether in the church or out; a member of the body of Christ, a member of the Bride of Lamb's Wife. I believe God wants all His children to join this church, put their light on a candle stick that it may give light to all that are in the house.

I have never seen times as they are today, but Jesus said perilous times would come. I suppose they are here. Anyway, I think the time is here for the Baptist and all Christians to take their weapons of war off of each other and join together and fight the enemy. If we would stay down at the

feet of Jesus where we belong we could put the enemy on his flight. The Bible says, "Woe unto the shepherd that feeds himself and not his flock." I have seen brothers get terribly high. The higher they get the farther they have to fall, but in this they get terribly strict, terribly smart. Old self has a feast.

The Bible says, "Should they not have fed the flock?" The food that feeds the flock comes down from God. If we are not clean and humble God will not trust us with this food, and we will end our work like the builders of the Tower of Babel, in shame and defeat.

If all the professed followers of Christ would accept God's standard it would bring us to unity and peace. I would like to see all our associations in unity and peace. I would like to see all our associations in unity like they were 35 years ago. They don't seem to understand each other any more. The builders of the Tower of Babel got to where they could not understand each other, because God confounded their language.

Now in my closing, I guess this will be the last Circular Letter I will ever write, for it is getting close to Home coming time and I will be going Home, but I feel like Paul said, "I have fought a good fight, I have kept the faith, hence forth there is a crown laid up for me and not for me alone, but for all that love and serve the Lord." I have not tried to write on any certain subject. I have written a very simple letter, mostly in a way of counsel.

#### MY PRAYER

Almighty God, I beseech Thee to keep thy Household, the Church, in continual Godliness, that through Your protection it may be free from all adversities; that it may serve Thee in all good works, to the glory of Thy Name through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Ever one God, world with out end.

Amen

J. W. Pratt

#### UNION AND COMMUNION MEETINGS

##### MAY 1971

LITTLE DOVE... Union: Second Saturday and Sunday in May, 1971  
Elders: Critt Eldridge, Raymond Collins, Manus Ison and I. D. Back. Communion: Second Sunday in July, 1971.

REYNOLDS FORK... Union: Third Saturday and Sunday in May, 1971  
Elders: Arnold Caudill, Dallas Ramsey, Mervin L. Short, Kirby Ison, J. W. Pratt, Harry Moore. Communion: Third Sunday in June, 1971.

BULL CREEK... Union: Third Saturday and Sunday in May, 1971  
Elders: All of the same faith and order are welcome. Communion: Third Sunday in August, 1971

CEDAR GROVE... Union: Fourth Saturday and Sunday in May, 1971.  
Elders: J. W. Pratt, I. D. Back, James Fields, James Combs, and Ermil Ison. Communion: Fourth Sunday in August, 1971.

##### JUNE 1971

HAPPY HOME... Union: First Saturday and Sunday in June, 1971.  
Elders: Dillas Combs, Hershel Baldrige, Truman Jent Manus

Ison and Carl Back. Communion: First Sunday in July, 1971.  
 CLEAR FORK...Union: First Saturday and Sunday in June, 1971  
 Elders: Frank Slone, James Fields, Lee Mosley, Dillis Combs  
 Communion: First Saturday in July, 1971.  
 BIG LEATHERWOOD...Union: Second Saturday and Sunday in June,  
 1971. Elders: Verlin Fields, Critt Eldridge, Hershel Bal-  
 dridge, Lewis Craft, Communion: Second Sunday in August, 1971.  
 KINGDOM COME...Union: Second Saturday and Sunday in June  
 1971. Elders: All the same faith and order are welcome.  
 Communion: Second Sunday in July, 1971.  
 NEW HOME...Union: Second Saturday and Sunday in June, 1971.  
 Elders: James Combs, Verlin Fields, Ermil Ison, Manus Ison,  
 Burton Howard, Melvin Watts, and Ellis Amburgey, Communion:  
 Second Sunday in July, 1971.  
 OVEN FORK...Union: Second Saturday and Sunday in June, 1971.  
 Elders: Lester Hubbard, Isaac Sanders, Patten Taylor, Isma  
 Sparks and Dave Waknor. Communion: Second Sunday in July, 1971.  
 LITTLE ZION ..Union: Third Saturday and Sunday in July, 1971.  
 Elders: Odis Ritchie, Hershel Baldrige, Verlon Fields and  
 J.W.Pratt. Communion: Third Sunday in July, 1971.  
 BIG CREEK...Union: Third Saturday and Sunday in June, 1971.  
 Elders: All Elders of the same faith and order. Communion:  
 Third Sunday in July, 1971.  
 MAPLE GROVE...Union: Third Saturday and Sunday in June, 1971.  
 Elders: All ministers of the same faith and order. Communion:  
 Third Sunday in July, 1971.  
 POWELL...Union: Third Saturday and Sunday in June, 1971.  
 Elders: Andy Bates, Dewey Eldridge and any old Regular Bap-  
 tist of the same faith and order. Communion: Third Sunday  
 in July, 1971.  
 TOLSON CREEK...Union: Fourth Saturday and Sunday in June,  
 1971. Elders: Melvin Wright, Jim Pratt, Jim T. Caudill, Wesley  
 Raleigh, Otis Cornett, Communion: Fourth Sunday in July,  
 1971.  
 DIXON MEMORIAL...Union: Fourth Saturday and Sunday in June,  
 1971. Elders: All of the same faith and order. Communion:  
 Fourth Sunday in July, 1971.  
 IVY POINT...Union: Fourth Saturday and Sunday in June, 1971.  
 Elders: all of same faith and order. Communion: Fourth  
 Sunday in July, 1971.  
 NEW BETHLEHEM... Union: Fourth Saturday and Sunday in June,  
 1971. Elders: Frank Slone, Andy Bates, and Roy Caudill.  
 Communion: Fourth Sunday in July, 1971.

AUGUST 1971

DEFEATED CREEK...Union: First Saturday and Sunday in August,  
 1971. Elders: Wesley Raleigh, Jim Pratt, Charlie Gibson, Andy  
 Bates and Melvin Wright. Communion: First Sunday in August,  
 1971.

