

MINUTES
OF THE
Eighty-First Annual Session
OF THE
INDIAN BOTTOM
ASSOCIATION
OF
OLD REGULAR BAPTIST
THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST



HELD AT THE
INDIAN BOTTOM ASSOCIATION BUILDING
Sassafras, Knott County, Kentucky
September 3, 4, & 5, 1976
Hosted By The Mt. Olivet Church

Elder Manus Ison, Moderator
Elder Carl Back, Ass't. Moderator
Elder Olus Baldrige, Clerk
Elder Kirby Ison, Ass't. Clerk
Bro. McKinley McIntosh, Ass't Clerk

Our next Association will be held in our permanent building at Sassafras, Knott County, Kentucky just off Ky. 15.

DIRECTIONS TO THE INDIAN BOTTOM ASSOCIATION

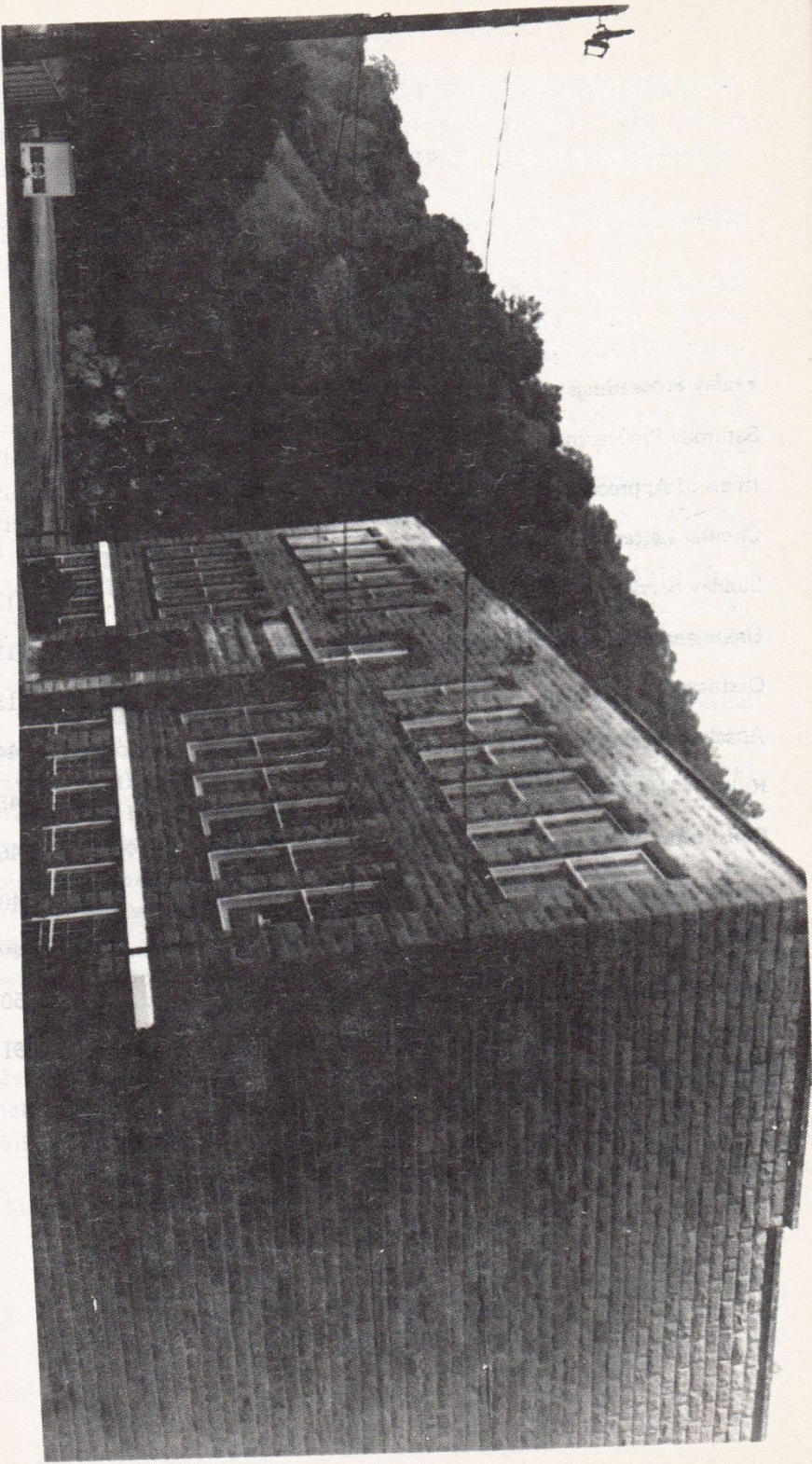
1. From Hazard, Ky., go east on Ky. 15 to Sassafras (12 miles) then follow signs up Yellow Creek about $\frac{1}{2}$ mile to Association.

2. From Hindman, Ky., leave Ky. 80 on Ky. 160 south about 10 miles to Ky. 15 turn right follow 15 about 4 miles to Sassafras, follow signs as in No. 1.

3. From Whitesburg, Ky., follow Ky. 15 west to Sassafras about 20 miles follow signs as in No. 1.

4. Accommodations for campers will be provided for and available on the building parking lot.

Indian Bottom Association Building



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PROCEEDINGS OF THE EIGHTY-FIRST ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE INDIAN BOTTOM ASSOCIATION OF OLD
REGULAR BAPTIST OF THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 1976 AND THE TWO FOLLOWING
DAYS.

The Indian Bottom Association being in session assembled at our New Association House, Sassafras, Kentucky, Knott County, September 3, 1976, being hosted by the Mt. Olivet Church met in the Congregational Department of the house for preaching services. After singing some of Zion's blessed songs Elder Clark Hays, having been selected last year to introduce the services for this session [1976] came to the stand; Brother Clark was wonderfully blessed in his opening remarks and prayer.

After prayer, intercession and giving of thanks had been made Elder Bill Halcomb, who was chosen by the delegates of the 1975 session to preach the sermon of introduction in the 1976 session came to the stand and delivered a wonderful message which will be long remembered by this Association.

After the introductory the delegates were advised to assemble in their room to organize and conduct the business of the Association for the day. The delegates being assembled, Elder Grover Adkins of the New Salem Association introduced the Association with some wonderful counseling and Elder Hiram Adkins led us to the Throne of Grace in 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 Mt. Olivet Church, a move and second was made and duly carried without objection to receive the Mt. Olivet 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
Elder Kirby Ison, Asst. Clerk

Brother McKinley McIntosh, Asst. Clerk

3. The Moderator called for newly constituted churches, none responded.

4. Called for churches of our same faith and order who desire to take up fellowship with us. Two responded: The Little Zion Church and the Hurricane Gap Church both of whom having been examined and labored with by the Indian Bottom Council Committee and have been found orderly and worthy of fellowship.

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—Elders: Ralph Howard, Lee Fields, Grover Adkins, Avel Johnson, Sollie Kiser, Cobert Bates, Hobert Bates, W.B.Day, Howard Eldridge, Dexter Dixon, Perry Tackett, Don Riddle, Willis Gibson and Willie Johnson.

B. UNION—Elders: A.J.Bates, Felix Sexton, Lester Hubbard, Jimmie Hubbard, Orbin May, Fon Bolling, Ernest Yonts, Fess Caudill and Herman West.

C. SARDIS—Elders: Clifford Maynard, Albert Stanley, Steve Robinson, Monroe Ousley, Brothers: Troy Walters and Joe Warix.

D. PHILADELPHIA—Elders: Walter Morrison, David Gilliam, and James Miller.

E. NORTHERN NEW SALEM—Elders: Ivan Amburgey, Hiram Adkins, Hezekiah Osborne, Fletcher Gibson, C.W.Turner, Zee Holbrooks and Oceanus Holbrooks.

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 and received none.

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

9. Appointed Committee on Ministry composed of one delegate from each church with the entire delegation from Mt. Olivet Church to arrange for preaching services Friday evening and on Saturday morning.

10. Appointed a Committee on Arrangements, same as the Committee on Ministry with the exception that the Mt. Olivet Church shall have one delegate together with Moderator, Asst.

Moderator, Clerk and Asst. Clerks, Transits and the entire delegation from our Corresponding Associations to meet Friday afternoon at 2 p.m. to arrange the business of the Association for Saturday.

11. By move and second duly carried, it was agreed to correspond with the following Associations:

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

The clerks are directed to prepare letters to same.

12. The Committee on Ministry made the following report for preaching services: For Friday evening they made no report by reason of this time being allotted to Elder Kirby to preach the sermon of dedication to the Lord of our New Association House with Elder I.D. Back being the alternate.

For Saturday morning Elders:

1. Steve Robinson
2. Hiram Adkins
3. Grover Adkins
4. Fon Bolling

13. By move and second duly carried the Association stands adjourned until 9:30 Saturday morning.

SATURDAY MORNING, SEPTEMBER 4, 1976

The Indian Bottom Association met pursuant to adjournment. After singing some of Zion's precious old songs to the glory of our dear Lord, our Moderator selected Elder A.J. Bates from the Union Association to introduce the business session of the Association. It was a wonderful introduction. The spirit of our blessed Lord seemed to dominate in our souls and brotherly love seemed to prevail in the hearts of every delegate. Brother Hiram Adkins led us to His great throne of grace in a wonderful prayer for us all.

The Association proceeded as follows:

1. Called the roll and marked the absentees.
2. Ministers chosen to preach on the stand were excused by the Moderator to fill their respective places on the stand.
3. The report of the Committee on Arrangements was read and approved by the delegates and the Committee was finally discharged.
4. The Moderator appointed a Committee on Finance to wit:

Steve Adams Earl Cox, and Carl Adams, who reported the sum of \$895.00 and \$124.00 for pictures. By move and second the report was received and accepted by the Association.

5 By move and second 3,000 Minutes were directed to be printed and that the Clerk be Secretary and Treasurer and that he superintend the printing of same, and that he be allowed the sum of \$50.00 for his services.

6. Appointed same Committee on Ministry as on Friday to arrange preaching services for Saturday evening and Sunday. For Saturday evening:

None

No services arranged

For Sunday:

Elders

1. Monroe Ousley
2. Ivan Amburgey
3. I.D. Back
4. Manus Ison

7 The circular letter was prepared and read by Brother Glenn Hampton. By move and second same was approved and ordered to be printed in our Minutes. The Committee on Ministry chose Brother McKinley McIntosh to write one for inspection by the Association next year.

8 The preaching brethren were called on to make their individual reports on attending Union meetings and corresponding Associations for the year who reported that they did the best they could. By move and second their reports were received and they were excused for their short-comings.

