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FRIDAY SESSION

In session with the Little Ida Church, Lincoln Park, Wayne Co., Michigan, August 2, 3, 4, 1963. The delegates met at the church house that had been reserved for preaching. After singing a few of the songs of Zion's land which gave testimony that the traveling spirit of God and His dear Son were present, Elder Anthony Hamilton came to the stand and introduced the services, followed with an old time apostolic prayer. He was so wonderfully blessed that the whole house seemed to be filled with heavenly breezes. Elder Walter Parker preached the introductory sermon. He preferred not to use a particular subject. However, the theme of his talk seemed to center around the following scripture: "For by grace are ye saved through faith; etc., Eph. 2:8."

Following the introductory, the delegates were invited to assemble themselves at a place that had been prepared for the purpose of transacting any and all business that may legally and properly come before the Association. Elder Ray Collins made remarks, and Elder Kerby Ison offered prayer.

Our beloved Moderator then came to the stand and announced that the Sixth Annual Session of the Northern New Salem Association was now ready to work, and the delegates proceeded to do business in the following manner.

1. Letters called for and correctly noted. By a move and second the letter from the Little Ida Church was read and found in order. Her letter and delegates together with the letters and delegates from our sister churches were joyfully received and seated in order.

2. The Association then organized by electing Elder Baxter Osborne Moderator; Elder Sidney, Ass't. Moderator; Elder Roy B. Akers, Clerk; and Elder Claude Ousley, Ass't. Clerk.

3. Called for newly organized churches desiring to join our Union and received the following, together with a brief history relative to their organization: Mt. Olive, Stockbridge, Michigan; Indianapolis Church, Indianapolis, Indiana. Their letters were read and found in order. By a move and second their letters and delegates were received and invited to a seat with us.

4. Called for churches that formerly belonged to another Association desiring to join our Union and received the following: Mt. Ararat, located at Galax, Virginia. By a move and second her delegates were seated by the right hand of fellowship, and her letter was referred to the committee on arrangements.

5. By a move and second, the reading of the Articles of Faith, Constitution, and Rules of Decorum were omitted.

6. Called for letters from our corresponding Associations and received the following:

(a) NEW SALEM. She was represented by the following messengers. Elders M. V. Burke, Mitchall Chafins, Burton Howard, Milford Adams and Mack McCloud. Brothers Paul Hudson, Earnest Boyd, Hiram Ousley, Johnney Tackitt, Jink Ray, Lee Tackitt, who were given the right hand of fellowship and invited to a seat with us.

(b) UNION, when convened with the Little Ruth Church, Grencove Springs, Fla., beginning on Friday before 3rd Saturday in September, 1963: Represented by the following messengers: Elders Evans Bailey, John Hess, Bruce Mullins, and Dewey Sexton. Brothers Jay Johnson, Raymond Mullins, Hindrix Hampton, Stewart Coleman, and Willard Newsome; and Elder Roy Caudill. Their messengers were received by the right hand of fellowship and invited to a seat with us.

(c) SARDIS. Represented by the following messengers: Brothers Newt Walters, Joel Walters, and L. C.

Walters, who were received by the right hand of fellowship and invited to a seat with us.

(d) MUD RIVER. Their letter was received by U. S. Mail and filed.

(e) PHILADELPHIA. Represented by the following delegates: Brothers Don Merritt, Floyd Cole, and Walter Bryant, who were given the right hand of fellowship and invited to a seat with us.

(f) INDIAN BOTTOM. Represented by the following messengers: Elders Alonzo Allen and Olas Baldrige, who were given the right hand of fellowship and invited to a seat with us.

(g) THORNTON UNION. Represented by the following delegates: Elders Kerby Ison, and Ray Collins; Brothers Bill Blair, Hargis Caudill, Neldon Whitaker, and Marion Sparkman, who were given the right hand of fellowship and invited to a seat with us. All messengers and delegates were cordially invited to aid and assist us in council.

7. Called for Associations desiring to take up correspondence with us, and received none.

8. Called for transient ministers and members of our same faith and order and received the following: Elders H. N. Vanderpool, J. H. Mitchall, Walter Parker, and Brother Forrest Osborne.

9. Resolved that the Moderator make all temporary appointments.

10. Appointed committee on ministry consisting of one delegate from each church with the entire delegation from the Little Ida Church to arrange preaching for Friday night and Saturday. They reported as follows: Friday night—Elders J. H. Mitchall, Alonzo Allen, R. A. Shaw, and Mack McCloud. For Saturday—Elders Milford Adams, Olas Baldrige, Bruce Mullins, and John Hess. Brother Mullins and Brother Hess could not be with us, so Elders Roy Caudill and Kerby Ison were used in the order named.

11. By a move and second the Northern New Salem Association agreed to letter and delegate to the following Associations: New Salem, Union, Sardis, Indian Bottom,

UNION. The following brethren to attend: Brethren Roy B. Akers, Dixon Miller, and Parris Tackitt. When convened with the Little Ruth Church, Green Cove Springs, Florida. Beginning on Friday before the third (3rd) Saturday in September, 1963.

INDIAN BOTTOM. The following brethren to attend when convened with the Reynolds Fork Church, Brinkley, Letcher County, Kentucky. Brethren Roy B. Akers, Baxter Osborne, Homer Elliott, Morrison Short, Harold Varney, Steve Osborne, Forrest Osborne, Hershell Sturgill, and Anthony Hamilton.

