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MINUTES
OF THE
FIFTEENTH ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
NORTHERN NEW SALEM
ASSOCIATION
OF
OLD REGULAR BAPTIST
IN SESSION ASSEMBLED
WITH THE
PLEASANT VIEW CHURCH
LITCHFIELD, OHIO
AUGUST 4, 5, 6, 1972

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Dear beloved brethern of the Northern New Salem Association:

In selecting the churches that I hope will furnish ministers to aid the Mt. Ararat Church, Galax, Va., I have tried to exercise the best judgment at my command.

If the churches named to go, can make different arrangements it will be perfectly alright. Brethern, it is needful that we do all that is required of us as ministers of the gospel to do everything that we possibly can to fulfill the request of that little church. They need our help and our strength, that they too may be nourished up in the soundness of the faith. Please answer to the call when your turn comes.

Little Oval	August, 1969
Little Edna	September, 1969
Maggies Home	October, 1969
Rose of Sharon	November, 1969
Little Rebecca	December, 1969
Pleasant View	January, 1970
Roy B. Akers & Baxter Osborne	February, 1970
Lilly Of The Valley	March, 1970
Antioch	April, 1970
Little Angel	May, 1970
Little Family	June, 1970
Little Jewel	July, 1970

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Friday

The Northern New Salem Association met with the Pleasant View Church, Litchfield, Ohio, Aug. 4, 1972 on Friday before the first Saturday.

All our brethern and sisters and friends were very much pleased when they arrived to find that the Pleasant View Church members had rented a large tent to hold services under. Although the weather was perfect, it provided much more comfort because of the shelter from the hot sun, and the comfortable seating.

As the sweet tones began to ring out in that old fashioned way, Brethern, Sisters, and friends began to assemble at the stand where arrangements had been made for preaching. We were blessed with a very large and interesting congregation.

Twelve months had gone by since many of the Brethern and Sisters had seen each other. They expressed their delight at being together again by warm handshakes and lovely embraces.

After the singing of a few of the old time songs, our beloved moderator, Eld. Baxter Osborne delivered a welcoming invitation to everyone. He being chosen at the fourteenth session of our association to introduce the services at the opening of the fifteenth session. He began by loving council admonishing the brethern of the importance of brotherly love, and spiritual obedience. He then called for a song, after which he led in a most wonderful and spiritual uplifting prayer.

Elder Hiram Adkins being chosen last year to preach the introductory sermon came to the pulpit. He chose for a subject the scripture found in Luke 16:16. "The law and the prophets were until John: Since that time the kingdom of God is preached, and every man presseth into it."

Brother Adkins gave full proof of his ministry as he labored under the influence of the divine spirit of the Almighty God. Every little child of God who was blessed to hear him agreed with his spiritual reasoning, and his power of delivery.

It was the power of God that calmed the troubled waters, so it was the power of God through Brother Adkins that confounded the Sceptic, and made more firm and steadfast the faith of the children of God in the everlasting

covenant God made to all who would believe and repent of their sins.

After a short intermission the delegates and messengers were invited to assemble themselves together in the church house where the business of the fifteenth annual session of the Northern New Salem Association would be conducted.

After being assembled, our beloved moderator gave a brief talk welcoming the brother delegates and messengers representing the churches and corresponding associations. He invited them to be seated in order.

Elder Edwin May of the Sardis Association was invited to make remarks and lead in prayer. Brother May's remarks were both timely and edifying and glorifying to the God of our Salvation. His prayer was a reminder of where our strength comes from.

The moderator began to conduct the business of the association in the following manner.

1. The moderator called for the letters from the several churches to be handed into the clerk. By move and second the letter from Pleasant View Church was read, and found to be in order. By the same move all the letters were received and the delegates seated, all querries and requests were referred to the committee on arrangements.

2. The Norethern New Salem Association was legally organized by electing Elder Baxter Os-

borne, Moderator; Elder Paris Tackett, Assistant Moderator; Elder Roy B. Akers, Clerk; Elder Claude Ousley, Assistant Clerk.

✓ 3. By move and second the moderator was authorized to make all temporary appointments.

✓ 4. By move and second the reading of the decorum, the articles of faith, and the constitution were omitted.

✓ 5. Called for Churches of our faith and order desiring to join our Association and received one by letter and petition by the name of Gethsemane. By move and second it was received into the fellowship of the Northern New Salem Association and the delegates to be seated with us in council.

✓ 6. Called for letter from our Sister Associations desiring to keep up a Godly correspondence with us, and received the following:

/ NEW SALEM — Represented by the following delegates: Paul Hudson, Mitchel Chaffins, Clifford Williams, Charles Ramey, Clive Hall, Walter Akers, Henry King, Troy Beverly, George Tackett, John C. Mullins, Luther Cook, Woodroe Pack, John Willie A. Williams, Ballard Williams, Leon Hall, Sollie Miller Jr. and Banner Manns.

2 UNION — Represented by the following delegates: James Gannon, Theodore M. Looney, Emory Bartley, Lee Yates, Daniel Osborne, Dow Johnson, and David Lester.

3 PHILADELPHIA — Represented by the following delegates: Henry Varney, Webster Bartley, Walter Morrison, Mack Ross, Golden Adkins, Paul Ross, and Brother Matthews.

4 SARDIS — Represented by the following delegates: Clifford Maynard, Edwin May, Jeff May, Cashier Blackburn, and David Baisden.

5 INDIAN BOTTOM — Represented by the following delegates: Olas Baldrige, Nelson Seals and Truman Jent.

6 MUD RIVER — Represented by the following delegates: Earnest Breedlove and Wilbur Toppings.

By move and second all the above letters was read by the clerk and found in order. Our beloved Moderator received the delegates by the right hand of fellowship and invited them to be seated with us and aid us in Godly council.

7. Appointed a committee on ministry consisting of the entire delegation from the Pleasant View Church together with one delegate from each church in our union to arrange the ministry for Friday evening and Saturday morning. The following Elders were chosen: No. 1, James Gannon from The Sardis Association. No. 2, Earnest Breedlove, Mud River Association. No. 3, Banner Manns, New Salem Association. For Friday Evening. For Saturday Morning. No. 1, Henry Barney, Philadelphia Association. No. 2, Charles Johnson, Union Association. No. 3, Jimmie D. Saunders,

Union Association. No. 4, Edwin May, Sardis Association. No. 5, Mitchell Chaffins, New Salem

8. Called for transient ministers and members and received the following: Brothers M. Williamson, Hiram Adkins, Hendricks Hampton, Hillard Profitt, John C. Mullins, Amos Williams, Bob Hunter, Paul Hudson, Ballard Williams, Charlie Johnson, Thurston Bowman, Jimmie Dale Saunders, James Hamilton, Jay Mitchel, and W. D. Johnson.

9. By move and second the Northern New Salem Association agreed to correspond with the following Association who were found to be of our faith and order. (a) New Salem. (b) Old Union. (c) Philadelphia. (d) Sardis. (e) Indian Bottom and (f) Mud River.

10. Appointed a committee on arrangements as follows: One delegate from each church, the moderator and clerk of the association and transient ministers and members to decide on a bill of arrangements to work from on Saturday.

11. By move and second the association agreed to adjourn until 9:00 A.M. Saturday morning.

Elder Banner Manns closed Fridays session by wholesome remarks and led in a wonderful soul stairing prayer.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 5, 1972

Met persuent to adjournment. After singing a few soul inspiring hymns of Zion Elder Steve Osborne was invited to open this session and lead in prayer. His remarks was seasoned with Godly council and advise. His prayer was humble and spiritual awakening. A witness that the glory of God had filled the whole house, and made ready a peaceful and joyful day.

Our beloved mod then came forward and invited the Brother delegates and messengers to be seated in order. H counceled those that were present the importance of maintaining good order. He insisted on strict adherence to our constitution and rules of decorum.

He then announced the business of the association would proceed as follows:

1. Call the names of the delegates and note the absentees.

2. Read the bill of arrangements, and discharge the committee.

3. By move and second the committee was relieved.

4. The circular letter written by Elder Hendricks Hampton was read by him. By move and second the letter was received and ordered printed in our minutes. By the same move Elder Junior Mosley is to write a circular letter for approval at the next annual session of our association.

5. Appointed a committee on finance. Paul Hudson, W. P. Deal, and Paris Tackett who reported the sum of \$1,030.00 collected from the churches, and \$102.00 for pictures. Also \$10.00 donation from Brother Paul Hudson and \$20.00 from Brother Dow Johnson for tent, making a grand total of \$1,162.00.

