

MINUTES
OF THE
Eighty-Second 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 2, 3, & 4, 1977
Hosted by the Blair Branch 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, Kentucky, go east on Ky. 15 to Sassafras (12 miles) then follow signs up Yellow Creek about 1/2 mile to Association.*
2. *From Hindman, Kentucky, 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, Kentucky, 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.*

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FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 1977 AND THE TWO
FOLLOWING DAYS:

The Indian Bottom Association being in session assembled at our Association House, Sassafras, Knott County, Kentucky, September 2, 1977, being hosted by the Blair Branch Church met in the Congregational Department of the house for preaching services. After singing some of Zion's blessed songs Elder Olus Baldrige having been selected last year to introduce the services for this year (1977) came to the stand; Brother Baldrige was wonderfully blessed in his opening remarks and prayer.

After prayer, intercession and giving of thanks had been made, Elder Ermel Ison who was chosen by the delegates of the 1976 session to preach the sermon of introduction in the 1977 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 Ivan Amburgey of the Northern New Salem Association introduced the Association with some sweet Godly counsel and Elder Hiram Adkins led us to His great 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 our several churches which compose the Indian Bottom Association.

1. After reading the letter of the Blair Branch Church who is hosting this session of the Association, a move and second was made and duly carried without opposition to receive the Blair Branch 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; one responded, The Rose of Sharon, whose records of her founding and organization were read together with her letter and roll of delegates asking for admittance and membership in the Indian Bottom Association. By move and second the letter was accepted and received and the delegates were extended the right hand of fellowship and given a seat with us to aid in council, Lord bless them.

4. Called for churches of our same faith and order who desire to take up fellowship with us. One responded, the Kingdom Come Church with acknowledgement.

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

6. Called for corresponding associations, received the following:

A. NEW SALEM — Elders: Estill Slone, Grover Adkins, Mitchell Chaffins, Lee Fields, Arnold McKnight, Hobert Bates, Jack Sword, Woodrow Dye, Corbett Caudill, Cobert Bates, Joe Brown, W. B. Day, C. B. Smith, Willie Miller, Ted Robinson, Milford Bryant, Lonzo Younts, Able Johnson.

B. UNION — Elders: Lloyd Meade, A. J. Bates, Dewey Sexton, Frank Newsome, Frank O'Quinn, Felix Sexton, Fess Caudill, Earnest Yonts, Tom Cantrell, Swanson Boggs, Hermon Webb, Arnold Clevenger, Autie McClanahan, Paul McClanahan, Roger Clevenger.

C. SARDIS — Clifford Maynard, Steve Robinson, Marshall Williamson.

D. PHILADELPHIA — Webster Bartley, Jack Miller, Willie Tolliver, Coy Tolliver, Fletcher Gibson.

E. NORTHERN NEW SALEM — Hezikiah Osborne, Ivan Amburgey, Roy Caudill, Bertchel Short, Fletcher Gibson, Sam Lewis, Hiram Adkins, Astor Eldridge, Luther Meade, C. W. Turner, Clarence Jenkins, Alex Collier, Zee Holbrook, O. C. Holbrook.

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 a Committee on Ministry composed of one delegate from each church with the entire delegation from the Blair Branch Church to arrange for preaching services Friday evening and for Saturday morning.

10. Appointed a Committee on Arrangements -- same as the Committee on Ministry with the exception that the Blair Branch Church shall have one delegate, together with the Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk, Assistant Clerks, transits and the entire delegation from our Corresponding Associations to meet Friday afternoon at 2:30 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 were directed to prepare letters to same.

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

For Friday Evening:
Elder Roy Caudill
Elder Mitchell Chaffins

For Saturday Morning
Elder Steve Robinson
Elder Hiram Adkins
Elder Grover Adkins

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

SATURDAY MORNING, SEPTEMBER 3, 1977

The 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 Hobert Bates from the New Salem Association to introduce the business session of the Association. His remarks and prayer were both seasoned with the spirit and the love of God and food to God's little children.

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: Elwood Cornett, Vensin Whitaker and Lloyd Eldridge who reported the sum of \$1010.00, and \$63.00 for pictures. By move and second the report was received and accepted by the Association.

5. By move and second, minutes were directed to be printed and 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

No services arranged

FOR SUNDAY

Hezikiah Osborne

Ivan Amburgey

I. D. Back

Manus Ison, Moderator

7. The circular letter was prepared and read by Brother McKinley McIntosh. By move and second same was approved and ordered to be printed in our minutes. The Committee on Ministry chose Elder J. C. Sparks 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 a fee of \$5.00 being included for the printing of pictures.

11. Treasurer's Report:

Total receipts for 1976.....	\$ 1,343.36
Cost for printing minutes.....	\$ 840.00
Clerk's fee.....	\$ 50.00
Balance on hand September, 1976.....	\$ 453.35
Received from churches.....	\$ 1,010.00
Received from Bank correction.....	\$ 10.03

Received for pictures.....\$ 63.00
Total receipts for 1977.....\$1,536.39

12. Letters prepared to our corresponding associations as follows:

A. NEW SALEM: Elders Kirby Ison, Nelson Seals, Billie Moore, Emmitt Hall, Carl Back, Critt Eldridge, I. D. Back, Manus Ison, Clark Hayes, Charlie Gibson, Clarence Fields, Olus Baldrige, Toby Breeding, John Preece, Willie Eldridge, McKinley McIntosh, J. C. Short, Hallic Dyer, Harry Moore, Hiram Moore.

B. UNION: Elders-Kirby Ison, J. Nelson Seals, Olus Baldrige Charlie Gibson, Clark Hayes, Manus Ison, I. D. Back, Critt Eldridge, Clarence Fields, Carl Back, Brethren McKinley McIntosh, Willie Eldridge, Agnan Back, John Preece, Elwood Cornett, J. C. Short, Merle Smith, O. J. Amburgey, J. C. Sparks, Emmitt Hall and Orval Caudill.

C. SARDIS: Elders-Kirby Ison, J. Nelson Seals, I. D. Back, John Preece, Manus Ison, Charlie Gibson.

D. PHILADELPHIA: Elders-Kirby Ison, J. Nelson Seals, Olus Baldrige, Manus Ison, Billie Moore, John Preece, Carl Back, Critt Eldridge, Clark Hayes, Toby Breeding, Gene Greer, Elwood Cornett and Ermel Ison.

E. NORTHERN NEW SALEM: Elders-Kirby Ison, J. Nelson Seals, Ermel Ison, Manus Ison, I. D. Back, Gene Greer, John Preece, McKinley McIntosh, Carl Back, Harry Moore, Merle Smith, Olus Baldrige.

13. The Committee on Ministry chose Bro. John Preece to preach the introductory sermon for the 1978 session of this Association, and that Kirby Jent 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 1977. Said report was made 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 Hayes, I. D. Back, McKinley McIntosh, Elwood Cornett, Merle Smith, Charlie Gibson on Council Committee.

16. By move and second the Cedar Grove Church was honored to host the Association for the 1978 session.

17. Came Brother Glenn Hampton and filed his report as Treasurer for the Board of Trustees for Indian Bottom Association, the report was received and approved.

18. Request of Northern New Home Church:

Request to the Indian Bottom Association

Dear Brethren:

The Northern New Home Church being in session and in love and fellowship this fourth Saturday in July, 1977. One of the items discussed was the subject of a uniform system for our churches in the Indian Bottom Association in securing and seating ordained authorities from which a presbytery approved and accepted by the church to be perfected in the work of ordaining deacons and elders in the church.

It is the humble request of this church that the Indian Bottom Association, now in session, give this matter close attention and that they work out a system which will be a guide for all our churches to follow, and that same be spread of record in the minutes of the Indian Bottom Association. God help us all to be of one mind in this great cause.

