

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



HELD WITH

Ivy Point Church

GARNER, KNOTT COUNTY, KENTUCKY

Sept. 6, 7, 8, 1974

Elder Manus Ison
Moderator

Elder Oius Baldrige
Clerk

Eld. Carl Back
Ass't. Moderator

Bro. McKinley McIntosh
Ass't. Clerk

Elder Kirby Ison Assistant Clerk

DIRECTIONS TO THE INDIAN BOTTOM ASSOCIATION
TO BE AT THE
CEDAR GROVE CHURCH HALLIE, LETCHER COUNTY, KY.

1. From Hazard, Ky. go East on Ky. 15 to Jeff Ky. (approximately 6 miles) turn right on Ky. 7 follow to Ulvah, Ky. Turn right on Linefork Road to Association.

2. From Hindman, Ky. leave Ky. 80 on 160 South to Ky. 15. Turn left on 15 to Isom, turn right on Ky. 7, follow to Ulvah, KY. Turn left on Linefork Road to Association.

3. From Whitesburg, Ky., take Ky. 15 West to Isom, Ky. take Ky. 7 as in number 2.

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE SEVENTY-NINTH
ANNUAL SESSION OF THE INDIAN BOTTOM
ASSOCIATION OF OLD REGULAR BAPTIST OF
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Friday September 6, 1974 and the two following days.

The Indian Bottom Association in session assembled with the Ivy Point Church, Garner, Kentucky, Knott County, Sept. 6, 1974, met at the church house for preaching services; after singing some of Zion's songs, Elder Charlie Gibson, having been appointed last year to introduce the services, for this session, came to the stand; Brother Charlie was wonderfully blessed in his opening remarks and prayer.

After prayer Brother I.D. Back, who was chosen by the delegates of the 1973 session to preach the introduction in this session, came to the stand and delivered a wonderful message which we will long remember. The congregation and everyone seemed to enjoy his sweet message of hope and encouragement.

The delegates chose to remain at the house to conduct the business of the Association for the day. Elder Grover Adkins of the New Salem Association introduced the Association with remarks and prayer.

The Association being assembled, was called to order by Elder Manus Ison, our beloved Moderator, who called for the letters of the several churches which compose the Indian Bottom Association.

1. After reading the letter of the Ivy Point Church, a move and second was made and duly carried without objection to receive the Ivy Point Church Letter together with all other 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 officers:

Elder Manus Ison.....	Moderator
Elder Carl Back.....	Asst. Moderator
Elder Olus Baldrige.....	Clerk
Bro. McKinley McIntosh.....	Asst. Clerk
Elder Kirby Ison.....	Asst. Clerk

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

4. Called for churches of our same faith and order who may desire to take up fellowship with us; none were received.

5. By move and second made and duly carried, the Articles of Faith, Rules of Decorum, and the Constitution shall be printed in the minutes.

6. Called for corresponding Associations and received the following represented by letter and the following delegates to wit:

A. NEW SALEM-Elder Burton Howard, Elder Grover Adkins, Elder Banner Manns, Tandy Hicks, Bro.W.B. Day, Bro.Hager Watts, Bro.Milford Bryant, Elder Jerry Hall, Elder J.C.Sparks, Elder Mitchell Chaffins, Bro.Vernon Rose, Bro.Holly Scott, Elder Woodrow Dye, Bro.Leonard Slone, Elder Hobert Bates, Elder Ed Moore, Bro.Raymond McCanon, Pro.Green Perry, Elder Clifford Williams, Bro.Omery Compton, Vernon Rose, Millard Moore, Estill Hicks, Jack Sowards.

B. UNION-Elder A.J.Bates, Elder Felix Sexton, Elder Hamilton Blevins, Bro.Clinton Martin, Bro. Kenton Martin, L.H.Stiltner, Bro.Harry Moore, Elder Charlie Johnson, Elder Crockett Baker, Elder Dewey Sexton, Jess Williamson.

C. SARDIS-Elder Lloyd Sisco, Elder Steve Robinson, Stewart Brown, Bro.Jim Scott, Bro.Joe Warrix, Bro.Troy Walters.

D. PHILADELPHIA-Elder Elias Cotton, George Woods, Clifford Colly, Lave Williams and Emmit Gilispi.

E. NORTHERN NEW SALEM-Joshawa Hicks, Elder Irvine Hicks, Elder Chuck Keesee, Bro.Sam Lewis, Bro.Roy Hamilton, Bro.Harrison Ryan, Bro.Arlie Cornett, Nelson Slone.

All letters were received and the delegates were given the right hand of fellowship and seated with us to aid in council.

7. Called for transit members and ministers, none were received.

8. By move and second duly carried the Moderator was directed to make all temporary appointments.

9. Appointed one delegate from each church with

the entire delegation from the Ivy Point Church as Committee on Ministry to arrange for preaching services for Friday Evening and Saturday Morning.

10. Appointed same Committee on Ministry but with one delegate from each church, with the Moderator, Asst. Moderator, Clerk and Asst. Clerks and the entire delegation from our corresponding Associations and transits to meet with us Friday afternoon at 2:00 P.M. to arrange the business work for Sat.

11. By move and second it was agreed to correspond with the following Associations of our same faith and order and the Clerks are directed to prepare letters to same:

**NEW SALEM, UNION, SARDIS, PHILADELPHIA
and NORTHERN NEW SALEM**

12. The Committee on Ministry made the following report for preaching services:

Friday Evening

1. Elder Steve Robinson Jr.
2. Elder Felix Sexton
3. Elder Mitchell Chaffins

Saturday Morning

1. Elder Elias Cotton
2. Elder Burton Howard
3. Elder Lloyd Sisco
4. Elder Joshaway Hicks
5. Elder Chuck Kee see

13. By move and second the Association adjourned until 9:30 Saturday Morning.

Saturday Morning, September 7, 1974.

The Indian Bottom Association met pursuant to adjournment and after singing some of Zion's old songs, the Moderator selected Elder Clifford Colly from the Philadelphia Association to introduce the business session of this Association. Bro. Clifford was wonderfully blessed, being endued with the Holy Spirit of our blessed Lord to counsel the delegates to be faithful to our trust and to firmly face the challenges that God places before us. May God help

us to live to the wonderful advice that He gave.

The Association proceeded as follows:

1. Called the roll and marked the absentees.
2. Ministers chosen to preach on the stand for today and the congregation were excused by the Moderator to go to the stand for preaching services.
3. The Committee on Arrangements report was read and approved by move and second. The Committee was then discharged.
4. Appointed a Committee on Finance: Elder I.D. Back, Elder Irvin Hicks and Brother Glenn Hampton, who reported the sum of \$730.00. By move and second the report was received and accepted.
5. By move and second 2500 minutes were directed to be printed and that the Clerk be the secretary and treasurer and that he superintend the printing of same and that he be allowed the sum of fifty dollars for his services.
6. Appointed same Committee on Ministry as on Friday to arrange for preaching services on Sat. Evening and Sunday. No services were arranged for Saturday evening.