6. Called for treasurers report who reported as follows:

Church Contributions — 1971	\$ 965.00
Money for Pictures — 1971	126.00
Personal Donation — 1971	10.00
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Total Money Received — 1971	\$1,101.00
Carried Over From 1970	720.00
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Total Money on Hand Aug. 7, 1971	\$1,821.00

EXPENSES FOR 1971

Printers Fee (5,000) Copies	\$ 989.80
Secretary's Fee	125.00
Traveling Expenses	30.00
Postage and Insurance	31.87
Printing Credential Forms	40.00
Total Expenses for 1971	\$1,216.67
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Bal. in Bank, Aug. 1972	604.00

7. By move and second the treasurers report was received. By the same move Elder Roy B. Akers was appointed recording secretary and is to have (5,000) copies of these minutes printed. He is

to distribute them among the churches according to their contributions.

He is to reserve (350) copies for our corresponding associations. Printers fee to appear on the front cover of these minutes. The recording secretary is to receive \$125.00 for his services.

8. By move and second obituaries of deceased members and friends are to be printed in these minutes. Obituaries to be typed and double spaced. Pictures can be had by the one desiring them at \$6.00 each.

9. Called on brethern who agreed to attend union meetings and corresponding associations last year. The faithful were commended, and the failures were excused.

10. Appointed the same committee that served Friday to arrange the ministry for Saturday evening and Sunday. For Saturday evening Elders: J. Mitchell and Nelson Seals.

For Sunday, Elders: Hobert Graham, Olas Baldridge, Mitchell Chaffins, and Baxter Osborne.

11. Called for volunteers who would agree to attend our corresponding associations as messengers in 1972 and the following responded.

NEW SALEM — When convened with the Old Beaver Church Minnie, Pike Co., Ky. Beginning on Friday before the fourth Saturday in Sept. 1972 and continuing the two following days. Delegates

to attend: Roy Hamilton, Henry King, Bob Hunter, Claude Ousley, Delmar Williams, Ellis Hopkins, Charles Keese, Ray Hoover, Leonard Robinson, Nelson Stone, Amos Williams, Albert Hamilton, Chester Davis, Steve Osborne, Ira Kendrick, Whipple Reynolds, Forest Osborne, Ballard Brown, Hillard Profitt, Haster Chaffins, Walk Sturgill, Junior Mosley, Squire Hamilton, Hiram Adkins, Paris Tackett, Virgil Wicker, Ivan Am-burgey, Clarence Smith, Baxter Osborne, and Roy B. Akers.

OLD UNION — When convened with the frozen Creek Church Raccoon, Pike County, Ky. To begin on Friday before the third Saturday in Sept., 1972 and continuing the two following days. Delegates to attend: Baxter Osborne, Paris Tackett, Roy B. Akers, Joshua Hicks, Roy Hamilton, Bud Bryant, Walter Parker, Henry King, Bob Hunter, Albert Hamilton, David Slone, Jerry Saunders, Robert Fliming, Hillard Profitt, Charles Keese, Steve Osborne, Clarence Smith, Covis Tackett, Ira Kendrick, and Virgil Fields.

PHILADELPHIA — When convened with the Mt. Olive Church Warnick, Rt. 2, Greenup Co. Ky. To begin on Friday before the second Saturday in August, 1972 and continuing the two following days. Delegates to attend: Paris Tackett, Baxter Osborne, Forest Osborne, Joshua Hicks, Roy Hamilton, Ballard Brown, Nelson Slone, Leonard Robinson, Steve Osborne, Arthur Mitchell, Walter

Mullins, Ralph Caudill, Harrison Runyons, Walk Sturgill, and Chuck Keese.

SARDIS — When convened with the Turkey Creek Church Turkey Creek, Pike Co. Ky. To begin on Friday before the second Saturday in Sept., 1972 and continuing the two following days. Delegates to attend: Baxter Osborne, Roy B. Akers, Paris Tackett, Joshua Hicks, Roy Hamilton, Walk Sturgill, Virgil Fields, Henry King, Bob Hunter, Albert Hamilton, Steve Osborne, Charles Keese, and Stoney Blackburn.

INDIAN BOTTOM — When convened with New Bethlehem Church Talcum, Knott Co. Ky. To begin on Friday before the first Saturday in Sept., 1972 and continuing the two following days. Delegates to attend: Baxter Osborne, "Chuck" Keese, Irvin Hicks, Clarence Jenkins, Paris Tackett, Joshua Hicks, Steve Osborne, Freddie Kidd, Roy Hamilton, Covis Tackett, Walter Mullins, and Hillard Profitt.

MUD RIVER — When convened with the Sarah Church Foster, Boone Co. West Virginia. To begin on Friday before the fourth Saturday in Aug., 1972 and continuing the two following days. Delegate to attend: Baxter Osborne,

12. After examining the letter from Mud River Association and finding their answers to the three points of doctrine: (1) Eternal children, (2) Light is life, and (3) There is no scripture to sinners.

Satisfactory, by move and second their letter was received in full love and fellowship.

13. Committee report on credentials was received. By move and second the committee was discharged. By the same move Elder Hiram Adkins was appointed to employ legal advice in procuring a church seal.

14. The committee appointed last year to inquire into the condition of the Little Edna Church, stated that the church was re-established with Orthodox members. By move and second the report was received and the committee was discharged.

15. A committee consisting of five (5) brethren was appointed to meet with the tent committees of Old Unon, New Salem and Sardis Associations to discuss the possibilities of the Northern New Salem Association buying an interest in the tent owned by them. Brothers appointed are Ralph Caudill, Hiram Adkins, Bill Collins, Ivan Amburgey, and Chuck Keesee.

16. Requests to host the 1973 session of the association came from five (5) lively and lovely churches to wit: (1) Little Rebecca, (2) Little Ida, (3) Little Flossie, (4) Little Angel, and (5) Pleasant View. After each church had been heard, the delegates agreed to hold the sixteenth annual session of the Northern New Salem Association with the Little Angel Church Columbus, Ohio. Commencing on Friday before the first Saturday

in August, 1973. Directions to the association will be found on another page.

17. By move and second the request from the Lilly of the Valey Church to change their meeting time to the 2nd Saturday & Sunday in each month, and their communion time to the 2nd Sunday in June was granted.

Note: Supplement to item 3. Fridays work.

Appointed Brothers Charles Craft, Jessee Pack, and David Slone to see that the ministers chosen to preach responded to their invitation.

18. The association agreed to continue ministerial support to the Mt. Ararat Church at Galax, Va. Each church in our union to select the ministers it can send. (Note: Brethern please don't neglect your duty)

19. By move and second requests for memorial meetings are to be printed in these minutes by the churches requesting them.

20. The delegates choose Elder Baxter Osborne to preach the introductory sermon at the 1973 session of our association, and Elder Covis Tackett to be his alternate.

21. Reading of the current minutes were omitted by a move and second.

22. Elder Steve Osborne was invited to make remarks and close out this session of the Association

by leading in prayer. Thus the business session ended amid the shouting and praising the eternal saviour of the souls of men and women. Bro. Steve was wonderfully blessed with a full measure of Godly love.

Done and signed by the Association.

Elder Baxter Osborne, Moderator

Elder Paris C. Tackett, Asst. Moderator

Elder Roy B. Akers, Clerk

Elder Claude Ousley, Asst. Clerk.

SABBATH MORNING, AUGUST 6, 1972

As the beautiful rays of the morning sun began to climb over the eastern horizon, brethren and sisters and friends began to gather themselves together under the huge tent that had been provided for their comfort. Brethren and sisters and friends were seen greeting each other with firm hand shakes and warm embraces, signifying their love for one another. One that had been blessed with the sovereign grace of God could say "Surely God was pleased with our coming together. For this truly was the Lords day.

After a choice selection of old familiar songs had been sung, one of them being "My Latest Sun is Sinking Fast" which brought a full measure of rejoicing to the hearts of the children of hope that were assembled on the ground and in the tent.

Elder Hobert Graham who had been chosen by the committee to introduce the services was absent.

Our beloved Moderator then invited Elders H. N. Vandrpool to make opening remarks and Roy B. Akers to lead in prayer.

Brother Vanderpool was blessed with a mighty downpouring of Gods unending love to expound upon the goodness of Gods sovereign grace and mercy, revealing that the way to salvation could not be obtained except by the way of the cross.

Elder Roy B. Akers lead in prayer. Elder Olas Baldrige came to the pulpit in obedience to the request of the committee on ministry. He choose the following scripture for a text. Matthew 27:55. "And many women were there beholding afar off, which followed Jesus from Galilee, **Ministering unto Him**" Brother Baldrige a very able minister brought good tidings of much joy to those who heard his sermon.

Elder Mitchell Chaffins followed Brother Balrridge using the scripture found in Genesis 12:1. "Now the Lord had said unto Abram (Abraham) get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy fathers house, into a land that I will shew thee." Brother Chaffins declared that he was only a buck private in the army of Gods ministers, and that he never attempts to wade out into the depths of the gospel before receiving orders from his Captain, Jesus Christ. Meaning that it takes the indwelling of Gods devine spirit moving in a man, before that man can preach the everlasting gospel. Brother Chaffins brought a wonderful message of what it means to be obedient and loyal to

the commands and promises of the Lord of our salvation.