SARDIS. When convened with the Sardis Church, Friday before the second (2nd) Saturday in September 1963. The following brethren to attend: Brethren Homer Elliott, Chas. Keese, Sidney Hudson, Lloyd Smith, Covis Tackitt, Shade Meeks, John Mullins, McKinley Rowe, Baxter Osborne, and Roy B. Akers.

MUD RIVER. When convened with the Providence Church, St. Albans, Kanawha County, West Virginia. Beginning on Friday before the 4th Saturday in August, 1963. The following Brethren to attend: Brethren Baxter Osborne, Jubel Music, Steve Osborne, and Archie Burton.

PHILADELPHIA. When convened with the Mt. Olivet Church, Warnock, Greenup County, Kentucky, beginning on Friday before the second Saturday in August, 1963.

The following brethren to attend: Brethren Jessa Bryant, Baxter Osborne, Steve Osborne, Pharris Tackitt, Joshua Hicks, Jubel Music, Delmar Williams, Claude Ousley, Anthony Hamilton, H. N. Vanderpool, Savel Combs, and Bill Collins.

THORNTON UNION. When convened with the Little Ruby Church, Letcher, Letcher County, Kentucky, beginning on Friday before the 3rd Saturday in August, 1963. The following brethren to attend: Brethren Baxter Osborne, Steve Osborne, Anthony Hamilton, Ralph Caudill, Roy B. Akers, and Harold Varney.

10. Appointed same committee that served Friday to arrange preaching for Saturday night and Sunday. They reported as follows: Elders Willie Collins, Roy Caudill, and M. V. Burke. Brother Caudill and Brother

Burke being absent, Elder Mitchall Chaffins was used in their stead. For Sunday, Elders Mack McCloud, Mitchall Chaffins, Burton Howard and our beloved Miderator to close. Brother Chaffins yielded to Elder Ray Collins.

11. By a move and second the committee appointed to go to Galax, Virginia, to investigate the orthodoxy of the Mt. Ararat Church filed a favorable report and was discharged.

12. After much meditation, and timely discussion, and upon the advice of our corresponding brethren and transients, it was moved and seconded to admit the Mt. Ararat church to our union of churches in full love and fellowship. By the same move the clerk was to give a brief summary of the findings of the committee, etc.

A committee was appointed by the Little Jewel Church at her regular meeting time, the 4th Saturday in April, 1962, to go to Galax, Virginia, in answer to a request made by Elder R. A. Shaw. The committee went the 4th Saturday in June, 1962, and examined the records of the church, and observed the way and manner that they did church work. As far as the committee was able to find out, every thing was done in the same order that the Northern New Salem Association upholds. This committee report was referred to the 5th Annual Session of the Northern New Salem Association, August, 1962. At that time the Association appointed a committee to go back to Galax, Virginia, and make a further investigation and report back to the Association in 1963. This committee traced the origin of the church, and line of correspondence through the New River Association back to the Old Mountain Association who once enjoyed correspondance with our mother—The New Salem Association. All these records and reports are now a part of the records of the Northern New Salem Association.

It may appear to some of our corresponding brethren that we acted too hasty in accepting the above church into our fellowship. It may also appear that there was not a diligent and close examination made before we arrived at our decision. Certainly our brethren have more confidence in the officers of the Northern New

Salem Association than to think that we would be guilty of admitting anything into our fellowship that was not in keeping with the Old Regular Baptist principles of belief, and doctrine. If however, we have made a step in the wrong direction, we will not make the second step, if any brother of our faith and order will produce evidence that will prove we erred. It is our fervent prayer that none of our brethren will be taken in by the much despised method of rumor circulation, and that they will turn a deaf ear to the most dangerous characters that roam this earth—namely: **"He said"** and **"They said."** The aim of these two hypocritical beings is to drive in the wedge of suspicion between faithful brethren. Pilot found no fault in our Lord Jesus Christ, yet he consented to His death. Likewise the committee that investigated this little band of brethren and sisters found no fault in their articles of faith and doctrine. Rather we found them more than willing to accept our order and practices if it differed from the way they had been taught. Should we ignore their desires and willingness?—God forbid that we ever turn away from our door any one that is willing to come in by IT, and will show themselves obedient to the cause of righteousness and of Jesus Christ.

13. By a move and a second the association agreed to continue to hold forth the right of every church to hold the key to its own door.

14. By a move and second the Association agreed to hold its 7th annual session with the Little Rebecca Church, Plymouth, Ohio, beginning on Friday before the 1st Saturday in August, 1964, and continuing the two following days. Elder Anthony Hamilton will preach the introductory sermon. H. N. Vanderpool will be his alternate.

15. The officers and delegates of the Association wish to extend their fervent thanks to the officers and members of the Little Ida Church and her many friends for their untiring efforts to make this, the 6th annual session of our Association, among the best that we have ever enjoyed. The members of the church were constantly on the alert seeing to it that every visitor had a place to stay and plenty to eat. It would require many

hours of writing, and voluminous pages to record all the sacrifices that the good sisters, brothers and friends made in an effort to provide comfortable quarters and food for the many delegates and transients who attended our Association. Working around a hot cook stove three days in succession is not a sacrifice that many are willing to make. But thanks be unto God for so many faithful sisters who we feel counted it all joy just to be able to do so much for others, and the Association. The writer never witnessed so much delicious food as was spread out across three tables 100 feet long or more—and this for three consecutive days.