For Sunday

1. Elder Irvin Hicks
 2. Elder Banner Manns
 3. Elder Grover Adkins
 4. Elder Manus Ison
7. The Circular Letter was prepared and read by Elder Kirby Ison. By move and second same was received and directed to be printed in our minutes. The Committee on Ministry chose Elder I.D. Back to write one for inspection next year.
 8. The preaching brethren were called on to make their report on attending union meetings and Associations for the year, who reported that they had done the best they could. A move and second was made to receive their report and to excuse them for their shortcomings and failures.
 9. By move and second Union Meetings and Communion Meeting times were directed to be printed in our minutes.

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

11. Treasurer's report:

Total for last year 1973.....	\$775.00
Cost for printing minutes.....	\$595.00
Total expense for 1973.....	\$595.00
Balance on hand Sept.1,1974.....	\$183.29
Received from churches Sept.7,1974.....	\$710.00
Donation by Elder Lee Fields.....	\$ 20.00
Total on hand Sept.7,1974.....	\$913.29

By move and second the treasurer's report was received and approved.

12. Letters prepared to our corresponding associations as follows:

A. NEW SALEM - To convene with the Old Beaver Church, Minnie, Floyd County, Kentucky beginning on Friday before the fourth Saturday in September, 1974 and the two following days: Elders Kirby Ison, Olus Baldrige, Sila Williams, Isom Stallard, Herschel Baldrige, Clarence Fields, I.D.Back, Crit Eldridge, Charlie Gibson, Manus Ison, Carl Back, and Brethren O.J.Amburgey, John Preece, Jimmy Parks, Dave Hampton, Ralph Akers, Chester Gibson, Birchell Mosley and Nelson Seals.

B. UNION - To convene with the Old Sulpher Springs Church beginning on Friday before the third Saturday in September, 1974 and the two following days: Elders Kirby Ison, Manus Ison, Carl Back, Isom Stallard, Crit Eldridge, Charlie Gibson, Clark Hays, Clarence Fields and Brethren O.J.Amburgey, Minard Caudill, Willie Eldridge, Henry Eldridge, John Preece, I.D.Back, and Nelson Seals.

C. SARDIS - To convene with the Narrow's Branch Church, Pike County, Kentucky, on the second Friday before the second Saturday in September, 1974 and the two following days: Elders Kirby Ison, Herschel Baldrige, I.D.Eack, Ermel Ison, Olus Baldrige, Carl Back, Manus Ison and Prethren O.J.Amburgey,

John Preece and Nelson Seals.

D. PHILADELPHIA - Elders Kirby Ison, Nelson Seals, Manus Ison, Clark Hays, Olus Baldrige, I.D. Back, and Brethren O.J. Amburgey, Jimmy Parks, McKinley McIntosh, Willie Eldridge, Carl Adams.

E. NORTHERN NEW SALEM - Elders Kirby Ison, Olus Baldrige, I.D. Back, Manus Ison, Carl Back, Nelson Seals and Brother Birchell Mosley.

13. The Committee on Arrangements chose Elder Manus Ison to preach the introductory sermon for the 1975 session of this Association and Elder Crit Eldridge to be his alternate.

14. By move and second the request of the Cedar Grove Church for the 1975 session of the Indian Bottom Association was granted.

15. The Association called on Elder Kirby Ison, secretary of the Committee on Council to make the report for the year. The secretary read two reports of the committee, both relating to the Powell Church. By move and second said reports were received and approved by this Association.

16. The Moderator of this Association re-appointed the same Committee on Council to serve for 1974-75. With Elder Manus Ison to serve as chairman of the committee and Elder Kirby Ison as secretary.

17. The Association by move and second granted the Powell Church a letter of dismissal when attached to another Association of our same faith and order. The Clerk was directed to prepare the letter.

18. A resolution relating to the late Elder Cephus Mosley was approved and adopted by this Association and same was directed to be printed in our minutes.

19. The work of this session of the Association having been completed and no further business to be considered; by move and second the Association stands adjourned until the reconvening of same with the Cedar Grove Church, Hallie, Knott County, Ky. to

commence on Friday before the first Saturday in September, 1975. Elder Dewey Sexton closed the Association with prayer.

Done and signed by order of the Association,

Elder Manus Ison.....Moderator
Elder Carl Back.....Asst.Moderator
Elder Olus Baldrige.....Clerk
Bro.McKinley McIntosh....Asst.Clerk
Elder Kirby Ison.....Asst.Clerk

CIRCULAR LETTER

To the brethren of the Indian Bottom Association;

Dear Brethren:

Through and by the mercies of our blessed Lord we are privileged to convene in another session of the Indian Bottom Association. I trust that the great shepherd of the sheep will be an unseen guest in our midst and unite us in prayer and in the manifestation of love and in the meekness of the holy spirit; that our souls will be heavenly refreshed and that the cause of Christ and His kingdom will be advanced to the honor and glory of God.

In the 1973 session of this Association, the delegates selected your unworthy to write this letter. I have wrestled much with the burden of this assignment. Several times I have tried to commence this letter, but seemingly, I couldn't feel any impression from the Lord to direct my mind. Therefore, in much dismay, I concluded that I wouldn't prepare a letter, and humbly report to you dear brethren of my failure and beg for your forgiveness.

But, thank Heaven, God changed this gloomy situation of my mind, when one day as I sat at my desk, with my head buried in my hands inwardly crying "Oh Lord deliver me." In that moment of great humility and helplessness I felt the divine love and favor of God moving into my soul. Immediately there flashed into my mind the blessed and ever to be remembered admonishment and exhortation of that great apostle to the gentiles and to the glorious little

church at Phillippi, when he cried out so humbly from the depth of his soul, "Therefore my Brethren, dearly beloved and longed for, my joy and crown, so stand fast in the Lord my dearly beloved."

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These words so laden with love and admiration and so meaningful are part of Paul's farewell address and last message to the little church of Phillippi; the first church to the Gentile world. The sunset of life was near for him. Pretty soon he must fall beneath the chopping ax. This little church was near and dear to his great heart. Of course, he was part of the means of kindling within their precious souls a heavenly spark that would shine as the stars of the morning in that part of the gentle world. Hence, his cry to them was, "Stand fast in the Lord, my dearly Beloved." Paul rejoiced in the fact that these Phillipian converts were in the Lord. They were where he wanted them to be. They were where they had to be, to be forever saved and fruitful, always rejoicing in the hope within them, the hope of glory formed in the soul.

Brethren, the only position or place in which we mortals are to begin aright is in the Lord. May God help us as ministers of the gospel to bear down on this doctrine with all the power within us, in warning those who know not their Lord, to make their peace calling and election sure. It's a good thing for christians to be in the church, but if a person is in the church before he is in the Lord, he is out of place. There is danger of such one putting his whole confidence in the church and by-pass the straight and narrow way that leads to eternal bliss. Professors who slip, slide, fall and desert our ranks are due to the fact that they are not right in the first place. They certainly were not in the Lord. Holy writ compares them with the sow that returned to her wallowing in the mire, and the dog that returned to his own vomit. Their foundation was on the sand which brought the house down. Sometimes we are made to wonder over the seed which

springs up so rapidly, yet which withers so soon, because it is neither root nor depth of earth. They go out from us simply because they are not of us and it is so manifested. Had they been of us they would have continued with us. The church should shed no tears over their departure. They were not in the Lord.