Elder Baxter Osborne our beloved Moderator came to the pulpit wearing the countenance of one that was well pleased and over joyed because of the unity of the spirit, the presence of obedience and the peace of tranquility that prevailed among the members and delegates, throughout the three days session of the Association. The Scripture that he selected can be found in the book of Isaiah 26:1. "In that day shall this song be sung in the land of Judah: We have a strong city: Salvation will God appoint for walls and bulwarks." Brother Osborne did not fail to declare the whole council of God. So enlightening was his message, and so fervent was his pleadings to those on the outside of God. Grace and mercy that it brought praisings and shouting from the lovers of gospel truths. Amid the shouting and the singing of that blessed old song "Grace 'tis a charmind sound" the fifteenth annual session came to a close. May the sweet harmony, and the precious love, and the heavenly joy that bound us so close together throughout the three day session sink deep into the hearts of every one that elected to remain with us until the close on Sunday evening.

The Association can never adequately express their thankfulness and appreciation, for the generosity and hospitality of the membership and friends of the Pleasant View Church for their untiring efforts to provide plenty of good wholesome

food and comfortable sleeping quarters for the messengers and delegates. Every home represented by the church hung out the welcoming invitation to all that would go home with them and spend the night.

I understand that sister Majorie Slone was selected to supervise the preparation of the food. She must have had the help of the most wonderful sisters and friends in that part of the vinyard. For rarely has one seen such a variety of food, such as ham, steak, chicken, potatoes, coleslaw, etc., including all varieties of pies, cookies, and custards that ate dinner for three days was close to 2500. They were sheltered from the heat of the day in a large community building provided by the membership of the church.

To the lovely daughters of Zion who chose to stand around a hot cook stove for the three or four days preparing that good food to feed the hungry, may the God of great mercy enrich your souls with a full measure of heavens joys for your services. For only Christian women possessing virtue and Godliness could do the job that you did. Again may God bless you for ever more is the prayer of the entire delegates that composed the Association.

Humbly your Clerk
Franklin, Ohio
July 23, 1972

Dear Brethern of the Northern New Salem Association,

Being chosen by you at our last session of the Association, to write a Circular Letter, for your approval or rejection at our 1972 session.

Dear Brothers, Oh! how I have worried over this assignment. Knowing full well, without the Lord being in the lead and guide of my mind. I could never do this job, in a way it would be down to the Honor and Glory of God.

And Brothers, I've prayed till sometimes I just about give up hope that the Lord would Bless and Lead me to write this letter. And the time is drawing close now, for our coming together.

Oh! How I pray He will be our leader and our guide. And that we can feel that Loving Spirit hovering close over us all. Yes, just a little taste of Heaven. Here in this low ground of sorrow. To make us forget all trouble for a little while.

Dear Brothers, the subject that has arrested my mind for the last few days now, and I pray to God, its from Him, (John 3; 16 For God so Loved the World, That He Gave His Only Begotten Son, That Whosoever Believeth on Him Should Not Perish but Have Everlasting Life.)

Now Brothers, the main point I want to bring to your minds, Gods Love for the Workmanship of His own hands. How He loved man whom He had made from the dust of the earth. And after He

had former Him, He breathed the breath of life into his nostrils. And He became a living soul.

Then we find in Genesis, 2:8, That the Lord God planted a garden eastward in Eden. And there he put the man, whom he had formed.

Then in Genesis, 2:9. And out of the ground made the Lord God to grow every tree, that is pleasant to the sight. And good for food. The Tree of Life, also in the midst of the garden. And the tree of knowledge of good and Evil.

Then here is the Love of God again being manifested on the workmanship of his own hand. Genesis, 2:18 nad the Lord God said "It is not good that a man should be alone. I will make him and help meet for him."

So we see that the Lord made a woman for an help meet for Adam. But we see now that the Lord had already placed Adam in this beautiful garden. And told him to dress it and keep it. For the Lord had everything in this garden that Adam needed for food. And pleasant to look upon.

But we see there was one tree in that garden, that the Lord told Adam he was not to eat of. This was the tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil. For in the day thou eatest thereof, Thou shalt surely die.

So now we find there was something else in this garden. Also the Serpent, which is nothing

more than old Satan. And he began to work on Adams Help Meet. And he told her that if they ate of the tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil, "Ye shall not surely die, but in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened. And ye shall be as Gods, Knowing Good and Evil."

And so we see that Eve Harkened to old Satan, And she took of the fruit of the tree. That the Lord had told them not to eat of. And she did eat, And she gave to Adam, and he did eat. And the eyes of them both were opened. And they saw they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons to hide themselves with.

This is just like man today. When we come up to the years of accountability, we try to keep our wrong doings covered up. But we can't hide nothing from the all seeing eyes of the Lord.

But we see now Adam and Eve trying to hide from the Lord. When they heard the voice of the Lord walking in the cool of the day. The Lord said unto Adam "Where art Thou?" And Adam said, "I heard thy voice in the garden and I was afraid. Because I was naked. And I hid myself." The Lord then ask Adam, "who told thee, that thou was naked?" Hast thou eaten of the tree where of I commanded thee not to eat?"

So we see Adam confessing to his transgressions, How they had broken the commandment of the Lord. This is the way poor sinner man is today. We have to confess our sins. And our short comings to the Lord. And we like Adam are driven

out of the garden, A Heavenly place. Because of our transgressions. But here is this Love being made manifest on the workmanship of His hand again. Though we break the commandments of God. He has prepared a way for us to come back. And make an atonment for our sins. And become one of His little children once again.

Under the law there was sacrifices, to be offered up to stay their sins every year. By offering up the blood of animals, by the priest for the people of the Lord. This law was given to Moses, on the Mount of the Lord, by the Lord himself. Written on tables of stone. We find the people breaking these laws of God. All down through the pages of time. And when they would disobey the Lord, we find them in bondage. And losing battles to other nations. Until they would set their house in order. And get back in the Divine Favor of God. Then the Lord would prosper and bless them greatly. Until they would get disobedient again. Then they would have to suffer again. Here was manifested some of that great Love and Mercies, that God has for them that Love and Serve Him.

Now this blood that was being offered up for the people, back under the law typified something else. It typified the blood that would be shed on the old rugged cross. From this one that stood as a lamb slain from the foundation of the world. This was the Remedy for Sin, that was older than sin itself. Here was that Love that God has for the workmanship of his own hand being manifested.

God sent his only begotten son into the world,

to redeem poor fallen man. Back into the Divine favor of God. For man had sold himself for naught. And had nothing to redeem himself with. Man had come to the point where he was not making the right kind of offering to the Lord. They were not offering the best that they had. But instead were taking the lame and the halt, and things that was not pleasing in the sight of God. And so we see the Lord telling them that he would not receive another offering by the hands of man. So here is where the Love Wonder of Heaven comes in. The only Begotten Son of God, coming down into this low ground of sorrow. Taking a body like unto our body, with sin being excepted, to die on the cross for the sins of the whole world. Now this death on the cross did not save us. But it made a way for us to be saved. If man would only follow His teachings. For He said, "The wages of Sin is Death. But the gift of God is Eternal Life. Through Jesus Christ our Saviour." (John 15:13:14, Greater Love hath no man than this. That a man lay down his life for his friends. Ye, are my friends, if you do whatsoever I command you.

John 15:17 says, These things I command you, that ye love one another.

So farewell Brothers and Sisters, I must close this letter. Let Brotherly Love continue among this old Baptist Family, that the world may see and believe. That we are the true followers of Christ.

May God Bless you one and all
A Brother in Hope I Trust,
Elder, Hendricks Hampton

CONSTITUTION OF THE NORTHERN NEW SALEM ASSOCIATION WHEN ORGANIZED IN 1958

From a long series of experiences, we the OLD REGULAR BAPTIST CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST, being baptised 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 flowship, those baptised, 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, an assistant moderator, clerk, and assistant 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 motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association except when withdrawn by the one who made it.

8. The Association shall endeavor to furnish the churches with Minutes of Association.

9. 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 the 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.

10. 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.

11. 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.

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

13. 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.

14. The Association shall have the power for the general union of the churches; to preserve invariable 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 the 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. Isiah 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 redemption. Gen. 2:7, Romans 5:12.

5. We believe that sinners are called to repentance, and believe in the gospel, and regeneration of th 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, IMMER

SION 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 fruit of the vine and feet-washing should be kept up until His second coming, by His believers. Luke 22:10-2, John 13:7-8, 12-17, 1st Timothy 5:9-10.

9. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, both of the just and 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 a right to administer the ordinances and commands of the gospel, except such as are regular baptised, and that by immersion by a legal administrator of the gospel. And has come under the hands of a regular chosen presbytery of the church and ordained thereby. Acts, 12:2; 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 8:16-21, 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, and have given themselves to the Lord, and have agreed to keep up a Godly discipline, according to the rules of the gospel. John 11:8-11, Acts 2:42, 1st John 1:3.