# Obituaries

## CORSIE WATTS PIGMAN



Corsie Watts Pigman was born Dec. 3, 1900 in Knott County, Ky., a daughter in the home of Harlin and Sallie Pratt Watts. Here she was raised and spent all her life. On Oct. 21, 1918 she was married to Ockie Pigman and to this union was born 11 children, six boys and five girls: Ruth Everage, Carrie Ky. Virda Moore, Mallie, Ky. May Haynes, Hindman, Ky. Oscar Pigman, Dayton, Ohio, Leroy Pigman, Dayton, Ohio, and Kelly Pigman of Hindman, Ky. Five children preceded Mother in death. Two brothers, John M. and Hager Watts, three sisters, Hattie Hicks, Hettie Watson and Marie Ritchie are left to mourn her.

Many years ago God spoke to Sister Corsie to tell her she was a lost soul and to this calling she gave the most earnest heed and after much praying and supplication God heard her pitiful petitions and granted her a pardon for all the wrongs she had ever done. Then in 1950 she gave her hand and was accepted in the Old Regular Baptist Church after she had related to them her relationship with the Lord and on Nov. 10, 1950, she was baptized and became a member of the Reynolds Fork Church and since that good day I have not known a more humble and consecrated Christian. She was one of the most faithful members of our church.

Sister Corsie, being afflicted and in great pain, had surgery in Lexington, Ky. from which she never did recover. So on August 17, 1970 God called to Sister Corsie again, this time to say, "Come home to me, my Child." So quietly and quickly she slipped away to the waiting arms of Jesus, making her stay here on earth 69 years, 8 months and 14 days.

She leaves to mourn her passing six children, two brothers, three sisters, twenty five grandchildren, fourteen great grandchildren, a host of relatives and friends and many, many brothers and sisters in the Lord of whom we all feel our loss is Heaven's eternal gain. So Children, Mother has hung a light in the window for you. You know the way she has gone so won't you please meet her in Heaven when this troublesome life has ended? You can if you will.

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

## BRENT LOGAN

Precious in the eyes of the Lord is the death of his saints. Thou shall call and I will answer thee, Thou wilt have a desire to the work of thine hand.

Brent Logan, to us who knew him best and loved him most



was born June 22, 1887, a son in the home of Tom and Manirnn Logan on Leatherwood Creek in Perry County. Here he was raised and spent his life.

On February 3, 1916, he was united in marriage to Sallie Combs, daughter of preacher Ira and Metilda Combs and to this union was born 5 boys and 2 girls as follows: Claude Logan deceased, Glen B. Logan, Point Pleasant, W. Va., Ethel Reed, Hamilton, Ohio, Carl D. Logan who gave his life in defense of his country, Tommy Logan Jeff, Ky., Eli Logan, Hazard, Ky. and Evelyn Logan, deceased, who was Eli's twin. A grandchild and six great grandchildren, also two brothers and two sisters as follows: Millard Logan, Louisville, Ky. and Daire Logan, Hazard, Ky., Minnie Atkins, Whitesburg, Ky., Bertha Blair, Whitesburg, Ky.

Sister Dallie gave her hand and was accepted as a member of the Regular Baptist Church in 1931. So, Brother Brent seeing his lost condition set up a pitiful plea and after much groaning and prayer God heard his pitiful cries and granted him a pardon from all the wrongs he had ever done. Then in June, 1933, he gave his hand and became a member of the Little Zion Church of which he was a rare soldier, being the clerk for many years.

Brother Brent and Sister Sallie spent 50 years together and almost 40 of them working side by side in the church.

Brother Brent was afflicted for a few years but this he bore with great patience, holding fast to the trust he had in God and knowing that here in this world he would have trouble, but on the other side peace and joy.

So finally on June 20, 1970, God called him home as he quietly and quickly slipped away, never losing consciousness as he told Sister Sallie "I'm going to sleep." So right blessed are the dead which die in the Lord. Henceforth, yea sayeth the spirit, they do rest from their labor and their works do follow them. They therefore feel our loss is Heaven's eternal gain.

Then two days before his 87th birthday a tired heart refused to beat, the cistern wheel would no longer roll, the silver cord was broken and Brother Brent just went to sleep, making his stay here 86 years, 11 months and 2 days.

Written by an unworthy brother in hope,  
Lewis F. Craft

#### ISSAC DIXON

Issac Dixon was born, June 19, 1883, passed from this life January 12, 1970. Early in life he married Linda Cambell Dixon. To this union was born three sons, as follows: Orvill Dixon, Edward Dixon, Astor Dixon. Early in life he became a Christian and went nineteen years before at



taching himself to any church. He was continuing going to church these nineteen years, helping, singing, or just helping in any way he could.

He was loved by everyone and later in life he joined the Cedar Grove Baptist Church and was a faithful and a duty bound member as long as he was able to attend church.

Written by his wife

#### LYDA AMBURGEY



In much sadness I will try to write the obituary of my deceased companion Lyda Amburgey.

Lyda Amburgey was born into the home of James Gibson and Rosana Gibson, March 27th, 1906.

Departed from this life April 28th 1970. Her stay here on this earth was 67 years, 1 month 1 day.

Early in life she met and was married to Burn Amburgey on April 20th, 1924.

To this union was born four children and of these, three preceded her in death, leaving one son, Onas Amburgey, of Louisville, Ky. She also leaves two brothers and three sisters plus two grandchildren with a heart broken husband, deeply united in love to mourn her loss.

She was a devoted wife and mother, and was greatly admired and loved by all who knew her.

She was a local merchant the last 32 years of her life and always met the public with love

and respect.

Many years before her passing, she often voiced her relationship with God upon many occasions told me she had made peace with God, and was going to Heaven with me.

In the later days of her life she became very ill, losing her eyesight but always revered God above her illness.

During the last year of her stay here on earth she

told the brothers and sisters of her relationship with God, was baptised took fellowship with the Old Regular Baptist family and membership with the brothers and sisters of the Little Cally Church of the Thornton Union Association.

She was not permitted to attend church very often due to her health, but always insisted that I attend.

Three days before her death she told me that she had to leave me very shortly and called my attention to my things she would leave for me to do, after she had gone.

So sleep on, my love, in a land of eternal joy. I, too will soon join the band on that resurrection morning, free from all our trials and cares with our fear dimmed, eyes made perfect, we will know each other there.

Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints. Ps. Chapter 116 Verse 15.

I will be glad in the Lord. Ps. Chapter 104 Verse 34.

Those which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him.

Thes. Chapter 4 Verse 14.

