

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE TWENTY SECOND ANNUAL SESSION
OF INDIAN BOTTOM ASSOCIATION OF OLD REGULAR BAPTISTS
HELD WITH THE BIG COWAN CHURCH OF LETCHER COUNTY, KENTUCKY
AUGUST 31ST AND SEPTEMBER 1ST AND 2ND, 1917**

The Indian Bottom Association of Old Regular Baptist Churches of Jesus Christ convened with the Big Cowan Church, Letcher County, KY on August 31st and September 1st and 2nd, 1917.

1. After singing by the congregation and prayer by Eld. Ira Combs, from First John, 2nd Chapter and first verse, "Behold what manner of love was bestowed upon us; etc".
2. The delegates then assembled at the school house and after singing and prayer by Eld. W.G. Combs, the moderator called for letters from the churches that composed the Indian Bottom Association and received the letters and seated the delegates as shown in the table of statistics.
3. The Association then completed it's organization by selecting Eld. D.M. Maggard as moderator and Eld. Ira Combs as Assistant Moderator and W.R. Boggs as clerk and Willie Francis as Assistant Clerk.
4. Called for newly constituted churches of the same faith and order, and received one, the Powell Church from Lincoln County, whose delegates were received and given the right hand of fellowship.
5. Called for corresponding letters from sister associations and received one from the Union Association at the hands of Joe Hall, J.B. Stallard and G.B. Adams. Also, from the New Salem Association at the hands of Elder N.T. Hopkins and Hays Maynard. Those delegates received the right hand of fellowship and were seated with us.
6. Called for transient ministers and members and received: Eld. Dova Mullins and Brothers J.D. Caudill, Robert Sexton and Daw Adams.
7. The moderator was then authorized to make all temporary appointments during the session of the Association.
8. Appointed a Committee on Arrangements consisting of one delegate from each church, the moderator and clerk, and corresponding transient, were invited to arrange the business for Saturday.
9. Appointed a Committee on Ministry consisting of one delegate from each church together with the entire delegation of the Big Cowan Church to arrange the preaching on the stand for Saturday, who reported as follows: Harrison Stacey, Hays Maynard, G.W. Higgins, J.C. Swindle and G.B. Adams.

10. Appointed the clerk and assistant clerk to write the corresponding letters to our sister associations: Union and New Salem

11. Adjourned until Saturday morning at 9:00 o'clock.

Saturday Morning

Saturday morning met pursuant to adjournment and opened with a song by the congregation and prayer by Eld. N.T. Hopkins, then proceeded to business in the following order:

1. Called the roll and marked the absences.

2. Committee on Arrangements reported. The report was received and the Committee discharged.

3. Called for transient ministers and members of our faith and order and received C.W. Richardson.

4. On motion and second the ministers appointed on the stand for the day were excused.

5. Appointed a Committee on Finance consisting of Brothers W.G. Caudill, E.H. Stidham, J.D. Caudill and Joe E. Cornett who received the contributions from the several churches shown in the table of statistics and amounting to \$44.65 which was turned over to W.R. Boggs, treasurer.

6. The same committee appointed yesterday reported the following arrangements of the ministers for Sunday: Hays Maynard, Joe Hall, N.T. Hopkins, W.G. Combs. Because of sickness of Eld. J.C. Swindoll, who was unable to fill his place on the stand on Sunday, the committee placed Eld. N.T. Hopkins in his place.

7. Received the following report from Eld. W.R. Boggs, clerk and treasurer of the Association:

Amount in hands of the treasurer:	\$70.50
Amount paid for printing of the minutes:	\$30.00
Amount sent to J. Adams:	\$10.00
Amount sent of Charlie Elkins:	\$5.00
Amount for postage for mailing minutes:	\$5.00
Amount for clerk:	<u>\$5.00</u>
Total credits:	\$55.00
Balance in hands of treasurer at close of year 1916:	\$15.50
Amount received from the several churches:	\$60.15

Amount in hands of treasurer for the year 1917:

\$60.15

8. Called on brothers appointed to write corresponding letters to sister associations. Letters read and received and appointed Elders G.B. Ishmand, W.R. Boggs and and Brothers W. Brown and E.H. Stidham to attend the union Association when convened with the Caney Ridge Church, Dickinson County, Virginia on Friday before the third Saturday and Sunday. Letter in the hands of E.H. Stidham.

Appointed Elders W.G. combs and Willie Francis and Brothers S.R. Blair, J.J. Mullins and C.W. Richardson to attend the New Salem Association when convened with the Longs F. Church, Pike County, KY, beginning on Friday before the 4th Saturday and Sunday in September 1917. Letter in the hand of Eld. W.G. Combs.