I am sure that God was mindful of the precious sisters and their sacrifices, and bestowed upon them his manifold blessings, enough to cause them to forget whatever burden that had been thrust upon them. Our prayers are that the friends of the Little Ida Church who contributed to the welfare of the Association will not go without their reward.

NOTE: The Little Ida Church, being found without adequate facilities needed to transact the work of the Association, turned to a friendly congregation of Free-will Baptist members who granted them full use of their church house for two full days without charge. The officers of the church and Association are certainly grateful for this act of kindness and generosity. Surely God in his infinite wisdom smiled upon this act of co-operation and will reward them according to His own good will. We wish to extend to them our heart-felt thanks, assuring them that we shall never forget their kindness in our prayers.

Elder Burton Howard was chosen to bring the work of our Association to a close by timely remarks and a wonderful prayer. Shouts of great joy were heard coming forth from the faithful as the hour of separation had come.

SABBATH MORNING, AUGUST 4, 1963

The beauty of the rising sun signified the dawning of another Lord's day. The birds sang their praises, and the flowers seemed to bow their heads in recognition of this beautiful morning. All the works of God were

made manifest, and seemed to drown out the many noises that are commonly found in an industrial city the size of Lincoln Park, Michigan. Everything that hath breath seemed to join in with the members of the Little Ida Church, inviting all that would, to come and go up to the house of the Lord.

As the beautiful sun moved on unhindered, and earthly creatures strove to look gay and unthankful, a sizeable band of pilgrims, many who had journeyed hundreds of miles, were seen making their way through the dangerous traffic pattern to the house of the Lord. It was while the sluggard slept, or contented themselves with the pleasures of this life, enjoying the watchful eye of the Lord, that the sacrificing and hungering faithful pilgrims assembled themselves at the meeting house to worship God in spirit and in truth on this, the third and last day of the Northern New Salem Association.

After singing many of the choice songs of Zion's land and being greeted with the manifold blessings of God, midst the shouting and praising His wonderful name, Elder Mack McCloud came to the stand and introduced the services. Elder Homer Elliott offered prayer. Both of them were wonderfully blessed. Elder M. V. Burk followed, using as his text Songs of Solomons: 6:1. "Whither is thy beloved gone, oh thou fairest among women, etc.?" He left no room for the skeptic or others to doubt where the church of our Lord Jesus came from and whither she was going. Elder Roy Collins preached from the text—Exodus 13:19. "And Moses took the bones of Joseph with him: For he had straightly sworn the children of Israel saying, **God will surely visit you, etc.**" Elder Burton Howard came and preached from Ephe. 1:13. "In whom ye also trusted, after that the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation etc." Our beloved Moderator came to the stand and was blessed with the traveling spirit of love and sweet council, expressing his deep appreciation for the testimonies and presence of God's holy spirit as manifested throughout our Association. As the membership blended their voices together in holy songs of praise and shout-

ing, the sixth annual session of the Northern New Salem Association closed.

The Association wishes to thank the Lincoln Park police for their fine cooperation with the traffic and parking problem.

UNION MEETINGS

APRIL

LITTLE JEWEL—Fourth Saturday and Sunday in April, 1964. Elders Milford Adams, Olas Baldrige, Burton Howard, Willie Collins, Emmett Case, and Ivory Sowards to attend. Communion time the fourth Sunday in June.

MAY

LITTLE IDA—First Saturday and Sunday in May, 1964. Elders Mitchall Chaffins, Clark Damron, Steve Osborne, Milford Adams, and Anthony Hamilton to attend. Communion time the first Sunday in June.

MAGGIE HOME—First Saturday and Sunday in May, 1964. Elders Homer Elliott, Covis Tackitt, Hiram Adkins, George Hamilton, Orville Tackitt, and Joe Johnson to attend, with the Moderator and Assistant Moderator. Communion time the first Sunday in June.

LITTLE MEMORY—Second Saturday and Sunday in May, 1964. Elders Sid Hudson, Homer Elliott, Ivory Sowards, I. D. Back, Parris Tackitt, and Steve Osborne to attend. Communion time second Sunday in July.

LITTLE RUTH—Second Saturday and Sunday in May, 1964. Elders Parris Tackitt, Anthony Hamilton, Mitchall Chaffins, Joshua Hicks, Roy Caudill, and Moderator to attend. Communion time second Sunday in June.

LITTLE FLOSSIE—Third Saturday and Sunday in May, 1964. Elders Casey West, H. N. Vanderpool, Claude Ousley, Roy Caudill with the Moderator to attend. Communion time third Sunday in June.

LITTLE EDNA—Fourth Saturday and Sunday in May, 1964. Elders Parris Tackitt, Sidney Hudson, Homer Elliott, and Moderator to attend. Communion time fourth Sunday in June.

MT. OLIVE—Fourth Saturday and Sunday in May, 1964. Elders Delmar Williams, Claude Ousley, Anthony Hamilton, H. N. Vanderpool, and Bob Hunter to attend. Communion time fourth Sunday in June.

JUNE

LITTLE MAUDIE—First Saturday and Sunday in June, 1964. Elders Richard Griffith, Clifford Collie, Mitchall Chaffins, Parris Tackitt, Oscar Holcomb, Virgill Caudill, Moderator, and Assistant Moderator to attend. Communion time first Sunday in June.

