

(An individual is speaking in Creek Indian language for about five minutes. Another person is speaking in Creek for about three minutes, and the congregation sings a hymn in Indian for about seven minutes. Then an individual speaks in Creek for about three minutes.)

COMMENTS ON WEST EUFAULA CHURCH

(Benediction was made by Reverend Willie Kelly, Okfuskee Indian Baptist Church. The minister that delivers the message during the service always gives the benediction. Reverend Washie Lewis is our church pastor, but at this meeting, this service Sunday night, we turned the meeting over to Reverend John M. Tiger, for him to take charge. This was our regular communion service meeting. We have regular meeting every month, and then we have Sunday School every Sunday. But we call, what we call Regular Meeting is a meeting when we have church services starting Saturday night until Sunday night. We get into our camps Saturday, sometimes during Saturday, maybe Friday sometime. Some churches go camp Wednesday towards west, but down towards this way, east, sometimes we come Sunday morning even though we were present Saturday night. And this happened to be our communion service meeting, and we had many visitors from surrounding areas. We had visitors visiting our church from Vian Indian Baptist Church at Vian and from New Arbor around Eufaula and members from Ardesia Baptist Church, west of Eufaula. And Okfuskee members came, and there were others that came. And when we have these services like this, when it's not our regular meetings, he usually gives them time to give an exhortation, which they do. And we like to hear from the ministers whenever they do come because they give us an inspiration, and they up-lift the others. And that is why we like to visit one another in these Indian churches and singing hymns together.