Done and signed by the order of the church

Elder Ermel Ison, Moderator
Brother E. Robert Miller, Clerk

19. Answer to the request of the Northern New Home Church relative to ordaining deacons and ministers in the church.

The Indian Bottom Association now in session, in answering the request of the Northern New Home Church, wish to advise that we believe that a more uniform system or method for ordaining deacons and ministers in our churches is badly needed, and that a system or guideline for our churches to follow should be set forth by this Association, being careful not to Lord it over God's heritage. Therefore we briefly suggest:

1. When a church has a party or parties who have a gift and calling to the Deaconship of the church or to the ministry of the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ, if the church is satisfied as to the gifts and callings, they should be set aside, in the decreation of the church to be examined and ordained if found worthy and qualified by a legally constituted presbytery authorized and approved by the church.

2. Whereupon the church shall call for assistance and

invite ordained authorities of our sister churches by letter of request, by public announcements or by various means of personal contacts. When the set time arrives and ordained authorities present themselves for the services of the church, the moderator of the church shall seat those who responded to the invitation together with all other ordained authorities present on the occasion who were present, but did not previously receive an invitation. These all are to be seated together from which a legal and proper presbytery is to be constituted.

3. Whereupon the ordained authorities thus seated shall organize themselves into a legal constituted presbytery by choosing a moderator and a clerk. The moderator shall be the chief spokesman and leader in the examination; the clerk shall be the recorder of same. Thus the presbytery is formed. Each and every member of the presbytery shall have the right and privilege to ask any question they deem necessary on touching the gifts, callings and qualifications of those under consideration of the presbytery.

4. If upon conclusion of the whole matter, subjects to be considered do satisfactorily respond to all questions and inquiries and the presbytery does so find, then those being considered shall be ordained fully to their many functions relative to the church and the Gospel ministry of the Lord Jesus Christ, by prayer and the laying on of hands by the presbytery.

5. Then those ordained and properly given a final charge by some chosen member of the presbytery and then delivered back to the church an ordained elder or deacon as the case may be. Then the presbytery shall be finally discharged and dissolved.

6. At this point the church shall approve or disapprove the work of the presbytery and receive the ordained back into the hands and custody of the church as such.

20A. Resolution:

Resolved that this Association appoint ministerial aid for three of our needy churches to wit: The Harrican Gap Church, the Little Zion Church and the Kingdom Come Church. Be it resolved that the Clerks make a tentative list of ministers to carry out this resolution and that same be approved by this Association and printed in our minutes for information of those who are concerned.

We truly hope that those ministers who are tentatively selected will meet the obligation and help these little churches carry on the cause of the Master. List published elsewhere in these minutes.

20B. Item 2 in our minutes in the Rules of Decorum which reads as follows: The Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present, shall be changed to read and be in force as follows to-wit:

The Moderator and Assistant Moderator, Clerk and Assistant Clerk or Clerks shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present. The Clerk is directed to make this correction in the minutes accordingly.

21. Compliance with resolution in item 20A.

MINISTERIAL AID RECOMMENDED TO NEEDY CHURCHES

1. Harrican Gap Church—Third Sat. and Sun. in each month

	DATE		ELDERS
Oct.	Kirby Ison	Agnan Back	Carson Cornett
Nov.	Billie Moore	Clark Hays	Lee Mosley
Dec.	Olus Baldrige	Emmitt Hall	Banner Manns
Jan.	Truman Jent	Kirby Jent	Gardner Jent
Feb.	Manus Ison	Agnan Back	Carson Cornett
March	Wesley Raleigh	Charlie Gibson	Critt Eldridge
April	I. D. Back	Elwood Cornett	Toby Breeding
May	Kirby Ison	Lee Mosley	Agnan Back
June	Carl Back	C. Gibson	Manus Ison
July	Billie Moore	John Preece	Kirby Jent
Aug.	Banner Manns	Kirby Ison	Lee Mosley
Sept.	Manus Ison	Toby Breeding	Elwood Cornett

2. Little Zion Church—third Sat. and Sun. in each month

	DATE	ELDERS
Oct.	Clark Hays	Toby Breeding
Nov.	John Preece	Elwood Cornett
Dec.	Manus Ison	Agnan Back
Jan.	Green Fields	J. Lucas
Feb.	Silas Williams	Earl Mosley
March	Kirby Ison	Manus Ison
April	Clark Hays	Lewis Craft
May	Billie Moore	Banner Manns
June	Green Fields	Kirby Jent

DATE	ELDERS	
July	Silas Williams	Jay Lucas
Aug.	Kirby Ison	Toby Breeding
Sept.	Billie Moore	Lewis Craft

3. Kingdom Come Church—Second Sat. and Sun.
in each month

Oct.	Truman Jent	Kirby Jent
Nov.	Silas Williams	Lewis Lucas
Dec.	Wesley Raleigh	Dewey Eldridge
Jan.	Agnan Back	Carson Cornett
Feb.	Critt Eldridge	Charlie Gibson
March	Toby Breeding	Carl Back
April	Kirby Ison	Lee Mosley
May	J. Nelson Seals	Lewis Lucas
June	Silas Williams	Earl Mosley
July	Clark Hays	Lewis Craft
Aug.	Toby Breeding	Lewis Lucas
Sept.	Carson Cornett	Wesley Raleigh

22. Request of Happy Home Church

(A Request To The Indian Bottom Association)

We, the Happy Home Church of Jesus Christ of The Old Regular Baptist faith and order, met July 2, 1977, it being our regular meeting time. After a lot of good preaching, the church did by a move and second Protem Elder Manus Ison to serve as Moderator for the day, to do the church work. He seated the church by calling for love; the church was found to be in full love and fellowship one toward another.

Came to new business, then came forth Brother McKinley McIntosh, and stated that we, the Indian Bottom Association, did not have a record book, or no continual record. After some debating, the church by a move and second did agree to send this request, asking the Indian Bottom Association to make some way to have this Association a record book, and work of our Association back to the time it was organized. And all of the back work recorded up to this present date, of Sept. 3, 1977.

(It is possible.)

Done and signed by the order of the church.
Elder Manus Ison, Moderator, Protem
Brother McKinley McIntosh, Clerk

23. Answer to request of Happy Home Church.

An answer to the request of Happy Home Church.

In answering the request and inquiry of the Happy Home Church relative to making an accurate record in book form of proceedings of the Indian Bottom Association for its first year existence and for each and every year thereafter until completion of same.

Be it directed by this Association that our Clerk, Elder Olus Baldrige, Elder Kirby Ison, and Brother McKinley McIntosh deputy Clerks get this work done at their earliest convenience. These appointees are directed to secure minutes of this Association for each year of our existence together with other available data that is authentic.

When these appointees are thoroughly satisfied relative to material and information at hand they are directed to have same put into a volume of a book or books if need be. However this project shall first be relayed to the attention of this Association's board of trustees for their approval as to its necessity, the style of book binding and the cost of same.

The cost of binding this Associational data into permanent record books shall be borne by this Association subject to the approval of the board of trustees.

24. Items of appreciation:

1. To the Blair Branch Church, hosting the Association, we the officers and delegates composing the eighty-second annual session of the Indian Bottom Association extend our heart-felt thanks to Blair Branch Church for the splendid and efficient manner in hosting this Association, you worked so hard, yet you seemed to be so happy in doing all this for the good Lord and His Kingdom. The food was excellent and plenteous. All in all the hosting could not have been better. May God bless and love you forever.

2. To the Knott County Rescue Squad and all others who helped us with highway traffic and parking problems, you were so kind, patient and helpful. We extend our thanks and appreciation for your very fine generosity. We pray the benediction of the Lord be upon you. We humbly thank God for everything.