9. By move and second Union and Communion meetings were ordered to be printed in our Minutes.

10. By move and second it was agreed to have obituaries printed in our Minutes together with pictures, with \$5.00 being included for the printing of pictures.

11. Treasure Report:

Total receipts for 1975	\$1175.39
Car expense to other Associations	\$ 156.03
Cost of printing Minutes	\$ 650.00
Clerk's fee	\$ 50.00
Bal on hand, Sept. 1975	\$ 319.36
Received from churches	\$ 860.00
Received from Carl D. Perkins	\$ 25.00

Received from Clarence Jenkins.....\$ 10.00
Received for pictures.....\$ 124.00
Total receipts for 1976.....\$1338.36

12. Letters prepared to our corresponding Associations as follows:

A. New Salem: Elders-Kirby Ison, J. Nelson Seals, Olus Baldrige, Clarence Fields, Clark Hayes, Manus Ison, Charlie Gibson, Critt Eldridge, I.D. Back, Emmitt Hall, Carl Back, Billie Moore John Preece, Willie Eldridge, McKinley McIntosh, Henry Eldridge, Hiram Moore, Landis Everidge.

B. Union: Elders-Kirby Ison, Nelson Seals, I.D. Back, Clark Hays, Manus Ison, Carl Back, Clarence Fields, Charlie Gibson, Critt Eldridge, John Preece, Ognan Back, Willie Eldridge, Olus Baldrige, Emmitt Hall, McKinley McIntosh.

C. Sardis: Elders-Kirby Ison, Nelson Seals, Manus Ison, Clark Hays, Carl Back, Charlie Gibson, Olus Baldrige, Emmitt Hall, John Preece, McKinley McIntosh, Maynard Caudill.

D. Philadelphia: Elders-Kirby Ison, J. Nelson Seals, Olus Baldrige Emmitt Hall, Clark Hays, McKinley McIntosh.

E. Northern New Salem: Elders-Kirby Ison, Nelson Seals Olus Baldrige, Emmitt Hall, Bill Halcomb, Gene Greer, Venon Miller, Ermel Ison, Mark Dotson, I.D. Back, McKinley McIntosh, Glen Hampton, Willie Eldridge.

13. The Committee on Ministry chose Elder Ermel Ison to preach the introductory sermon for the 1977 session of this Association and that Elder Olus Baldrige be his alternate.

14. The Association called on Elder Kirby Ison, Secretary of the Committee on Council, to make a report of the Council's activities for the year. The Secretary made two written reports to the Association. By move and second said reports were received and approved by the Association.

15. The Moderator of the Association by the authority invested in him to make all temporary appointments, doth appoint Elders, Kirby Ison, Clark Hays, I.D. Back, McKinley McIntosh, Clarence Fields, Charlie Gibson and Merl Smith to serve on Council Committee for the year 1976-77, all being present and informed of their appointments accepted same and agreed to serve.

16. The Building Committee appointed last year, having rendered a wonderful service to this Association, for which we are

grateful, are all discharged and we again thank you for your splendid cooperation, and may God bless you.

17. By move and second the request of the Blair Branch Church to host the 1977 session of the Association was granted.

18. By move and second the Indian Bottom Association accepted the gift of property and all equipment attached thereto being our present Association building and property, from John Preece, President A.P.K. Coal Company, to the Indian Bottom Association more particularly described in Deed Book 103 page 587 dated and acknowledged 9-19-1976, Records of the Knott County Court Clerk's office and lodged there for record.

19. Resolution:

Where-as: Be it resolved by the Indian Bottom Association that the present trustees tenure in office of the Indian Bottom Association be dissolved and terminated as of this present date September 4, 1976. They having served this Association faithfully for one year by appointment per item 20 of our 1975 minutes. This Association extended her thanks to each of you for your services.

Where as: Be it resolved that the delegates now in regular session chose and appointed five persons whom they deem qualified to serve this Association as Trustees as long as they are able and willing or until further orders of this Association. Immediately upon appointment their tenure in office becomes effective.

20. Appointment of Trustees:

In compliance with resolution as per item 19 of these minutes, the delegates of this Association doth hereby appoint: Brother John Preece, Brother Steve Adams, Brother Elwood Cornett, Elder Kirby Ison and Elder Nelson Seals to serve as trustees of the Indian Bottom Association as long as they be willing and able or until further orders of this Association. By move and second and duly carried this appointment was approved by the Association.

Report of Glenn Hampton, Treasurer of Building Committee.

21. Came Brother Glenn Hampton, Finance Treasurer on building Committee by appointment of this Association in 1976 and made his reports on all cash receipts and disbursements to the present date. By move and second the report was received and

approved by the Association.

22. By move and second duly carried the Clerks of this Association were authorized to arrange Union Meeting times for better convenience for all concerned. The present adjusted arrangement was discussed with the delegates of each church and met with their approval with the exception of the Bull Creek Church, which elected to be unchanged.

ITEMS OF APPRECIATION

1. To Mt. Olivet Church, hosting the Association. We, the officers and delegates composing the eighty-first session of the Indian Bottom Association extend our heart-felt thanks to Mt. Olivet Church for the splendid and efficient manner in hosting this Association. We couldn't help but notice the gleam of joy in your faces and the warm enthusiasm in your voices as you tried so hard to make every one feel happy and welcome.

The food was excellent and plenteous. All in all the hosting could not have been better. Again we say thank you and God bless you.

2. To the Knott County Rescue Squad, and the Disabled Veteran Organization: This Association expresses our thanks and appreciation to each of you for the very fine job you rendered with our parking and highway traffic problems. You were so kind, patient and helpful. Your help and assistance in this matter will be cherished by us and long remembered and we invoke God's blessing upon you for this noble deed.

3. There are numerous others whom are worthy of mentioning, but lack of space will not permit us to elaborate, but let us say "Thank you and God bless you." We do feel, however, impressed to mention our new home and assembly headquarters. The comfort and convenience it offered is unexcelled anywhere. The seating capacity was ample for all departments. The kitchen and dining room was wonderfully arranged and equipped. The electric ice water drinking fountains were indeed helpful and appreciated. Inside sanitary rest rooms were available and are to be greatly appreciated.

This Association wishes to thank every one who may have contributed much or little in helping us to obtain and to perfect this wonderful home for our Association. Now let us all humbly say "Thank you Lord," for everything.

23. The work of this session of the Association having been

completed and there being no further business to be considered, by move and second stands adjourned until the re-convening of same with our assembling at our Association building and headquarters on Yellow Creek, Sassafras, Knott County, Kentucky to commence on Friday before the first Saturday in September, 1977 and the two following days.

After singing a farewell song amidst parting handshakes and much rejoicing Brother John Preece made some wonderful remarks. Elder Johnny Church led us to His great Throne of Grace in a closing prayer.

Done and signed by order of the Indian Bottom Association, this 4th day of September, in the year of our Lord, 1976.

Elder Manus Ison, Moderator

Elder Carl Back, Asst. Moderator

Elder Olus Baldrige, Clerk

Elder Kirby Ison, Asst. Clerk

Bro. McKinley McIntosh, Asst. Clerk

CIRCULAR LETTER

To the delegates, brothers, sisters and friends that compose the Indian Bottom Association, I greet you.

Since I was chosen last year to write the "Circular Letter" for your approval this year, I have meditated continuously for Divine Guidance in this task. Even though I awoke one night about 2:00 o'clock in the morning with things to write coming to my mind, I yet felt afraid to venture upon this great task. A second time I had a similar experience of something to write about coming to my mind. This time a title, "Letting Your Light Shine," came with my thoughts. I said, "Thank you, God, you are so good to me." So feeling that God has directed my mind, I will attempt to put my thoughts into this "Circular Letter."

My trend of thoughts is "Letting Your Light Shine." If we are to edify and glorify God; if we are to be a "light" to the world, we must let our "lights" shine. Therefore, we must conduct our lives in such a way that people can see that we are truly "The Light of the World." There are so many things that we thoughtlessly do that darken our "lights" and prevent them from shining as brightly as they should.

Since I'm writing to those professing souls who, according to

their testimony have a "light", let me admonish you-let it shine. It seems to me that one of the most important means of "letting your light shine" is to attend church every week-end, somewhere. The Bible tells us that we should not forsake assembling ourselves together. If we are to lead others into the church-going habit, we must go ourselves. We should attend both the business sessions on Saturday and the preaching service on Sunday. The success of a church depends upon the support and "light" of its members. On free week-ends we should attend our sister churches. There are people who feel that if they attend their own church [once a month], that is all that is required of them. But the Bible tells us to remember the Sabbath to keep it holy. Maybe you can keep it holy and not go to church, but I'm sure the Good Lord would be more pleased with you going to church than He would with you for going to the lake, picnicking, working, watching TV, or just being plain lazy. I want every blessing I can get; and then I'm not satisfied. I find myself wanting and hunting for another one. I would that each of us would get on fire for the Lord. Let's avail ourselves of every opportunity of attending church.

I realize that a person doesn't have to go to church to be saved, but I surely believe it helps. God didn't call the righteous, but sinners, to repentance. God commanded His disciples to go into all the world and preach repentance. I'm sure His objective is to win sinners to Him. Then, if sinners are to be won to Him, they need to have their stony hearts broken to pieces. This is where and why they need to be led to the church so they can hear preaching. Now, if we are to lead sinners to the church we must go and ask them to go with us. Let's lead the way!

When we go to church we should revere God above all things. It is such a poor 'light' for us to talk to our neighbors when we should be praying for the preacher and listening to what the Good Lord is blessing him to preach. In order to receive a blessing we must leave the world and its problems outside. The church is not the place to discuss the problems of life, but a place to forget them and to meditate upon the Good Lord. I have been completely disgusted and a little angry because someone was talking, preventing me from hearing the preaching. Preachers sometimes discuss what another preacher has just preached. Even though they may be sanctioning what was preached, they should refrain from this practice, because it interferes with some-

one's hearing and enjoying the preaching. Let's show more reverence and I m sure our 'lights' will shine brighter.

When we go to church we should not run in and out. It seems that the church members are worse than the congregation for doing this. Of course there are those persons whose bodies necessitate their going to the rest rooms. This is understandable and excusable; please go, but be sure your going is necessary to ease the discomfort of your bodies. I have seen preachers and deacons, as well as lay members, go out to smoke. Brethren, please, let's show our congregation just how much we love the Lord and His blessings by refraining from yielding to the desire of a bad habit. Surely we can sit through a service without having to go out and smoke. When we go out to smoke we are showing our congregation that our desire for a cigarette has become the upper most thought in our minds. People would have more confidence in us and respect for us if we showed more sincerity and more reverence in our worship. It isn't how loud we preach, shout, or sing that counts, but how we conduct ourselves during the service. Joining the church and being baptized does not give assurance that our "lights" are shining brightly; it takes the rest of our lives to prove this. Let us remember that people are watching our lives daily, and a very minor thing can prevent our "light" from shining.