INDIANAPOLIS—First Saturday and Sunday in June, 1964. Elders Baxter Osborne, Roy Caudill, Homer Elliott, Berlin Williams, John Hess, Olan Baldrige, Roy B. Akers, Parris Tackitt, and R. A. Shaw to attend. Communion time first Sunday in July.

LITTLE POLLY—Second Saturday and Sunday in June, 1964. Elders H. N. Vanderpool, Virgill Whitaker, Homer Elliott, Alonzo Allen, and Moderator to attend. Communion time second Sunday in July.

LITTLE PILGRIMS HOME—Second Saturday and Sunday in June, 1964. Elders Mitchall Chaffins, Anthony Hamilton, Covis Tackitt, Sid. Hudson, Homer Elliott, Baxter Osborne, R. B. Adams, Moderator, and Assistant Moderator to attend. Communion time second Sunday in July.

LITTLE REBECCA—Third Saturday and Sunday in June, 1964. Elders Burton Howard, W. P. Deel, Steve Osborne, Parris Tackitt, and Ivory Sowards to attend. Communion time 3rd Sunday in July.

LITTLE ZION—Third Saturday and Sunday in June, 1964. Elders Homer Elliott, Ray Hoover, Bart Potter, R. B. Adams, Bob Hunter, Parris Tackitt, and Forrest Osborne to attend. Communion time third Sunday in July.

JULY

LITTLE FLOCK—Third Saturday and Sunday in July, 1964. Elders Milford Adams, Burton Howard, Teddie Parker, Clifford Collie, Claude Ousley, W. P. Deel, Jay

Johnson, and Sidney Hudson to attend. Communion time third Sunday in August.

MT. ARARAT—Fourth Saturday and Sunday in July, 1964. Elders Roy B. Akers, Harlan McIntosh, Steve Osborne, Parris Tackitt, Johnnie Bentley, and Moderator to attend.

CONSTITUTION OF THE NEW SALEM ASSOCIATION WHEN ORGANIZED IN 1825

From a long series of experiences, we the OLD REGULAR BAPTIST CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST, being baptized upon a profession of faith in Christ are convinced of the necessity of a combination of Churches in order to perpetuate a union and communion among us and keep the order and rules of an Association according to the following plan of government:

1. The Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches in our union and sent to represent them in the Association, and upon their producing letters from their respective churches certifying their appointment, they shall be entitled to a seat.

2. In the letters shall be expressed their number in fellowship, those baptized, received by letter, dismissed, excluded, and deceased since our last Association.

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

4. The Association, when convened, shall be ruled by a regular and proper decorum.

5. The Association shall have a moderator and clerk chosen by the members present.

6. New churches may be admitted into the Union, who shall petition by letter and delegates, and if found upon examination to be orthodox and orderly, shall be received, and every church in the Union shall be entitled to a representative in the Association.

7. Every query presented by the church to the Association, being first debated in their own churches, shall be taken up by the Association.

8. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association except when withdrawn by the one who made it.

9. The Association shall endeavor to furnish the church with Minutes of Association.

10. We think it necessary that we should have an Association fund for defraying expenses of the same. We think it the duty of each church in the Union to contribute such sums as they think proper, and send it by their delegates to the Association, and such sums to be deposited in the hands of the Treasurer chosen by the Association, who shall be accountable for the money paid him by the Association, and paid out according to the Association.

11. There shall be an Association book kept wherein the proceedings of every Association shall be recorded by the Secretary appointed by the Association, who shall receive a compensation for his services.

12. The Minutes of the Association shall be read, and corrected if need be and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the Association rises unless the same is dispensed with.

13. Amendments to this plan or form of government may be made by the majority of the Union, if deemed necessary.

14. All matters coming before the Association shall be decided by will of a majority of the delegates present, except in receiving and dismissing churches and Associations which shall be by a unanimous vote.

15. The Association shall have the power for the general union of the churches; to preserve inviolable a chain of communion among the churches; to give churches all necessary advice in matters of difficulty; to inquire into the cause of the churches failing to represent themselves at any time in the Association, to appropriate the money contributed by the churches for the Association fund, to any purpose they may think proper; to appoint any member, by their consent to transact any business which they see necessary, and they

shall have power to withdraw from any church in the Union, which shall violate the rules of the Association, or deviate from the orthodox principles of religion; to admit any orderly minister of our order to a seat with us. The Association shall have the right to adjourn themselves to any future time or place they may think most convenient to the churches.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. We believe in only one true and living God, the Father, the Son, and Holy Ghost, and these three are one, equal in power, essence and glory. Isaiah, 45:5. 1st Cor. 8:6. 1st John, 5:7.

2. We believe the scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the written words of God, and the only rules of Faith and practices, 2nd Peter 1:21, 1st Timothy 3:16, 2nd Timothy 3:16.

3. We believe in the doctrine of election by grace. For by grace are ye saved through Faith. Isa. 42:1, Eph. 2:8.

4. We believe in the doctrine of original sin, and of man's inability to recover himself from the fallen state he is in by nature, therefore a Saviour is needed for our redemption. Gen. 2:7, Romans 5:12.

5. We believe that sinners are called to repentance, and believe in the gospel, and regeneration of the soul, and sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise, and none such shall fall away and be lost. Prov. 8:4, Matt. 9:13, Mark. 2:17, 2nd Timothy 2:9, 1st Peter 1:23.

6. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God, only by the imputed righteousness of JESUS CHRIST. 2nd Timothy 1:9, Luke 18: 13-14, Acts 13:39.

7. We believe that baptism is the ordinance of God's church on earth, and the mode is, IMMERSION back foremost so as to cover all over. Matt. 3:14, Luke 1:9-10, John 1:31-32-33, Romans 6:4, Eph. 4:5.

8. We believe that the Lord's Supper is the command of the Saviour, and that by the use of bread and wine, and feet-washing should be kept up until His second

coming, by His believers. Luke 22:10-11-12, John 13:7-8-12-13-14-15-16-17, 1st Timothy 5:9-10.

9. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, both of the just and the unjust, and that the joys of the righteous, and the punishment of the wicked shall be eternal. John 5:28-29, 1st Cor. 15:51-52, Luke 24:46.

10. We believe that no minister has the right to administer the ordinances and commands of the gospel except such as are regularly ordained and baptized, and that by immersion, by a legal administrator of the gospel, and has come under the hands of a regular presbytery of the church. Acts 13:2-3, Romans 1:6, Titus 1:6.

11. We believe it is the duty of all church members to contribute for defraying all reasonable expenses of the church, never forgetting the poor according to their several abilities. Acts 11:29, Romans 15:26, 1st Cor. 16:1-2.

12. We believe that every doctrine that goes to encourage, or indulge people in their sins, or cause them to settle down on anything short of saving Faith in CHRIST for salvation, is erroneous, and such doctrine will be rejected by us. Matt. 16:12, Acts 8:16 through 21, Romans 16:17-18, Eph. 4:14-15, Gal. 18:9-10.

13. We believe that the Church of CHRIST is a congregation of faithful believers in Christ, who have obtained fellowship with the Lord, and with one another, and have given themselves to the Lord, and have agreed to keep up a Godly discipline, according to the rules of the gospel. John 11:8-9-10-11, Acts 2:42, 1st John 1:3.

14. We believe that JESUS CHRIST is the head of the church, and the government thereof is upon His shoulders. Isaiah 9:6-7, 22:21-22, Luke 1:33.

15. None of the above articles shall be considered as to hold with particular election and reprobation, so as to make God partial directly, or indirectly, nor to injure any of the children of men; nor shall any of these articles be altered without legal notice, and free consent. John 3:16, Heb. 2:9.

RULES OF DECORUM

1. The Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.

2. A Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen by the members present.

3. Only one member shall speak at a time, who shall arise from his seat and obtain consent from the Moderator when he is about to make his speech.

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

5. He shall strictly adhere to the subject and in no wise reflect on the person who has spoken so as to make remarks on his slips or imperfections, but shall fairly state the cause as nearly as he can so as to convey his ideas.

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

7. No person shall speak more than three times on any subject without leave of the Association.

8. No person shall have the liberty of laughing during the sitting of the same nor whisper in time of public speech.

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

10. The Moderator shall not interrupt or prohibit any member from speaking until he gives his light on any subject unless he violates the rules of the decorum.

11. The names of the members of the Association shall be enrolled by the Clerk and called as often as the Association requires.

12. The Moderator shall have the same right of speech as any other member provided the chair be filled. And he shall have no right to vote unless the Association be equally divided, then he may give the deciding vote.

13. Any member who shall willingly and knowingly violate any of the decorum shall be reprovved by the Association as they think proper.

CIRCULAR LETTER

Dear Brethren and Sisters:

Being chosen by the Association at our last session that I should write a circular letter for your inspection at our next session. Brethren I feel so little, and so unworthy, to even try to undertake such a great task. But as time has gone by, I have tried to pray to God that He would bless me with an understanding, that I might write this letter according to His will. For without Him we could do nothing, but through Him (the Lord) all things are possible. Brethren, there are many things written in God's Bible that we could speak about; and I am sure that they would all be good. For every word written was written by holy men of God, as they were moved upon by the Holy Ghost, and were for our instructions in righteousness. But the one scripture that is on my mind, at the present, will be found in the 119th chapter, 105 verse of the Psalm of David.

The word is a lamp unto my feet; A light unto my path. I have sworn and I will perform it. I will keep thy righteous Judgements.

First let me say that there is a written word; That is God's Bible, the old and new testament. Being written by men of God, and these men were the true servants of God. So brethren there is only one kind of man that can understand the word of God; and that is the true servant. That is why we, the children of light, have so much trouble in this world today. Men who say they are called with a calling from God have failed to obey the word of the Lord. This has caused our Churches and our Associations much sorrow and grief. But the most danger lies ahead for the next generation. Brethren I pray God that we, the Baptist family being a chosen generation, a holy nation, a peculiar people, a royal priesthood, would shew forth the praises of Him.

There is a living word, and that word being Jesus Christ himself. In the beginning was the word, and the word was with God, and the word was God. We see now, as the Bible sets forth, that Jesus was made a little lower than the Angels of God, crowned with glory and honor, that he by the grace of God, should taste

death for every man. I am going to say that the words every man mean just what they say. For every man, or woman, regardless of race, creed or color, can be led by the Spirit of God only if they will heed God's word. And that is to accept Him by faith, believing that He is, and is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him.