25. The work of this session of the Association having been completed and there being no further business to be

considered, by move and second we stand 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, 1978 and the two following days.

After singing a farewell parting song amidst hand shakes and much rejoicing, Elder Marshall Williamson led us to His lofty Throne of Grace in a closing prayer.

Done and signed by order of the Indian Bottom Association, this third day of September in the year of our Lord, 1977.

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

Brother Moderator, Brother Clerks, Brother delegation, also the delegation from our corresponding associations, and our Brothers and Sisters ever where you might be, of this eighty-second session of the Indian Bottom Association, of Old Regular Baptist, the Church of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Twelve months have rolled by and gone since our last session of our old Indian Bottom Association. Many of our good brothers and sisters have gone on to that great beyond. In our 1976 session of our Indian Bottom Association, the delegation did choose me, Brother McKinley McIntosh, to write a circular letter to be read before this Association to be approved or rejected. I will now attempt to write this letter, knowing that without God's help, we can not do anything. I am before this delegation and an all-wise God, who holds our lives in His hands every day of our lives. My brother delegates, my subject is (Love.) This world hinges on love; it was love that spoke this world into existence. (God is love,) everything was made by the God of love. God made the world and everything in the world. There are two loves, there is a natural love, and there is a spiritual love. The natural love is with people in their everyday life, going about our natural affairs; the spiritual love is the love of God, that visits our people every day of our life, teaching us there is a hell to shun, and a Heaven to gain. Oh how about that love, a love that can come into our hearts every day of our lives, where ever we go, at night when we lie on our beds and lets us know

that it's not all well with us. Oh, how merciful our God is! He's followed me through my young life teaching me to live a peaceful life and He would be found with me. It would bring me peace and joy, and going on in sin would bring me trouble and dissatisfaction. You see, God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten son into the world, that through Him whosoever would believe on Him may be saved. There are three that bear record in Heaven, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost; these three are one equal in power and love. The Bible tells us in God's word to examine the spirits to see which one is of God. God has never told us to do anything that we could not do. Ever since man was made there must have been a conversation in Heaven, with the Father and Son. Jesus took upon Himself to come down here upon this earth, here in this cold-hearted world. He came down here in a natural body, and lived among the inhabitants of this world. Talk about love, there has or never will be such love to compete with this love. St. John first chapter, verse 6, says "There was a man sent from God whose name was John, the same came for a witness, to bear witness of the light, that all men through him might believe and be saved." He was not the light but was sent to bear witness of that light; that was the true light, that lighteth every man that cometh into the world. We see as He went about doing miracles. Here is one of His miracles. In the beginning of His work, I think it was the third day, there was a marriage in Cana, of Gallilee. The mother of Jesus was there; both Jesus and His mother were there, and His mother was called, and His Disciples: to marriage. When they wanted wine, the mother of Jesus saith unto Jesus, "They have no wine." Jesus saith unto her, "Woman, what have I to do with thee? Mine hour is not yet come." (5) His mother saith unto the servants, "Whatsoever He saith unto you, do you it." And there were set there six water pots of stone, after the manner of the purifying of the Jews, containing two or three firkins apiece. (7) Jesus saith unto them, "Fill the water pots with water;" and they filled them up to the brim. And He said unto them, "Draw out now, and bear unto the governor of the feast." And they bare it. (9) When the ruler of the feast had tasted the water that was made wine, and knew not whence it was, (but the servants which drew the water knew,) the governor of the feast called the bridegroom, (10) and saith unto him, "Every man at the beginning doth set forth good wine and when men have well drunk, then that which is worse..but thou hast kept the good wine until now." Just think about what a mind that Paul did have, (8 Acts, Chapter 26, Verse 9) I verily thought

with myself, that I ought to do many things contrary to the name of Jesus of Nazareth. (10) which things I also did in Jerusalem and many of the saints did I shut up in prison, having received authority from the chief priests, and when they were put to death, I gave my voice against them. (11) v..and I punished them oft, in every synagogue, and compelled them to blaspheme and being exceedingly mad against them, I persecuted them even unto strange cities. (12)V, whereupon as I went to Damascus, with authority and commission from the chief priests. (13) V..at midday, O,King, I saw in the way a light from Heaven, above the brightness of the sun, shining around about me, and them which journeyed with me. (14) v..And when we were fallen to the earth, I heard a voice speaking unto me and saying, in the Hebrew tongue, "Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me? It is hard for thee to kick against the pricks", (15)v..And I said, "Who art thou, Lord" and He said, "I am Jesus whom thou persecutest. (16) v..But rise, and stand upon thy feet, for I have appeared unto thee for this purpose, to make thee a minister and a witness both of these things which thou hast seen, and of those things in the which I will appear unto thee. (17) v..Delivering thee from the people, and from the Gentiles, unto whom I send thee. (18) v..To open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the powers of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me." (19) v..whereupon O,King Agrippa, I was not disobedient unto the Heavenly vision. (20)v..but showed first unto them of Damascus, and at Jerusalem, and throughout all the coasts of Judea and then to the Gentiles, and they should repent and turn to God, and do works meet for repentance.

Oh, Brothers, who are we here today? Just a number of God's little repented children. Let it be so that our daily walks will show to our young generation that are here in this cold-hearted world, that we are just what we say we are, that our children will watch our walks, every day of our lives, let us not be taken by the things of the world. If we have the light, for God's sake, and for the churches' sake, and for our own sake, and for our children, and our neighbor's sake, please won't you let it shine?

I believe I am on my way to that glory land where my troubles will all be left behind. There is nothing but trouble and sorrow here in this world.

I could write on and on but time won't permit. So farewell my dear brethren. The time is at hand that we must be parted

from this social band. Our several engagements now call us away,
Our parting is needful, and we must obey.

Written by, McKinley McIntosh,
Rt. 1, Box 80
Amburgey, Kentucky 41801

SEPTEMBER 4, 1977
SUNDAY'S SERVICES AND LAST DAY OF OUR
ASSOCIATION

A warm gentle breeze was flowing upon a great crowd of eager people making their way to the meeting house of the Indian Bottom Association to hear the preachers scheduled for the day. The sun had scarcely made its appearance from behind the quiet mountains of the east when people by the hundreds were gathering at and around the entrance of our Association building shaking hands and exchanging Godly greetings, inquiring relative to each other's health and bidding each other God's speed and God's blessing.

Here is love, peace and sweet fellowship that comes only from the land immortal. Pretty soon the congregational department of our spacious building was filled. There we blended our voices together in singing to the glory of God.

The services were introduced by our dear brother in the Lord, Elder Hezekiah Osborne. Then came to the stand Elder Ivan Amburgey who delivered a glorious message, one no doubt, which will long be remembered. Elder I. D. Back closed the services with a sweet sermon which will be long remembered. In a closing song, we bade each good-bye until we meet again next year, God being willing.

May we all live humbly at the foot of the cross, that our lives may influence others to follow us in this grand and noble work of our blessed Redeemer.

Humbly, your Servant in the Lord,

Olus Baldrige, Clerk

UNION AND COMMUNION MEETINGS

APRIL

ROSE OF SHARON: Union meeting second Saturday and Sunday in April. Ministers called: Kerby Jent, Truman Jent, Bro. Virgil Combs, Clearance Fields, Ermel Ison, Jay Lucas, Lewis Lucas, Clark Hays. Communion 2nd Sun. in May.

BLAIR BRANCH: Union meeting: third Saturday night and Sunday in April. Ministers called: A.O.McKnight, Lloyd Meade, I.D.Back, Billie Moore, Elwood Cornett, Ivan Amburgey, Bro. John Preece. Communion 3rd Sunday in July.