Now, just what is it to be in the Lord? What are its privileges and advantages? We are in the Lord when we can come to Him in meekness, in faithful obedience, in prayer and in true repentance and He speaks to our never dying souls and saves us with an everlasting salvation. Thus we come in possession of a new life by a new birth by being born again of an incorruptible seed, by the word of God that lives and abides forever. No greater blessing can come to us than having our sins forgiven and cast in the depth of the sea of forgiveness, never never, to be remembered against us anymore. Many and marvelous are the blessings that flow to us who love and obey God, and who love and faithfully labor for the advancement of the blessed kingdom. Therefore, Brethren it behooves us to adhere with all our strength, heart and mind to Paul's exhortation, "Stand fast in the Lord." Let us forever, all the days we sojourn here, be steadfast in the Lord, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, in as much as we know that our labor is not in vain in the Lord.

If we are steadfast in the Lord, our light is bound to shine forth to the world around us, and through it mankind will see our good works and glorify our father in heaven. The purity of our characters should be such that men would take notice of us, that we are a superior race and that we have been with the Lord. God grant us more and more to be most clearly a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a peculiar people, that we may show forth the praise of He who has called us out of darkness into the marvelous light of His dear Son. This is our heritage that our Lord and our founding fathers left us. The time has come that we should stand up and

defend this heritage, this living faith once delivered to the saints and the old time doctrine which is so vital to the saving of our precious souls. Let's not be tossed about by every wind of doctrine. We know that the enemy surrounds us. Let's keep strictly to our line of march and tolerate no roaming, either to the left or to the right. Let's hold fast the form of sound words and deviate not one jot or tittle from the old-time doctrine of our Lord. The world is striving to join us. They are offering us their hand. They are persuading us to remove the barriers that separate us. They say, "There is room on the stage for both." They say, "Now is the time for the lion to eat straw like the ox," but I repeat to you these words, "Come out from among them and be ye separate, and touch not the unclean thing." Let's strive together as a little band of christians to maintain the purity of the disciples and our Lord.

At all times let's wear the helmet of love, the breastplate of righteousness and shoes of the preparation of peace, that way we may be able to withstand the wiles of the wicked one. In this age of laxity, errors, unfaithfulness, untruth and the rampant of spiritual wickedness in high places, reads to us an eternal lesson, to take our stand for that which is right and to rely upon these two weighty words, "Stand Fast." In the wake of all this whirling world of evils, it behooves us to look to the great hand of King Providence for some assignment fitting for us to do, and do it. No man can set a higher aim in this life, than to be a good man; a zealous and courageous man, one who is determined to do right because it is right. The greatest loss which can come to us mortals here, is the loss of willingness to do right, the loss of mind and strength to resist and overcome temptations and the loss in the everlasting principals of faith, hope and charity.

Dear Brethren, reverses will come, gloom will settle down over us, for such is the order of life. But let's take our stand for the Lord and "Stand Fast" and we will certainly overcome. May we re-

solve that we will do what Christ bids us to do, and do it with the utmost of our ability and that we will follow the Lamb whithersoever he goeth. It behooves us as christians to gather up our skirts and keep our feet and our garments clean from the pollutions which lie all around us.

From every direction, east, west, north and south the wicked one hurls his fiery darts at the church of God; but, how well do we know that the church will persevere. She is like the ark of Noah floating upon the turbulent water of the ancient flood, like the lilies growing in the swamps, or the roses among the thorns, like the bush amidst the fire, but not consumed, like innocent sheep among the wolves of the forest. Blessed Zion! She is being constantly besieged. She may bear battle scars and many times suffer some in the conflict, but can never be destroyed.

Saints may be troubled on every side, yet not distressed, perplexed but not in despair, persecuted but not forsaken, cast down but not destroyed. Our lives here are oftentimes disturbed by fightings without and fears within, but kept by the power of God. Sometimes we are sorrowful, yet always rejoicing, poor, yet making others rich, having nothing, yet possessing all things.

Our blessed forefathers left us a good example that we should observe and live by. They served their Lord in hunger and thirst, in cold and heat, in labours and weariness, in watching and fasting. Their outward necessities were largely lost sight of through the inward feeling of divine consolation coming from their everlasting Father. A sketch of Paul's suffering in the early church shows that he received 39 stripes five times, three times beaten with rods, once stoned and left for dead, a night and a day in the deep, three times ship wrecked, once over the wall in a basket, in perils of robbers, in perils of water, in perils of his own countrymen, in perils of the city, in perils of false brethren, in perils of the wilderness, in journeys often, in weariness and painfulness, in

watching hunger and thirst, in fasting hunger and thirst, in cold and nakedness, then the care of all the churches. And then he adds-----If I must needs glory, I will glory in the things that concern mine infirmities. Thank God, oh, thank God for such steadfastness in the Lord, and for the manifestation of such great faith. On such the church of God will strive forever with the ages.

Century after century this relentless battle with the forces of evil has raged on and on, never letting up. The enemy never tires, never sleeps and never slows his pace. Brethren, let's hold the fort; let's pick up the slack and tighten the reins. Let's die where we are rather than yield to the enemy, and when life's short days glide on, and the sun begins to find its resting place behind the mountains of the west, and the darkness begins to hover around us, let us go relying on the promises of Almighty God, that He will wrap around us His mantle of love, faith and peace, that we can lie down in spiritual repose and rest, until the trumpet sounds the signal of the resurrection day.

Humbly submitted,
Yours in hope of eternal life,
Elder Kirby Ison

RESOLUTION

Be it resolved by the Indian Bottom Association the following:

Where as, the present session of the Indian Bottom Association is being hosted and entertained by the Little Ivy Point Church.

Where as, said Ivy Point Church was founded and tenderly nurtured and cared for and led in the good old way by our late beloved Elder Cephus Mosley who will be remembered as one of the most gifted singers and one of the most able and beloved ministers ever known among Regular Baptist in these hills,

Where as, his messages were truly a message of

hope, courage and good will to his listeners. From his sermons sprang rays of light penetrating the heart of the sorrowful, the poor and afflicted, to those who sat in darkness and knew not the way of the Lord of mercy.

Where as, it has pleased his Lord to call him from these mortal shores and from our midst, to his eternal home in Heaven to receive his heavenly reward. His life and his spiritual guidance will live on in the hearts of those who knew him.

Where as, in loving memory and as a memorial unto him the Indian Bottom Association issues and approves this resolution, and directs same to be printed in our minutes.

RESOLUTION

AN ITEM OF APPRECIATION

We the officers and delegates of the seventy-ninth session of the Indian Bottom Association extend our heart-felt thanks to the Ivy Point Church, their friends and the whole community at large for the splendid and gracious manner in which they labored so hard in making it so convenient for us. This will be long remembered by those who attended this Association.