There are many false teachers in our land today that say Christ died for just a few. Some say there is nothing that a poor sinner, man or woman, can do to be saved. Does the Bible teach this? No it does not. Jesus said, "Come unto me all you ends of the earth, and be ye saved. For I am God; and besides me there is none other." Another place He said, "I will bring the blind by a way that they knew not. I will lead them in paths that they have not known. I will make darkness light before them." Brethren He is a light unto our path.

Well, what about the poor lost sinner? Was He talking to the Church when He said, "Cleanse your hands, ye sinners, purify your hearts, ye double minded?" No he said humble yourself in the sight of the Lord, and He shall lift you up. Draw nigh to God and He will draw nigh unto you. Be afflicted and mourn, and weep; let your laughter be turned to mourning, and your joy to heaviness. In one place He said, "Come now and let us reason together, saith the Lord: Though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow. Though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool." He went on to say; "If ye be willing and obedient, ye shall eat the good of the land." Brethren the Lord is no respecter of persons, but in every nation, he that feareth God and worketh righteous, will be accepted with him.

Brethren, it seems like the devil has begun to exalt himself above the stars of God. It seems that he is making his stand stronger than ever before, right among the children of God. And this is not pleasing to the Almighty. For an example—men are too eager to kill one another for the least little thing. If a brother or sister has a fault, you can see the fault-finder begin to roam up and down; to and fro; trying to destroy them. Is this the way that Jesus wanted? No, but Paul said, "Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual restore such a one, in the spirit of

meeekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted." Only a hypocrite would try and get the mote out of his brothers eye. But in Jesus' own word, "Thou hypocrite, first cast out the beam out of thine own eye, and then shalt thy see clearly to cast the mote out of thy brother's eye."

How can we hate our brother whom we have seen, and love God whom we have not seen? It cannot be done. Brethren, this way is too sweet, and life is too short for anything to come among us. Let us live and let live. Let us remember the covenant that I feel every little child of God made with his Lord. O Lord save my soul from that awful place of torment. I'll do what you want me to do. I'll go where you want me to go. No wonder the writer said, "I was glad when they said, Let us go up to the house of the Lord and He will teach us His ways."

Brethren, I remember not too long ago how that darkness was upon me. How I came to be so dissatisfied, lost, and undone, without God, without hope in His dear son. This is no doubt why this subject came to my mind. How like a crane or a swallow I did chatter. I did mourn like a dove. My eyes failed when I looked upward. Until one night in the old Church house, I felt the burden of sin leave. I heard that sweet voice say, "Go home and tell what great things the Lord has done for you. Not what He is going to do; but what He has already done for you."

Brethren that is why I hold the Church up above everything in this world. She is the light of the world, a city that is set on the hill and cannot be hid. She is like a merchant ship. She brings her food from afar. Her ways are clearly seen; and Jesus is the head of her. She has sound wisdom laid up for all her children. And as much as the spirit says come, the bride says come. Brethren, when you hear men that say hard things about the army of God, or bring confusion in her, then we know they are not being led by the spirit of the almighty, but are led by the spirit of the devil. Brethren, I have tried to explain by the help of the Lord, the bright side, the way, Jesus being the way, the truth, and the life. And that every man and woman could go

to Heaven that wants to, if they would obey the word. As it is written in John, "But these things are written that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing, ye might have life through His name."

So I will close this letter hoping it will meet the approval of the Association, and all that may read it. Also with a prayerful heart that when the Baptist family of God meet again, they will have one mind, and that be the mind of Christ. Love, peace, and joy be unto all. Let His blessed word be a lamp unto our feet, and a light unto our path. So by doing this we will be able through His strength to fulfill all righteousness, and give a just judgement.

May the grace of the Lord Jesus be with you all.

Your unworthy servant,

Homer Elliott

Obituaries

ANDREW J. PATTON

Andrew J. Patton was born February 4, 1879 in Magoffin County, Kentucky, and died April 1, 1963 in Ashland, Kentucky at the age of 84 years, 1 month, 29 days. He was the son of the late Bud and Eliza Puckett Patton.

He was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Minnie Joseph Patton, and two daughters, Grace Patton Caudill and Nellie Patton. He is survived by two sons, Emory Patton of Argillite, Kentucky and Callie Patton, of Lloyd, Kentucky; three daughters, Mrs. Mollie Moore of Ashland, Kentucky, Mrs. Goldie Caudill of Rush, Kentucky, and Mrs. Mae Salyers, of Naples, Kentucky. Also surviving are 32 grandchildren, 34 great grandchildren, and 3 great, great grandchildren.

Mr. Patton was a retired merchant and farmer and had resided at Naples, Kentucky, Greenup County, for the past 45 years. It is comforting to note that he was a member of the Little Jewel Regular Baptist Church and was baptized on the 4th Sunday in July, 1961.

He had been seriously ill some two years prior to his death and had endured much physical pain and suffering with great faith and trust in God. He voiced few complaints and at the same time showed his concern for his family. It was clear he made every attempt to avoid being a burden on anyone.

Mr. Patton had lived a simple and honest life, and worked hard for his family, and tried by his example to teach them honesty and truthfulness. He had no yearning for great power and wealth but was satisfied with what life gave him in return for his honest patient labors.

Yes, he labored hard and had his trials and tribulations like all of us, but he bore them all with good spirit and great strength, so that we will, in remembering him be comforted by the thought that his strength and courage must have come from the helping hand of God. It is good to know this. It is good to realize also as we miss and remember him that he has answered the summons which the tired and weary should at last be glad to hear, and that his life deserves the rest which was promised: "Come unto Me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest."