I have seen preachers, as soon as they quit preaching go immediately outside to smoke, or put a chew of tobacco in their mouths and get a cup to spit in. I have seen sisters talk all during the preaching, then shout at the closing of the service. I have seen both brothers and sisters go to cars while the service was going on and smoke and drink coffee. Were they letting their "lights" shine? I have known of rest rooms being so full of smokers that people who really needed to use them for their intended purpose could not get in. Suppose it was some sinner person who needed to use the rest room. Would they be able to see your "light"? I know an instance when a deacon excused himself from a presbytery to go out and smoke. This was so noticeable and hurtful to the cause. Circumstances like these remind me of the situation in the Bible when Jesus asked his disciples if they could not watch for one hour while He prayed. Can we not worship the Lord for two hours without having to yield to a bad habit?

Brethren, I have written a few of the things that I feel the

Good Lord impressed upon me to write. They are not meant to be offensive, but hopefully, to be constructive. Let's take an inventory and see where we can improve; where we can let our "lights" shine a little brighter. I'm proud that I am an Old Regular Baptist, but I'm not proud to be called an "old fogey". Let's prove that we are not "old fogies", but genuine, born-again Christians that love God and His precepts. If we want to draw people our way [the right way, we believe], we must so conduct ourselves that our "lights" are shining brightly. If we are going to pile-up stones along the way so that our families, relation and friends can see the way we've gone, let's pile-up stones of reverence toward God, sincerity in worship, and "let our lights shine".

May God bless each of us to do our best to "let our lights shine".

Bro. Glenn Hampton

Sunday, September 5, 1976

Early Sunday morning under partially cloudy and misty skies which hindered the sun from getting a view of a most happy coming together of a huge crowd coming to witness the final day of the 1976 session of the Indian Bottom Association greetings smiles, hand shakes and lovely embraces of each other were prevalent all around. Many were shedding tears of joy because of the heart-felt brotherly love flowing from breast to breast. It was indicative of eternal peace which doth abound in our dear Association.

This is likely the largest audience ever to be entertained by our Association. Folks came from Knott, Letcher, Perry, Floyd, Harlan and Pike counties as well as from Virginia, Tennessee, Ohio, Indiana, and Florida. Pretty soon our spacious building was filled almost to the brim. The Congregation joined their voices together in the sweet melodies of the songs of Zion. Elder Monroe Ousley introduced the services with some sweet remarks and prayer. Then came Elder Ivan Amburgey to the stand and delivered a heart-felt soul-stirring message which everyone seemed to enjoy so much. He was followed by Elder I.D. Back, who also was wonderfully blessed by the power of the great I Am to bring to us the sweet gospel of our Lord.

At the close of our Association three sisters came forward, shouting and proclaiming their faith in their Blessed Lord and

took fellowship with the Little Dove Church. Likewise one Brother took fellowship with the Little Dove Church. And thus ended another session of the Indian Bottom Association.

Brethren, let's pray that the Good Lord will continue to bless us and let us dwell on higher plains of love and eternal peace and righteousness.

Your humble servant,
Olus Baldrige, Clerk

UNION AND COMMUNION MEETINGS

April

LITTLE ZION: Union third Saturday and Sunday in April 1977. Elders called: Clark Hays and John Preece. Communion Meeting the third Saturday in July, 1977.

NORTHERN NEW HOME: Union Meeting the fourth Saturday and Sunday in April, 1977. Ministers called: John Preece, Ivan Amburgey, Clark Hays, Green Fields, Hezekiah Osborne. Communion the fourth Saturday and Sunday in August.

May

MT. OLIVET: Union the first Saturday and Sunday in May. Elders called: Critt Eldridge, Bill Moore, Irvin Hicks, Ivan Amburgey, Mitchell Chaffins. Communion the first Saturday and Sunday in August.

LITTLE DOVE: Union the second Saturday and Sunday in May. Ministers called: Bro. Elwood Cornett, Carl Back, Ivan Amburgey, Mitchell Chaffins. Communion the first Saturday and Sunday in July.

REYNOLD'S FORK: Union the third Saturday and Sunday in May. Ministers called: Hiram Adkins, Toby Breeding, Ermel Ison, I.D. Back, John Preece, Olus Baldrige. Communion the third Sunday in June.

CEDAR GROVE: Union fourth Saturday and Sunday in May. Ministers called: John Preece, Billie Moore, Robert Haney, Ivan Amburgey, I.D. Back, Dallas Ramsey, Critt Eldridge and Melvin Watts. Communion the fourth Saturday and Sunday in August.

BULL CREEK: Union the third Saturday and Sunday in May. Ministers called: Bill Halcomb, Clarence Fields, Wesley Raleigh, Clark Hays, Ross Wright, John Preece, Ermel Ison. Communion the third Sunday in August.

June

HAPPY HOME: Union the first Saturday and Sunday in June. Ministers called: Banner Mann, Ermel Ison, Irvin Hicks, Elwood Cornett, Elias Cotton, Carl Back. Communion the first Saturday and Sunday in July.

NEW HOME: Union the second Saturday and Sunday in June. Ministers called: Hillard Newsome, Mitchell Chaffins, Buck Tuttle, Ermel Ison, Carl Back, Clark Hays, John Preece, I.D. Back, Alonzo Allen. Communion the second Saturday and Sunday in July.

BLAIR BRANCH: Union the third Saturday and Sunday in June. Ministers called: Kirby Ison, Carl Back, Clarence Fields, Toby Breeding, John Preece, Manus Ison. Communion the third Saturday and Sunday in July.

TOLSON CREEK: Union the fourth Saturday and Sunday in June. Ministers called: Andy Bates, Bill Halcomb, Kirby Ison, Charlie Gibson, Agnan Back, Toby Breeding. Communion time the fourth Saturday and Sunday in July.

IVY POINT: Union the fourth Saturday and Sunday in June. Ministers called: Barney Slone, Albert Slone, Chester Gibson. Lewis Craft, Ermel Ison, I.D. Back, Banner Manns, Kirby Jent, Truman Jent. Communion the fourth Saturday in July.

NEW BETHLEHEM: Union meeting time the third Saturday and Sunday in June. Ministers called: Sollie Williams, Roy Caudill, Jay

Lucas, Olus Bladridge, John Preece, Emmitt Slone and Arnold McKnight. Communion time the third Saturday and Sunday in August. Memorial services for Elder Harrison Williams the third Saturday and Sunday in July.

DIXON MEMORIAL: Union the fourth Saturday and Sunday in June. Ministers called: Irvin Hicks, Elwood Cornett, Hendrix Hampton, Toby Breeding, Bill Halcomb and Critt Eldridge. Communion the fourth Sunday in July.

July

CLEAR FORK: Union the first Saturday and Sunday in July. Ministers called: Andy Bates, Billie Moore, Cobert Bates. Communion the first Saturday and Sunday in July.

August

DEFEATED CREEK: Union the second Saturday and Sunday in August. Ministers called: Truman Jent, Kirby Jent, Critt Eldridge, Bill Halcomb, Ermel Ison, Ross Wright, Joner Roark. Communion the second Saturday and Sunday of August.

HURRICANE GAP: Union the third Saturday and Sunday in August. Ministers called: Charlie Gibson, Billie Moore, John Preece, Banner Manns, Coy Combs, Kirby Ison. Communion time the third Saturday in August.

BIG CREEK: Union the fourth Saturday and Sunday in August. Ministers called: Toby Breeding, Elwood Cornett, Billie Moore and Melvin Watts. Communion the fourth Saturday and Sunday in July.

Obituaries

GERTRUDE (JENT) BLAIR



Gertrude Blair was the daughter of Wiley and Tallie (Gayheart) Jent. She was born July 18, 1908 and departed this life on January 24, 1975 being 66 years, 6 months, and 6 days of age at the time of her departure of life. She was the oldest child of a family of 4 boys and six girls. Her parents preceded her in death.

When Gertrude was in the bloom of life, she married Marion Blair who preceded her in death. To this union were born two daughters, Corean Hutcherson and Ovalene

Brimmer.

Gertrude surely bore the marks of a Christian: honest, truthful, humble, virtuous, hard-working, and neighborly. She was always willing to lend a helping hand to a neighbor or friend in time of need. She had no fear of hard work, and proved this by the loving care she took of her mother for several years and doing her sister-in-law's (Faye's) work until she (Gertrude) became ill with that dreadful disease, leukemia.

Gertrude showed her love for the Lord by repenting of her sins and joining the church. She joined the Little Dove Old Regular Baptist Church, putting on the whole "Armor of God". She was truly a Christian and proved this by the good life she lived. I feel that she has just changed a life of trouble, pain and sorrow for a life of eternal happiness and bliss.

To mourn her passing, Sister Gertrude leaves 4 brothers: Howard, Arthur, Arnold and Cleo; 5 sisters Gracie Back, Virgie Schoaler, Blanche Webster, Louise Bowling, and Nezzie Reynolds; her two daughters, Corean Hutcherson and Ovalene Brimmer, two grandchildren, and other relatives and friends. Let me encourage you to make her God your God and prepare to meet her in Heaven where there will be no more parting, no

more pain, no more sorrow, no more trouble, but peace and joy forever.

Farewell, farewell to all below,
My Jesus called and I must go.
I've launched my boat upon the sea,
This land is not the land for me.

Written by Glenn Hampton

FAYE JENT



Faye Jent was the daughter of John and Betty Breeding Smith. She was born March 28, 1919, and deceased this life on December 9, 1975, making her stay here on earth 56 years, 8 months and 11 days. She was the youngest of a family of ten children. Three brothers, two sisters, and her parents preceded her in death.

Early in life Faye married Arnold Jent. To this union one daughter, Brenda, was born. Arnold and Faye lived a very happy life, both being hard working, up-right people. They never shirked a task because it was hard, but always faced the toils and problems of each day with a smile and determination to overcome each obstacle.

Faye was always a jolly, happy-go-lucky person, never frowning or complaining no matter what beset her. The last few years of her life she was very sick. She bore her illness with a smile and greeted all who came to see her with a loving embrace. Upon inquiring about her health she would cheerfully answer, "I'll make it."

During Faye's illness she sought the Lord and obtained His great mercy. She openly professed her hope of Salvation and joined the Little Dove Old Regular Baptist Church. She and her loyal husband were baptized the same day. Only death could

have severed their bond of matrimony.