9. Called brethren appointed to attend sister associations and union meetings last year to report. Some failed to attend and were excused.

10. Appointed union meetings as follows: Indian Bottom Church – Friday, Saturday and Sunday, July 1918 and brethren to attend Eld. Charles Blair, W.R. Boggs, Noah Adams, Bill Scott and Noah Jent. Powell Church, Lincoln County, KY, fourth Saturday and Sunday in July, 1918: Eld. Joe Hall, G.B. Ison, W.G. Combs and W.R. Boggs to attend and Brothers W.E. Brown, M.C. Fields and W.G. Caudill.

Resolution:

1. That the clerk supply all omissions that may have been made by oversight.
2. That the Articles of Faith, Rules of Decorum and form of letter to Association be printed in our minutes.
3. That the churches submit the names of deceased members.
4. That our next association be held with the Doty Creek Church, Letcher County, KY to commence on Friday before the first Saturday in September, 1918 and the two following days and that Eld. Charley Blair preach the introductory sermon and B. Blair be his alternate.

Done and signed by order of the Association,

Eld. D.M. Maggard, Moderator

Eld. Ira Combs, Assistant Moderator

Eld. W.R. Boggs, Clerk

Eld. Willie Francis, Assistant Clerk

Sunday

Met at the stand and after singing and prayer by Eld. Hays Maynard, the brethren preached in the following order:

1. Joe Hall from text St. Luke, 2nd Chapter and 19th verse, "Then opened He their understanding that they might understand, etc."

2. N.T. Hopkins from the text 2nd Timothy, 2nd Chapter, 19th verse, "God having this seal, etc."

3. The day being far spent, W.G. Combs declined to preach where upon the moderator concluded the services. The brethren were all richly laden with the fruit of the Gospel and we can truthfully say that that is one of our best associations.

The brethren were all in perfect peace and fellowship and the business was all transacted harmoniously. We thank the brothers and sisters of this community for their great kindness toward us during the association.

W.R. Boggs, clerk

Contribution
 meetings
 Total members
 Accounts
 Expended
 Paid by letter
 By Appleton
 Rec by letter
 Paid by exp.
 Received

Churches Delegates Clerks

Garra Fork,	J. H. Blair, W. Gent and Sam Mullins,	J. H. Blair, Pine Top.	1	1	141	4.75
Peor Fork,	Chas. Blair, J. and Mrs. Scott, and J. F. Dixon,	Wm. Greese, Peor Fork,			41.	2.25
Pig. Cavan,	W. F. Saggard, F. F. Brown, M. C. Fields, and	W. F. Brown, Ice. Cr.			134	2.65
Clear Creek,	L. F. Fields, and J. Gau Hill, Sammy Combs and Minon-					
Oven Fork,	Smith, J. C. Blair, W. F. Rogers, B. H.	Sam Combs, Ellic, Ky.	1	1	78	2.00
Ellet-Fork,	William, and Jenkins, W.	J. Stidham, Holia, Ky.			112	3.38
Ellet-Fork,	Robert, and Joel Sturgill, J. McIntosh,	W. A. Sturgill, Pine Top.			80	2.10
Big Weatherwood,	Eljah Isaac, and H. S. Logan	J. G. Pratt.			80	2.00
Indian Bottom,	J. F. Whitaker and G. C. Grase	Cornettsville, Ky. J. J. Jauhill Indian-				
Elaver Fork,	T. J. Greese,	J. M. Minon, Leonard, Ky.			154	2.10
Little Rich,	Era Combs, J. B. Cornett, J. Cornett, and Mon-	J. B. Cornett Leithair, Ky.			38	2.05
New Lane,	Stacy, Henry Saggard, and	H. S. Saggard, Hindman, Ky.			88	2.40
Little Lane,	W. F. Saggard, Hagan	J. Hagan, Holt, Ky.,			174	2.40
Hurricane Gap,	Wolley Isaac, Geo Smith, Matt Fields, and,					
Landlick,	Era Holcomb, W. G. Gau Hill	J. G. Frazier Cornick, Ky. J. J. Collins Whitesburg,			293	2.25
Little Dove,	W. G. Combs, J. J. Phil- lips, W. F. Holt.	W. F. Young, Ellic, Ky.			1	2.60
Pety Creek,	J. G. Gau Hill, J. H. Hapton, W. F. Brown,	J. J. Jauhill Cornick, Ky.			1	1.55
Cedar Grove,	G. E. Ison, Eljah Ison, J.	J. J. Jauhill, Lewis, Ky.			32	1.00
Providence,	No Delegates,	J. Greese, Bantle,				
Powell Church,	J. A. Rogers, W. F. Van- over, J. A. Grase,	John Field, Ellic, Ky.			80	2.00
Kentucky,	(No) Not represented,					