Written by granddaughter and her husband,
Ruth and Howard Mann



QUILLIE BLACKBURN

It is with a sad heart we will attempt to write a few words of the life of our dear mother and wife, Quillie Blackburn.

She was born March 7, 1914 and departed this life July 24, 1963, making her stay on earth 49 years, 4 months, and 17 days.

She was married to Sherwood Blackburn on the 29th of October, 1929, and to this union were born nine

children, and four preceded her in death. She leaves a husband and five children: three sons, Bruce, John, and Lon, and two daughters, Gladia Thacker and Shirley Milligan. She also leaves a mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. John Blackburn of Regina, Kentucky, four brothers and two sisters and eighteen grandchildren, (1 deceased), and a host of friends to mourn her death.

She joined the United Baptist in 1933 and came to the Old Regular Baptist in June of 1935, at the Little Stone Church, at Stone, Kentucky. She was baptized by Elder Baze May and Elder Will Hinsley and lived a faithful life for thirty years.

It is oh, so lonesome without Mom and it seems so hard to believe but I know Mom is happy.

She always enjoyed cooking for the brothers and sisters. Her whole life was wrapped up in the church. She was always singing and praying. She prayed so hard for her children, two of whom belonged to the church. She would have loved to see the other three join, but they never gave her that joy.

The day she died she called the three children to her and tried to tell them something, but she never could say what she wanted. I believe she wanted to tell them to change their ways and walk in Mother's footsteps, if they wanted to join her in Heaven.

We have suffered a great loss, but we believe our loss is Heaven's gain.

Written by her loving children and husband.

CHURCH ADDRESSES

Little Rebecca ----- Plymouth, Ohio
 Little Jewel ----- 209 Wheatly Road, Ashland, Ky.
 Maggie Home ----- McArthur, Ohio
 Little Ruth ----- Marengo, Ohio
 Little Polly ----- Rt. 2, Marshall Co., Calhoon, Mich.
 Little Maudie ----- McGuffey, Ohio
 Little Flock ----- R.F.D. No. 1, Jackson, Ohio
 Little Memory ----- Sunman, Ind.
 Little Edna ----- Lorain, Ohio
 Little Ida ----- 4060 Drennen Ave., Ecorse, Mich.
 Little Flossie ----- Lisbon, Ind.
 Little Zion ----- 8 Paddock St., Pontiac, Mich.
 Little Pilgrims Home ----- Ruggles, Ohio
 Mt. Olive ----- R.F.D. No. 1, Stockbridge, Mich.
 Indianapolis -- 5646 E. Washington St., Indianapolis, Ind.
 Mt. Ararat ----- Route No. 2, Galax, Va.

CHURCH CLERKS AND THEIR ADDRESSES

Little Rebecca—Banner Collins, 130 E. Main Street, Plymouth, Ohio.
 Little Jewel—Alonzo Tackitt, 160 McKnight Street, Ashland, Ky.
 Maggie Home—John Mullins, Rt. 1, Box 159, Hamden, Ohio.
 Little Ruth—Maynard Ratliff, Box 14, Fulton, Ohio.
 Little Polly—James Bartley, R.R. 2, Springport Road, Eaton Rapids, Mich.
 Little Maudie—E. L. Combs, Alger, Ohio.
 Little Flock—McKinley Rowe, R.F.D. 1, Hamden, Ohio.
 Little Memory—Hershell Sturgill, R.R. 3, Batesville, Ind.
 Little Edna—Sherman Wright, 2061 McKinley St., Elyria 7, Ohio.
 Little Ida—Jack Casebolt, 6108 Banner St., Taylor, Mich.

Little Flossie—Ira W. Slone, 220 E. Gertrude St., Noble, Ind.
 Little Zion—Edwin Caudill, 239 E. St. Clair, Almont Lapeer, Mich.
 Little Pilgrims Home—Frank Harvey, Rt. 2, Norwalk, Ohio.
 Mt. Olive—Hillard Castle, Rt. 1, Stockbridge, Mich.
 Indianapolis—Everett Coleman, R.R. 2, Pendleton, Ind.
 Mt. Ararat—D. D. Lowe, Rt. 2, Galax, Virginia

DELEGATES TO THE NORTHERN NEW SALEM ASSOCIATION

Little Rebecca—Claude Ousley, Delmar Williams, Savel Combs.
 Little Jewel—Steve Osborne, Jesse Bryant, Harold Varney.
 Maggie Home—Archie Burton, Shade Meeks, John Mullins.
 Little Ruth—Ferrell Ratliff, W. P. Deel, Maynard Ratliff.
 Little Polly—James Bartley, Clark Damron, Richard Griffith.
 Little Maudie—H. Robertson, E. L. Combs, Estill Thornsberry.
 Little Flock—McKinley Rowe, Joshua Hicks, Roy Hamilton.
 Little Memory—Hershell Sturgill, V. B. Hall, Dixon Miller.
 Little Edna—Chas. A. Keesee, Bart Potter, Wilburn Lee Hamilton.
 Little Ida—Ralph Caudill, Roman Mullins, Homer Elliott.
 Little Flossie—Dewey Sexton, Virgil Wicker, Birchel Mosley, Jr.
 Little Pilgrims Home—Aaron Boyd, Robert Wallen, Ellis Justice.
 Little Zion—Edwin Caudill, Lloyd Smith, Covis Tackitt.