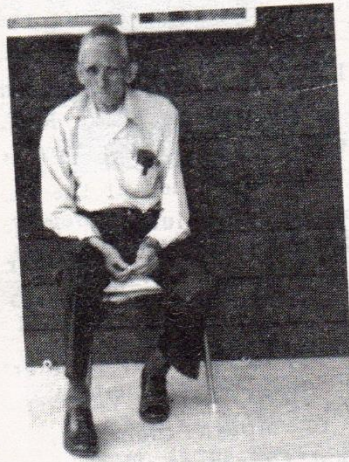
Even though Faye's afflictions bore upon her greatly, she maintained her cheerfulness and bravery even in the jaws of death. She attended church when she really was unable to sit up. She fought a good fight and kept the faith. I'm sure there was a reward laid up for her in Heaven.

Faye leaves to mourn her untimely passing her husband, Arnold, her daughter, Brenda Gibson; two grandchildren; three brothers, Mack, Lenville, and Bill Smith; one sister, Lura Smith; and a host of other relation and friends.

Farewell, dear Friends I cannot stay;
The home I seek is far away.
I've launched my boat upon the sea;
This land is not the land for me.

Written by a brother in Hope of Eternal Life,
Glenn D. Hampton

GREEN VANOVER



With a sad and broken heart I will try to write an obituary of a dear brother, Green Vanover. He was born the son of Andy and Nancy Vanover June 20, 1901, on Big Creek in Perry County, Kentucky.

He spent most of his life in Eastern Kentucky. On October 18, 1926, he met and was married to Ethel Noble. To this union were born nine children. Three preceded Dad in death; six children are left in this troublesome world. He leaves behind five sons: John D., Kirmon, Raymond, Frank and Henry; one daughter: Marie Hylton, a sister, Ethel, his wife, along with twenty-two grandchildren, three brothers and two sisters.

Brother Green Vanover spent most of his working life in the coal mines—to be exact forty-two years. He became afflicted many years ago, but this he bore with much patience until the end.

Brother Green realized many years ago that he needed a Savior. He then began to implore God to forgive his many sins. After much begging and supplication the Lord Jesus Christ heard his pitiful petition and spoke peace to his never-dying soul.

So, in December 1969, he joined the Old Regular Baptist Church, the Blair Branch Church. He was baptized March 22, 1970, and was a faithful member until the end.

On April 13, 1976, the Pale Horse and His Rider called for Brother Green, and he had to answer. His pilgrimage here on earth was 74 years and 9 months. Brother Green Vanover has gone on to a better world where we will meet him some day.

MARGURETT LEE CRENSHAW



It is with a sad heart and troublesome mind, I will try to write the obituary of a dear Sister, Mrs. Margurett Lee Crenshaw. She lived on Crittenden Drive, Louisville, Kentucky. She deceased this life 1974 at the age of 43. She died at the St. Joseph Hospital in Louisville, Kentucky. She left a hope here with her friends that she was going home to live forever more.

She was the daughter of Brother Green and Sister Ethel Vanover. She leaves to mourn their loss a father and mother, a husband, Donald Crenshaw; two sons, Larry and Gregory Crenshaw; and one daughter, Lisa Crenshaw; one sister Marie Hylton, Calson, Ky.; five brothers, John D. Vanover, Amburgey, Ky., Kermon Vanover, Louisville, Ky., Raymond Vanover, Davenport, Iowa, Frank Vanover, Savergne, Tennessee, Henry Vanover, Louisville, Ky. Two brothers preceded her in death.

The last words were that her God was by her side. Oh, what good words those were for her to say.

So our great God of heaven looks down on us every day, every hour of our life, as we live here in this life and He has promised us all in the day of the hour we seek Him. He will be found. He is standing with out-stretched arms, calling, Won't you hear His voice? Repent and live forever is our prayer. (May you all look up).

ELIZABETH LUSK



It is with a sad and lonely heart I will try to write the obituary of my dear beloved mother, Elizabeth Lusk.

She was the daughter of William and Cordelia Ison Whitaker. She was born December 2, 1889, and departed this life September 9, 1975.

In 1909 she was married to William Heartly Lusk who preceded her in death. To this union were born 13 children; ten of these children are still living to mourn their loss.

Those living are Vina Pratt, Louisa Dixon, Thursa Gray, Ada Caudill and William Lusk, Jr. of Ulvah, Kentucky; Effie Banks, Whitesburg, Ky.; Gladys Webb, Mayking, Ky. Bobby Jo Dixon and Lester Lusk, Indianapolis, Ind.; and Lillie Faye Campbell, Hamilton, Ohio.

The three that preceded her in death were— two infant sons, Harold and Ernest, and a daughter, Margaret.

She had 22 grandchildren and 25 great-grandchildren.

Lizzie, as she was called, had many friends and loved ones who miss her very much. She was a member of the Cedar Grove Regular Baptist Church. She, along with her daughter Margaret, was baptized in August, 1968, on the fourth Saturday. The night before Mother died she helped her daughter Gladys sing a few verses of a song. Then she made the most beautiful prayer and fell asleep never to speak again.

I feel sure that our loss is Heaven's gain.

Written by her daughter,
Louisa Dixon

SAM POLLY



It is with a sad heart and the help of the Lord I will try to write the obituary of my husband, Sam Polly, the son of the late Lewis and Susan Polly. He was born in Perry County, September 13, 1905, and passed away July 11, 1975, making his stay here on earth 69 years, 9 months, and 28 days.

On September 19, 1939, he married Ethel Caudill of Carcassonne, Kentucky, and to this union were born 4 children: one son, Earl Dean Polly, with the U.S. Air Force, Ft. Worth, Texas, three daughters: Mrs. Pauline Cornett, Elkhorn City, Ky., Mrs. Mary Puckett, Elkhorn City, Ky., and Mrs. Ruby Jean Cornett, Orlando, Fla. Also mourning their loss are two brothers and five sisters: Bennie Polly, Viper, Ky., Ervin Polly, Sally Polly, and Addie Hughes of Hazard, Ky., Eliza Holland, Essie, Ky., Patty Spencer, Happy, Ky., Maggie York, Beattyville, Ky.; seven grandchildren and a host of friends and relatives.

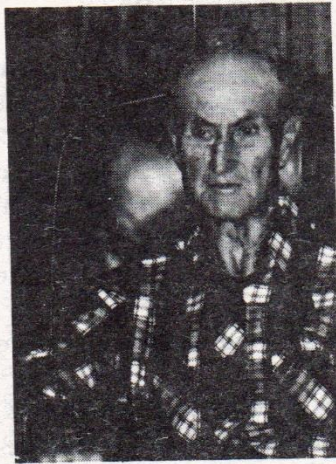
He was sick for the last two years of his life. He had that dreadful disease called cancer. We spent the most of his last year in and out of the hospitals in Lexington and Pikeville. He was operated on in Lexington on August 10, 1974.

I could see him praying to himself and I would pray along with him that if it be the Lord's will that He would answer his prayers. He told me the last stay we had in Lexington to not worry about him for when he had to leave he was going to Heaven. He bore his cross up Calvery's Mount. He knew at the end there would be peace and rest. I believe his suffering is over and he is just waiting for us to join him over in that beautiful home where there will be no more pain nor death. I have had beautiful dreams of him since

his passing. I believe our loss is Heaven's gain and by the mercies of God we can all meet him again.

Written by his wife who misses him so much,
Ethel Polly

KELLY SPARKMAN



With a sad and broken heart I will try to write the obituary of our dear husband and father, Kelly Sparkman.

He was born February 8, 1897, deceased this life June 19, 1976, after a long illness. He was a charter member and deacon of Big Creek Church.

He was married to Alberta Frazier Sparkman. To this union were born 11 children, 5 boys and 6 girls. The oldest daughter, Recie Sparkman Lucas preceded him in death. Those still living are: Mrs Otis Lonnie Frazier, Madison, West Virginia; Mrs. Paul Clara Medlin, Oak Park, Illinois; Mrs. James Faye Scifries, Louisville, Kentucky; Mrs. Jack Cleta Ragan, Louisville, Kentucky; Mrs. Jim Garnett Lucas, Seymour, Indiana; five boys: Paul of Blocher, Indiana; Jack of Dupont, Indiana; Everett of Columbus, Indiana; Ronnie of Jeffersonville, Indiana; and Albert at home. There are 22 grandchildren, 9 great-grandchildren, two brothers, George and Hiram, and three sisters, Martha, Leatha, Bertha.

He worked hard and with a willing mind along with other brothers, sisters and friends to help build the Big Creek Church. Kelly and myself would often go and work by ourselves. It was a joy for us to do it.

He was devoted to his church, brothers and sisters in the church, and his family. At home his chair is empty, and at church and at home his table can't be filled.

I believe by the help of God I will meet him again where we won't be worried and we won't have to part any more.

Children, if you want your daddy you must let Daddy's God be your God, and you won't have to say good-bye to Daddy anymore.

Written by his lonely and broken-hearted wife,
Alberta Frazier Sparkman

MAGGIE AMBURGEY WATTS and WADE WATTS



Maggie Amburgey Watts was born July 14, 1901, and departed this life on June 15, 1975, at the age of 72 years and 11 months. She passed away at the Lady of the Way Hospital in Martin, Kentucky, after a short illness. She was the daughter of the late Jasper and Nancy Ann Amburgey. She was a devoted wife and loving mother.

Wade Watts was born January 3, 1897, and departed this life on October 30, 1974, at the age of 77 years and 9 months. He passed away in the Whitesburg Appalachian Regional Hospital after a long illness. He was the son of the late Silas and Sally Ann Watts. He was a faithful husband and devoted father.

Wade and Maggie Watts were married on October 10, 1917, and to this union were born 7 children, 2 of whom preceded them in death. Left to mourn their loss are 2 daughters, Juanita Polly of May King, Ky., and Edith Balaban of Detroit, Michigan; and three sons: Bennie of Marion, Illinois; Arthur of May King, and Homer Glenn of Litt Carr, Ky.. Surviving also are 18 grandchildren and 33 great-grandchildren. One grandson preceded them in death. Maggie joined the Little Rock Church at Kona, Ky., at the age of 32 and Wade joined the Little Rock Church at Kona Ky. at the age of 42. In later years, when they moved back to Knott County, both Wade and Maggie moved their letters to New Home Church at Leburn, Ky. They were faithful members in the New Home Church as long as their health permitted.

Flowers fade and die
Memories live forever.