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, or 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. The Association shall have a moderator, an assistant moderator, clerk, and assistant clerk 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 inter-

rupted 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.

UNION MEETINGS & COMMUNION TIME

ELDERS CALLED

APRIL

PLEASANT VIEW—Fourth Sat. & Sun. Woody Pack, Charlie Johnson, Mitchell Chaffins, Karrel Addington, Buddy Carty, and Covis Tackett. Communion time First Sunday in May.

LITTLE JEWEL — Fourth Sat. & Sun. Ershell Huff, Roy B. Akers, Delmar Williams, Paul Adkins, Jay Mitchell, Ivan Amburgey. Communion time Fourth Sunday in June.

LITTLE OVAL. — Fourth Sat. & Sun. W. P. Deal, Paul Hudson, Roy Caudill, Buddy Carty, Lloyd Smith, Bill Dunbar, and Ellis Amburgey. Communion time Fourth Sunday in May.

MAY

LITTLE IDA — First Sat. & Sun. Hiram Adkins, Johnie Bentley, Chuck Keesee, Andy Hamilton, Forest Osborne, Ivan Amburgey, Baxter Osborne, Anthony Hamilton. Communion time First Sunday in June.

ANTIOCH — First Sat. & Sun. Baxter Osborne,

Eddie Tackett, Hiram Adkins, Irvin Hicks, Ivan Amburgey and Buddy Carty. Communion time First Sunday in October.

MAGGIE HOME — First Sat. & Sun. Rhubin Barker, Hiram Adkins, Russel Hicks, Buddy Carty, Covis Tackett, Chuck Keesee, Bill Collins, and Savel Combs. Communion time First Sunday in July.

LITTLE FLOSSIE — First Sat. & Sun. Claude Ousley, H. N. Vanderpool, Delmar Williams, Amos Williams, Roy Caudill, and Earl Lawson. Communion time First Sunday in June.

LITTLE RUTH — Second Sat. & Sun. Russel Hicks, Marvin Bryant, Amos Williams, Milford Adams, Forest Osborne and Joshua Hicks. Communion time Second Sunday in June.

LILLY OF THE VALLEY — Second Sat. & Sun. Ellis Amburgey, Buddy Carty, Zee Holbrook, Baxter Osborne, Covis Tackett, Andy Hamilton, Woody Pack, and Alex Collier. Communion time Second Sunday in June.

LITTLE ZION — Second Sat. & Sun. Johnie Hall, Clifford Maynard, Howard Coleman, Karrel Addington, Bart Potter, Bill Dunbar, and J. C. Tackett. Communion time Second Sunday in June.

LITTLE MEMORY — Second Sat. & Sun. Paul Adkins, Paris Tackett, Lloyd Smith, Joshua Hicks, and Baxter Osborne. Communion time Second Sunday in June.

GETHSEMANE — Third Sat. & Sun. Clive Hall, Leon Hall, Charlie Johnson, Ellis Amburgey, Mitechell Chaffins, and Moderator & Assistant Moderator. Communion time Third Sunday in June.

MORNING STAR — Third Sat. & Sun. Ivan Amburgey, Alex Collier, Clarence Owens, Baxter Osborne, Walter Parker, Karrel Addington, Hiram Adkins, and Lloyd Smith. Communion time Third Sunday in June.

LITTLE CHILDRENS HOME — Third Sat. & Sun. Lloyd Smith, Bill Dunbar, Alex Collier, Ivan Amburgey, W. P. Deal, Buddy Carty, Jimmie D. Saunders and James Gannon. Communion time Third Sunday in July.

ROSE OF SHAREN — Third Sat. & Sun. Paris Tackett, Hendricks Hampton, Joshua Hicks, Hiram Adkins, Anthony Hamilton, John M. Justice, Birtchel Mosley, and Charlie Adkins. Communion time Third Sunday in May.

MT. ARARAT — Third Sat. & Sun. Olas Baldrige, Bill Moore, Bill Collins, Savel Combs, Hiram Adkins, and Moderator. Communion time Third Sunday in August.

LITTLE EDNA — Fourth Sat. & Sun. Frank Thacker, Cova Tackett, Alex Collier, Roy Hudson, Ivan Amburgey, and Moderator & Assistant Moderator. Communion time Fourth Sunday in June.

JUNE

LITTLE BETHEL — First Sat. & Sun. Milford Adams, Carl Tuttle, Okie Kent, Mitchell Chaffins, Hiram Adkins, and Melvin Watts. Communion time First Sunday in July.

LITTLE POLLY — Second Sat. & Sun. Earl Lawson, Anthony Hamilton, Joshua Hicks, Claude Ousley, H. N. Vanderpool, and Buddy Carty. Communion time Second Sunday in July.

LITTLE FAMILY — Second Sat. & Sun. Delbert Saunders, Hillard Newsome, Ross Hopkins, Baxter Osborne, Alex Collier, Ray Hamilton, and Eddie Tackett. Communion time Second Sunday in July.

LITTLE PILGRIM HOME — Second Sat. & Sun. Buddy Carty, Bill Collins, Frank Harvey, Erchel Huff, Clifford Williams, Andy Hamilton, Carl Tuttle, and Moderator. Communion time Second Sunday in July.

LITTLE REBECCA — Third Sat. & Sun. Baxter Osborne, Earl Lawson, Roy B. Akers, Paris Tackett, and Hiram Adkins. Communion time Third Sunday in July.

MT. OLIVE — Fourth Sat. & Sun. Tennis Sturgill, Albert Hamilton, Claude Ousley, Lloyd Smith, Frank Harvey, Baxter Osborne, and Moderator & Assistant Moderator. Communion time Fourth Sunday in July.

MT. ZION — Fourth Sat. & Sun. Claude Ousley, Birtchel Mosley, Delmar Williams, W. P. Deal, Rayful Griffith, Richard Griffith, and Earl Lawson. Communion time Fourth Sunday in July.

JULY

LITTLE FLOCK — Third Sat. & Sun. Clifford Williams, James Branham, Frank Harvey, Lloyd Smith, John M. Justice, Hiram Adkins, Richard Griffith, and Ray Hamilton. Communion time Third Sunday in August.

LITTLE ANGEL — Fourth Sat. & Sun. Woodroe Dye, Paul Adkns, Hillard Newsome, Bill Moore, Ivory Sowards, Elis Cotton, and Lloyd Smith. Communion time Fourth Sunday in August.

MEMORIAL MEETINGS

MT. OLIVE — Memorial of brother Carew Smith the Fourth Sat. & Sun. in August 1972. Elders called: J. C. Tackett, Homer Hall, Claude Ousley, Henry Little, and Walk Sturgell to close.

LITTLE CHILDRENS HOME — Memorial of all the deceased members each year. All Regular Baptist ministers are invited.

LITTLE IDA — Memorial of all the deceased members each year on the First Sat. & Sun. in July. All Regular Baptist ministers are invited.

LITTLE MEMORY — Memorial of all the deceased members of the Little Memory Church will

be conducted on the 2nd Sat. & Sun. in August annually.

LITTLE FAMILY — Memorial of all the deceased members on the Second Sat. & Sun. in October each year. All Regular Baptist Ministers are invited.

LITTLE ANGEL — Memorial of all the deceased members on the Fourth Sat. & Sun. in May 1973. All Regular Baptist ministers are welcome.

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- Maggie Home—John Mullins, Shade Meeks, Joshua
Hicks.

- Little Polly—Hillard Castle, Rayful Griffith,
James Pole.
- Mt. Zion—Raleigh Ousley, Herbert Robinson,
Clenon Beverly.
- Little Flock—Anthony Hamilton, Roy Hamilton,
Liberty Coffie.
- Little Ruth—Maynard Ratliff, Ellis Hopkins, Fred-
die Kidd.
- Little Memory—Bill Ison, Lawrence Day, Clarence
Jenkins.
- Little Edna—Vernon Conway, Kurby Perrigan,
George Adkins.
- Little Ida—Walter Mullins, Squire Hamilton, Ar-
thur Mitchel.
- Little Flossie—Carlie Tuttle, Virgill Wicker, Birt-
chel Mosley.
- Little Zion—Glenn Maddox, James Hopson, Gor-
den Akers.
- Little Pilgrims Home—Robert Wallen Fred Parson,
Bubage Howell.
- Mt. Olivet—Walk Sturgill, Clarence Smith, Oscar
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- Little Oval—Robert Fliming, Buford Brock, Ewell
Ratliff.
- Mt. Arart—R. A. Shaw, D. D. Lowe, Irvin Hicks.
- Pleasant View—Stoney Blackburn, Hayes Chaf-
fins, Luther Meade.
- Little Family — Gary Saunders, Claude Cau-
dill, Jerome Watts.
- Little Angel—Forest Osborne, Irvin Hicks, Ballard
Brown.