Even so, come, Lord Jesus. Rev. Chapter 22 Verse 20

Written by a lonesome husband  
Burn Amburgey

#### H. C. "Hen" FRAZIER

Born April 21, 1878-Deceased April 13, 1968. He was first married to Sarah Smith and they had two childrea, Isabell Sparkman Thurmont, Maryland and Flora Howard, Kingscreek, Ky.

On December 26, 1901, he was married to Elefair Eldridge. To this union was born eight children: Floyd of Louisville, Ky., Eslon, Brookneal, Va., Cameron, Greenville, S.C., Alberta Sparkman, North Vernon, Ind., Bessie Smith, Cumberland, Ky., Celia Edwards, Welch, W. Va., Mazie White, and Martha Gibson, Grundy, Va. Also surviving are two brothers, James F. Frazier, Whitesburg, Ky. and Johnny Holcomb, Broadhead, Ky. 44 grandchildren, 81 great grandchildren and 13 great-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his father and mother, James H. and Elizabeth. Since Daddy died we have lost one sister, Flora Howard.

On the twelfth day of November, 1955, Brother Frazier gave his heart to God. He always loved to be in the service of God. He was baptised by Brother Caleb Creech and his son Cameron Frazier. He was a wonderful citizen and a brother in Christ. We hated to have to give him up, but we feel our loss here was just Heavens gain. He always wanted his children to get saved and meet him in a better world.

Written by:  
Alberta Sparkman  
and  
Astor Caudill



#### FRANKLIN CAUDILL



By the request of the family, I will try to write an obituary of Franklin Caudill. He was born into the home of Samuel and Lucinda Caudill, April 30, 1911 and passed from this life, December 15, 1969, making his stay on earth 58 years, 6 months and 15 days.

He had been in poor health for the last few years, but bore his sickness with patience and lived an humble life. Early in life he was married to Margaret Stidhum and to this union was born eight children; three passed away in infancy. They lived a happy devoted life, until separated by death.

Later, in life he married Thelma Smith and they had a happy life together until separated by death, but I feel he has gone to that bright city, where he won't have to suffer any more, but will be in peace forever and ever. He leaves to mourn his passing, his companion, Thelma, and five children: Rowan, Robert, Phillip D. and Lawrence Caudill, and one daughter, Mrs. Evaleen Glacken, all of the State of Maryland. Four step-children: Wilson Fields Jr., Edward D. Fields, William L. Fields and Mrs. Nellie Day, one brother, Ezra Caudill of Paris, Kentucky. Two sisters: Alice Dixon of Blackey, Kentucky and Eva Caudill of Indianapolis, Ind.

Thirteen days after he passed away his mother, who was in the hospital at the time of his death also passed away but she never knew that he had passed away.

So sleep on, Brother Franklin and we hope you will be in the first resurrection where we will all be together forever and ever, Franklin joined The James Memorial Regular Baptist Church in July, 1963 and was baptised in August, 1963 and later moved his membership to the Bull Creek Church and there remained until death. Due to bad health, he wasn't able to attend much but he loved to hear good singing and preaching.

Written by  
Elder Crit Eldridge

#### VIDA PRIDEMORE REYNOLDS

The obituary of Vida Reynolds, born December 23, 1899. She was the daughter of Margaret B. Smith and Herain Pridemore. She lived 63 years, two months and two days before she passed away on February 25, 1963.

On December 1, 1923, she married Creps Reynolds. And to this union was born eight children; two of them preceded her in death, Clifford, two and a half, and Jimmy died at birth.

Six children and 14 grandchildren mourn her loss, which are as follows: Andrea Daniel, Ballard, Tommy and Loraine



Worthington, all of Taylon, Mich. Grayson of Sassafras, Ky., and Anna B. Fugate, Lexington, Ky.

She joined the New Home Regular Baptist Church of Leburn, Ky., on November 22, 1954. Molly Pratt, her sister joined and was baptized the same day. Four months later she had a stroke that caused her to be confined to a wheel chair until she died almost nine years later. But with all her sickness and confinement, she never seemed depressed, always took things for granted and trusted in the Lord.

Six of her brothers and sisters have gone on to join her in Heaven. Boone, Iven, Molly, Dora,, Melissa and Sally. One sister and three brothers---Nora, Mark, Russell and Heramare still left along with her children to mourn her loss.

Written by her children  
Requested by her brother-in-law  
Gordon Reynolds,  
a brother in church

#### CEPHUS MOSLEY



With a sad and broken heart  
I will try to write the obituary  
of my dear brother, Cephus Mosley. I  
feel like the little song "My  
Heart is Full of Trouble," over  
the loss of him but I feel a loss  
on earth of him is Heaven's gain.  
I have heard him say many times  
that he would give up this old  
world of worry and get a big  
payday from the Lord. He told  
us two days before he got hurt  
and died that if something hap-  
pened to him not to have Mother's  
sons and daughters driven out  
of the church house by saying  
cruel things about them.

Brother Cephus was born  
February 14, 1907 and died July  
26, 1961. His stay here on earth  
was 54 years, five months, and  
twelve days. He joined the Old  
Regular Baptist Church about 17  
years ago and shortly began  
preaching. He was the son of  
Brother Ruben Mosley and Martha  
Hayes Mosley.

He was married to Ola Slone in 1927 and to this union  
was born 12 children. Eleven of them are still living to  
mourn their loss. He left a wife, his mother, father, one  
sister and one brother, and seventeen grandchildren to

mourn also. I feel he also left many friends behind, all of his relatives and neighbors, and brothers and sisters in the Lord.

We know we can't see him any more on this earth, but by the help of the good Lord we can see him in a world where trouble can not come.

Written by his brother, Birtchel Mosley, Garner, Kentucky

#### TAMMIE EVERAGE



It is with a sad heart, and a troubled mind I will try to write a short obituary of little Tammie Everage. She was the daughter of Robert Everage and Bivian Everage.

She was born July 12th, 1968, and deceased this life June 9th, 1970, making her stay on earth, one year, ten months and twenty one days. She leaves one sister, Casandra Everage, and three brothers, Tonny Everage, Robbin Everage and Jimmy Everage and a dear father, and a wonderful mother and grandfather and grandmother and many friends and relatives to mourn her loss. But we believe that our loss is Heaven's gain. Heaven has just got one more little jewel.

Look, when Christ was here upon this earth as we are today, the people here upon earth brought little children just like little Tammie to him and asked him what about those and he said unto them, "Suffer little children and forbid them not, to come unto me, for such is the Kingdom of Heaven." So my best wishes to all of little Tammie's dear friends and relatives. I want you to fall out with sin, and fall in love with God's love and mercy and let us all go to Heaven together, where we can live in peace forever and ever.