LITTLE ZION: Union meeting third Saturday and Sunday in April. Ministers called: Billie Moore, John Preece, Bill Halcomb, I. D. Back. Communion 3rd Sunday in April.

NORTHERN NEW HOME: Union meeting fourth Saturday and Sunday in April. Ministers called: Webster Bartley, Clark Hays, Frank O'Quinn, Frank Newsome, John Preece, Fess Blair. Communion 4th Sunday in August.

MAY

MT. OLIVET: Union meeting first Saturday and Sunday in May. Ministers called: Ivan Amburgey, Critt Eldridge, John Preece, Melvin Watts, I. D. Back, Alex Collier. Communion 1st Sunday in August.

LITTLE DOVE: Union meeting second Saturday and Sunday in May. Ministers called: Ivan Amburgey, Manus Ison, Mitchell Chaffins, I.D.Back. Communion 2nd Sunday in July.

KINGDOM COME: Union meeting second Saturday and Sunday in May. Ministers called: All of the same faith and order. Communion 2nd Sunday in July.

REYNOLDS FORK: Union meeting third Saturday and Sunday in May. Ministers called: I. D. Back, John Preece, Felix Sexton, Kirby Ison, Ermel Ison, A. O. McKnight. Communion 3rd Sunday in June.

BULL CREEK: Union meeting third Saturday and Sunday in

May. Ministers called: Ermel Ison, Virgil Combs, Marcus Combs, Critt Eldridge, Ross Wright, Bill Halcomb. Communion 3rd Sunday in August.

CEDAR GROVE: Union meeting fourth Saturday and Sunday in May. Ministers called: Bill Halcomb, Dallas Ramsey, Ivan Amburgey, Robert Haney, Alex Collier, Melvin Watts, Fess Blair. Communion 4th Sunday in August.

JUNE

HAPPY HOME: Union meeting first Saturday and Sunday in June. Ministers called: J. Nelson Seals, Bill Halcomb, Andy Bates, Ermel Ison, Elwood Cornett, Irving Hicks, Carl Back, our Moderator. Communion 1st Sunday in July.

CLEAR FORK: Union meeting first Saturday and Sunday in June. Ministers called: Banner Manns, Carl Back, Olus Baldrige, Clark Hays, Kirby Ison, and Ermel Ison. Communion 1st Sunday in July.

NEW HOME: Union meeting second Saturday and Sunday in June. Ministers called: Toby Breeding, Fess Blair, Bertchel Mosley, Jr., Ivan Amburgey and Ermel Ison. Communion 2nd Sunday in July.

NEW BETHELEHEM: Union meeting third Saturday and Sunday in June. Ministers called: All Old Regular Baptist of same faith and order are welcome. Communion 3rd Sunday in August.

DIXON MEMORIAL: Union meeting fourth Saturday and Sunday in June. Ministers called: Bill Halcomb, Elwood Cornett, Kirby Jent, John Preece, Agnan Back, Carl Back and Dewey Sexton. Communion 4th Sunday in July.

IVY POINT: Union meeting fourth Saturday and Sunday in June. Ministers called: Lewis Craft, Dewey Sexton, Milburn Slone, John Preece, Clark Hays, Ermel Ison, Moderator and Asst. Moderator. Communion 4th Sunday in July.

TOLSON CREEK: Union meeting fourth Saturday and Sunday in June. Ministers called: Kirby Ison, Bill Halcomb, Agnan Back, Toby Breeding, Elwood Cornett, John Preece and J. D. Back.

Communion 4th Sunday in July.

BIG CREEK: Union meeting fourth Saturday and Sunday in June. Ministers called: Fess Blair, Melvin Watts, Clay Wilson, Robert Haney, John Preece, Elwood Cornett, Clark Hays. Communion 4th Sunday in July.

AUGUST

DEFEATED CREEK: Union meeting second Saturday and Sunday in August. Ministers called: Agnan Back, Fess Blair, Bill Halcomb, Truman Jent, Elwood Cornett, Toby Breeding. Communion 2nd Sunday in August.

HURRICANE GAP: Union meeting third Saturday and Sunday in August. Ministers called: I. D. Back, Agnan Back, John Preece, Fess Blair, and Elwood Cornett. Communion 3rd Sunday in August.

Obituaries

HERSHELL BALDRIDGE



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 man.
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.
Lie bows in speechless joy before the feast 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.

Elder Hershell Baldrige was born July 14, 1930, and deceased this life January 5, 1977, making his stay here on earth 46 years, 6 months and 21 days. He was the son of Elder Charlie Baldrige and Allie Maggard Baldrige. On December 22, 1951 he met and married Corene Sparkman who was to him a dear and loving wife. In 1961 he professed a hope in Christ Jesus the Lord and joined the New Home Church of Old Regular Baptist. Sometime later he felt a calling to the ministry from God, to go out in the world and warn poor sinners the danger of living and dying in sin. In the early part of 1962 he was ordained as a minister of God. He went out in this cold-hearted world to warn poor sinners the danger of living and dying in sin. He went far and near preaching the gospel of Christ to the world of mankind.

Later on he became ill with a blood circulatory disease, so in September, 1975, one leg had to be taken off; then in June, 1976, the other leg had to be taken off. In his sickness he had eleven operations, and lay there seven months on his back. With all his sickness, he took it with patience. Like the old prophet Job, he said after all of his suffering, "Naked I came into this world, naked I go out, blessed be the name of the Lord." Elder Hershell Baldrige leaves to mourn their loss a dear loving wife, Corene Sparkman Baldrige, one daughter, Carolyn, one son-in-law, one granddaughter, Stacia Revee 2 years old of Omaha, Ky., mother Allie Baldrige, Leburn, Ky., one brother, Olus Baldrige, Leburn, Ky., one sister, Joyce Harrison, Louisville, Ky., father-in-law, Irvin Sparkman, mother-in-law, Hazel Sparkman, and family of Pippa Passes, Ky.

Hershell and Corene, his wife, came to the Happy Home Church, by letter from the New Home Church, March 3, 1973. He has served this church as Assistant Moderator up to this present time. He leaves many brothers and sisters in the church, and many friends and neighbors. We all will miss him here, and we will miss him abroad. Here his seat will be empty, Oh, how bad we hate to give him up, but we hope our loss here on earth is Heaven's gain.

To the people who loved Brother Hershell so well, he is gone now to never be with us any more, so stop and think today not tomorrow, but today. If you ever see him again, you must quit the sinful things of this world and look to God for mercy, and get down at His feet, and say, "Oh Lord, have mercy on me a sinner. Don't let me go down to that lost world" He will hear your cries. He is standing today with out stretched arms looking out to the world of mankind, saying, "Come unto

me all ye ends of the earth and be ye saved, for I am God and beside me there is no saviour," so let us all look up, and prepare to meet our God in peace like Brother Hershell Baldrige did.

My brethren all, I'll bid adieu,
Your fellowship, I've loved
In time I'll never more see you,
But soon we'll meet again.