MINERVIA KIMBLEY



A flower has wilted on earth! Many tears are flowing and hearts are hurting. The days are long and the sunshine seems dull. But let us not always be sad for on the other side of the river of death this flower is blooming more beautiful than ever before. The angels are singing for Minerva Kimbley has arrived safe home after a long hard journey.

Minerva Jones Kimbley entered eternal life on Friday, September 5, 1975, at her home in Blackey, Kentucky.

She was born into the home of the late Joe and Rachel Caudill Jones on July 26, 1901, making her stay on earth 74 years, one month and nine days. Minerva Kimbley is survived by two sons: Edward Kimbley and Andrew Kimbley of Blackey and six daughters: Irene Dixon, Ulvah, Ky., Iva Dale Foras, Baltimore, Maryland, Helen Seiler, Victoria Texas, Ruth Richardson, Mason, Ohio, Frances I. Frazer, Premium, Ky. and Laura Mae Adams Jeremiah, Ky. She is also survived by two brothers: Riley Jones, Kingsport, Tenn., Patrick Jones, Memphis Tenn., and one sister, Nancy Ison, Oscaloosa, Ky., as well as 29 grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren and a host of relatives and friends.

She was a Charter Member of the Mt. Olivet Regular Baptist Church and served the Lord to the very end with great faith and courage.

Her quiet, simple life made a wonderful impression on all who knew her. Surely she led the way for those who loved her and want to go to Heaven with her.

The joy she expressed as she clapped her hands when she saw her child following her in baptism just 4 days before she died will never leave our minds. We shall live with these grand memories until that bright morning when we all join her in wonderful glorious joy forever.

Written by Elwood Cornett

WILDA MAE JOHNSON HUFF



By the help of our loving Savior, Jesus Christ, and with much sadness and sorrow, I will try to write the obituary of my step-daughter, Wilda Mae Johnson Huff, born 11/19/1948.

She was the daughter of Chester Johnson and Lila B. Johnson Gibson. She grew into womanhood in Knott County, met, loved, and married Charles Huff, and to this union were born 5 children, 2 girls and 3 boys: Linda Carrol, Debbie Lynn, Charles Gregory, Garey Deon, and Ronnie Darrell. She loved her children,

and always wanted them to fair good.

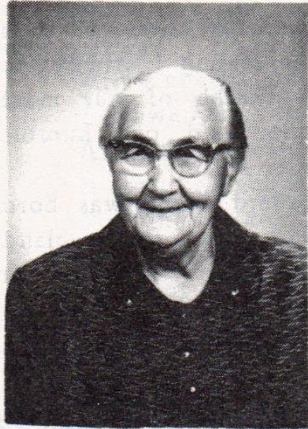
Wilda was a wonderful person, always smiling, and she was loved by all who knew her. With much sadness I miss her, but God loved her more than we did. He needed another flower for the garden.

She leaves to mourn her passing her husband Charles, her five children who miss her so much, her mother and father and one sister Linda Joyce Watson, two half brothers, Jeffery Allen Gibson, Rasco Johnson, one half sister, Georgiena Gibson, step-father Chester Gibson with a broken heart, her grandparents Leonard and Parthinia Slone, uncles, aunts, and many loving ones and friends. I believe our loss is Heaven's gain. So I would like to say to Wilda's loved ones, live for God and meet Wilda again in Heaven, where I believe she is today.

She was calling upon God in that awful fire and I believe if a person calls from the heart, He will hear your cry. So in closing I will say to her loved ones and children, call on Mommy's God while you are well and have the blood running in your veins, and meet her again.

Written by a broken-hearted step-father,
Chester Gibson

EULANDA BLAIR



It is with a sad and broken heart I will try to write an obituary of a dear sister in the Lord, Sister Eulanda Combs Blair. Being the daughter of Watson and Louisa Collins, Letcher County, Kentucky, she was born February 5, 1892, and deceased this life November 1, 1974, making her stay on earth 92 years, 9 months, and 6 days.

In her early life, she met and married Johnie Combs. To this union were born two sons, Nathaniel and Dennis Combs, and one daughter

Alma Combs who preceded her in death.

In the year of 1910, Sister Eulanda came to the Clear Creek Church and was baptized the third Sunday in August, 1910. She was a true Old Regular Baptist sister. In the middle 40's Johnie Combs passed away, leaving her alone in this troublesome world. But she went on in the good old way, holding up her hands and praising the Lord for everything He had done for her. She belonged to the Happy Home Church. In the year of 1949 she met Brother Bob Blair, a wonderful brother in the Lord, and was married to him. They lived a happy life together until July 27, 1962, when the Lord called Brother Bob Blair Home to live in peace with Him forever.

Sister Eulanda Blair still went on in the good way, looking up where every good and perfect gift comes from, praising her God above all.

In the year of 1974, Sister Eulanda Blair came to be a sick woman. She bore her sickness with patience until the good Lord saw it was enough. He then called her home to glory, where all is joy and peace, all singing that new song, "I've Been Redeemed, I've Been Redeemed". Oh, how good is the joy of the Lord. Sister Eulanda Blair leaves here on earth to mourn their loss, two sons, one sister, Katie, nine grandchildren, and twenty-six great-grandchildren, seventeen great-great-grandchildren, many brothers and sisters in the church, and many friends and relatives. We will all miss her, but we hope our loss is Heaven's gain.

Written and prepared by McKinley McIntosh

BALLARD and HAZEL SLONE



It is in much meekness and with a most humble feeling I attempt to write a short sketch of our most precious brother and our humble and faithful sister.

Brother Ballard Slone was born March 25, 1923, a son of Cleveland and Rosie Slone, and Sister Hazel Amburgey Slone, 10/5/1923, a daughter of Fred Amburgey and Lillie Amburgey Centers. They were both born in Knott county and spent most of their lives here.

Early in life these two good people met and were married and God blessed this couple with four sons and six daughters, a nice and respectable family.

Some years ago they both realized there was something more needed in their lives and after much suffering, God heard their pitiful petition, and spake peace to both their souls. They both attached themselves to the church and since that time both were faithful members. Very few people showed their love for the family and for God's people more than these two humble people did.

Then no wonder they were so close as they walked hand in hand, both naturally and spiritually, until their untimely deaths.

Mourn! Yes we shall mourn,
Our loss is very great,
And although we cannot see them now
They are waiting by the gate.

Grieve, yes we shall grieve,
For God has bid us to.
But by the grace of God, beloved,
We soon shall be with you.

Each time we met Brother Ballard met us crying and Sister Hazel stood right by his side.

On Monday morning 3/25/76 they both met death together
and we feel went to Heaven together.

I cannot say and I will not say that they are dead. They
are just away.

With a cheery smile and a wave of their hand,
They wandered into an unknown land.
And left us dreaming how very fair
It must be since they linger there.
To think of their faring as dear
To the love of there as the love of here.
Think of them still as I say
They are not dead, they are just away.

Their journey here with us was so short. Brother Ballard
52 years, 11 months, and 27 days, and Sister Hazel 52 years,
5 months, and 17 days.

We surely feel our loss is Heaven's eternal gain.

Written by an unworthy brother in hope,

Lewis F Craft

Came by letter to the Reynold's Fork Church 11/16/1968.

MARTY JOE BLAIR



Marty Joe Blair was born March
12, 1956, six hours after the birth
of his uncle, Dean Edward Craft, in
the same house and delivered by the
same doctor. He was the son of
James Blair and Aileen Craft Blair.

This young man had a car accident
three weeks ago Saturday and his
death is attributed to this accident.
He was apparently on the way to
recovery, but passed away suddenly
February 9, 1976.

Left to mourn his passing are
his broken-hearted father and mother,
one sister, Patricia one brother, Jimmie Dwayne, two grand-
mothers, one step-grandfather and a host of relatives, and many,

many, friends. His short stay with us was 19 years, 10 months, and 28 days.

God has not promised skies always blue,
Flower strewn pathways all our lives through.
God has not promised sun without rain
Joy without sorrow, Peace without pain.

But, God has promised strength for the day
Rest for the weary, Light for the way,
Grace for the trials, help from above
Unfailing sympathy, Undying love.

by Lewis Craft

JODY BLAIR



On a snowy Sunday afternoon while sitting here by myself, I will try to write an obituary of my beloved husband. He passed away October 29, 1975, at the Hazard Appalachian Regional Hospital, at Hazard, Kentucky. His stay here on earth was 73 years, 6 months, and 5 days.

Early in life he met and married Susan Hampton. To this union four daughters were born: Gracie, Georgia, Faye and Joyce. They lived together about 20 years, and the Lord saw fit to take his wife, Susan, home.

Jody lived a lonesome life about nine years. Then he met Florence Caudill and married her in 1960. We had fifteen happy years together. We worked hard side by side together to make a living and we always had plenty to eat. Jody had a little grocery store all his life. He loved to talk to people so well. All the young boys would come and sit around and talk with him.

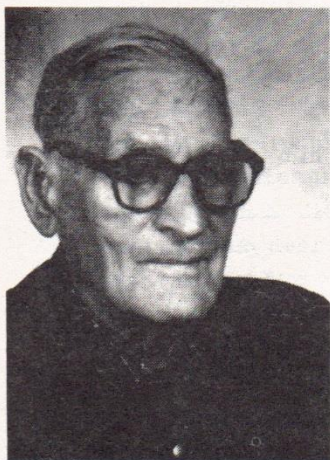
I believe in his last years he thought a lot about the Lord. We would talk about Heaven and what it would be like to be up there. I believe with all my heart he knows what it is like up there now. I believe the Lord showed me in a dream that he was all right.

I could hear him praying so plain. Then I thought the burden left him. Then one night we were talking and he told a dream he had. He said he wanted to know if he was all right or not, and he looked up and the whole ceiling was covered with little angels.

The sweet memories of him will live on and on in my mind. I am thankful for the years the good Lord blessed me to live with him. I want to say to his daughters whom I love so much, if you want to see Daddy again, make his God your God. I believe with all my heart I will meet him some sweet day where we won't have to part any more. While I am writing, his body is sleeping in a snow-covered grave. So God bless us all, I pray.

Written by his wife,
Florence Blair

AMBROSE J. TAYLOR



In much sadness and with an unworthy feeling I attempt to write an obituary of our beloved father and dear brother, Ambrose J. Taylor.

He was born January 25, 1885, in beautiful Knott county. Here he spent most of his life, labored hard and long, and raised a large and respected family.

In the year 1904, he met and was married to Rhoda Pigman. To this union were born seven children. Three preceded him in death. Those living are: Everett Taylor, Mallie, Ky.; Clara Campbell, Dayton, Ohio; Lona Bentley, Hindman, Ky.; and Willis Taylor, Dayton, Ohio. Sister Rhoda deceased this life in 1942, after 38 years with Brother J..