This, my prayer,  
Written by  
McKinley McIntosh,  
A brother in Hope

#### RICH SMITH

It is with much sadness and aching heart that I will attempt to write an obituary of my loving husband, Rich Smith, who died in the nursing home in Prestonsburg, Ky. at 1:00'clock April 29th, 1970 where he was being treated for a stroke. He was born Dec. 27th, 1884, making his stay on earth 85 years, 4 months and 2 days at the time of death. He was the son of John and Betsy Smith. He left 2 brothers, James and Sam, still living; 3 brothers having preceded him in death and 2 sisters.

In 1902 he married Emaline Terry and to that union was born 6 children, 2 sons and 4 daughters. Son Roy Smith



died three years ago leaving 5 living children: Horace and Lornie Smith and Nealy Gayhart of Leburn, Ky. Nell Coburn of Larkslane, Ky. and Polly Ramey of Ohio. Rich had 18 grandchildren, 18 great grandchildren and 1 great-great grandchild. Emaline passed away in April of 1956.

In 1957 he met and married Dorothy Thornsberry and to this union no children were born. He had 7 step-children; Ethel Vance and Bethel Seals of Litt Carr, Ky., Nettie Bentley of Mallie, Ky., Lois Jean Turner of Jeffersontown, Ky., Julius W. and David Thornsberry of Batesville, Ind. and Roger R. Thornsberry of Ohio; 28 step-grandchildren and 18 step-great-grandchildren. He is badly missed in this home.

In October, 1919, he joined the Old Regular Baptist Church and lived a good Christian for 53 years. He was deacon for 43 years and clerk of New Home Church. He was sick for three years and the last year had a very bad heart and until the last month was in a nursing home. He was so sick at the last that he could not fill his seat in the church as often as he wanted. He liked to sing songs and hear good preaching. He would call for Brother Bert Howard and others to come and preach for him. He is greatly missed by his wife and family and his many friends and relatives who are left to mourn the loss of a good Christian.

I hope to meet him again some bright day around the Throne of God where there will be fewer tears shed.

Written by a broken hearted wife,  
Dorothy Smith

#### ARTHUR CAUDILL

Arthur Caudill born March 5, 1913 in Letcher County, Kentucky and departed this life November 18, 1969 at the age of 56 years, 8 months and 13 days. He was the son of the late Basil and Rebecca Adams Caudill.

Art, as most of his friends knew him, was united in marriage to Vivian Tackett, December 11, 1939, and to this union was born three children. One son, Eldon, preached his father in death.

Art, is survived by his wife, one daughter, Mrs. Junetta Caudill, Hopewell, Virginia, one son, Melvin A. Caudill, at home. Also five grandchildren, one brother, Chester Caudill, Cincinnati, Ohio, sisters-Mrs. Sarah Jane Nagle, Mrs. Mollie Thompson, Mrs. Carmie Repass and Mrs. Judy Lewis all of Louisville, Kentucky, Mrs. Ida Adams, Eubank, Kentucky, and Mrs. Irene Hutchin, Henrysville, Indiana, also a host of other relatives and friends to mourn his passing.

Art was a member of the Powell Regular Baptist Church.



Brother Art joined the Friendship Regular Baptist Church and he was baptized, July, 1951, and a later date he moved his membership to the Powell Church where he remained a true member until death. So, children, if you have not made your peace calling and selection sure with the Lord it is time for you to begin while life and opportunity last. Let Father and Mother's God be your God so it will not be a broken family around the throne of God, Dad can't come back to you but by the grace of God you can meet him on yonder fair shore, where all is peace, love and happiness, so pray on and try to meet Brother Art in that fair land is my prayers for you all.

Your little unworthy servant in hope of Eternal life,  
Elder Perry Tackett

**JANE BUSH**



Jane Bush was born Sept. 29, 1888, deceased Oct. 7, 1969, age 81 years, 8, days. She was married to Frank Bush, September 22, 1906. They have five children, Alta Harris, Daisy, Ky., Lizzie Burns, Winchester, Ky., Clyde Bush, New Salisbury, Ind., Berta Honbeck, Berea, Ky., Verna Creech, Lafollette, Tennessee and one half brother, Calloway Shepherd. She has 14 grandchildren, 12 great grandchildren.

She joined the Big Leatherwood Church of Regular Baptist, June 2nd Saturday, 1913, was baptised June 4th Sunday, 1913. She was a member of this Church, 57 years and a faithful member as long as she was able to go. We believe our loss is Heaven's gain. We sure do miss her in our church. May the children and relatives make her God, their God.

By J.W.Pratt

**DICY ISON**

In much weakness and with a sad and aching heart I attempt to write an obituary of this, our mother, who was so dear to us all. On October 25, 1877 she was born and deceased June 16, 1969.



In early life she met and married Jonah Ison. To this union was born eight children, seven girls and one boy. She was preceded in death by Jonah and Juda, Eva, Virgie and Blane. Those left to mourn her passing are four girls, Vina, Mary, Dixon, Angeline and a host of grandchildren. Now that she is gone, may we who are living let her life be an example to us for courage and faith in God. May God's richest blessings be on us children and her people and friends. Our sweet mother was always admired by her neighbors for her true devotion to her children and the way she accepted her hardships. Her life for those many years has been a shining light not only to her children but to the world of mankind. She joined the church many years ago and was a faithful member taking her membership to Line Fork Cedar Grove Church. So

quietly, quickly and peacefully her soul slipped away to the arms of Jesus. We can truly say she was a mother indeed. A more humble and precious mother I never knew, always more concerned about the welfare of her children and others than herself. She is missed, missed so bad, but we believe our loss is Heaven's gain.

Written by her broken hearted children,  
Elizzie and Vina Callahan

#### ALICE FAYE RATCLIFF

Alice Faye Ratcliff, daughter of Delmar and Lillian Tackett Ratcliff, was born May 28, 1950 and passed away August 12, 1969, at the age of 19 years, 2 months, and 14 days.

Alice lived in Lincoln, County all her life and was an employee of American Greeting Card Company.

Alice is survived by, other than her parents, two brothers Harold Ray and Elmer Dale, both at home, one sister, Sharon Kaye, also at home, her maternal grandparents, Brother and Sister Perry Tackett, Waynesburg, Ky., a host of other relatives and friends to mourn her passing. Also one uncle, Charles E. Tackett and two first cousins, Judith Ann Tackett, Patricia Gale Tackett, 1 aunt, Barbara Tackett of St. Bernard, Ohio, who miss her so much, Alice was a quite, sweet girl and loved by all who knew her.