We also thank the New Home Church for permitting us to use their nice church house for Saturday's session. It was so nice of them. This spirit of cooperation so prevalent among our brotherhood is indeed a blessing. We are so glad that we are willing to help and assist each other in carrying on the work of the blessed Lord.

The food was plentiful and delicious. Thanks to the blessed sisters for their part in this matter. It could not have been better. After hundreds had eaten to their satisfaction, I am told that several basketfuls were taken up and given to the poor and the needy in the neighborhood, thank God for such a Spirit. This kind of Spirit prevailing in a church and neighborhood is an eternal blessing. God grant that it continues.

We cannot overlook the untiring effort of Elder Nelson Seals in this matter. It was all practically under his splendid supervision. He labored long and hard to see that every thing was just right. Brother Seals is a hard worker for the cause of Christ and His Kingdom in any spiritual field or line of duty. We ask the benediction of God to be upon him and his family for all he did in making this Association so successful.

In the name and by the authority of the Indian Pottom Association we herewith affix our signatures approving this document.

Elder Manus Ison.....Moderator
Elder Carl Back.....Asst.Moderator
Elder Olus Baldridge.....Clerk
Bro.McKinley McIntosh....Asst.Clerk
Elder Kirby Ison.....Asst.Clerk

S U N D A Y

September 8, 1974

Early Sunday morning crowds began to gather at the Ivy Point Church. By 9:30 the church house was filled to its capacity. Still folks kept coming. Handshakes, lovely greetings and smiles were displayed. Let us understand, thoroughly, that peace love and fellowship doth abound among our brotherhood. Pretty soon the echoes of Zion's old songs began to ring out, and oh how sweet it was, human voices tuned by the spirit of our good Lord to render praise and glory to He who died for us.

Elder Irvin Hicks, having been chosen to introduce the services for this day came to the stand. He was wonderfully blessed with the spirit of the GREAT I AM to counsel the congregation along the line of faithfulness, love and complete obedience. Then he led us in prayer to the everlasting throne of GRACE.

After prayer, Elder Banner Manns from the New Salem Association, having been chosen by the delegates, came to the stand, and was shortly carried away in the spirit. Brother Manns was wonderfully

blessed. The essence of his sermon was along the line of repentance of sinners, freedom and the manifestation of love for one another.

Elder Manus Ison was chosen by the delegates to occupy the stand, and he came forward. At first he seemed frail and weak in body, but soon he was lifted up in the heights of the blessed spirit. Then the frailness of body seemed to disappear. He was wonderfully blessed.

Elder Kirby Ison briefly brought the meeting to a close. The congregation joined hearts and voices in singing a parting song, 'DEAR FRIENDS FAREWELL.' And thus ended another session of the Indian Bottom Association.

UNION AND COMMUNION MEETINGS

May

MT, OLIVET- UNION: 1st Saturday and Sunday in May, 1975, Elders Called: Crit Eldridge, John Preece, Dillis Combs, Alex Collier, Melvin Watts and I.D. Back, the Moderator, Communion, 1st Sun. in August.

LITTLE DOVE - UNION: 2nd Saturday and Sunday in May, 1975, Elders Called: Critt Eldridge, Charlie Gibson, John Preece, the Moderator and I.D. Back, Communion, 2nd Sunday in July.

REYNOLDS FORK - UNION: 3rd Saturday and Sunday in May, 1975, Elders Called: Ermil Ison, Kirby Ison, I.D. Back, Woodrow Dye, Tildon Dye, Siltan Dye, Elias Cotton, Communion, 3rd Sunday in June.

BULL CREEK - UNION: 3rd Saturday and Sunday in May, 1975, Elders Called: Clark Hays, Ermil Ison, Bill Halcomb, Wesley Roleigh and the Moderator Carl Back, Communion, 3rd Sunday in August.

BLAIR BRANCH - UNION: 3rd Saturday and Sunday in May, 1975, Elders Called: John Preece, Melvin Watts, Agnan Back, and the Moderator, Manus Ison, Communion, 3rd Sunday in July.

CEDAR GROVE - UNION: 4th Saturday and Sunday in May, 1975, Elders Called: Robert Haney, Banner Manns, I.D.Back, Bill Halcomb, John Preece, Agnan Back, Dillis Combs, Communion, 4th Sunday in August.

June

HAPPY HOME , UNION: 1st Saturday and Sunday in June, 1975, Elders Called: Kirby Ison, Ermil Ison, Lewis Craft, Carl Back, Sila Williams, Banner Manns, Communion, 1st Sunday in July.

CLEAR FORK - UNION: 1st Saturday and Sunday in June, 1975, Elders Called: Estill Slone, Clearance Fields, Andy Bates, Communion, 1st Sunday in July.

NEW HOME - UNION: 2nd Saturday and Sunday in June, 1975, Elders Called: Kirby Ison, Felix Sexton, John Preece, Bill Halcomb, Clark Hays, Kirby Jent, Communion, 2nd Sunday in July.

BIG CREEK - UNION: 4th Saturday and Sunday in June, 1975, Elders Called: Clark Hays, Herschel Baldrige, John Preece, Manus Ison, I.D.Back, Communion, 4th Sunday in July.

TOLSON CREEK - UNION: 4th Saturday and Sunday in June, 1975, Elders Called: Andy Bates, Bill Halcomb, John Preece, Wesley Roleigh, Kirby Ison, Bert Fields, Communion, 4th Sunday in June.

DIXON MEMORIAL - UNION: 4th Saturday and Sunday in June, 1975, Elders Called: Lewis Craft, Critt Eldridge, Clark Hays, Kerby Jent, Agnan Back, John Preece, Charlie Gibson, Carl Back, Communion 4th Sunday in July.

IVY POINT - UNION: 4th Saturday and Sunday in June, 1975, Elders Called: Harry More, Green Hall, Lewis Craft, J.Lee Hamilton, Nelson Seals, Communion, 4th Sunday in June.

July

NEW BETHLEHEM - UNION: 4th Saturday and Sunday in July, 1975, Elders Called: Arnold McKnight, Leonard Slone, Clive Hall, Estill Slone, Sila Williams, Communion, 4th Sunday in July.

NORTHERN NEW HOME - UNION: 4th Saturday and Sunday in July, 1975, Elders Called: Green Fields, John Preece, I.D. Back, Manus Ison, Hershel Baldrige, Clark Hays. Communion, 4th Sunday in August.

August

DEFEATED CREEK - UNION: 2nd Saturday and Sunday in August, 1975, Elders Called: Kirby Ison, Agnan Back, Charlie Gibson, Bill Halcomb, Communion, 2nd Sunday in August.

Obituaries

IDA COMBS



Ida Combs was born May 10, 1885, next to the youngest of seven children, born to the marriage of William Riley and Sarah (Sally) Combs. They were: Rev. Watson, Andrew, Samuel, Shadrack, (Shade), Sabrina, William (Willie) and a sister who passed away at an early age. All of them preceded my mother in death.