Written by McKinley McIntosh and Lewis Craft,
Two dear brothers

ISHMAEL McINTOSH



It is with a sad heart that I will try to write the obituary of a dear cousin of mine, (to wit) Ishmael McIntosh, the son of Marion McIntosh and Allie Pigman McIntosh. He was born into their home March 26, 1912, and deceased this life August 12, 1976, making his stay here on earth 64 years, 4 months and 16 days. In the year of 1932, he met and married Fronia Amburgey. Unto this union were born 4 boys and 4 girls. Boys: Agnan, Corbit, John, and Tommy; Girls: Delta Hays, Semoline Abbott, Ada Bell Seals and Betty Joe Webster; 3 brothers and 1 sister; 14 grandchildren, to mourn the loss of him. Several years ago he came to be a sick man, but he lingered on until July 28, 1975. He was taken to Lexington Medical Center Hospital. He stayed there 28 days. They treated him and sent him back home. He did very well until last week or so. He went back to Hazard Hospital August 7, 1977. Some time ago his son, Corbit, talked to him and he began to talk about Jesus the Lord, and Corbit asked him if he wanted to talk to someone, a minister or someone else, and he said, "No, I am all right." Also, his room mate told me, McKinley McIntosh, the first night that they did have a long talk about the future. He said it seemed that Ishmael's mind led him to believe that children of God ought to know that they were going to Heaven. This man was an Old Regular Baptist member. After they had talked awhile he began

to see and said that our conversation had opened up his sight to a clear view of the future. So he also told others that he believed that the Lord had forgiven him for every sin he had committed in his life; oh so many. So, we believe from testimony that he has gone on to a world of peace and joy to never suffer any more.

His wife told me that for a long time, at least for the last year he had been a different man.

So, to all his children, Daddy was daddy; to his wife, Fronia, and to his brothers and one sister, and many friends and neighbors today is a separation day here on earth, but we have a promise from our God that we will meet again. If we will seek the Lord with all of our heart He will be found with us, even in the last day. He stands every minute of our lives with outstretched arms saying to the world of mankind, "Come unto Me all ye ends of the earth and be ye saved, for I am God and besides me there is none other saviour. Oh, how He is calling every hour of the day and night. He loves His creation. Will you please look up where every good and perfect gift comes from? So, let us all prepare to meet Jesus in peace when He comes again, and be ready to go home with Him, to live in peace forever and forever.

Written by a Brother-in-hope of eternal life,
McKinley McIntosh

CEBRA BACK



In this world the roses bloomed but for a season. Soon their beauty is decayed. But there is a land where the flowers bloom forever and the beauty of that land grows brighter and brighter.

Uncle Cebra Back has lived his life in this world. He has seen many heartaches. He has done a lot of hard work. He has earned the friendship of many, many people, but now he has entered that land where the flowers bloom forever.

Cebra Back was born into the house of James and Elizabeth Roberts Back on October 4, 1887. Uncle Cebra was called from this life on November 18, 1976,

making his stay on earth 89 years, 1 month and 14 days.

Uncle Cebra was married to Cinda Back who preceded him in death on July 4, 1957. To this union were born 3 daughters: Freda Hensley, deceased, Heidi Campbell, Hazard, Ky., Trunetta McCoy, Lexington, Ky., and 1 son: Dennis Back, Hindman, Ky. All of the children in Uncle Cebra's family have preceded him in death except 2 brothers and 2 sisters: Shade Back, Ohio, Ira Back, Shelbyville, Ky., Pearl Craft, Red Fox, Ky., Becky Back, Hazard, Ky. He also leaves to mourn their loss, 10 grandchildren and 13 great grandchildren as well as a host of relatives and friends.

In his last years, Uncle Cebra began to understand a need for a savior. On October 5, 1975, he joined the Mt. Olivet Regular Baptist Church. He had a great desire to do all he could for his church. He donated the clock we have. But most of all, he filled his seat. The sincere smile and genuine godly appearance he always carried will make all the brothers and sisters of the church long for that grand reunion where sorrow, pain and death are all done away.

Written by,
Elwood Cornett

REBECCA BACK



Her countenance is beautiful. Her expression is so pleasing. Her contribution has been so great. Her life has been so long. Her labor has been so hard. Her salvation was so dear. Now, her rest is so sweet.

We are sad and lonely, but the journey of an old Saint from the pains of this life to the glorious Paradise of God, with angels everywhere along the way, is joy beyond measure.

Rebecca Back was born August 18, 1877, into the home of James and Elizabeth Roberts Back. She was the oldest of 17 children and helped raise her brothers and sisters. Aunt Becky passed from this life on Saturday, January 1, 1977, making her stay on earth 99 years, 4 months and 14 days. All of the children in Aunt Becky's family preceded her in death except three.

Pearl Craft, Red Fox, Ky., Shade Back, Franklin, Ohio, Ira Back, Shepherdsville, Ky.

Aunt Becky joined the Mt. Olivet Regular Baptist Church in 1970. Few members have been so loved and respected. It has been our good pleasure to live with her in the church.

It is her kind of life style that means so much to all of us. That life style includes: simple honesty, hard work, helping others, praying, loving God and cherishing genuine salvation.

Even though Aunt Becky has no children, she has been a "Mother" and a "Grandmother" to many, many children. No doubt many of you have eaten at her table, slept in her bed and warmed by her fire. But those days are gone. Now it's time for her reward.

Aunt Becky lived almost 100 years. Rutherford B. Hayes was President when she was born. This Nation has had 38 Presidents. She lived through the administration of over half—of twenty of those Presidents. There were only 39 states when she was born.

The passing of time brings many changes. But Aunt Becky made only one change. She changed her life to serve God.

As we look back on Aunt Becky's life we see a most beautiful life. It has been long, healthy, happy, righteous and now eternal Joy and Peace.

Sister, thou wast mild and lovely
Gentle as the summer breeze
Pleasant as the hour of evening
As it floats among the trees.

Peaceful be thy silent slumber
Peaceful in the Grave so low
Thou no more wilt join our number
Thou no more our songs shalt know.

Yet again we hope to meet thee
When the day of life is fled
Then in Heaven with joy to greet thee
Where no farewell tears are shed.

Written by,
Elwood Cornett

ISAAC CORNETT



By the help of the Lord, I will try to write a short sketch of our beloved brother in hope. Isaac Cornett, son of Bill and Elizabeth Gilbert Cornett, was born July 11, 1915. He grew up in the mountains of Eastern Kentucky, and worked for the coal mines for several years. In 1938 he met and married Ola Caudill Cornett, and to this union were born 11 children (5 boys and 6 girls). Leslie Cornett, Pascal Cornett, John Cornett and Mark Cornett all of North Vernon, Ind., Isaac Gale

Cornett, Yuma, Arizona, Linda Spurgeon, Scipio, Ind., Carolyn Holley, and Kathleen Holley both of Clifford, Ind., Wanda Wilson of Butlerville, Ind., Elizabeth Ebbing, Hayden, Ind., and Betty Bartlett, North Vernon, Ind.

He came to Indiana in 1950, and worked as a farmer until his health failed and he had to retire.

In September, 1972, he fell out with sin, turned to God, and joined The Old Regular Baptist Church. He was then struck sick, and never was able to attend church many times. He suffered about 5 years, and lost both of his legs. On May 29, 1977, at about 6:15 p.m. the Lord called his name, and he answered the call. His stay on earth was 61 years, 10 months, and 18 days.

He leaves to mourn their loss, his 11 children, his wife Ola, and three sisters; Lila Combs, Batesville, Ind., Elizabeth Wells, North Vernon, Ind., and Amanda Edwards, Aurora, Ind. He is also survived by 25 grandchildren, and a host of friends.

We surely believe that Brother Ike did all his suffering here, and we believe our loss is Heaven's gain.

Written by a Brother in Christ,
Venon Miller



CARLOS EUGENE COMBS

By the request of my mother, and with the help of God, I will try to write an obituary of my dear brother, Carlos Eugene Combs. He was born to Kell and Ethel Hall Combs, Nov. 20, 1972. God called him away to live with Him, August 17, 1972, making his stay on earth, 22 years, and 9 months.

Left behind to mourn his passing are his mother and father, Ethel and Kell; 5 brothers: Edwin and Walter both of Leburn, Ky., French, Orville Ray and Robert all of Dunkirk, Ohio, and 3 sisters: Shirley Combs of Leburn, Ky., Edith Shick of New Bethlehem, Pa., and Judy Hensley of Mannheim, Germany.