A beautiful flower is missing in Father and Mother's home. A seat is vacant that can never be filled, a bright and shining light is gone from the life of her grandparents who loved her so much. Alice was a believer in the old Regular Baptist Church and said, "Papaw," I have been talking to my Maker above. Don't worry about me." She told her classmates she had heard her Papaw and Brother Alonzo Allen preach that a dancer caused one of God's great men to have his head taken from his body so young people when you read this, study the words of this sweet girl so young to have a mind of God and his mercies in the time of trouble. She met her friends with a smile and I believe she met her Creator with a smile also.

So, Children, our little loved one is gone and can't return, but by the grace of God we can go to her, so pray to the God of all power, love and mercy that we all meet around the throne of God some sweet day and join our little darling some time. There will be no cars to wreck up there in Heaven, so fair. All will be peace and happiness. So as I say farewell there's much more could be written about one so sweet and kind but space won't permit. We loved her. Yes, we loved her, but Jesus loved her more. He called her from this troubled main to Cannan's fair and peaceful shore.

Submitted by your little unworthy servant  
in hope of Eternal life.

Elder Perry Tackett

#### ELDER RUBIN RIDDLE



With a sad and lonely heart I will try to write the obituary of my dear husband, Rev. Rubin Riddle. He was born June, 1889 deceased this life March 7, 1970. He was married to Monerva Huff Riddle, April 4, 1918. To this union was born 5 children, 2 boys and 3 girls, Evalee Brown, White Pine, Tennessee, Cletas Riddle, Morristown, Tennessee, Burchel Riddle, Hazard, Kentucky, Alberta Adams, Jeff, Kentucky, Freeda May Lusk, Morristown, Tennessee, 13 grandchildren and 8 great grandchildren. 3 brothers and 2 sisters also to mourn his loss.

He joined the Old Regular Baptist Church at Big Leatherwood in 1935 in which he remained till his death. He was so devoted to his church. Brothers and sisters in the church, his family at home, his chair is empty at church, at home at his table that can't be filled, but we hope our loss is Heaven's gain.

I believe I will meet him again where there's no trouble nor no more death, to never part any more. Children, if you want to see Daddy again, you must let Daddy's God be your God and you won't have to say goodby to Daddy anymore.

Written by his lonely and heart broken wife,  
Monerva Huff Riddle

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### MAZIE INGRAM



Mazie Ingram was born at Skyline, Kentucky June 11, 1904, and passed away at the Whitesburg Appalachian Regional Hospital Whitesburg, Kentucky, May 20, 1970, at the age of 65 years, 11 months and 9 days.

She was the daughter of the late Joe and Mary Ison Halcomb.

She is survived by her husband, Kirby Ingram, one son, Oval of Charlestown, Indiana, three daughters, Oease Cornett of Anchorage, Alaska, Mata Lee Ison, of Charlestown, Indiana and Mary Louise Cornett of Hamilton, Ohio; three brothers, Henry Halcomb of Skyline, Kentucky, Jim Halcomb, Versailles, Indiana, Kelly Halcomb of Dupont, Indiana; three sisters, Bertha Biddle, Dupont, Indiana, Ann Biddle of Illinois and Marie Ingram, Versailles, Indiana. Also 12 grand children and a host of relatives and friends.

Mazie joined the Ingram's Creek Old Regular Baptist Church and was baptized November 3rd, 1940. She was one of the most faithful members I ever knew. She had been sick and badly crippled with arthritis for many years, but she always endured her sickness with patience. She was a mother to all who knew her and was always aiding in the upbuilding of the church. She will surely be missed by the Brothers and Sisters of the church, her husband, children and all her relatives and friends.

Written by her niece

Ruth Frazier

### JOHNNY BREEDING



Some over a half century ago at Red Fox, Ky. in Knott County, God blessed the home of George M. (Pud) Breeding and Rachel Amburgy Breeding with a son, John W. (Johnny) as he was known by those who knew him affectionately, was born on May 7, 1893.

Johnny grew to manhood here on Breedings Creek and many, many people from far and near knew his life which has always been an open book. He was loved by all with whom he came in contact.

At a very early age he heeded the call of his country and on Feb. 24, 1918 he donned the uniform of his country and helped bring to a victorious conclusion World War 1, receiving an honorable discharge July 23, 1918.



Almost five years later he reinlisted in the service, Jan. 4, 1923, and served until Jan. 29, 1925, when he was discharged a second time.

On April 14, 1925 he was united in marriage to Lula Collins Breeding and to this union was born four children, Mervin Eugene, the only child left to mourn his passing. The other three preceded Dad in death, namely Irene Francis Combs, Mary Jenel and James Cecil.

Johnny and Lula worked hard and raised their children honorably, being a soldier, farmer, factory worker and merchant for many years, rearing them in the fear and admonition of God.

Brother Johnny was for many years a God fearing, honest and humble man but realized many years ago that these virtues, rare and gifted though they be, he had to have far more than these to inherit a home in Heaven, whose maker and builder is God. So he began the rugged search for the true Heaven.

We who were with him most and knew him best, believe the new birth took place many, many years ago but due to circumstances beyond his control never made it known until late in life but for a number of years he bore the marks of a true christian.

Your unworthy servant talked to him years ago about the welfare of his soul and he told me, and I am sure many more, about his relationship with the Lord and with such sincerity that I was made to feel that here is a man with whom the Lord dwells and daily made melody to him in his heart; that here is a man among men who surely must belong to the Lord and finally on March 24, 1968 made known that he had rather suffer persecution and cast his lot with the people of God.

It was an honor and a privilege for me and Brother Pratt to wait on him in baptism.

Brother Johnny was afflicted for many years but this he bore with great patience until on Jan. 29, 1970, just as the cold hands of darkness were taking hold of this earth, God called to Brother Johnny and said, "Come home, my child." We truly believe that our loss is Heaven's gain. So sleep on Brother Johnny, until that great day when God shall call to that sleeping dust and from it shall rise a glorified body and fly away to Heaven, both soul and body, shouting, "Oh, death, where is thy sting? Oh, grave, where is thy victor?"