Antioch—Hillard Newsome, Paul Adkins, Arlie Cornett.
 Rose Of Sharon — Whipple Reynolds, Elmer Adams, Johnie Bentley.
 Lilly Of The Valley — Ivan Amburgey, Chester Newsome, Bobby Looney.
 Little Childrens Home — Steve Blair, Zee Holbrooks, Roy Caudill.
 Mornng Star—Covis Tackett, J. C. Tackett, Gillis Hamilton.
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Obituaries



MRS. REBECCA OSBORNE

Rebecca (Tackett) Osborne, daughter of the late Newton and Angie (Osborne) Tackett was born Jan. 9, 1890 and departed this life March 6, 1972. Age 82 years, one month and 26 days. At the tender age of 14½ years she was united in holy matrimony to the late Grover Cleveland Osborne who preceded her in death February, 1966. They began life together in the month of August 4, 1904 and to this union were born 16 children, six girls and ten boys. Two girls Montania and America, died in infancy and two boys, Newton and Jesse died after reaching adulthood.

Left to mourn her loss are 4 girls and 8 boys as follows: Mrs. Geo. Burk, Ashland Ky.; Mrs. J. R. Mullins, Farmington, Mich.; Mrs. Ethel Wicker, Columbus, Ohio and Mrs. Robert Waggoner, New Albany, Ohio; Elder Steve Osborne, Portsmouth, O.; Elder mEmett Osborne, Portsmouth, O.; Elder Forrest Osborne, New Albany, O.; Elder Baxter

Osborne, Ashland, Ky.; David Osborne, Columbus, O.; Grover Cleveland Osborne, Lexington, Ky.; Hiram Osborne, Phoenix, Arizona; and Robert Osborne, Waverly O. 4 sisters and 4 brothers also survive as follows: Mrs. Mary Smith, Portsmouth, O.; Mrs. Hannah Farson, Naples, Ky.; Mrs. Louise Henneke Naples, Ky.; and Mrs. Oma Newman, Ironton, O. Brothers, Mr. Noah Tackett, Ellis Tackett, and Amos Tackett of Ashland, Ky.; and Arbit Tackett, Naples, Ky. Also surviving are 76 grandchildren, 139 great grandchildren, and a number of great great grandchildren. In addition to these she leaves an enumerable host of relatives and friends to mourn her loss.

Sister Rebecca professed a hope in Christ Jesus in the month of August, 1912 and went home and told the church how great things the Lord had done to free her praying soul from the shackles of sin. She was received into the fellowship of the church and was buried in literal baptism, not to put away the filth of the flesh, but to answer a good conscience toward God. She was baptised by Elder Willard S. Akers the 3rd Sat. in August, 1912. From that day on she lived a pious and devoted Christian life for nearly 60 years. Sister Rebecca enjoyed her fellowship with the brethren and sisters, and was faithful in attendance to church as long as her health would permit. One could spend countless hours writing, and use endless pages of paper, and yet not be able to tell of the good and Godly life that this blessed sister lived.

Sister Rebecca was a loving and devoted companion to her husband for 62 years, a kind and compassionate mother to her children, a gentle and cheerful personality among her friends and neighbors. And above all she was a shining example in the community where she lived, always bearing the marks of a Christian woman that identified her as a woman of righteousness. Surely God was mindful of her loyalty and devotion to the teachings of His loving spirit, in that he was pleased to let her stay among her children long enough to see nine out of the twelve living children become members of the church by professing a hope in Christ.

The writer is one that knew this beloved sister not only naturally but spiritually. And I feel that the advice that she would want me to give to you her bothers and sisters, children and grandchildren would be this: Throw off that soiled robe of unrighteousness, and put on a spotless garment by denying yourselves the pleasures of this life, and prepare to meet siter Rebecca in a land where the soul never dies.

The little Jewel Church has had to surrender up to God a wonderful and beloved daughter of Zion. Her seat has been made vacant in the church. But we that knew her life feel and believe that Heaven has been made brighter. But as the writer of old hath said: "She can't come back to us, but by the sovereign grace of God we can go to her.

Written at the request of her children by
Elder Roy B. Akers



JOHN MORGAN MULLINS

It is with much sadness, I now try to write a few lines in memory of my dearly beloved husband, John Morgan Mullins. He was born December 1, 1872, and departed this life for his long sought eternal home January 15, 1958, making his stay here in this low ground of sorrow 85 years, one month, and 15 days.

Oh, how sad it was to give him up; even though he often expressed the desire to go on home to Heaven.

He and I, Arrilla Burke Mullins, were married March 3, 1898. To this union was born 13 children, five sons and eight daughters. Two sons, and one daughter preceeded John in death; the rest are still living.

In 1925, he began to seek the Lord for pardon and remission of his sins, and contnued praying

and pleading to the Lord for mercy until June, 1929, when God said, "It is enough," and removed his burden of sin. He was made to rejoice and praise God for his mercy and wonderful gift of Grace in his soul. He never joined the church, but was a strong believer that the Regular Baptist was the true church of the living God. His greatest delight was to hear old time preaching and singing. He seemed to get a great blessing and pleasure in helping sing the good old hymns of Zion. It brought much sorrow to his heart to hear of divisions and trouble among the churches; he rejoiced when the Brethern and Sisters were at peace.

Now, children, your sweet old daddy is not here to give you good council and sing sweet songs of praise to his Redeemer, as he once did, but surely you will never forget. So, dear children, those of you who haven't already, now get ready to meet God in peace, so you can be with dear old daddy in Glory. I believe, with all heart, he has gone to that good country. Don't worry for him, but rather rejoice that he left that sweet hope of eternal life. You, no doubt, remember when he told you all to live a life that you would not be ashamed for your children to follow after you lay down this life. He is gone to never return, but, by the grace of God, we can go to him, where there will be no sad parting like that cold, cold day in January when he left us.

He leaves a lonely widow, ten sad children, and a host of other relatives and friends to mourn the

loss of his sweet presence, for he was loved and respected by all who knew him. We believe that our great loss is his eternal gain.

He is missed most of all by his lonely, brokenhearted widow, Mrs. Arrilla Mullins.

ARRILLA MULLINS

With much sadness I will try in my weakness to write an obituary of a mighty precious sister in the Lord, beloved sister Arrilla Mullins. She departed this life the 2nd of May, 1971, making her stay on this earth 86 years, 11 months, and 24 days. Her husband John Morgan Mullins, who died January 15, 1958 and four children preceded her in death. She leaves to mourn her loss, nine children seven girls, Vina Mullins of Waynesburg, Kentucky; Louie Davidson of Cincinnati, Ohio; Zilla Tackett of Waynesburg, Kentucky; Donvia Mease of Rosedale, Indiana; Leona Baugh of Cincinnati, Ohio; Ilma Thompson of Christiansburg, Ohio and Ruth Mitchell of Spiceland, Indiana and two boys Mr. Smith Mullins of Nokomas, Florida and Mr. Clifford Mullins of Long Beach, California. And 3 grandchildren, and 75 great-grandchildren, and 1 great-great-grandchildren. Surviving her are one sister, Mrs. Lourena Greer and one half-sister Elvina Osborn, and four half-brothers, George Burk, Arlin Burk, Enoch Burk and Mosey Burk. Sister Arrilla joined the regular Baptist Church at Pilgrim's Rest in 1906, and was baptized by her brother A. L. Mercer. As you will see in her obituary

written words farther down this obituary, she later got her letter and came to the Friendship Church in Lincoln County, Kentucky. Later she brought her letter to the Little Jewel Church at Ashland, Kentucky. Here she remained a loving and faithful member until her death. She stayed at my home some and I sure enjoyed her company. She stayed part of the time with her daughter, Ilma and part with Vina Mullns another of her daughters. But the most of her life, after the death of her husband, she spent with brother Perry Tackett and Sister Zilla, where she left this world to join the angels. I want to say to Brother Perry and Sister Zilla that they did wonderful to their mother to wait on her as they did and also to Ilma and the other children who were so wonderful to wait on their mother. And I want to say to those children who have never made peace with God. If you ever want to see Mother again, do as she did, get down on your knees, and pray unto the Lord. She would say to me so often that she would love to see her children come in before it's too late.

She has said, "Brother Steve if our children don't get right, we can't help it." I am sure that Mother set the example before her children. So children when you loose Mother you have lost the best friend you had in nature on earth. But the Lord is the best friend of all. So I want to say, sleep on Sister Arrilla, it won't be long till we meet together, where parting is no more. We realize that the Little Jewel Church has lost a precious mem-

ber and Heaven has gained an extra crown. And I hear the scripture saying, "And I heard a voice saying unto me write, blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth, yea sayeth the Spirit, but they may rest from their labor and their works do follow them." So I believe Sister Arrilla's works and her walk are following after her, of her children and those who knew her. So I must close this obituary as it is getting lengthy. Sister Arrilla's memorial funeral will be preached at the Powell Church the 2nd Saturday and Sunday in June of 1972. Ministers who she has chosen are Steve Osbourn, Alonzo Allen, Roy Akers, Baxter Osbourn, Clifford Colley, Hendricks Hampton, and Carlos Little.