Then in June, 1944, he married Cordelia Caudill. To this union one daughter was born, Mercedes Slone, who lives at the home place

Sister Delia had the following children by her previous marriage: Emma Jacobs, Ollie Craft, Ella Reynolds, Mary Perkins and Lettie Hammonds, who survive, along with a host of grand, great-grand, and great-great grand children.

Brother J. and Sister Rhoda came to the Reynold's Fork Church by letter from the old Carr Church as Deacons the third Saturday in December, 1930. Then after Sister Rhoda's death he married Sister Dellia who served with him as deacon with much joy.

The Pale Horse and his Rider called for Brother J. on October 27, 1975, making his stay here 90 years, 9 months, and 2 days.

Humbly submitted by an unworthy Brother in Hope,
Lewis F. Craft

We once had a loving father
But not anymore.
God had a home prepared for him
On Yonder's shining shore.

At six o'clock one Monday Morning
Angels came and took him away
The time had come for him to go
He could no longer stay.

We loved him, Oh, how we loved him
His voice to us so sweet is still
A vacant place is in our home
That never can be filled.

We remember a lot of happiness
Father gave us a lot of joy
His precious memory is one gift of God
That death cannot destroy.

He is sleeping in a cold and silent grave
Just a few yards away
Sleeping and patiently waiting
Until that great judgement day.

Written by his daughter,
Mercedes T. Slone

JEFF WHITAKER



But man dieth and wasteth
away, yea man giveth up the ghost,
and where is he? So man lieth down
and riseth not till the heavens be no
more. They shall not awake nor be
raised out of their sleep. Ah, that
thou wouldst hide me in the grave
that thou wouldst keep me secret,
until thy wrath be passed, that thou
would appoint me a set time and
remember me. Thou shall call and I
will answer thee. Thou wilt have
desire to the work of thine hand.

When I am through with this old clay house of mine
When no more guide lights through the windows shine.
Just box it up and lay it away
With the other clay houses of yesterday.
And then my friends, just try if you can
To bury the wrongs since first I began
To live in this house.
To bury them deep and forget.
I want to feel free and out of debt.
When I meet the Grand Architect Supreme
Face to face, I want to be clean.
I know my dear friends it's too late to mend
A bad-built house when you come to the end.
But to you who are building and still on the line,
Make your alterations while there is still time.
You ask what material is best to select
It was told long ago by the Grand Architect
A new commandment I give unto you
That you love one another as I have loved you.
So the best material to send up above
Is the clear straight timber of brotherly love.

Jeff Whitaker was born April 29, 1885, the son of George
Whitaker and Susan Combs Whitaker. In the hills of eastern

Kentucky he spent most of his life.

On December 21, 1907, he was married to Millie Ison who preceded him in death in 1959.

In 1960 he was married to Sister Allie Garrett who survives.

To Brother Jeff and Sister Millie were born 8 children, 4 boys: Astor, Whitesburg, Ky., Edgar, Trinton Mich., Charlie, Columbus, Ind., and Benton of Wyandatt, Mich., and 4 girls: Ollie Cooper, Brownstown, Ind., Nancy Ellen Day, Freetown, Ind., Recie Robinson, Freetown, Ind., and Alice Frazier, Otisco, Ind.

He is also survived by: 2 sisters, Annie Brashear, Scuddy, Ky., Julia Ison, Hyhernie, Ind.; one brother, Elizah Whitaker of Hyhernie, Ind., 30 grandchildren, 37 great-grandchildren, and many, many relatives and friends.

In 1931 he made peace with his Maker and offered his hand to the people of God. Upon the profession of his faith in the Lord they accepted him and he made his spiritual home with the Cedar Grove Church. He met with the churches far and near as long as he was able.

Though he was afflicted for many years, this he bore with much patience until the end.

Along the golden streets a stranger walks tonight,
With wonder in his heart, faith blossomed into sight,
He walks and stops and stares and walks and stares again.
Vistas of loveliness, beyond the dreams of men.
He was feeble, weak and shackled to his bed.
Now climbs eternal hills with light and easy tread.
He has escaped at last, the cruel clutch of pain,
His lips shall never taste its bitter cup again.
Oh! never call him dead, this buoyant one and free
Whose daily portions is delight and ecstasy
He bows in speechless joy before the feet of Him
Who seeing not he loved, while yet his sight was dim
Along the golden streets no stranger walks today
But one who long homesick is home at last to stay.

His pilgrimage here was 90 years, 11 months, and 17 days.

Humbly submitted by a brother in hope,

Lewis F. Craft

Ministers: Lewis Craft, I.D. Back, Manus Ison

DARRELL WAYNE PARKS



By the help of God we will try to write the obituary of our Darling Son. He was the infant son of Jimmy Darrell and Janie Everage Parks. He was born December 9, 1975, and deceased this life on December 9, 1975, making his stay on earth a very short and laborious ten hours. He leaves to mourn his passing his father and mother, one sister, grandparents, Everett and Dicie Everage, Holly Parks and Ellas Mullins. Also several aunts, uncles and cousins are left.

Darrell Wayne died of a lung condition, leaving us sad and broken-hearted. He was very special to us. He was our only son and our last baby. We miss and needed our son very much, but we know he is a little angel resting around the throne of God in a land where he won't have to suffer anymore.

We believe that through and by the mercies of our dear Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, we will see our precious, darling son again. Until God calls us home all we can say is sleep on, Darling, until we can be with you.

Written by his Father and Mother
A brother and sister in hope.

URILLA SALYERS

Urilla Salyers daughter of Matilda Sturgill and Wilson Hayes, was born at Eolia Ky., April 28, 1905, passed from this life at the residence, March 5, 1976, being 70 years, 10 months and 7 days of age at her passing.

Urilla has been in poor health for the past 4 or 5 years, real sick for the past 3 or 4 weeks.

She was married to Orb Salyers in 1928. He preceded her in death on May 29, 1975. Also twins preceded her in death.

She was a member of the Mt. Olivet Regular Baptist Church at Blackey, Kentucky.

She is survived by the following: daughters; Lovetta Cottle of Carisle, Ohio, Lovelle Howard and Monetta Shupert of Dayton, Ohio, sons; Orb Slayers, Jr. of Dayton, Ohio, James Wilson Salyers, New Lebanon, Ohio, Edgar Gene Salyers of Letcher, sister; Sarah Wilson of Elizabethton, Tenn., brothers; Hinneson Hayes of Dayton, Ohio, Woodrow Hayes of Jeffersonville, Ind., step-daughter; Lillian Baker of Hyden, Ky., 17 grandchildren, 6 great-grandchildren, and a large number of relatives and friends to mourn her passing.

VIRGIE CANTRELL MULLINS



Virgie Cantrell Mullins was born December 11, 1900, at Pound, Virginia, into the home of Wm. Mack Cantrell and Lottie Mullins Cantrell. She passed from this life June 17, 1976, making her stay here seventy-five years, six months and six days.

In 1918, she met and married Benjamin Ordly Mullins and to this union were born ten children.

The children are: Harold, Pound, Va., Benjamin Orkly, Jr., Dayton, Ohio. James E., Powell Valley, Va., Bufford, Pound, Va., Nina Green, Bland, Va., Cotella Cotson, Cincinnati, Ohio, Jeanette Mullins, Pound, Va., Billie Gilly, Powell Valley, Va., and an adopted son, Michael Mullins, at home.

Mommy attended the Old Regular Baptist Church all her life, being a strong defender of the faith. In 1969, she was baptized into the fellowship of the Church and was a faithful member until her passing. In addition to the above children, she leaves to mourn her passing one brother Dewey Cantrell and one sister, Viola Boggs, thirty-six grandchildren, thirty great-grandchildren plus other relatives and a host of friends. She also

leaves countless numbers of Brothers and Sisters in the Church.

Oh, what a great consolation it is to believe Mommy was a true child of God, for in believing this we know that our loss here is only Heaven's gain. She is just in a peaceful sleep. Her sleep is so sweet that nothing earthly shall ever awaken her. Winds shall blow, storms shall arise and great Chariots shall pass over her mound of clay, great noise may be made around her, but they shall never disturb her sleep. Someday she shall be awakened, not by any noise but by a sound, a sweet sound of a trumpet from God, of Angels singing and Great Halleluiahs to Christ the Lord. And she herself shall sing as she mounts on high. I've been redeemed, Glory to God I've been redeemed.

We shall live in the hope of not only seeing her again but being with her throughout eternity in a land where no parting will ever come. So, we shall not count ourselves as orphans for she has not died; she has just moved out of our natural range of vision to be with Daddy, but in our minds' eye we shall be able to see her and to hear her voice as we did when we were but children.

Written by her daughter
Cotella Dotson, and
Elder Ermil Ison

LEANDER MULLINS



We, the children of Leander Mullins, will attempt to write the obituary of our dear father, Leander Mullins. It is so hard to write and try to say enough about a person so well loved and one who so greatly loved.

Leander was born June 2, 1899, to Riley and Dicie Mullins of Am-burgey, Kentucky. He deceased May 9, 1976, (age 76 years, 11 months, and 7 days).

He had five sisters and three brothers. One brother, Monroe

Mullins, and five sisters, Asline, Tilda and Desta Mullins, Susie Ashley and Leona Gibson had gone to live with the Lord. Left behind are two brothers Delzie and Jasper Mullins of Amburgey, Kentucky. Both brothers were by his side during his long illness.

Leander married Allie Gibson in 1924. Allie passed away October 8 1971, leaving behind a broken-hearted husband. Had it not been for his daughter Ruby, and her husband, Elmer, he would have been a much lonelier man.

Unto this union were born three children: Roy Mullins, Jackson, Ky., Audrey Terry of Louisville, Ky., and Ruby Mullins of Amburgey, Ky.

Leander was a coal miner. He started working in the mines at a very early age due to the blindness of his father. Never has any father worked so hard to raise his children. He sacrificed everything to see that his children had an education. He asked nothing for himself, just for his family to have the essentials of life. Many a night we have been awakened to find Daddy holding and rocking the one that was ill. He carried us to school on his back when the weather was bad. He would not eat until we were fed. How could we ever repay a father like that? On his death bed he said, "You children are too good to me." We felt so helpless and only do so much. Thank God we were able to comfort him in the last days.

Daddy had been in bad health for many years. He had cancer of the lung and was very ill for three months. Not once did he complain or say he was suffering even though we knew he was. Thank God he told us he was ready to go. There is no doubt in our mind as where he is today. Praise the Lord for this.