Mother was paralyzed when she was three years old. With her stern determination she learned to walk again but was crippled all her life. Grandmother taught her to sew while she was still young and recuperating from her paralysis. Grandmother made her a leather thimble. She went to school with the help of her teacher who carried her on his shoulders the first year. He boarded with her mother and father. She learned fast and was a good writer. She wrote to my friends in her later years and wrote some poems.

Mother was united in marriage to George Elliott Francis March 23, 1900. To this union were born nine children, Sabrina, Bascum, Rosetta, Alpharetta, Vasco, Jeanette, Loretta, Hattie Lee and Watson. After a number of years there was a separation and Mother married again to F.A. Combs. Three more children were born: William (Willie), Edward and Audrey. Four of her children preceded her in death.

Mother was a smart, industrious woman with a sense of humor. In spite of her handicap she worked hard in the fields at home and at one factory. She reared her family practically by herself, with a strong hand. Two of her sons were in World War II, Watson going to France and Germany and Willie in the South Pacific.

She moved to Ohio in 1940. She lived with her son and daughter, Willie and Audrey. She quilted, kept chickens and tended her vegetable and flower gardens. After selling her chickens she raised flowers, squash and guords. Her flowers were admired by everyone for their variety and beauty. She had brought pine trees from Kentucky and roses from the Cornett Hill Cemetery. Just one bloom and it grew and multiplied to be a beautiful rose garden. She made quilt tops and pulled weeds in her wheel chair after she became unable to walk. She had 46 quilt tops she had made when she passed away.

Mother joined the Little Dove Church in 1919 and was baptized by her brother, Rev. Watson Combs. She accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as her personal Saviour and is there with him today. She loved the Little Dove Church and attended every time she was able to, even after she moved to Ohio. She went back to church on the bus. In later years I took her back to church. She loved to attend at Sacrament meeting times. We always stayed with Aunt Bertha, and she and Mother went to meeting together. Mother was always relaxed and at peace in the Little Dove Church and later talking with relatives and friends in the church yard and cemetery. She sent her offerings and enjoyed receiving and reading the book of minutes of the church. I know she wanted to be buried from her church and in the Cornett Hill Cemetery but decided to be buried here in Ohio because she could not leave some of her children. She left 6 daughters, 2 sons, 24 grandchildren, 22 great-grandchildren and 6 great-great-grandchildren.

She passed away November 2, 1973 at the age of 88 years. Her brother Samual's son, Rev. Paul Combs held a wonderful and elightening service from the Word of God at the Vorhis Funeral Home and continued to the Oak Hill Cemetery in Springdale, Ohio where he consoled us with a Spiritual Prayer to the Lord.

Written by her daughter,
Jeanette Dreager

The following poem is in memory of her from

her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren,
sent to her from one of her friends.

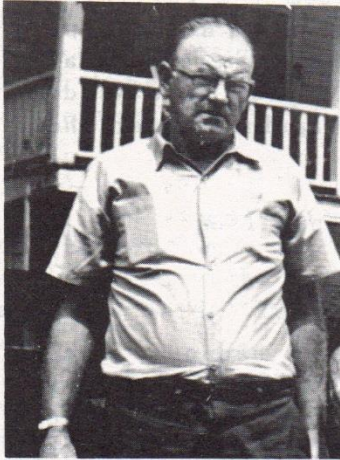
WHY GOD MADE MOTHERS

God knew that everybody needs
Someone to show the way,
He knew that babies need someone
To care for them each day---
He knew they needed someone sweet
To soothe their baby cries,
To teach them how to walk and talk,
And sing them lullabies---
That's why God made mothers.

He knew small children needed someone
To lend a guiding hand,
To answer all their questions
And to smile and understand,
Someone to read them storybooks
To teach them wrong from right,
To show them wonderful new games,
And hear their prayers at night---
That's why God made mothers.

And then throughout their childhood years,
God knew that children need
Someone to smile at them with pride,
Encourage each new deed.
As they grow up and all their lives,
God knew that everywhere
All children need a mother's heart
To understand and care.
And that's why God made mothers.

MANUS ISON



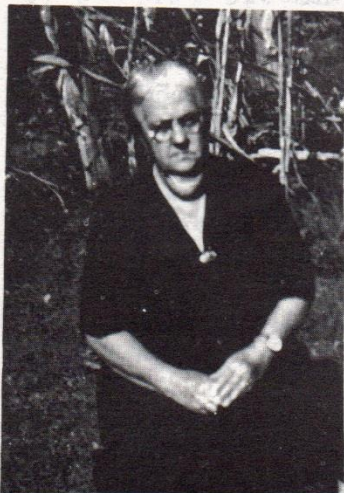
We will try with broken hearts to write the obituary of Manus Ison who we loved so much. Manus Ison was born on Dec. 4, 1918. He was the son of Kelly and Callie Stallard Ison. He passed from this life on Jan. 9, 1974, making his stay on earth with us 55 years, 1 month and 5 days. On August 24, 1940, he was married to Irene Caudill. To this union was born five children. One son preceded him in death. He leaves to mourn, his wife, 2 daughters, Janice Sue Bates of Winchester, Ind. and Lynette Trent, of New Point, Ind., 2 sons, Junior Ray Ison, Whitesburg, Ky., and Roger Dale Ison, of Richmond, Ky., and a girl whom he raised, Judy Pearl Caudill. (She was like his own). His father and mother, 4 sisters, 4 brothers and 13 grandchildren. He was a kind husband to his wife, and a good father to his children.

To know him was to love him. He was known throughout the county as T.V. Manus. He had been in many homes. All that knew him spoke well of him. He hated to leave us. He said the Lord saved his soul 23 years before he died. On Thanksgiving day 1973, church services were held at his home. He came forth and joined the Mount Olivet Regular Baptist Church at Blackey, Ky. He was baptized on Saturday, November 24, 1973. His frail body was weak but he came out of the water strong in the spirit, shouting the praises of God. He said many times he was ready to go, and that he had the ticket to get to the other side, where we feel he is resting today. He has climbed that great high mountain that he loved to sing and talk about. Where there is no trouble or pain. He bore his sickness with patience. He would say he wanted

God's will to be done. He is taking that well deserved rest. If he could speak to us now he would say, 'Come on over to God's Kingdom I'm waiting for you all to come home.' Where there is no more pain no more tears or separations. Where there is peace, joy and happiness forever. Won't that be a wonderful day, when we can be together again forever where the roses never fade?

By: The family of Manus Ison

MATILDA SMITH



With much sadness, I will attempt to write an obituary of my dear and loving sister in the Lord, Matilda Smith was born April 8, 1881, deceased this life September 20, 1973 making her stay on earth, 82 years, 5 months and 12 days.