He was a good and humble boy, always showing love and concern for everyone around him.

Each time I go back home, I always go and visit his grave. (Although I know you are not there, you are up in Heaven someplace. Because each time I pray I can always look up and see your smiling face. I know you are not dead, because you are waiting up in Heaven for us on that great judgment day.) What a family reunion that will be! Sometimes I think I can't wait. I just hope and pray we will all make it through the gates.

Sister Edith and the family

This poem is from his broken-hearted mother

TO MY BELOVED SON

The smile on his face, it seemed to say,
I am not dead, I've just gone away.
It broke our hearts; That is why we cry,
He left us without saying goodbye.
But God is so good, so kind, and so true,
He opened the door so he could walk through.
You are not forgotten, my darling son,
Nor will you ever be as long as life and memory last.
We will remember you as always in the past,

We miss you so much our hearts are sore,
As time goes on, we miss you more and more.
Your loving smile and gentle face,
No one can ever take your place.
People loved him and admired him,
And will miss his friendly smile.
But our faith knows,
We have lost him only for a little while.

Written by his broken-hearted Mother

GREEN BACK



Green Back was born September 7, 1889, and died November 5, 1964, making his stay on earth 75 years, 1 month and 28 days.

He was the son of the late Ben D. Back and Nancy Back. He was first married to Ella Hampton Back, who preceded him in death. To this union were born 5 children: Lester Back, Carl Back, Carrie Adams, Eva Profitt, and Effie Back, all of Jeremiah, Ky., Lester and Effie preceded him in death. He then, in 1922, married Celia Blair Back. To this union were born 4 children: Steve Back, London, Ky., Opal Bryant, Jeremiah, Ky., Martha Adams, Jeremiah, Ky., Evolena Adams, Jeremiah, Ky. He had 22 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren. He joined the Old Regular Baptist Church and was baptized November 13, 1949, by Elder Roy Whitaker and Brother Oscar Back, and took his fellowship in Doty Church. He was a faithful member as long as he was able to attend. He was confined to his bed for five months. He bore his sickness with patience and was always pleased to see his friends and relatives and to shake their hands. Dad would always smile when he saw his brothers and sisters and friends come in, but he would cry so many times when they would leave.

Written with much sadness by his children, who hope someday to meet him in a better world.

CELIA BACK

Celia Back was born October 22, 1892, and died June 29, 1977. She was a daughter of the late Steve and Martha Blair. She met and married Green Back March 30, 1922. He preceded her in death November 5, 1964. She leaves 4 children to mourn their loss. One son, Steve Back, London, Ky., three daughters: Opal Bryant, Martha Adams and Evolina Adams, all of Jeremiah, Ky.; three stepchildren, still living: Carl Back, Carrie Adams and Eva Profitt, all of Jeremiah, Ky. She leaves 8 grandchildren, 3 great-grandchildren, 14 step grandchildren, and 32 step great-grandchildren to mourn their loss.

Celia joined the Doty Creek Church of Old Regular Baptist and was baptized July 14, 1951. She was a faithful member as long as she was able to go. Celia always loved to see people come to visit her and she always hated to see them leave. She bore her sickness with much patience. Mother has gone to live with Jesus. I feel with all my heart that Dad is up in Heaven, and Mother has gone to be with him after all of these 13 years that she has been waiting to be with him.

Now that Mother has gone to rest, she is out of a world of trouble. Our troubles are heavier than ever. Little Virginia, we children want to thank you from the bottom of our hearts for staying and waiting on Mother and for being so kind to her. I am sure your heart is broken and so is ours. May God bless us all to meet again.

Written by her stepson, Carl Back

Celia's picture is on page 25 with her husband, Green Back

VERNA DIXON CAUDILL

Verna Dixon Caudill was born January 13, 1910, and died November 16, 1976, being 66 years, 10 months, and 3 days old at the time of her death. She was the daughter of the late John D. Dixon and Louana Back Dixon. Early in life she met and married Vernie Caudill who preceded her in death, and also one child Kathleen Caudill. She leaves 8 children to mourn their loss: Geneva McKinley, Veneda Phillips, Josephine



Bell, Allen Caudill, Kenneth Ray Caudill, Hansel Caudill, Russel Caudill, and Mary Lou Whitaker. Also one stepmother, Malva Dixon, 4 sisters: Alice Back, Iris Sparkman, Callie Croucher and Dana Palmer; 2 brothers, Dennis Dixon, and James Howard Dixon; 2 half sisters, Vesteen Back and Shelby Jean Back, and 3 half brothers: Carlos Dixon, Roy Dixon, and Billy Harold Dixon. Sister Verna joined the Dixon Memorial Church and was baptized July 30, 1967. She was a faithful member as long as she was able to go. We have given up a sister that we loved so much. Children, I want to say to you all, I loved your Daddy and Mama and I always liked to come and talk with them and stay with them. Now, they are gone home and left a world of trouble. So, children, I love you all, so let me beg you if you haven't prayed, start today for tomorrow may be too late.

She had 30 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren.

Written by Elder Carl Back

EVELYN HALCOMB



Evelyn Halcomb was born October 9, 1929, being 46 years, 10 months, and 25 days of age at the time of her passing.

She is survived by her mother Laura Caudill Roach, her husband Bob Halcomb, one daughter, Anna Lee Jones and one son, Don Halcomb.

She joined the Defeated Creek Regular Baptist Church September, 1967. She was sick for several months before her death. She bore her pain with patience. She will be sadly missed by her family. We know our loss is Heaven's gain.

Written by her mother, Laura Roark,
and Brother Franklin Roark

DAISY BOWEN PIGMAN

It is with much sadness I will try to write this obituary of my beloved sister, Daisy. She was born August 19, 1895, the daughter of Joseph E. Bowen and Mimy Bowen and deceased this life July 23, 1975. Early in life she married Dewitt Pigman.

They were blessed to have 4 children, one daughter, Wilma; three sons: Dalton, Elmer and Glenn. Her husband professed a hope to Brother Charlie Cornett a few weeks before he died on March 30, 1953. Dewitt and Glenn preceded her in death, Glenn only by a few months, November, 1974.

She leaves 9 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren whom she loved so very much; 3 sisters and 3 brothers. We miss her so!

On October 11, 1953, she was baptized into Little Dove Church of Regular Baptist and was a faithful member. She loved to fellowship and worship at meetings everywhere she could manage to attend.

For nearly twenty years she made a home for our brother, Shade Bowen who preceded her in death by only four months.

I believe they all sleep in Jesus til' the trump of God shall sound. They will arise.

Sister, thou wast' mild and lovely,
Gentle as a summer breeze,
Pleasant as the hour of evening,
As it nestled among the trees.

first verse of that lovely song

Written by her sister, Emma

CECIL ISON



It is with a sad and broken heart, I will try to write the obituary of my dear husband, Cecil Ison. He was born December 17, 1904, and departed this life April 14, 1977. He was 72 years, 3 months, and 3 days old at the time of his passing away.

He was born at Defeated Creek, Kentucky, where he met and married Mae Huff Ison at an early age in life. on March 22, 1924. They were blessed to be together 53 years.

To this union were born 7 children, 6 girls and 1 boy. Three little baby girls preceded him in death. He leaves his wife, three daughters, and one son: Adessa Brooks, Columbus, Ind., Pauline Patterson, North Vernon, Ind., Louise Wager, Indianapolis, Ind., Cecil Oveil Ison, Dupont, Ind., 8 grandchildren, 3 great-

grandchildren, 3 brothers, one sister, and lots of friends and relatives to mourn their loss. But we feel our loss is Heaven's gain. He lived in Kentucky most of his early life but moved to Dupont, Ind., in 1944, and due to ill health moved to North Vernon, Ind., in 1976, where we could be close to our children.