A precious one from us is gone.
A voice we loved is still
A seat is vacant in our church
That never can be filled.

Written by Elder Steve Osbourn

This is the writing of Sister Arrilla Mullins. Arrilla Burk Mullins was born May 8th, 1884, daughter of Moses and Elvina Hall Burk, in 1898 I was married to John Morgan Mullins. To us were born 13 children, 5 boys and 8 girls, 3 died in infancy, 1 girl, 2 boys. Our first baby was born Jan. 21, 1900, died Jan. 21, 1900. I was almost 16 years old. Then is when I seen or felt myself a sinner. And my trouble begin, I went on mourning the loss of our baby that was so precious. Then my mind began to wonder where my soul would go if

I was called to go. Then I began to pray for the Lord to have mercy on my soul and not let me go to that place called Hell. For I had heard the Preachers talk about and all them that did not do the will of the Lord would go there. Then everytime we went to meeting I felt more condemned. I was down hearted my very life had become a burden. I was carrying such a heavy load. But I kept on praying from time to time. So this went on till sometime in Sept. 1903. I was on my knees praying for the last time. I thought I would never see my family again. But I heard a voice from somewhere and I was afraid to raise my head. So it spoke again and said be not afraid. It was then I looked and it was my Saviour standing with outstretched arms for me to come to him. Then all at once my heavy load was gone I knew not where. But sometime later I got afraid maybe I was mistaken. But something said go home to your friends and I prayed to be shown where to find them. And everytime we went to meeting at the Pilgrim's Rest church back in the Mts. of Pike County, Ky. I felt it was my home and would go back home dissatisfied. But I wanted to wait till my companion got ready so we could both make our offering together. This went on for a long time. So we still went to church. It was Sept. the 7th, 1906, the first Sunday. So in the close of meeting, I must of been overcome by the spirit. And I had joined the church not realizing what I was doing till Bother A. L. Mercer asked when I wanted to be baptised so it come to me I had went home. Then

the first Sunday, Oct. 5th me and 10 others were baptised by the hands of Elder A. L. Mercer. So the Baptist Church has been my home. I have been satisfied to dwell together with my brethern and sisters. With my Saviour o lead and direct my pathway. For he is all in all to me and as I get older my faith grows stronger and my way grows brighter. When I started our on my journey home we had 3 small children neither one old enough to know or remember anything about it. So my children wanted me to leave a record for them of my life. I have done the best I can now that I am 81 years old, can't remember too good what happens now. But things that happened years ago that I have wrote. I don't think we ever forget.

Wrote by me, Arrilla Burk Mullins
Your Mother



MRS. HESTER GUTZWILLER

It is with much sadness that I try to write a short obituary of sister Hester Gutzwiller. She was

the daughter of Van Burren, and Roxie (Osborne) Hall. She was born Dec. 12, 1912 in Floyd Co., Ky. She departed this life May 30, 1972. Making her stay here on earth 59 years, 5 months and 18 days. Sister Hester joined the Little Memory Church of Old Regular Baptist eight years ago, and was faithful to all her duties as a devoted member of the church. She loved her church, her home, and her family. She was loved by all who knew her.

Sister Hester leaves to mourn her passing a devoted husband, three lovely children, Lois Barton, Norman, and Darline all of Sunman, Indiana. Also a darling mother (Sister Roxie Hall) and four sisters, Mrs. Marie Myers and Barbara Lewis of Phoenix, Ariz.; Mrs. Nora Combs, Covington, Ky.; and Mrs. Okley Wilson, Batesville, Ind. One brother also survives, Mr. Dolphus Hall Sunman, Ind. In addition to these, she leaves a host of friends and relatives. Her dear father, V. B. Hall and one brother, Carlos, preceded her in death.

Sister Hester will be greatly missed by her devoted family, by the Little Memory Church and by her many friends and acquaintances. I want to say to you Ralph and Darlene especially, don't weep for mama, but rather weep for yourselves for surely God needed another angel and from among all his children of hope here on earth He chose to take her home. To all of her children and her husband may I urge you to prepare yourselves for that great day when all of the family of God both on earth and in heaven shall be gathered together

in a land where no sickness or death can ever come. To her sisters and brother and dear mother, you should not weep for her as one would for one that has no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and arose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with Him when He shall return to call the righteous home to everlasting peace in Glory.



GEORGE B. RIDDLE

I a young servant of God will try to write an obituary of mystepfather, George B. Riddle.

He was born Jan. 10, 1912 in Perry County, Kentucky to Lourenza and Martha Jane (Pratt) Riddle, and God permitted him to stay on this earth (58 years, 7 months and 10 days) before sending His angel to take him home, where there is no more sorrows, pain, or sickness.

On Aug. 13, 1938 at Whitesburg, Kentucky, he married Lula Sizemore, and to this union one

daughter was born, Geneva Riddle Huziak. Later Lula preceded him in death on June 13, 1967, when God called her home.

With much sadness in his heart he then met my mother, Sophia (Dixon) Drullinger and they were joined together in holy matrimony on Jan. 6, 1968 at the Mt. Olive Church in Blackey, Kentucky, and lived so as man and wife until God called him home on Aug. 22, 1971, at the Wayne County General Hospital in Westland, Michigan, where he died of the dreadful disease, cancer.

He joined the Ypsilanti Church of Old Regular Baptist on Nov. 29, 1964, and was baptized by Elder Dewey Sexton and Elder Covis Tackett. Later he moved his letter to The Morning Star Church of Old Regular Baptist and lived a faithful life until God called him home.

Leaving to mourn is a wife, Sophia Riddle, Ypsilanti, Mich.; one daughter, Geneva Riddle Huziak, Wayne Mich.; two grand-daughters, Debbie and Patty Huziak, Wayne, Mich.; one step-daughter, Brenda K. Maynard, Ypsilanti, Mich.; two brothers, Winford Riddle, Lincoln Park, Mich.; James Riddle, Thornton, Kentucky, two sisters, Mrs. Sabrina Caudill, Premium, Kentucky and Mrs. Ola Roberts, Coeburn, Virginia and many other relatives and friends.

May God bless everyone in their hour of weakness and need.

Written by a step-daughter and sister
Brenda K. Maynard



NEWTON W. OSBORN SR.

In loving memory of Newton W. Osborn Sr. As I sit here thinking of my dear and precious father, I have fond memories of him. He has been gone almost 12 years and I'd like to write this in memory of Newton William Osborn Sr. He was born April 18, 1911 and departed this life Sept. 20, 1960. He was married to a very sweet and loving woman, Elvina (Burke) Osborn. On Sept. 13, 1926. To this union were born 13 children. Eight of them preceded him in death. Five are still living: Naomi Stanley of Columbus, Ohio; James Edward Osborn of California; Georgia Miller of Osgood, Indiana; Newton Jr. of Sunman, Indiana and Baxter of Vevay, Indiana. He also leaves his brothers and sisters. They are Steve, his twin brother of Portsmouth, Ohio; Emmitt of Portsmouth; Forest of New Albany; Baxter of Worthington, Ky.; Grover Cleveland of Lexington, Ky.; David of Columbus, Ohio; Robert of Waverly, Ohio; Hiram of Phoenix,

Arizona. His sisters are: Flossie Burke of Ashland, Ky.; Lavona Mullins of Farmington, Mich.; Ethel Wicker of Columbus, Ohio and Mary Waggoner of New Albany. Also two sisters, Montana and America preceeded ihm in death along with one brother, Jesse.

I also want to say that since dad left to move to his new home, his dad and mom have gone to join him. I know he was happy when he saw them coming. No doubt in my mind he was waiting to welcome them home. I want to say to the children that haven't made peace with our loving Savior that if they want to see daddy again, they'll have to fall out with sin and beg for his forgiveness if they want to go where daddy has gone. I would like to say that I have a sweet hope of seeing him again some day.

Mother is still living and I know she has spent several lonesome hours, so lets give mother the roses while she lives. And make her last days on earth her happiest ones.

I know our family circle has been broken, but I pray that it won't be broken in Heaven. I also wrote this poem about my Dear Loving Father.

SLEEP ON FATHER

Oh dear Father now you're gone,
How we miss you from our home,
Since Jesus took you to the throne.
Jesus taught us how to pray,

If we want to see you on that great day,
Mother loved you so very much.
We can tell by her loving touch.
Mother has prayed for those who have strayed.
But they have all disobeyed.
We loved you dear father there will never be
another

As dear and near as our dear father.
We all bought you flowers
When you went away.
But Jesus said I need him today.
Although we all cried our motion was denied.
Jesus said now he must be mine.
So sleep on Father until that great time.

Lovingly missed by his wife and children. By
the grace of God I hope to see you again some day.

Written by his daughter
Sister Georgia Miller



ELDER SOLLIE MILLER SR.