In her early life she met and was married to Charlie Smith. To this union no children were born. They were married December 21, 1912. They lived happily until separated by death April 15, 1963. About the year of 1924 he was stricken down with rheumatism, and never was able to work anymore. So with patience Sister Matilda Smith did work for what ever she could get, to get something to eat and wear. But trusting in the Lord to go along with her and make a way for them. In the year of 1930, she professed a hope in Jesus Christ and was baptized into the Old Regular Baptist Church. She lived a true and faithful member until death.

After a while along came the Old Age and Disabled benefits, and after that they did live happily until separated by death. At the time of her death she was a member of the Happy Home Church. She attended her church as long as she was able, I McKinley McIntosh did live by her for the last 15 years of

her life. She was a mother to me. She always loved for her church brothers and sisters to come and have service for her, she had told me several times in the last few years that she was just waiting for the Lord to call her home to glory, so she could be with her husband, Charlie for ever and for ever; where they two could praise the Lord together for ever.

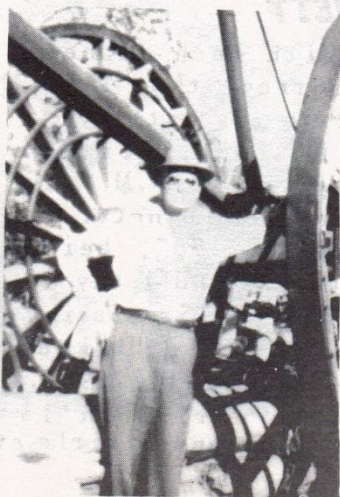
After she went to the hospital, Sister Mary Hall, one of her neices went to see her. She always called her Mom. She said, "Mom, if the Lord would call you to night do you believe you are ready to go?" She said, "Yes honey, there is nothing in my way."

So to her people, friends and neighbors, Sister Matilda Smith is gone, never to be back here anymore, we believe that she has gone on to a better world, a world of peace, joy and love forever more to be with the Lord. No more troubles, no more aches, no more pain.

So to all of you, her people, her friends, will you all look up to where all good and perfect gifts come from. They come down from the Father of Light who art in Heaven (is our prayers).

Written by her brother and sister in
hope,
McKinley McIntosh
Mary Hall

BENT NEWLAND



With a sad heart, I will try to write an obituary of a dear brother in the Lord, Bent Newland, he was born in the home of Bud Newland and Aunt Jennie Newland, March 27, 1890, deceased this life May. 11, 1973, making his stay on earth 93 years, 14 days.

In his early life he was married to Mallie Smith and to this union were born three children, one boy, Fred Newland, now living in the state of

Texas; Two girls: Virginia, now living in Texas; Rena now living in California. Two brothers: Dishmond, now living in Hindman, Knott County, Kentucky; Bill, now living in Florida. He was raised in and around Hindman, Knott County, Kentucky. Back in his early life he was a business man, a merchant in Hindman, Kentucky. He later sold out in Hindman and went to the State of Texas, bought him a home and moved there. Later his wife died and he was not satisfied there anymore. He came back to Hindman, and lived there until just before he passed away.

Several years ago he repented of his sins and joined the Old Regular Baptist Church. At the time of his passing he belonged to Happy Home Church, of the Old Regular Baptist. He was a good member. He loved the church. He attended the church regularly as long as he was able. He loved his brothers and sisters. He did not stop there, he loved little children. He always carried something in his pockets to give them. He was well loved by everyone. He has gone on, we all believe to a world of joy and peace. His troubles are all over. He leaves to mourn his passing one boy and two girls, some grandchildren, two brothers, and the church and many friends and neighbors. We all miss him, but we hope to meet him again someday where we can all join in together around the throne of God, for ever and ever.

Written by a brother in hope,
McKinkey McIntosh

CLIFTON CORNETT



It is with much sadness and great sorrow, that I attempt to write an obituary of my loving husband, Clifton Cornett, the son of W.M. and Elizabeth Gilbert Cornett. He was born Jan. 29, 1907, being 66 years, 9 months and 1 day of age at the time of his passing. He was married to Drinda Caudill, September 11, 1926. To this union were born 13 children, 8 boys and 5 girls.

Boys: Eugene, Ralph, Kenis, Richard, Robert, Paul, Phillip, David, Girls: Sophia, Chelsie, Maxine, Susie and Martha. Eugene and Robert preceded him in death in 1970.

Clifton joined the Old Regular Baptist Church in May, 1962, and lived a devoted christian life until Thursday morning, October 30, 1973, the death Angel came. God had called for him to come home. I want to say to all of the family that has been left behind, those of you that have not repented of your sins, if you ever hope to see Daddy again after this life is over, you must repent, for I feel like his soul is with Jesus in whom there is ever lasting peace.

The life he lived here, I feel showed the love and respect he had for his family, friends, neighbors and his brothers and sisters in the church.

We hear God's Holy Scripture saying, 'Blessed are they that die in the Lord, henceforth yea saith the spirit they shall rest from their labor.' He leaves to mourn their loss, his broken hearted wife, 11 children, 1 brother, 3 sisters, 47 grandchildren, 9 great-grandchildren, and a host of friends. A voice we love is still, a place is vacant in our home that never can be filled.

Written by his wife,
Drinda Cornett

SUSIE CORNETT



Life is a journey; the end is nearing. It is a race, The goal will soon be reached. It is a voyage; the shores will soon be in sight. Oh' yes, we are all going, going. How many things we have already left behind- the old home, friends, parents and scenes of childhood and early years. How much of the way we have already passed over.

Our hearts should be gladdened with the thought that this world is not all; there is a world beyond. A

world for the humble, for the meek and for all them that love and serve their Creator. In this world of sorrow and anguish, human friends and loved ones may go hand in hand to the very brink of the river that rolls between this and the unseen world of splendor. They do much to sustain and soothe each other as the last hours draw near. Yet we all must finally meet the great foe with no human hand on which to lean. We must turn away our faces from our departing loved ones and allow them to pass alone under the deep shadows of eternity to enter their eternal heavenly home.

Susie Huff Cornett was born into the parentage of the late John D. and Nancy Catherine Huff, Nov. 27, 1910 at Linefork, Ky. Here she grew into womanhood, playing as children do, working in the fields and going to school. Early in life she turned her affections to a school mate and a young neighborhood boy, Kermit Cornett. Their affection for each other was magnified and on July 30, 1931 they were happily married and unto this union were born three children: Mavis June, Ruby Jean and Darrell. She and Kermit labored together hand in hand sharing alike the responsibilities in life rearing a family. They also helped to rear two very fine grand daughters, Labraida Minuard and Karen Lynn Minuard Fields. No mother was more devoted to her children than Susie. Their problems were her problems, their burdens were her burdens, their joys were her joys.

For the last five years she has been in failing health and more seriously for the last five months. Kermit the children and the grandchildren did all that loving hands could do to restore her health and make her comfortable. The best of medical skill and hospitalization was obtained but all seemed to be of no avail. We believe her blessed Saviour was calling her to her eternal rest. Not too long ago she found grace and mercy in the Lord; made a profession of that faith and was baptized into the fellowship of the Mt. Olivet Regular Baptist Church at Plackey, Ky., with her daughter Ruby Jean and son-in-law, Ray Roarks at the same time, by the hands

of this writer and Elder I.D. Back.