Mt. Olive—Hillard Castle, Elmer Adams, G. H. Caudill.
Indianapolis—Alvin B. Brock, Hillard Profitt, Everett
Coleman.

Mt. Ararat—R. A. Shaw, D. D. Lowe, R. A. Shaw, Jr.

ORDAINED MINISTERS

Elder H. N. Vanderpool ----- Plymouth, Ohio
Elder Willie Collins ----- Tiro, Ohio
Elder Delmar Williams ----- Shiloh, Ohio
Elder Claude Ousley, 255 So. Williams St., Newark, Ohio
Elder Savel Combs ----- Shelby, Ohio
Elder Clennan Beverly ----- Plymouth, Ohio
Elder Oscar Holcomb, 43 East Charlotte St., Ecorse, Mich.
Elder Johnie Bentley, 3218 22nd St., Wyandotte, Mich.
Elder Baxter Osborne -- R.R. 1, Box 346, Ashland, Ky.
Elder Steve Osborne, R.R. 1, Box 330, Portsmouth, Ohio
Elder B. J. Moore ----- 12th Street, Ashland, Ky.
Elder Roy B. Akers, 408 Christopher Pl., Louisville, Ky.
40214
Elder Joshua Hicks ----- R.R. 4, Jackson, Ohio
Elder Paris Tackitt ----- Rt. 1, Box 142, Beaver, Ohio
Elder Archie Burton ----- Rt. 2, Wellston, Ohio
Elder Woodroe Fuller ----- Rt. 3, Marysville, Ohio
Elder George Hamilton -- 250 E. 13 St., Columbus, Ohio
Elder Wryle Tuttle ----- Rt. 2, Willard, Ohio
Elder W. P. Deel ---- 240 Vernon Ave., Deleware, Ohio
Elder Richard Griffith ----- Rt. 1, Tekonsha, Mich.
Elder Marion Pennel ---- 13753 Rt. 1, Tekonsha, Mich.
Elder Anthony Hamilton ----- Lloyd, Ky.
Elder Roy Hamilton ---- 25800 Ecorse Rd., Taylor, Mich.
Elder Ray Hamilton, 18610 Toledo Rd., Wyandotte, Mich.
Elder Lawrence Day ----- Oklana, Ohio
Elder Walter Parker ---- 9928 Robert St., Lorain, Ohio
Elder Chas. A. Keesee ---- 330 Bon Air St., Elyria, Ohio
Elder Bart Potter ----- County Rd. 65, Litchfield, Ohio

Elder Sid. Hudson, 1306 Marion St., Lincoln Park, Mich.
Elder Homer Elliott -- 4420 Detroit St., Dearborn, Mich.
Elder Covis Tackitt ----- 4309 11th St., Ecorse, Mich.
Elder James Whitaker, 4928 Syracuse St., Dearborn, Mich.
Elder H. B. Ray ---- 300 E. Grand Blvd., Detroit, Mich.
Elder Virgil Wicker, 208 No. Park Ave., Kendallville, Ind.
Elder Birtchel Mosley, Jr., 413 W. Rush St., Kendallville,
Ind.
Elder Roy Hudson, 7507 25 Mile Rd., Washington, Mich.
Elder Ellis Kicer ---- 21 Center Ave., Ypsilanti, Mich.
Elder Bob Hunter ----- Rt. 2, Monroeville, Ohio
Elder Marion Sword ----- Rt. 2, New London, Ohio
Elder Virgill Kidd -- Rt. 2, Box 167, New London, Ohio
Elder Ray Hoover ---- 150 Railroad St., LaGrange, Ohio
Elder Alvin B. Brock -- Rt. 1, Box 293, Clayton, Ind.
Elder Harlin McIntosh, 3605 Elmhurst Dr., Ft. Wayne,
Ind.
Elder R. A. Shaw ----- Box 371, Jonesville, N. C.

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	Rec'd by Baptism	Rec'd by Letter	Recommendation	Restored	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Total Membership	Meeting Time	Money Contributed
Little Rebecca	8	3	0	0	1	0	0	82	3	\$ 25.00
Little Jewel	2	0	0	0	0	1	1	65	4	65.00
Maggie Home	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	48	1	50.00
Little Ruth	2	3	0	0	2	0	0	21	2	25.00
Little Polly	0	0	0	0	1	3	0	17	2	15.00
Little Maudie	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	15	1	20.00
Little Flock	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	15	3	20.00
Little Memory	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	26	2	50.00
Little Edna	3	1	0	0	3	0	1	34	4	25.00
Little Ida	16	2	0	0	5	14	0	156	1	95.00
Little Flossie	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	10	3	10.00
Little Zion	0	2	0	0	4	0	0	20	3	30.00
Little Pilgrim Home	4	3	0	0	3	0	0	22	2	20.00
Mt. Olive	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	15	4	15.00
Indianapolis	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	8	1	15.00
Mt. Ararat	4	0	0	1	0	3	0	73	4	25.00
Total money cont'btd by the churches										\$500.00
Grand Total	47	21	0	1	19	23	2	627		
Money contributed by several good brethren										\$ 50.47
Money rec'd for picture										5.00
Total money received										\$555.47

*The woman shall not wear that which
pertaineth unto a man, neither shall a
man put on a woman's garment: For all
that do so are abomination unto the
Lord thy God.*

Deut.—22:5