It is with much sadness and a broken heart that

I will try by the help of the great God of Heaven to write the obituary of my most beloved father-in-law to wit: Elder Sollie T. Miller Sr.

He was the son of John R. and Caroline (Adkins) Miller. He was born on Dec. 4, 1911 and departed this life April 20, 1971. This making his stay here 59 years, 4 months and 16 days. He was married to Virginia Tracey Miller on April 1, 1931. He had 3 children: Conrad Ray of Reynoldsburg, Ohio; Louise Avongale at home and Sollie T. Miller Jr., Route 3, Osgood, Ind. One sister Ella Newsum of Pikeville, Ky. He also had 6 grandchildren. Dad joined the Old Regular Baptist Church many years ago and was an Ordained Minister for several years. He was the first moderator of the Little Memory Church at Sunman, Ind. And at his death, he was the moderator at J. B. Eversole Memorial Church at Charlestown, Ind. He was a member of the House of Prayer Church at Dayton, Ohio.

Dad was the most wonderful and loving man I ever knew. He treated me like his own daughter, and he was a father as well as a good counselor. Whenever anyone needed advice, he was always willing to help in any way. He always gave everyone good advice. Oh I know we will look for Daddy every time we come home. We'll miss his sweet smile and loving face. When the brothers and sisters would come to see him he would always stand on his feet to hug them. They begged him to keep his seat but he said I want to embrace my brothers and sisters which I love. He loved everyone so very much. I believe with all my

heart he has gone to his mansion he dreamed about so many times. He dreamed one time of Heaven. He said he was in a green field and there were little children playing all around and one little child took him by the hand and led him down to the river. He said he started across the river but didn't want to leave the little children yet. He went over to where the children were playing and they would fly up and pick fruit off the trees and feed it to him. He said he started to cross the river, it was only ankle deep but he didn't want to leave the children. So he went back the second time, it was waist deep. He just couldn't leave the children. The little child led him back to the field and they stayed and played awhile.

He went back down to the river but this time it was too deep to get across. He said he knew his mom and dad were on the other side and most of all sweet Jesus. But I believe when he closed his eyes and smiled a sweet smile, he saw sweet Jesus coming after him. Jesus has gathered a most precious Jewel from our home. But we wouldn't want him back to suffer like he did, not knowing when he would draw his next breath. Oh we loved him so, but Jesus loved him more. I must close this obituary. But by the help of God, we'll see him again some sweet day when Jesus calls all his children home. Where we won't have to suffer and worry about our loved ones.

Written by his loving daughter-in-law and
Sister in Christ
Sister Georgia Miller



WESLEY and NANNIE CONLEY

I will, by the help of God, try to write an obituary of my Mother, Nannie Conley and my Step-Father, Wesley Conley.

Mother was born May 1st, 1881 in Magoffin County, Ky. and died Sept. 10, 1971. Making her stay on this earth 90 years, 4 months and 10 days. She was the daughter of Dr. William and Eliza Jane Johnson Howard. She had one daughter, Mrs. Perry (Virgie) Hicks, eight grandchildren, twenty-six great grandchildren and five great great grandchildren. She has one brother living, Wiley Howard, R. R. No 1, Willard, Ohio and one sister, Audrey Ousley of Manton, Ky.

Wesley was born March 14, 1884 in Floyd County, Ky. the son of David and Galathia (Hicks) Conley. He passed away November 17, 1964, making his life here on this earth 80 years, 8 months

and three days. Wesley and Mother were married in 1909. They were blessed to live together 55 years.

Mother and Wesley joined The New Hope Church of The Old Regular Baptist in Magoffin County, Ky., approximately 60 years ago. Mother had her membership at The Philadelphia Baptist Church of Floyd County, Ky. the last 40 years of her life. She loved the church and her brothers and sisters in the faith. I have heard her pray so many times and shout the praises of God. No one knows how much I miss them. But I feel deep in my heart I will meet them again. They bore their ickness with patience and their conversation was about the Goodness of God. They always enjoyed the ministers that came and had church for them. Mother and Wesley were always kind and loving to orphan children, as they helped raise several nieces and nephews and her younger brother. They leave many friends and relatives to mourn their loss.

Mother and Wesley's memorial will be preached the 4th Saturday and Sunday of August, 1973 at The Mt. Zion Church of McGuffey, Ohio.

You are not forgotten loved ones
Nor will you ever be
As long as life and memory last
We will remember thee.

We miss you now, our hearts are sore
As time goes by, we miss you more,

Your loving smile, your gentle face
No one can fill your vacant place.

Written by her daughter,
Mrs. Perry (Virgie) Hicks.
Elder Claude Ousley



ELDER MARION FARROL SWORD

The LORD willing and that He will give us the strength and the words we will humbly attempt to write the obituary of Elder Marion Sword. He was born on the 27th day of December, 1912; he died the 3rd day of June, 1972, making his stay in this life 59 years, 5 months and 8 days. He joined the church the second Saturday in August, 1940, being baptised by Elders Clabe Mosley and Troy Nichols at the Little Pilgrim Rest Church in Price, Kentucky, making his stay in the fold of the Old Regular Baptist Church over 32 years.

Marion married Alda Justice in 1933 and she died in 1943; together this union brought forth 7

children. Five sons and his sweet wife, Alda preceded Brother Marion into the grave. He married Molly Carroll on July 17, 1943 and together they had 11 children four of whom have passed away. He leaves one son and one daughter from his first marriage and four daughters and 3 sons from his marriage to Molly to mourn for him in this life. Brother Marion said: "Our loss is Heaven's gain, Tell all my children I hope to meet them in Heaven, I know Heaven is my home."

Daddy had a lot of pain in his last years before cancer claimed his body but thanks be to GOD Jesus claimed his soul. He spent many years suffering from the pain of cancer, yet continually praised GOD throughout this period. Daddy's cancer often reminded us children of the thorn in the flesh the Apostle Paul had to bear in his life. Praise GOD for the victory over the grave and not feel the sting of death.

We know the Brothers and Sisters as well as we children will long remember Brother Marion, truly he is gone but not forgotten.

Written by,
Loving Children



RANKIN CAUDILL

Trusting to be guided by God's holy hand we will endeavor to write the obituary of a dear and devoted husband, father and Bro. in Christ to wit; Rankin Caudill. He was the son of the late Willie and BIRTHA Caudill. Born in Letcher Co., Ky., on April 24, 1912. He departed this life for his home in heaven on March 17, 1972, being 59 yrs., 10 mos., 22 days at the time of his departure at his home in Louisville, Ky. On March 9, 1940, Bro. Rankin was married to Doshie Caudill of Letcher Co., Ky. God blessed them with 3 sons, Keith, Colin and Kelly, and 2 daughters, Carol and Kathy, all of Fern Creek, Ky. Besides Sister Doshie and the children he leaves to mourn his loss 4 brothers and 3 sisters. I feel to say with a surety our loss is Heavens gain.

Several years ago Bro. Rankin saw himself lost in sin. Seeing his need for a savior, he began to

pray and beg God to have mercy and save his soul. After praying for a while and feeling God had spoke peace to his soul, Bro. Rankin came home to the Antioch Church, telling what good things God had done for him. The church, seeing his love and devotion for the church, ordained him as Deacon. I have never seen a more humble Bro. than Bro. Rankin. I have noticed him on Sunday mornings, how he would move so humbly through the house, greeting the congregation with that love that made you say, "Surely he is God's child." Bro. Rankin let his light shine and bore the fruits of a true born child of God. He would always say, "Any way won't do, and the church is one thing, the world something else." He was a Bro. that didn't believe in mixing with those that didn't stand for a clean church, good order, and the old time way.

In the spring of 1971, Bro. Rankin took sick. He had surgery in Sept. of 1971, discovering he had cancer. Little Bro. didn't worry, for he had faith that God would never leave him or forsake him. He was blessed to fill his seat once more in the Antioch Church before he took his bed. I never saw anyone so patient, bearing his sickness in hope that Jesus would soon come and take him home. I never once heard Bro. complain or grumble, always so thankful for God's goodness. He begged his children to live right and go to church. He called them many times around his bed while he was sick, telling them to repent and live for Jesus, to never forget the Antioch Church, to be good

to their mother, and not worry her, and take her to church. He told of so many beautiful things God blessed him to see while he was sick. Bro. Akers, Bro. Paul, and I sat by his bed many hours. He would ask Bro. Akers to sing for him and to pray. I believe if Little Bro. could speak, he would say, "Mom and children, don't worry about me. I am well now, waiting and watching at heaven's gate for you to come and live with me."

I have a hope that some sweet day I will see Little Bro. again. Carol and Kathy, may God bless you for being so good to care for Little Bro. You boys were so good to set by his bed and wait on him. Be good children, live for Jesus, and remember how your daddy begged you to meet him in heaven. Sister Doshie, look for that morning when you can say, "Rankin, I'm going home to ever be with you and Jesus."