She was a devoted and dedicated christian, often talking of how she loved Brother I.D. Back and the church membership at Blackey. She often spoke of the great love and sweet fellowship she was enjoying in her church. During her illness she never lost sight of her blessed Lord. She advised her family that she would soon be going to her eternal home where she would not smother anymore. She repeatedly told her family she was ready to go and wanted to be relieved of her suffering here, and that she wished that they would all make her heavenly home their home.

About 12:15 P.M. Friday in the Harlan Appalachian Hospital, an angel came and called for Sister Susie and she bade this world adieu and went out to be with her Lord and loved ones in eternity forever. Oh Glorious thought.

In her untimely passing, she leaves the following dear ones to mourn her passing: daughters: Mavis June Minuard, Ruby Jean Roark; one son: Darrell, and her dear husband, Kermit. Four grandchildren: Karen Lynn Minuard Fields, Labradia Minuard, Elizabeth Sue, and Lydia Roarks. One great-grandson: Little Stanley Fields. The following brothers and sisters: May Ison, Depount, Ind., Monette Ison, Whitesburg, Ky., Clarence Huff, Linefork, Ky., Edgar Huff, North Vernon, Ind., Elmo Huff, Clothier, W. Va., Gwendloyn Farmer, Crete, Ill., Vivian Halcomb, Clothier, W. Va., Alliene Foley, Fairmont, W. Va., Grace Parrott, Cumberland, Ky., Rodney Huff, Seymore, Ind., James Wayland Huff, Seymore, Ind., Windell C. Huff, Colummus, Ind., Dayle Huff, Linefork, Ky., Linda Gale Huff, Linefork, Ky., Gary Huff, Linefork, Ky., together with a host of friends and relatives. Today dark clouds of sorrow hover over and around our hearts. We may feel that life in the future for us is blighted by reason of these heavy sorrows and that we are almost ready to give over to utter discouragement and despair, then we may be sure that Heaven's glory is hovering behind the cloud that darkens our path.

Oh, let us so live that when the hour of our

departure draws near, we may fall asleep only to be awakened in that beautiful home of the soul, where sickness, parting and death will be no more.

Writer unknown

JOHN D. CAUDILL



I will try with a lonely aching heart to write the obituary of my dear loving husband, John D. Caudill. At the time of his passing he was 67 years, 11 months and 19 days old. He joined the Old Regular Baptist Church in Lincoln County at a night meeting at Uncle Joe Day's, was baptized the next day in the year of 1967. He took his membership at the Dixon Memorial Church in Letcher County. The son of Jessie and Winnie Caudill of

Perkin's Branch on Rock House near Jeremiah, Ky.

He was united in marriage to Virgie Eldridge, May 6, 1926. We were blessed to have ten children 6 passed away as infants; four are still living to mourn his passing. Two girls: Ada Holder Kingston, Ind., Marie Holder, Rushville, Ind.; two boys: Vernon Caudill, Waveland, Ind., Ernest Caudill, Russellville, Ind., 11 grandchildren, 3 great-grandchildren, 1 brother, Albert, Whitley City, Ky., 1 sister, Irus Fisher, Moores Hill, Indiana.

He was a hard working man and a strong believer in the Old Regular Baptist, and so good to every body. It was so pitiful to hear him pray while on his death bed.

I believe with all my heart he is resting now, as he had to suffer so hard at the last. My home is so lonesome it is hard to bear. I hope to meet him up in Heaven and I have hope that I will when I leave this old wicked world.

So children if you all want to see your Daddy again make peace while you are here on earth with the Lord.

Written by his wife

ELSIE BETH HAMPTON



She was born August 6, 1899 to W.C. and Phoebe Caudill at Jeremiah, Ky. and passed into eternity on December 6, 1973, being 74 years and 4 months of age. She married Dave Hampton on July 14, 1920. Unto this union were born 9 children; one baby daughter preceded her in death in 1925. She leaves her husband, Dave and the following children: Gracie Caudill, Jeremiah, Ky., Kermitt, Cincinnati, Ohio, John W., Carrollton, Ohio, Gertrude Hampton, Sanford, Florida, Dorothy Bryant, Harrison, Ohio, Ella Mae Pigman, Cincinnati, Ohio, Shelby, Cincinnati, Ohio and Phoebe Milburn, Henderson, Ky., 26 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren, 3 sisters: Evaline Hampton, Brownstown, Ind., Malinda Turner, Louisville, Ky., and Hattie Mayes, Jeremiah, Ky., 3 brothers: Hubert and Ivry Caudill of Jeremiah, Ky., David D. Caudill of Eurlington, Ky., and a host of other relatives and friends.

She joined the Little Dove Regular Baptist Church at Sassafras, Ky. in 1950. She and her companion were chosen as deacons a few years later and she faithfully served this office until sickness kept her from attending church. She died praising her Lord and her last words to her family were, "I love you all."

Our home will be lonely but filled with happy memories. Our community has lost a smiling neighbor, but Heaven sings because a new angel has arrived.

Written by her husband and daughter
Dave Hampton and Gracie Caudill

MARYAN CAUDILL



Maryan Caudill was born November 9, 1902 and died May 20, 1974. Early in life she met and married Herman Caudill, February 16, 1921. To this union were born nine children: Delmar Caudill, Erlanger, Ky., Carlos Caudill, Covington, Ky., Delzie Caudill, Florence, Ky., Mrs. Audrey Love, Florence, Ky., Mrs. Lois Burt, Cincinnati, Ohio, Mrs. Lilly Suttles, Walton, Ky., Mrs. Beulah VanArsdale, Florence, Ky. Two preceded her in death: Everett Caudill, age 46 and Mrs.

Eva Eaton, age 40. She leaves her husband, children, 24 grandchildren, 4 great-grandchildren, many friends and relatives to mourn their loss.

She joined the Doty Creek Baptist Church and was baptized in the summer of 1926. Herman and Maryan were blessed to spend 53 happy years together. She always said, "I want the Lord to be first in my life." Next to serving the Lord she lived entirely for her husband and children. She was a wonderful Christian and showed each day her faith and love for the Lord.

On Monday, May 20, 1974, God sent His angel for her. He has taken her to a place more beautiful than our eyes can see - a place of no more sickness, worry or sorrow, to a land where the soul is free and safe, to live with God through all eternity.

Though sadly missed by her husband and children, we know in our hearts that our loss is Heaven's gain. And we rest assured that someday we shall meet her on Heaven's shore, this one we love so much.

Written by her daughter
Mrs. VanArsdale

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 principal and 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 the doctrine of original sin and that man sinned since the fall and are by nature the children of wrath.

4. We believe in the impotency or 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 perserverence 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 the 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 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 the right to administer the Cospel Ordinances but such as are legally 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 of reprobation as to make God partial directly or indirectly so as to injure children of man.