He was saved several years ago and joined the Old Regular Baptist Church in 1964, and was baptized soon after at his home. He wanted to have church at his home and be baptized in the creek that ran through his farm and serve everyone dinner there that would stay and eat. It was a joyful day for all the family. He took his membership at Big Creek Church, in Dupont, Ind., but was not able to go to church much of the time. He had been sick for eleven years with strokes and kidney poison which killed him. He said there wasn't anything in his way just before he died. Children, if you haven't made peace with the Lord don't put it off too long, if you want to meet Daddy in Heaven where suffering will all be over. Hell will be a terrible place to spend forever and forever.

Cecil was loved by all who knew him. He never talked about anyone and bore his sickness with patience.

Oh, Cecil dear, how I miss you. It is so lonesome here. I can see that sweet smile upon your face you had before you went away and the way you looked toward Heaven as if you were looking at the angels that were coming your way. You tried to tell me something with a smile upon your face, but you could not speak to me but I am sure the Lord knew and heard what you had to say.

Written by a sad and broken-hearted wife
Mae Ison

NANNIE EVERAGE

It is with a sad heart and a troubled mind, I will try to write an obituary of a dear sister in the Lord. I lived by her, and I loved her. I had dealings with her; I always found her as straight a person as I ever met. Sister Nannie Everage was born January 30, 1912, deceased this life February 28, 1977, making her stay here on earth 65 years and 29 days. Early in life she met and married William (Bill) Everage. They were married



August 12, 1925. To this union were born 6 sons: Everett, Nick P., Arthur, Sam, Henry, and Troy. Five daughters: Gerty Mae, Cuba Fern, Melbe Sue, Linda Lue, and Brinda Gay. She has 2 brothers: John C, and Isaac Earl; 4 sisters: Norsie, Gustive, Melba, and Verda Lee; 43 grandchildren, 28 great-grandchildren.

Early in life in 1937, she professed a hope in Christ Jesus, the Lord, and joined the Old Carr Church of Jesus Christ, The Old Regular Baptist, and lived a faithful member until death. She was a good sister. We will miss her. She was a charter member here when this church was organized—The Happy Home Church. It was organized November 4, 1967.

She has suffered much for the last six years, but her suffering is over. She has gone on to a world of joy and peace, where we all want to go. So, Children, Brothers, Sisters, Friends and Neighbors, please look up if you see Mother again, look up to Jesus and beg for mercy. Repent of your sins, and you will meet Mother again in Heaven where all is peace and love.

So farewell for a while.

Written by a brother in hope.

McKinley McIntosh

BYRD BATES



I feel very sad and lonely this morning as I write about the best and the sweetest husband any woman could have, Byrd Bates. Byrd was a good husband and a good father. I miss him as much today as the day he was called to meet his Lord. I know there will always be a sad and lonely feeling inside of me each day I think of my precious husband.

Byrd was a member of the Mt. Olivet Church. Byrd is survived by his wife, Oma McCray Bates, five sons: Bobby, Whitesburg, Elmer,

Dawson Springs, Ky., Chestley, Indiana; J.R. and Daniel both of Whitesburg, Ky., three brothers: Luther and Nova of Whitesburg, Ky., Russell of Naples, Florida, one sister, Mary Richardson, of Whitesburg, Ky., and eight grandchildren.

Byrd, age 68, passed from this life Wednesday, May 11, 1977 at the Whitesburg Regional Hospital. He was the son of Ireland and Corda Bates. He was born January 10, 1909, in Knott County, Kentucky.

A precious one from us has gone
A place is vacant in our home
Which never can be filled
It hurt us to know you can not talk
There are no crippled or dumb up there
In that land so bright and fair.
Sleep on, honey, your suffering is all over
I will meet you some day.

Oma Bates, Wife

ADA BLAIR AMBURGEY

With a sad and broken heart, I will try to write a short obituary of a kind and lovely sister, Ada Blair Amburgey. She was born May 24, 1904, to grace the home of Billie and Dora Blair, in Knott County Ky, and here she spent most of her life. In the year of 1924, she met and married Garlen Amburgey and these two good people walked hand in hand, along life's rough journey. To this union were born 5 children, 4 boys and 1 girl, boys: Denver, Buford, Winford, Elmer; one daughter, Jewell. There on Carrs Fork in Knott County, they toiled, labored and raised this nice family. Being the true sainted and concerned mother she was her family always deserved the best that she and her loving husband could afford them. They always labored hard and long but instilled in the hearts of their children the fear of God and honesty toward the world of mankind. This was a life lived with mutual respect to their children. In Sister Ada's latter years she became afflicted, and her health being as bad as it was she became exceedingly interested in the welfare of her soul. She and Garland were more faithful to attend the Reynolds Fork Church, than some of the members who belonged there.

She and Garland didn't have their names enrolled on the church record book, but I do believe it was enrolled on God's eternal record book. I personally talked to her about her soul, and she not only told me but others she felt that God had forgiven her, and the only reason she had not offered her hand to the church was that she was so afraid she could be mistaken. What more could be expected of a true child of God? Her life, she devoted to Him and her family.

She suffered in this world until the death angel called for her April 10, 1977, when I'm sure, she breathed slowly as she

said, "Come welcome death. I'll gladly go with you," as she quietly slipped away to the arms of Jesus, making her stay on earth 73 years, 11 months, and 16 days. She leaves behind her broken-hearted companion, five beloved children, twelve grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren, along with a lot of friends and relatives and a host of children of God to mourn her passing. But we truly believe our loss is Heaven's gain.

Written by her unworthy Brother in hope,
Lewis Craft

MARY AMBURGEY

You are my beacon, a shining light to keep me from
Straying in the dark of night,
You are as a light house that guides the boats, your love
And your wisdom, they keep me afloat.
Stay with me Lord, for thou art strong,
And with your help, I can do no wrong,
I am ill Lord, and I am weak,
Your strength and compassion are the things that I seek.
I am easily discouraged and sometimes I cry,
But I know You'll watch over me from Your home in the
Sky.

Mary Cornett Amburgey was born October 26, 1897, and deceased this life July 30, 1977, making her stay in this troubled world 79 years, 9 months, and 5 days.

May 16, 1916, she married Simon(Sim) Amburgey and to this union were born 14 children; two children along with father preceded her in death, leaving to mourn her passing 6 sons: Alvery, Edgar, Burchel, Ivor, Donald, and Hiram; and 6 daughters: Pansy, Beatrice, Hazel, Agnas, Rena Vaye, and Lenora. She also leaves 4 brothers: Watson, Charlie, Noah, and Woodrow; 3 sisters: Ada, Nancy, and Maggie; 46 grandchildren, 36 great-grandchildren, and 1 great-great-grandchild.

A more precious, humble, and consecrated Christian mother as I have ever known. She was always more concerned about her children than she was about herself. They raised this great family in the fear of the Lord.

Sister Mary realized a few years ago she was very afflicted and stood in need of a saviour. Being the kind of a mother she was, she begged God with all her heart to have mercy on her soul, and finally confessed and offered her hand to the

Regular Baptist Church, and upon the profession of her faith in God was gladly received and was baptized into the Reynolds Fork Church, where her fellowship is today.