He leaves to mourn his passing, Lula his heart broken companion, one son, Mervin, five grandchildren, Vickie, Judy and Alishia Combs, Carr Creek, Ky., Kenny and Tim Breeding, Red Fox, Ky., two brothers, Wesley of Shelbyville, Ky., and France of Red Fox, Ky., one sister, Mollie Bixler of Maryland. Also many, many friends and relatives and a host of brothers and sisters in the faith.

He was a devoted father, a true husband and a good man many people would do well to know. Brother Johnny was a man whose life could best be exemplified by the poet who said:

I'd rather see a sermon than hear one any day.  
I'd rather one should walk with me than merely show  
the way.

The eye is a better pupil and more willing than the ear,  
Fine council is confusing but examples always clear.  
The best of all the preachers are the men who live  
their creed.

For to see the good in action is what everybody needs  
I can soon learn how to do it if you will let me see  
it done.

I can watch your hand in action though your tongue  
too fast may run.  
All the lectures you deliver may be very wise and true,  
But I'd rather learn my lesson by observing what you do.  
For I may misunderstand you and the fine advice you give,  
But there's no misunderstanding how you act and how  
you live.

Humbly submitted by an unworthy brother,  
Lewis F. Craft

On the 24th of March, 1968, some Brothers and Sisters were invited in to sing some songs for Irene and also to hold prayer. So Elders J.W. Pratt, Lewis Craft and Clark Hays were present and after some songs were sung Clark Hays led in prayer, and the most wonderful prayer I ever did hear. He was wonderfully blessed. Then came Lewis Craft with the most wonderful sermon I ever did hear. It looked as though he could not quit. After trying to stop for about one half hour he did finish. Then J.W. Pratt took over and there was another one of the greatest sermons to be heard, was preached. When he did come to his natural self and the few people that were there began to sing some of those wonderful songs it was just a little bit hard to bear, Irene raised to her feet to tell she wanted to join the church, so that started all to enjoying the great work of the Lord. So I, Johnnie could not hold back any longer so another confession was made.

We sure did have a nice congregation by. They were mostly from Dry Fork. There are the best people over there you ever did meet.

On the 6th and 7th of April, Saturday and Sunday was Happy Home Church time on Irishman Creek. They had a wonderful meeting. So Irene and myself decided to take our fellowship in that church. We were baptized on Sunday close to the church house. There was a good crowd there, and Elders Lewis Craft, Clark Hays and Jim Pratt all had a hand in the affair. Jim Pratt spoke a few words at the water side, and Clark Hays led in prayer. Then Lewis Craft and Jim Pratt did the baptizing. It was Irene's desire for us to be baptized together. So that is the way it was done.

Before we went to the waterside there was some of the most wonderful preaching anyone ever heard. Hershel Baldridge, Charley Gibson and a young Combs preacher from, Ivy Point Church. They all were wonderfully blessed, and to set it off good it was one of the most beautiful days you ever did see for the time of year. It seemed as though for some purpose.

If you want to hear some good old time preaching of the Gospel Of Jesus Christ just come and see, and the wonderful people that live and belong here. It seems they think they can't do enough for you.

So here is another church time at Happy Home Church 4th and 5th of May and another one of our wonderful meetings, not the best but one of the best. Four more came in and asked to have fellowship with us and we were glad to have them with us. They were Elder, Willie Madden and his wife, Allie Jones and her Mother, some of the most wonderful people you ever did meet.

This little church seems to be going by leaps and bounds. It must be on the right road by the way it is growing. If there were any thing I could do for it I would gladly do it.

We are looking forward to our next meeting time, 1st and 2nd of June. We are expecting another one of those good old time meetings which I am sure we will have. For I think we have some of the most wonderful preachers you ever heard take the stand. They come from everywhere. That's what it takes to have a good meeting. God bless them all. I love to see them come. I wish they could see alike and be together. That would be a wonderful time if that could happen. I pray some day it will be that way before it is too late. God knows I would be pleased to see it happen when we could all be together. If we are lucky enough to get to Heaven it will be that way.

1st and 2nd of June will be our Union meeting time and 1st Sunday in July which is the 7th, will be our Communion meeting. We would be glad to see the little church house full again.

#### BROTHER HASSELL HUBBARD

Sadness sets heavily on our hearts as we write these few words in memory of our beloved daddy, Hassell Hubbard, son of Clearinda and Frank Hubbard. He was born on September 14, 1909, making his stay here on earth 59 years and 4 days. It seems the time with those who loved him was short. How gladly and joyfully we would have kept him but the all wise and all powerful One who rules us looked down with pity and said, "You've suffered enough," and bade him come home to rest in the home beyond this troubled world. He left to mourn his loss here on earth our precious mother, Lassie Hubbard and nine children: Verlin Hubbard and Bobby Hubbard, & Leonard V. Hubbard all of Williamsburg, Va. and Pauline King of Fort Lauderdale Florida, Bernice Hite, Sue Moore, Patsy-Phillips, Judy Hubbard and Susan Hubbard, all of Williamsburg, Va. He was preceded in death by one daughter. He is also mourned by two brothers and three sisters and a host of friends and relatives. He professed a hope in Christ and was baptized into the fellowship of Maple Grove Church of Old Regular Baptist in May, 1953. Dear Dad is gone from us here. We can never see or talk to him again here on earth but by the Grace of God through faith in Him we can meet Dad in the Glory World where all will be in love, peace, joy, and happiness through out the ceaseless ages. A precious one from us is gone. A voice we loved is still, a place is vacant in our home that can never be filled.

Brother Hassell Hubbard came to the Kingdom Church by letter July 8, 1961 and was a cherished member of this church until his death.

Written by the children and a brother, Elder Lester Hubbard

#### SISTER NORA SLONE

Aunt Nora was the daughter of the late James B. Smith and Betty Jane Watts Smith. She was born November 3rd, 1908. She deceased this life June 8, 1970.

During the year of 1933, she was married to Ferrel Slone. To this union was born 13 children, of whom 9 preceded her in death. Left to mourn her passing are her husband and four children: Betty Gibbs of Frenchburg, Ky., Sylvia Combs, of Detroit, Michigan, Jesse James Slone, Garner, Ky. and Esha Slone, Hazard, Ky. Also left are 5 brothers and 5 sisters.

Aunt Nora confessed a hope in Jesus Christ and joined the New Home Church in April, 1942. The dear life that she

lived is a tribute to her loved ones. We deeply feel that she fell asleep in the arms of Jesus. She will sleep until Jesus is pleased to call her to that beautiful Heavenly home.