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

RULES OF DECORUM

1. The Association shall open and close with prayer.

2. The Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.

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

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

5. He shall strictly adhere to his subject and in nowise reflect on the preceding speaker, but 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 meeting to an Association, we therefore propose to keep 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 power 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 expenses 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 and 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 methods 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 the power to decide for the general union of the churches and to preserve an inviolable chain on 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 principals of regulation, 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.

CHURCHES AND DELEGATES

CEDAR GROVE- Lovel Polly, Verlin Ison, Manord Caudill

NEW HOME- Kirby Ison, Parker Maggard, Olus Baldrige

DEFEATED CREEK- Bert Fields, Parot Roark, Jim Angram

BULL CREEK- Green Fields, Gardner Jent, Oakley Fugate

REYNOLDS FORK- J. Nelson Seals, Delmer Moore, Leroy Hanes.

IVY POINT- Lee Mosley, Birtchell Mosley, Isom Stallard

LITTLE DOVE- Dave Hampton, John Preece, Ralph Asher

TOLSON CREEK- George Caurill, Watson Whitaker, Astor Raleigh

DIXON MEMORIAL- Carl Back, Willie Eldridge, Henry Eldridge
 BIG CREEK- Venon Miller, Earl Cox, Billy Ray Maggard
 HAPPY HOME- McKinley McIntosh, Hershel Baldrige, Clark Hays
 CLEAR FORK- Lewis Lucas, J.M. Smith, Jay Lucas
 NEW BETHLEHEM- Sila Williams, J.C. Sparks, George Fugate
 NORTHERN NEW HOME- Cleon Combs, Mark Dotson, Ermil Ison
 BLAIR BRANCH- Halic Dyer, Critt Eldridge, Charlie Gibson
 MT. OLIVET- Agnan Back, I.D. Back, Glen Hampton

CHURCHES CLERKS AND ADDRESSES

CEDAR GROVE- Lovel Polly, Rt.1 Box 24b Viper, Ky.
 NEW HOME- Bill Moore, Leburn, Ky. 41831
 DEFEATED CREEK- Coy Fields, Linefork, Ky.
 BULL CREEK- Green Fields, Rt.2 Box 315 Carcassonne, Kentucky
 REYNOLDS FORK- Lewis F. Craft, Rt.1 Box 40 Hazard, Kentucky
 IVY POINT- Birchell Mosley, Garner, Kentucky
 LITTLE DOVE- Dave Hampton, Box 41, Jeremiah, Ky.
 TOLSON CREEK- George Caudill, Box 502, Whitesburg, Kentucky
 DIXON MEMORIAL- Willie Eldridge, Rt.1 Blackey, Ky.
 HAPPY HOME- McKinley McIntosh, Rt.1 Box 80 Amburgey, Kentucky
 BIG CREEK- Ray Fields, Box 116, Taylorsville, Ind. 47280
 CLEAR FORK- Wilson Combs, Rt.2 Box 201 Hazard, Ky.
 NEW BETHLEHEM- George Fugate, Talcum, Ky. 41765
 NORTHERN NEW HOME- Austin Williams
 BLAIR BRANCH- B.H. Blair, Jeremiah, Ky.
 MT. OLIVET- Agnan Back, Blackey, Ky.

ORDAINED MINISTERS

Crit Eldridge.....Jeremiah, Kentucky
Charlie Gibson.....Isom, Kentucky
Wesley Raleigh.....Kings Creek, Kentucky
Manus Ison.....Hallie, Kentucky
Virgil Halcomb.....Indianapolis, Indiana
Bill Halcomb.....Hamilton, Ohio
Olus Baldrige.....Leburn, Kentucky 41831
Kirby Ison.....Whitesburg, Kentucky
Bill Moore.....Leburn, Kentucky 41831
Clearence Fields.....Red Fox, Kentucky
Green Fields.....Carcossone, Kentucky 41806
Gardner Jent.....Carcossone, Kentucky 41806
Orell Flanery.....Somerset, Kentucky
J. Nelson Seals.....Litt Carr, Kentucky
Edd Mosley.....Garner, Kentucky
Sam Johnson.....Garner, Kentucky
Isom Stallard.....Mallie, Kentucky
Carl Back.....Jeremiah, Kentucky
Frank Caudill.....Jeremiah, Kentucky
Lloyd Eldridge,.....Sunman, Indiana
Jonah Roark.....Comnesky, Indiana
Clark Hays.....Red Fox, Kentucky 41847
Bill Everage.....Amburgey, Kentucky 41801
Herschell Baldrige.....Hindman, Kentucky 41822
Linzy Wicker.....Mousie, Kentucky 41839
Frank Fugate.....Rt. 2 Box 803 Hazard, Kentucky
Lewis Lucas.....Rt. 2 Box 334 Hazard, Kentucky
Sila Williams.....Tina, Kentucky
Odis Ritchie.....Talcum, Kentucky
Earl Mosley.....Leburn, Kentucky
I.D. Back.....Plackey, Kentucky
Ermil Ison.....Rt. 2 Mainsville, Ohio
Kirby Jent.....267 Forest Ave. South Lebanon, Ohio

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	Rec'd by Exp. and Baptism	Receive by Letter	Restored	Recommendation (and/or) Application	Lost by Death	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Total Membership	Meeting Time	Contribution
Cedar Grove	4	1	0	3	0	0	0	107	4	\$75.00
New Home	0	0	0	2	3	0	1	78	2	\$40.00
Defeated Creek	1	0	0	3	2	0	0	20	2	\$20.00
Bull Creek	2	0	1	1	0	2	1	21	3	\$30.00
Reynolds Fork	1	0	0	1	1	1	0	54	3	\$40.00
Ivy Point	5	3	0	0	2	2	0	29	4	\$30.00
Little Dove	1	0	0	4	2	0	0	59	2	\$100.00
Tolson Creek	2	2	0	3	0	0	2	19	4	\$20.00
Dixon Memorial	1	1	0	4	2	2	0	41	4	\$40.00
Big Creek	2	0	0	2	0	2	0	33	4	\$50.00
Happy Home	5	2	0	0	3	0	0	59	1	\$30.00
Clear Fork	2	0	0	0	1	0	2	25	1	\$25.00
New Bethlehem	3	0	0	0	1	0	0	30	4	\$25.00
Northern New Home	4	2	0	0	0	3	0	26	4	\$25.00
Blair Branch	4	0	0	0	1	2	3	45	3	\$50.00
Mount Olivet	14	4	0	0	2	0	2	108	1	\$100.00
Total	51	15	1	23	20	14	11	754		\$710.00

FORM OF CHURCH LETTER

We, the church of Jesus Christ of Regular Baptist Faith and order, now in session with the _____ Church, being found in love and fellowship, sendeth greetings, our Christian love and salutation to the ministers and messengers that may compose the _____ Association, when convened with the _____ Church, Address _____ to commence on Friday before the _____ Saturday in September, _____ and the two following days.

Dear Brethren, we are glad that we can correspond with you, and we have chosen these, our beloved Brethren, to bear this our letter to you, towit:

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| 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.....; Application (and or) 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 Twenty Third 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 FOR EVER