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

Humbly Submitted, Lewis F. Craft,
a brother in hope

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. We believe in the one true and living God, and not withstanding there are Three that bear record in Heaven, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, yet there is but one in substance, equal in power and glory, not to be divided and impossible to change in principle and practice.
2. We believe the Old and New Testament Scriptures are the true written words of God and were given by inspiration of God and there is a sufficiency in them contained for our instruction and they are the only rule of our faith and practice.
3. We believe the doctrine of original sin and that man sinned since the fall and are by nature the children of wrath.
4. We believe in the impotency or inability of man to recover themselves out of the state they are in: therefore, a Saviour is absolutely needed.
5. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God only by imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ.
6. We believe in the 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 judgment when all will be judged according to their deeds done in the body.

11. We believe the punishment of the wicked will be everlasting and the joys of the righteous will be eternal after death.

12. We believe that no one has 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 Assistant Moderator, Clerk and Assistant Clerks shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.

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

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

5. He shall strictly adhere to his subject and in nowise reflect on the preceding speaker, but define his ideas on the proposition for debate, so far as he can.

6. No person shall abruptly absent himself from the Association without leave of the same.

7. No person shall rise and speak more than three times on any subject without permission from the Association.

8. No member of the Association shall have the liberty to laugh during the sitting of the same, nor to whisper in time of public speech.

9. No member shall address another in any other form or term than that of "Brother."

10. The Moderator shall not interrupt a brother or prohibit him from speaking until he gives his views on the subject unless he shall violate the Rules of Decorum.

11. The names of the several members of the Association shall be enrolled by the Clerk, and called as often as the Association may require.

12. The Moderator shall be entitled to the same privileges of speech as any other member, provided the chair be filled, but he shall have no vote unless the Association be equally divided, in which event he shall give the deciding vote.

13. Any member who shall willfully and knowingly violate any of these rules shall be reprimanded by the Association as it may think proper.

CONSTITUTION

Having by unanimous voice changed our organization from an annual meeting to an Association, we therefore propose to keep order and rules of an Association according to the following form of government.

1. The Association shall be called the Indian Bottom Association.

2. The Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches in our union, and duly sent to represent them in the Association, who shall be members whom they judge best qualified for that purpose, and producing letters from their respective churches, certifying to their appointment, these shall be entitled to a seat.

3. In the letters from the different churches shall be expressed their full number in fellowship, those baptized, re-

ceived by letter, restoration, application, dismissed, excluded and deceased since our last Association.

4. The members thus chosen and convened shall have no power to lord over God's heritage nor shall they have any clerical power over the churches nor shall they infringe on any of the rights of any of the churches in the union.

5. The Association, when convened, shall be governed by a regular and proper decorum.

6. The Association shall have a Moderator and Assistant Moderator, Clerk and Assistant Clerk, and Treasurer, who shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.

7. New churches may be admitted to this union, which shall petition by letter and delegates, and if found upon examination to be orthodox and orderly, shall be received by the Association, and manifested by the Moderator giving the right hand of fellowship.

8. Every church in the union shall be entitled to representation in the Association.

9. Every query presented by the churches to the Association, being first debated in their own church shall come under the consideration of the Association.

10. Every motion made and seconded shall be considered by the Association, except it be withdrawn by the party who made it.

11. We think it absolutely necessary that we have an Association fund for defraying the expenses of the same. For the raising of which we think it the duty of each church in the union to contribute such sums voluntarily as they think proper, and send it by their delegates, to be deposited with treasurer, who shall be responsible to the Association for and pay the same out as the Association may direct.

12. There shall be an Association book kept in which the proceedings of every Association shall be regularly recorded by the secretary, who shall receive annual compensation for same.

13. The minutes of the Association shall be read and corrected if need be, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the Association rises.

14. Amendments to this plan of government may be made by 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 religion; admit any orderly minister of our faith and order to a seat in the Association and adjourn to any time or place it may deem necessary.

CHURCHES AND DELEGATES

- CEDAR GROVE—Bill Halcomb, Clarence Griffie, Lovell Polly
NEW HOME—Kirby Ison, Emmitt Hall, John M. Watts
DEFEATED CREEK—Atlas Frazier, Coy Fields
BULL CREEK—Kirby Jent, Gardner Jent, Donnie Jent
REYNOLDS FORK—J.Nelson Seals, Hiram Moore, Luther Seals
IVY POINT—Harry Moore, Lee Mosley, Alonzo Mosley
LITTLE DOVE—Dave Hampton, Carson Cornett, John Preece
TOLSON CREEK—George Caudill, Watson Whitaker, Vernon Banks
DIXON MEMORIAL—Willie Eldridge, Henry Eldridge, Orville Caudill
BIG CREEK—Earl Cox, Lloyd Eldridge, Harley Whitaker
HAPPY HOME—McKinley McIntosh, Landis Everage, W. M. Brown
CLEAR FORK—Lewis Lucas, Jay Lucas, Wilson Combs
NEW BETHLEHEM—J.C.Sparks, Silas Williams, Everett Everage
NORTHERN NEW HOME—Irving Stallings, E. Robert Miller, Ermel Ison
BLAIR BRANCH—Halic Dyer, Eugene Adams, Charlie Adams
MT OLIVET—I.D.Back, Agnon Back, Elwood Cornett
LITTLE ZION—Ross Hill, Euri Godsey, Tommy Logan
HARRICAN GAP—Astor Caudill, Frank Sparkman, Watson Caudill
ROSE OF SHARON—Green Fields
KINGDOM COME—Arlie Caudill, Leonard Little, Dillard Williams

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CHURCHES	Received by Experience and Baptism	Received by Letter	Restored	Recommendation and/or Application	Lost by Death	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Total Membership	Meeting Time	Contributions
CEDAR GROVE	17	0	0	0	4	3	4	132	4	100.00
NEW HOME	1	0	0	0	0	4	0	79	2	50.00
DEFEATED CREEK	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	19	2	40.00
REYNOLDS FORK	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	47	3	50.00
BULL CREEK	1	0	0	0	0	6	0	17	3	30.00
IVY POINT	6	2	0	0	0	0	0	34	4	20.00
LITTLE DOVE	16	2	0	2	1	1	1	91	2	100.00
DIXON MEMORIAL	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	34	4	50.00
BIG CREEK	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	29	4	50.00
HAPPY HOME	0	0	0	0	3	8	0	51	1	50.00
CLEAR FORK	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	25	1	40.00
NEW BETHLEHEM	4	6	0	0	2	0	1	30	3	40.00
NORTHERN NEW HOME	5	0	0	0	3	0	0	38	4	50.00
BLAIR BRANCH	1	1	0	3	0	0	0	52	3	100.00
MOUNT OLIVET	9	0	0	2	3	1	1	122	1	100.00
LITTLE ZION	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	25	3	40.00
HARRICANE GAP	1	0	0	0	2	0	2	8	3	15.00
TOLSON CREEK	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	23	4	40.00
ROSE OF SHARON	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	2	15.00
KINGDOM COME	3	0	0	0	1	0	0	22	2	25.00
TOTAL	72	11	0	7	27	24	10	882		\$1010.00

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:

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

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

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

NAMES:

POST OFFICES:

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Received: Experience and Baptism _____; Letter _____;
Restored _____ Application (and or) Recommendation _____;
Dismissed by Letter _____; Died _____; Excluded _____;
Membership _____; Money Sent _____; Meeting Time _____;
Saturday and Sunday of each month.

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

Done and signed by order of the Church.

Elder _____, Moderator
Brother _____, Clerk
Clerk's Address _____

The Twenty Third Psalm

The Lord is my Shepherd: I shall not want:
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:
He leadeth me beside the still waters.
He restoreth my soul: He leadeth me in the
paths of righteousness for his name's sake.
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the
shadow of death, I will fear no evil:
for thou art with me: thy rod and
thy staff they comfort me.
Thou preparest a table before me in the
presence of mine enemies:
thou anointest my head with oil:
my cup runneth over.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow
me all the days of my life: and I will
dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

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