So, children, she has been called away but you can meet her again...Put your trust in Jesus. He will lead you home

Her nephew and brother in the Lord  
Elder Bennie Slone

#### CHARLIE ISON

Charlie Ison was born January 11, 1919. His stay on earth was 49 years, 6 months and 6 days.

He was the son of Eliga and Mary Ison. At early age he was married to Ethel Griffith. She was the daughter of Harmie and Rebecca Griffith.

To this union was born five children: 3 boys and 2 girls, as follows: Boys, Waylon, Aruis, and Clayborn. Girls: Betty Francis and Sonsaray.

Charlie has left to mourn his loss a wife and five children, four brothers and five sisters. Also a host of cousins, nephews, nieces and friends.

Charlie was attacked by cancer, that horrible disease which slowly but surely kills. He was ill about six months, the last three being more serious. He prayed so hard and said he was never going to stop praying as long as he had any breath. And he did. I most surely believe that God heard his prayers and answered them. And we, his family feel that our loss was Heaven's gain.

J. W. Pratt

## 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 practice or principle.
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 judgement when all will be judged according to their deeds done in their body.
11. We believe that 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 the 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 sin so as 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 no wise reflect on the preaching 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 person 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 our 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 minutes 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 difficulties: inquiring into the cause why any church shall have failed to represent itself any time in the association; appropriate the money received to any purpose it may think proper; appoint any member, or members by their consent to transact any business which it may think necessary; withdraw from any church in the union which may violate any of the rules of the association or deviate from the orthodox principles of religion, admit any orderly minister of our faith and order to a seat in the association and adjourn to any time or place it may deem necessary.

## CHURCH CLERKS AND ADDRESSES

BIG LEATHERWOOD...Floyd Huff, Cornettsville, Kentucky  
CEDAR GROVE... Squire Watts, Hallie, Kentucky  
NEW HOME... Bill Moore, Leburn, Kentucky  
POWELL... Willie Mullins, Crab Orchard, Kentucky Rt. 1  
DEFEATED CREEK...Coy Fields, Line Fork, Kentucky  
BULL CREEK...Truman Jent, Carcassonne, Kentucky  
REYNOLD' S FORK...Lewis F. Craft, Box 40, Hazard, Kentucky Rt. 1  
IVY POINT... Birtchell Mosley, Garner, Kentucky  
LITTLE ZION...R. S. Hill, Jeff, Kentucky 41715  
LITTLE DOVE...Dave Hampton, Jeremiah, Kentucky 41826  
KINGDOM COME...Arlie Caudill, Premium, Kentucky  
TOLSON CREEK...George Whitaker, Roxanna, Kentucky  
MAPLE GROVE...Winston Sturgill, Box 283, Whitesburg, Kentucky  
OVEN FORK... Delmar Raleigh, Day Rural Sta. Whitesburg, Kentucky  
DIXON MEMORIAL...James Caudill, Jeremiah, Kentucky  
BIG CREEK...Ray Fields, Box 116, Taylorsville, Indiana  
HAPPY HOME...McKinley McIntosh, Sassafras, Kentucky 41759  
CLEAR FORK...Wilson Combs, Rt. 2, Box 201, Hazard, Kentucky  
NEW BETHLEHEM... George Fugate, Talcum, Knott Co., Kentucky 41765

## CHURCHES AND DELEGATES

BIG LEATHERWOOD... J. W. Pratt, Clarence Griffie, Bethel Halcomb  
CEDAR GROVE... Verlon Fields, Squire Watts, Lovell Fields  
NEW HOME... Hershel Baldrige, Kirby Ison, Wade Watts  
POWELL... Willie Mullins, Earl Caudill, John Kelly  
DEFEATED CREEK... Coy Fields, Jim Ingram, Parot Roark  
BULL CREEK... Gardner Jent, John F. Jent, Truman Jent  
REYNOLDS FORK... Millard Seals, A. J. Taylor, Nelson Seals  
IVY POINT... Ison Stallard, Reuben Mosley, Lee Mosley  
PILGRIMS HOME... Alonzo Allen, Gordon Reynolds, Charles D. Miller  
LITTLE ZION... Clark Hays, Malcum Hicks, Van Combs  
LITTLE DOVE... Dave Hampton, Dee Combs, Ralph Asher



KINGDOM COME... Kelly Ison, Dewey Eldridge, James D. Fields  
 TOLSON CREEK... George Whitaker, Watson Whitaker, Lilly Ison  
 MAPLE GROVE... Chalmer Engle, Milton Sturgill, Winston Sturgill  
 OVEN FORK... Alvaro Hubbard, Melvin Blair, Delmar Raleigh  
 BETHEL... Carl Caudill, Ernest Ward, Jacob Akers  
 DIXON MEMORIAL... Carl Back, James Caudill, Hermon Caudill  
 BIG CREEK... Ray Fields, Kelly Sparkman, Venon Miller  
 HAPPY HOME... Vollie Mullins, McKinley McIntosh, Aster Whitaker  
 CLEAR FORK... Lewis Lucas, Wilson Combs, Ance Engle  
 NEW BETHLEHEM... Sila Williams, Odis Ritchie, George Fugate

### ORDAINED MINISTERS

J. W. Pratt..... Jeff, Ky.  
 Manus Ison..... Hallie, Ky.  
 Verlon Fields..... Hallie, Ky.  
 Olus Baldrige..... Leburn, Ky.  
 Hershel Baldrige..... Leburn, Ky.  
 Kirby Ison..... Whitesburg, Ky.  
 Ermil Ison..... Mainville, Ohio, Rt. 2  
 Perry Tackett..... Waynesburg, Ky.  
 John Kelly..... Waynesburg, Ky.  
 Woodard Cornett..... Line Fork, Ky.  
 John Roark..... Commeskey, Ind.  
 Gardner Jent..... Carcassonne, Ky.  
 Ornell Flannery..... Somerset, Ky.  
 Nelson Seals..... Litt Carr, Ky.  
 Ison Stallard..... Pinetop, Ky.  
 Sam Johnson..... Garner, Ky.  
 Edd Mosley..... Garner, Ky.  
 Dan Noble..... Sassafras, Ky.  
 Clark Hays..... Red Fox, Ky.  
 Beve Cornett..... Danville, Ky.  
 Cullen Hogg..... Cumberland, Ky.  
 James D. Fields..... Blackey, Ky.  
 R. H. Fields..... Kings Creek, Ky.  
 Dewey Eldridge..... Roxiana, Ky.  
 Francis Maggard..... Partridge, Ky.  
 Green Fields..... Williamsburg, Ohio.  
 Chalmer Engle..... Whitesburg, Ky.  
 Dave Boggs..... High Splint, Ky.  
 Carl Back..... Jeremiah, Ky.  
 James M. Caudill..... Jeremiah, Ky.  
 Frank Caudill..... Jeremiah, Ky.  
 Lloyd Eldridge..... Osgood, Ind. Rt. 3.  
 Winford Riddle..... 1641 Merrill, Lincoln Park, Mich.  
 Bill Everage..... Red Fox, Ky. 41847  
 Willie Madden..... Otisco, Ind. 47163  
 Frank Fugate..... Rt. 2, Box 803, Hazard, Ky.  
 Lewis Lucas..... Rt. 2, Box 334, Hazard, Ky.  
 Sila Williams..... Tina, Ky.  
 Odis Ritchie..... Talcum, Ky. 41765