Daddy joined the Regular Baptist Church twenty-five years ago. He attended all meetings when he was half-way well. He lived for the time when he could go to church and sit with his brothers and sisters.

He always left his seat to hug the three of us and beg us to live for the Lord. Oh, how he loved us!

We would like to thank everyone that came to him during his illness and especially those that helped care for him while he

was so helpless. His neices and nephews were so good to visit and help in any way they could. We cannot say thanks enough but we can pray for each and every one. God bless you all.

Written by his broken-hearted children,
Roy, Ruby, and Audrey

GARDNER BATES



Gardner Bates, son of Cardia Hall and Ireland Bates was born in Knott County Ky., January 6, 1905, passed from this life at the Whitesburg Hospital after an illness of about 7 months, March 21, 1976, being 71 years, 2 months and 15 days of age at his passing. Gardner was a member of the Mt. Olivet Regular Baptist Church, a former Magistrate of Letcher county, a State A.B.C. Man, Merchant, and Business Man.

He was married to Lula Hall Bates, who preceded him in death, December 13, 1954. Later in life he was married to Julia Gibson Bates who survives him, also the following children: 8 daughters, Hester Jones of Whitesburg, Liza McCray, Hamilton, Ala., Hazel Breeding, Orlando, Fla., Lois Stump, Harrimon, Tenn., Shelbia Clifton and Patty Demerest both of Exton, Pa., Irene Hall, Rantoul, Ill., Janice Powers, Wauseon, Ohio, 3 sons, Darrell Bates, at home, Gardner Bates Jr., Whitesburg, Harold Gene Bates, Cincinnati, Ohio; step daughters: Mary Jo Gibson and Betty Sue Craft both of Baltimore, Md., 26 grandchildren, 7 great-grandchildren, sister: Mary Richardson, Whitesburg, 4 brothers: Luther, Byrd and Noble Bates, Whitesburg, and Russell Bates of Naples Florida, and a large number of relatives and friends to mourn his passing.

STELLA NAPIER



I feel very sad and lonely as I write about the best and sweetest mother anyone will ever have, Stella Napier. I miss her as much today as the day she was called to meet the Lord. I know there will always be a sad empty feeling inside me each time I think of my precious mother. My heart will always ache when I think I will never again in this world see her sweet little face, or hear the voice I loved so well and I know all the other children feel the same.

Mom was born June 12, 1913, and died October 24, 1975. She was married to Andrew Napier who died October 23, 1960. Seven children survive: Beatrice Combs, Franklin, Ohio, Virginia Williams, Carlisle, Ohio, Glemma Ritchie, Carrie, Kentucky, Minnie Wolford, Tolcun, Kentucky, Anna Ritchie, Tolcun, Kentucky, Donald Ray Napier, Bearville, Kentucky, and Billy Roger Napier, Bearville, Kentucky. Her mother, Arminda Ritchie, three sisters, Tena Short, Sylvania Cornett, Luna Combs, three brothers, Marcus Ritchie, Sam Ritchie, and Odis Ritchie, and eighteen grandchildren also survive.

She joined the New Bethlehem Church in 1958, the fourth Saturday in November. She was baptized the fourth Sunday in November, 1958. I thank God for giving all us children a wonderful mother like ours. Mom always taught her children a deep and abiding faith in the Lord. She would always tell us to never lie, steal or do anything wrong. She always said she wanted all her children to do right and live right. I would not trade the way I was raised for all the money in this old world. Mom loved everyone with all her sweet, gentle heart. When anyone said or did anything to hurt her, she would say, 'I forgive them and I still love them'. She had a great love for little children and all children who knew her loved her, too. All the neighborhood children called her Aunt Stella. She was never too busy to talk

to them. When the children came to see her she would always hug them and ask how they were. She would sit down and talk to them just like she did the adults that came to visit her. Mom loved all her friends and neighbors. If any of them had troubles of any kind, she always worried about them. She would say, "I hope and pray everything will go alright for them." If Mom had anything anyone needed she would never turn them down. I have often heard her say she wished she could do more for everyone. Mom loved for people to visit her, and when anyone came to see her they would not be there long until she had someone in the kitchen cooking for them. She never wanted anyone to leave her home without eating a meal with her. I remember at Mom's funeral hearing one of the ministers, Silas Williams, say God gave Mom a heart filled with love for everyone and I know this is true. First of all Mom loved her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. She loved her church and all the brothers and sisters in the church. Mom was a good and faithful member in her church and if anyone said something she didn't think they should, she strongly defended her belief and her church. I want to say to all children everywhere, who still have their mothers with them, do everything you can for her, show her you love her, treat her like the queen she is, for you will never know the heartache you will feel until she is gone and you have to go on without her. All I can do for my precious mother now is never forget the things she taught me and pray to live my life the way she would want me to. In church, the last Sunday before she went to be with God she talked with God and told Him she was ready to come home.

I'm going to try to live each day the very best I can and with the help of God meet her in Heaven someday.

Written by her daughter,

Beatrice Combs

DINGUS WATSON



He was the son of the late Henery Watson and Martha Reynolds Watson. He was born September 29, 1904, and deceased this life December 14, 1975, being 71 years old. In early life he was married to Dullsenia Slone. Unto this union were born ten children: 7 still living are Nanie Taylor, Henery Watson, Taylor Watson, Nelly Rose Slone, Kellie Watson, Paul Watson and Minnie Sue Ritchie. Three preceded him in death. Sixteen grandchildren are living and three are dead. Two brothers, Noah

Watson and Hobert Watson are still living. All his children, in-laws, brothers and many friends are left to mourn their loss.

In 1961, he professed a hope in the good Lord and was faithful to fill his seat. His fellowship was at the Ivy Point Church. He was on the last steps at New Home Church when the good Lord called him from this life.

So, children, Daddy can't come back to you but by the help of the good Lord you can meet him and Mama again. A prayer from your heart will unlock Heaven's door.

Written by,
Birtchell Mosley

Tribute To My Grandfather

His life was one of love, heartache, and pain
The love for his wife which was never strained
The heartache when she died and left him alone
And the pain he felt in every bone.

His love and faith in God was his life
He went through sorrow, sadness, and strife
But God was there, his guiding light
To watch over and protect him both day and night.

He loved his children, and was liked by all
And he was there to answer any call.
While on his way to church to pray
Death came, and took him away.

I loved him much and I mourn and cry
Always when I think of him, a tear comes to my eye
It's hard to believe, it doesn't seem real
Only emptiness and loneliness do I feel.

He was a man of faith, trust and love
But now he's gone, and in Heaven above
He's with a grandmother I never knew
But Grandfather, I'll always love both of you.

Written by his granddaughter,

Debra Slone

JOHN FARLEY



John Farley was born February 23, 1911, at Road Fork on Big Creek in Pike County, Kentucky. He was the son of Thomas B. and Nancy Oney Farley. He passed from this life at 1:20 P.M. October 27, 1975, making his sojourn here 64 years, 8 months and 4 days. On November 10, 1934, he married the former Madge Conley. They were soon to celebrate their 41st wedding anniversary. Unto this union were born two children a daughter, Mrs. John (Gabie) Mick of Somerset, Kentucky, and a son, Ottus Farley of Cincinnati, Ohio.

Brother John was a miner for approximately 25 years for

the Eastern Coal Company on Pond Creek near Pikeville, Kentucky. In 1965, he moved to Cincinnati, Ohio, to be near his son. In 1969, while working on a farm near Cincinnati, he fell from a tree puncturing a lung and he never fully recovered from this accident. Sister Madge stood by his side and cared for him through these last few years. I don't believe I have ever known a more dedicated companion. She prayed many times that he would put his trust in Jesus and join with her in the sweet fellowship with God. During a prayer service in his home, he extended his hand for fellowship in the church, telling us how great things God had done for him. On June 15, 1975, his family brought him on a cot to the Northern New Home Church at Goshen, Ohio. We baptized him on the cot they brought him on while the congregation was shouting and rejoicing to the Glory of God.

In addition to Gabie and Ottus, Brother John leaves to mourn his passing three sisters: Molley, Eunice and Ruth, and five brothers: Clyde, Norvell, Bob, Everett and Curtiss. He also leaves three grandchildren and a whole host of other relatives and friends. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him "for to know him was to love him."

A precious one from us has gone
A voice we loved is stilled
A place is vacant in our home
Which never can be filled.

Elder Ermel R. Ison

ORB SALYERS

Orb Salyers, son of Martha Wooten, and James Salyers, was born at Hyden, in Leslie County, Ky., March 15, 1890, passed from this life at the Whitesburg Hospital, May 29, 1975, being 85 years, 2 months and 14 days of age at his passing. Mr. Salyers has been in poor health for about 3 years, real sick after suffering a stroke about 3 months ago.

He has been a member of the Regular Baptist Church for about 16 years. He was a retired miner having worked in the coal mines for about 50 years, most of this time with the Jean

Francis Coal Co., at Carbonglow, Ky.

He was married to Urilla Hayes in 1927, and has made his home in the Letcher area since that time.

He is survived by his wife, Urilla of Letcher, daughters: Lovetta Cottle of Carlisle, Ohio, Monetta Shupert and Lovell Howard both of Dayton, Ohio, Lillian Baker of Hyden, Ky., sons: Orb Salyers, Jr. of Dayton, Ohio, James Wilson Salyers of New Lebanon, Ohio, and Edgar G. Salyers of Letcher, 27 grandchildren, 10 great grandchildren; brothers: Johnny Salyers of Hyden, Ky., Nelson Salyers of Letcher, and a large number of friends in our community to mourn his passing. He will always be remembered as a devoted husband and a loving father, and our loss will be Heaven's gain.

MAYO CRAFT

Mayo was born and raised in Knott. He was the son of Uncle Nelson Craft.

He taught school in the county for two years, then went to work for Inland Gas Co., where he spent the remainder of his years of labor and retired after many years.

He raised a large, nice and respectable family of children. He had 19 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren. Each child and grandchild gave him very much joy. Mayo was an honest and simple man, not interested in the things of this world.

Your unworthy has had many, many conversations with him. He was a Godly man and could tell you and has told me of the hope he had. So, I feel our loss is his eternal gain.

Sleep on, Brother, your suffering's o'er
God took you home where there'll be no more.
You suffered while here on earth you stayed.
I feel you're at rest where you are layed.

It hurt us to know you could not talk
We sat and watched you try to walk
There are no crippled or dumb up there
In that land so bright and fair.

Sleep on Brother, you are at rest
God took you because he loved you best
We miss you now that you are gone
But our love for you still lingers on.

Lewis F. Craft

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. We believe in the one true and living God, and notwithstanding there are Three that bear record in Heaven, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, yet there is but one in substance, equal in power and glory, not to be divided and impossible to change in principle 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 men 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 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 record 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 Gospel 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 no wise 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 of this plan of government may be made by 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 - Vernon Ison, Frank Sparkman, Maynard Caudill
NEW HOME - Kirby Ison, Olus Baldrige, Clarence Fields
DEFEATED CREEK - Coy Fields, Atlas Frazier, Parrot Roark
BULL CREEK - Green Fields, Gardner Jent, Earnest Banks
REYNOLD'S FORK - J. Nelson Seals, Luther Seals, Hiram Moore
IVY POINT - Lonzo Mosley, Harry Moore, Lee Mosley
LITTLE DOVE - John Preece, Charlie Collins, Merle Smith
TOLSON CREEK - George Caudill, Astor Raleigh, Watson
Whitaker, Dewey Eldridge
DIXON MEMORIAL - Carl Back, Henry Eldridge, Carl Adams
BIG CREEK - Coburn Ison, Earl Cox, Hardin Whitaker
HAPPY HOME - McKinley McInosh, Clark Hays, Landis Everidge

CHURCHES AND DELEGATES (cont.)

CLEAR FORK - Wilson Combs, Lewis Lucas
NEW BETHLEHEM - George Fugate, Marcus Ritchie, Hargis
Napier
NORTHERN NEW HOME - Ermel Ison, Mark Dotson, Hershall
Staling
BLAIR BRANCH - Steve Adams, Charlie Gibson, Wesley Raleigh
MT. OLIVET - I.D. Back, Agnan Back, Tilden Caudill
LITTLE ZION - Ross Hill, Euri Godsey, Tommy Logan
HURRICANE GAP - Astor Caudill, Vincent Whitaker

ADDRESSES OF CHURCH CLERKS

Cedar Grove Grant Smith, Hallie, Kentucky
New Home Birtchel Mosley, Garner, Kentucky
Defeated Creek Coy Fields, Linefork, Ky., 41833
Bull Creek Earnest Banks, Blackey, Ky., 41804
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Ky., 41701
Ivy Point Alonzo Mosley, Garner, Ky.
Little Dove Dave Hampton, Box 42, Jeremiah,
Ky., 41826
Tolson Creek George Caudill, Box 502, Whitesburg,
Ky.
Dixon Memorial Willie Eldridge, Rt. 1, Box 52, Blackey,
Ky., 41804
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Cross St., Edinburg, Ind.
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Amburgey, Ky., 41801
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Ky., 41701
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Lebanon, Ohio, 45036
Blair Branch B.H. Blair, Jeremiah, Ky., 41826

Mt. Olivet Agnan Back, Blackey, Ky., 41804
 Hurricane Gap Byrd Fields, Gordon, Ky.
 Little Zion Ross Hill, Jeff, Ky., 41751

ORDAINED MINISTERS

Manus Ison	.....	Hallie,.....	Ky.
Ross Wright	L	.....	Ky.
Virgil Halcomb	D	..... Indianapolis,.....	Ind.
Bill Halcomb	.....	..... Hamilton,.....	Ohio
Kernel Eldridge	.....	..... Milan,.....	Ind.
Olus Baldrige	D	..... Leburn,.....	Ky.
Kirby Ison	D	..... Whitesburg,.....	Ky.
Clarence Fields	D	..... Red Fox,.....	Ky.
Billie Moore	.....	..... Leburn,.....	Ky.
Banner Manns	L	..... Hueysville,.....	Ky.
Green Fields	.....	..... Carcassonne,.....	Ky.
Truman Jent	X	..... Carcassonne,.....	Ky.
Gardner Jent	D	..... Carcassonne,.....	Ky.
Orell Flannary	X	..... Somerset,.....	Ky.
J. Nelson Seals	.....	..... Litt Carr,.....	Ky.
Dewey Eldridge	X	..... Kingscreek,.....	Ky.
Carl Back	.....	..... Jeremiah,.....	Ky.
Frank Caudill	D	..... Jeremiah,.....	Ky.
Jonah Roark	.....	..... Commesky,.....	Ind.
Lloyd Eldridge Sunman,.....	Ind.
Bill Everage	D Amburgey,.....	Ky.
Clark Hays Red Fox,.....	Ky.
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Jay Lucas Rt. 2, Hazard,.....	Ky.
Frank Fugate	D Rt. 2, Box 803, Hazard, Ky.	Ky.
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Odis Ritchie Talcum,.....	Ky.
Earl Mosley Leburn,.....	Ky.
Ermel R. Ison 792 Foster Rd., Mainville, Ohio	Ky.
Kirby Jent	.....	..... Carcassonne,.....	Ky.

Wesley Raleigh . . . *P* Kingscreek Ky.
 Charlie Gibson . . . *D* Isom Ky.
 Dewey Hampton . . . *D* Clay City Ky.
 Critt Eldridge . . . *P* Jeremiah Ky.
 I.D. Back Blackey Ky.
 Eramitt Hall . . . *L* Leburn Ky.

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	Rec'd by Exp. and Baptism	Received by Letter	Restored	Recommended and/or Application	Died	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Total membership	Meeting time	Contributions
CEDAR GROVE	6	2	1	2	1	3	0	126	4	\$100.00
NEW HOME	0	5	0	0	0	1	1	82	2	50.00
DEFEATED CREEK	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	21	2	35.00
REYNOLD'S FORK	3	0	0	0	3	3	1	49	3	50.00
BULL CREEK	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	22	3	30.00
IVY POINT	3	1	0	0	1	0	0	26	4	25.00
LITTLE DOVE	3	1	0	1	0	1	0	75	2	100.00
DIXON MEMORIAL	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	37	4	50.00
BIG CREEK	1	0	0	0	0	1	2	32	4	50.00
HAPPY HOME	3	2	0	0	0	1	1	61	1	50.00
CLEAR FORK	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	21	1	40.00
NEW BETHLEHEM	2	1	0	0	1	1	0	25	3	35.00
NORTHERN NEW HOME	6	2	0	0	0	2	2	36	4	35.00
BLAIR BRANCH	3	0	0	0	0	2	0	47	3	50.00
MOUNT OLIVET	12	3	0	3	2	4	0	116	1	100.00
LITTLE ZION	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	25	3	40.00
HURRICANE GAP	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	10	3	20.00
TOLSON CREEK	0	0	1	0	0	0	5	21	4	30.00
Received from churches	45	17	3	7	9	23	17	832		\$860.00
Received by donations										35.00
Received for pictures										\$124.00
							total			\$1019.00

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 _____

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, to wit:

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

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

The state of our church is as follows: Ordained Ministers:

NAMES:

POST OFFICES:

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Received: Experience and Baptism _____; Letter _____;
Restored _____ 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.

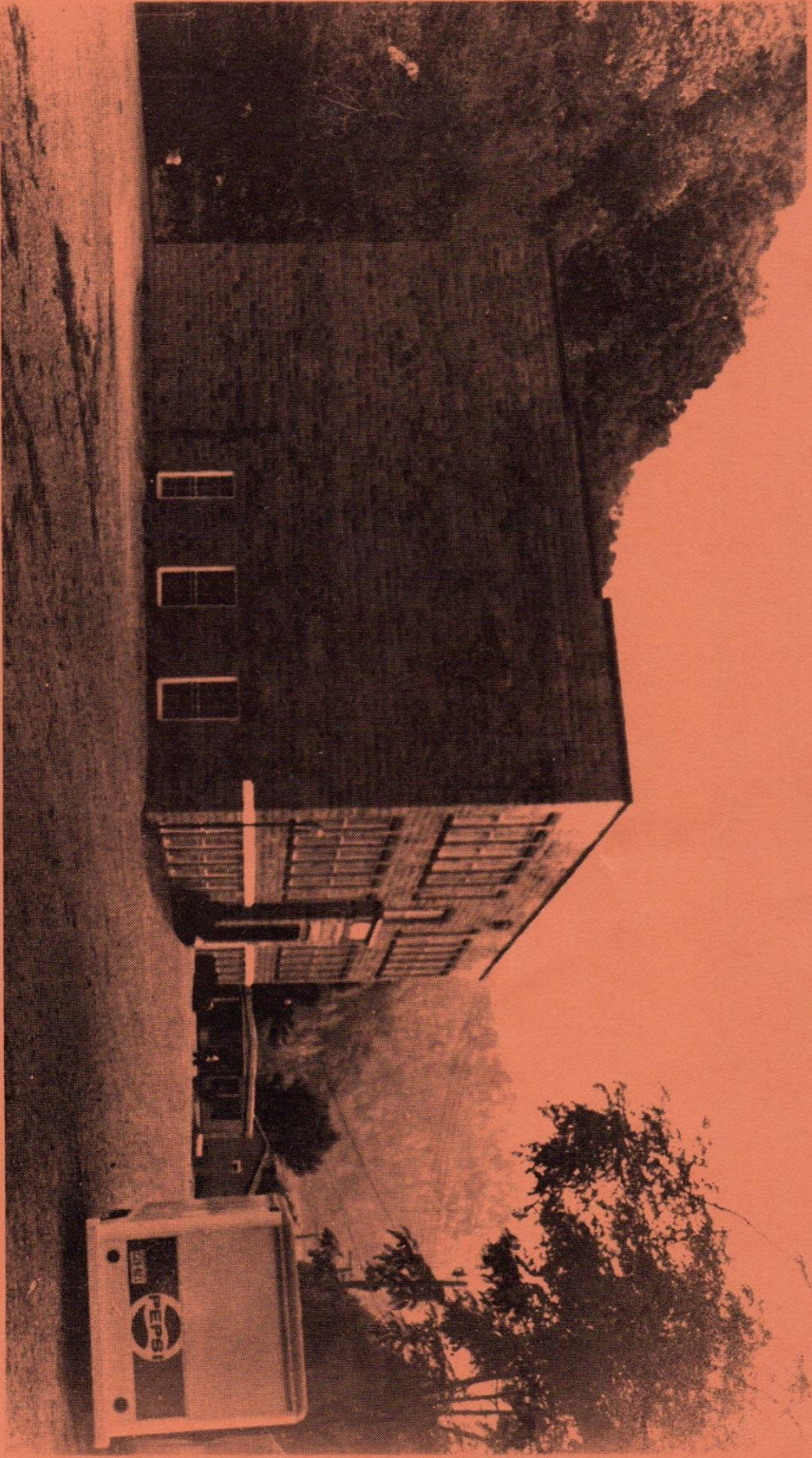
Done and signed by order of the Church.

Elder _____, Moderator

Brother _____, Clerk

Clerk's Address _____

Indian Bottom Association Building



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.

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