**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	2	0	0	78	2	\$25.
CEDAR GROVE	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	74	4	\$30.
NEW HOME	1	9	0	1	5	1	1	86	2	\$25.
POWELL	0	0	0	0	3	1	0	28	3	\$20.
DEFEATED CREEK	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	18	1	\$10.
BULL CREEK	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	15	3	\$20.
REYNOLDS FORK	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	37	3	\$20.
IVY POINT	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	34	4	\$10.
PILGRIMS HOME	Dismissed by Letter								1	\$20.
LITTLE ZION	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	28	3	\$20.
LITTLE DOVE	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	31	2	\$20.
KINGDOM COME	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	42	2	\$20.
TILSON CREEK	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	19	4	\$10.
MAPLE GROVE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	19	3	\$10.
OVEN FORK	0	0	0	0	1	4	0	68	2	\$20.
DIXON MEMORIAL	1	1	0	0	0	2	0	37	4	\$20.
BETHEL	Dismissed by Letter								4	\$25.
BIG CREEK	0	0	0	0	1	2	2	22	3	\$15.
HAPPY HOME	1	1	0	2	1	1	0	39	1	\$20.
CLEAR FORK	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	20	1	\$10.
NEW BETHLEHEM	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	31	4	\$10.
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>726</b>		<b>\$380.</b>

**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 .....

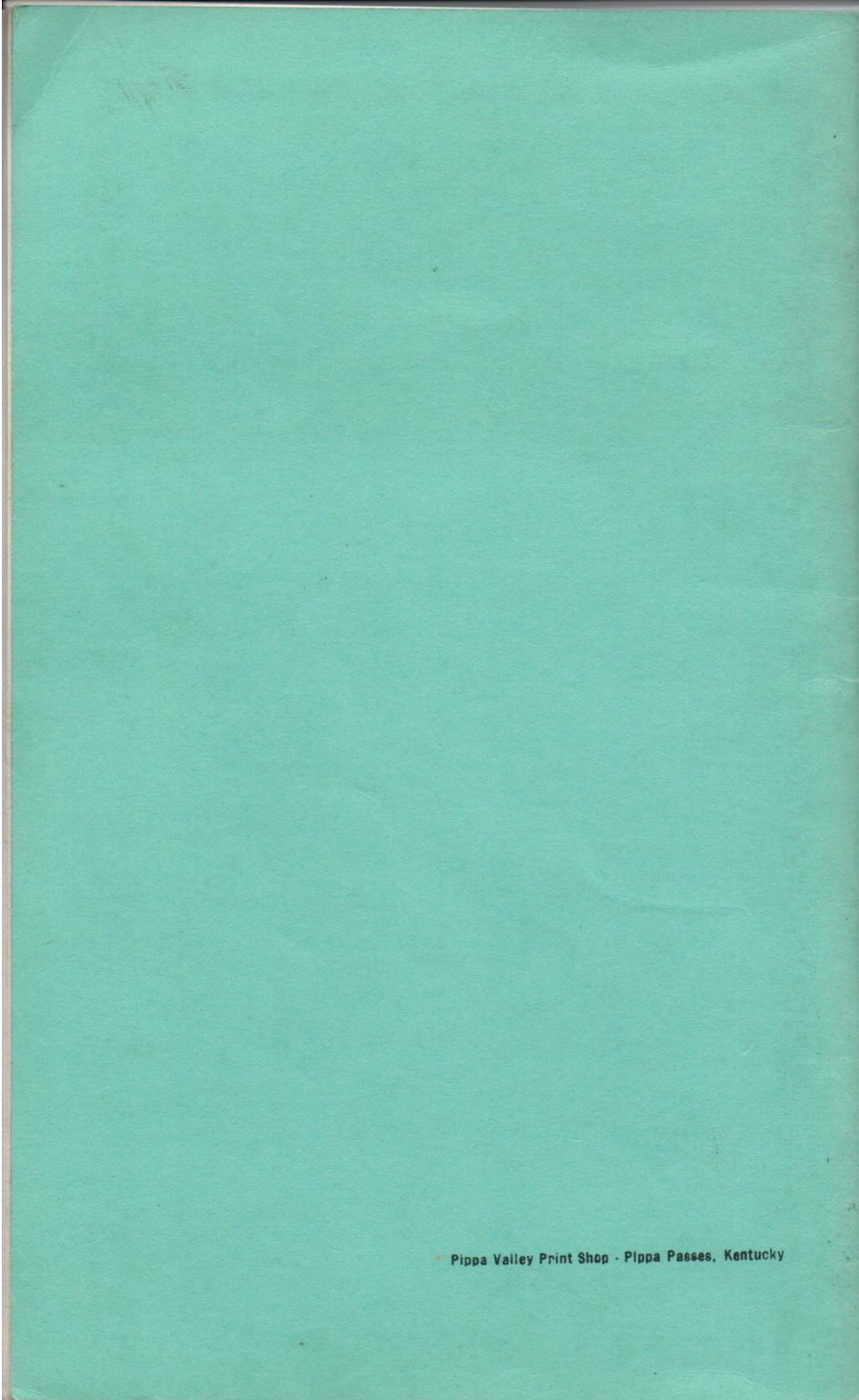
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Died ..... ; Excluded ..... ; Membership ..... ;  
Money sent ..... Meeting time ..... Saturday and Sunday  
of each month .....

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 .....



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