Things aren't the same since he went away. We miss him so much. We're waiting here to go home some sweet day to see our loved ones, but most of all to see our sweet savior who let Little Bro. stop by to leave rays of sunshine while on his journey home.

Written by his wife,
Sister Doshie Caudill and
Bro. Hillard Newsome



BROTHER BEN COMBS

Brother Ben Combs was born April 26, 1926. He was born at Viper, Kentucky to Mimia Gibson and Mart Combs. He departed this life September 19, 1971, at the age of 45 years and 5 months.

Brother Ben leaves his wife, Betty Mae Combs, one son, Donald Combs and one daughter, Barbara Rinehart, all of Elyria, Ohio; two granddaughters, Teresa Combs and Tracey Rinehart, to mourn his passing. A son, Johnny Phil Combs preceded him in death in May of 1965.

Also surviving are three brothers: Roymand Combs, Vicco, Ky.; Lester Sumner, Vicco, Ky.; and William Sumner, Sellersburg, Ind. Five sisters: Margie Jent, Austin, Ind.; Rachel Amburgey, Litt Carr, Ky.; Mary Ann Adkins, Viper, Ky.; Susie Sumner, Vicco, Ky., and Becky Pittman, Florida.

Brother Ben spent 20 years in the United States

Air Force. How often Brother Ben told of how the Good Lord forgave him of his sins while in Greenland. Brother Ben joined The Lone Valley Church of Old Regular Baptist of Jesus Christ at Sellersburg, Indiana, the last weekend in March, 1971. He was baptised at the hands of Elders Wheeler Witt and Ted Everage. Brother Ben was taken ill with cancer. Slowly as death preyed upon his body, it seemed to me that his faith grew stronger. He told me about all the good dreams and visions the Lord had given to him. I sincerely believe the Lord was with Brother Ben, because he told me two days before he died that he wanted God's will to be done.

We want to say to his good wife and children, you have lost a good husband and father, but Heaven has gained another rose to bloom in the Lord's Flower Garden. So rest on Brother Ben, we'll meet you again on Heaven's Blessed Shore.

Written by Elder Charles A. Keesee



ELDER LUSTER ISAAC

It is with a sad and aching heart that we will

try to write an obituary of our beloved husband and father, Luster Isaac. He was born December 19, 1927 the son of Spencer and Hulda Johnson Isaac and deceased this life April 4, 1972 making his stay upon this earth 44 years, 3 months, and 15 days.

He was married February 13, 1945 to Annie Marie Tackett. To this union were born six children. Two sons, James Gratho and Kermit Lester at home, and four daughters, Sylvia Lee Hall at Greenup, Ky., Betty Lou Caudill at River Rouge, Mich., Phyllis Sue Brown at Lincoln Park, Mich., and Geronda Faye at home.

He leaves to mourn his passing besides his broken-hearted family, 4 grandchildren, 6 brothers, Perry, Emery, Mayland, William Lee, Mitchell and Mander, 2 sisters, Flaura Tackett and Laura Johnson and a multitude of friends to mourn his loss. If he had an enemy he didn't know it because he tried to be a friend to everyone. He joined the Old Regular Baptist Church in August 1954 and lived a true Christian life as much as he knew how. He fell like a soldier, he died at his post. Luster and I were happily married for 27 rich and rewarding years. We didn't have much in this World in material things but I feel we were truly one in heart and we had a rich life together spiritually. Children Daddy didn't leave you much in worldly goods but if you can just realize it he left you the richest children in the world. We have some wonderful memories of the times he was

blessed by the Spirit of God to preach, pray and sing. Let's try to be thankful that he is no longer suffering. Because his entire life was one of pain and no one knows better than his family how much and how patiently he suffered. We feel that today he is resting from all his pain. If he could speak to us he would say "Weep not for me but rather for yourself for I have just exchanged a world of trouble and pain for one of joy, peace and happiness forever.

Children Daddy can't come back to us but we can by the Grace of God go where he is. I feel that I have my ticket to go. Children and friends won't you promise to meet us over there. Brothers and sisters pray for me and mine in our sorrow and loneliness. Pray God to help me rear my children in His way. We children know that we have lost the best Daddy that ever lived. He always counseled us to do the right thing and we will always remember him with Love for "Memory is one gift of God that death cannot destroy."

Written by his broken hearted
Wife and Children

A treasure was added to heaven today,
When the death angle called Brother Lester away.
The stars he has left,
Will shine like pure gold.
The walk of his life,
He already told.
"I love my Savior God" he sang
And with the great spirit,

His voice did rang.
The sisters would shout,
Great praises to God,
The spirit was felt,
In the words of his song.
These memories we have,
Will brighten our day
Even though God called Lester away.
I can see him in heaven,
In a long robe of white,
The crown on his head is love and delight.
He finished his course,
God told him to do—
And walked the straight path—
That you must walk too—

Sister Garnett Hamilton
Written by

P.S. Lester's memorial will be preached the last Saturday in June and the first Sunday in July in the Frank Tackett Cemetery in Pike Co., Ky.



CHARLIE BURKE

With a sad and lonely heart, I will try with the help of God to write the obituary of my beloved brother in the flesh and a brother in Christ, Charlie Burke. He was born in Greenup County Kentucky on February 24, 1914 and passed from this life April 11, 1970. Making his stay on earth 56 years and 1 month.

He was the son of Green and Lucretia Burke Tackett, Pike County, Kentucky. He was married to Elsie Falke Burke. To this union were born 10 children, 5 daughters and 5 sons, Evelyn, Margie, Barbara, Janice and Sandy. His sons were, Bailey, Bill, Donald, Jimmy and Randy. 1 daughter and 2 sons preceded him in death, Barbara, Jimmy and Randy. He leaves to mourn his loss his wife, children, grandchildren, 4 brothers and 5 sisters, Delmer Burke of Warren, Ohio, Ted Burke of Columbus, Ohio, Palmer and Noah Burke of

Virginie, Kentucky, Cordelia Halbrooks, Bistal, Virginia, Jane Tackett of Ecorse, Michigan, Bessie Blackwell, Robinson Creek, Kentucky, Lexie Adkins and Draxe Flemming of Virgie, Kentucky.

Brother Charlie had a host of relatives and friends to mourn his passing. He joined the Old Regular Baptist Church at The Old Union Church in Jonancy, Kentucky, in 1952. The Lily of the Valley Church in Genevia, Ohio, there he lived a faithful member until death.

He was a good husband and father. I will never forget how Elsie, his wife and his children stood by his side until the end. They did all they could to ease his pain of that dreadful disease, cancer. When I went to see Brother Charlie he told me how good he loved the Lord and his church. He talked of what a good family he had and thanked God for them. He always had a smile on his face and was good to every one.

People loved 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 sister in hope of eternal life

Mrs. Jane Tackett

Ecorse, Michigan



JAMES CLEMIT TACKETT

With the help of God, and much sadness, I will try to write an obituary of my darling son, James Clemit Tackett.

James was only 38 years, 3 months, and 2 days old when God saw fit to call him home. He was born in Pike County, Kentucky to James and Jane Burke Tackett, November 15, 1932 and departed this life February 17, 1971. Left to mourn his loss are his father, James and mother, Jane, 3 sisters, Miss Osalee Tackett, of St. Paul, Minesota; Mrs. Jessie Fields, of Butler, Ohio; and Bobbie Jean Davis of Ecorse, Michigan. One brother Eugene Carson Tackett, preceded him in death January 31, 1964. His obituary and picture were printed in the 1964 Northern New Salem minutes.

Carson served in World War II and the Korean War. James also served in the Korean war. They were my only sons; God saw fit to guard their safe

return home. James was a truck driver for 11 years. His personality drew, always close to his family and friends; as years passed he grew closer. I noticed a special change when I was in the hospital. James came to see me. He said, "Mother when you get well, Im going to go to church with you." He did. His love for little children and old people was a part of his personality which gained many friends.

James was at a friends house on January 30, 1971, when I received the news he had been taken to the hospital. I rushed to the hospital to find he had a heart attack. I told him to "Trust in the Lord." I thank God for Brother Karrell Addington and for his going to visit with James at the hospital.

James told Brother Karrell, he had been praying. I feel with all my heart God heard this prayer. As days passed James seemed to be on the road to recovery. The Dr. had not released him but he told the afternoon nurse, "I'm going home today." I feel he did go home, to his heavenly home. He was stricken with another heart attack that day, and fell asleep in the arms of Jesus. I prayed for God to show me the destination of my sons. God answers a sincere prayer.

I saw my sons in a dream. They were side by side. I have the hope of seeing them when this life is over. Though my heart is lonely, but my reward is great.

People loved 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 mother
Mrs. Jane Tackett
Ecorse, Michigan



AARON MOORE

With a heavy heart and lonesome feeling I will try by the help of God to write a short obituary of a dear Bro. in the Lord, Bro. Aaron Moore. He was born Aug. 1, 1902 in Floyd County, Ky. Died Nov. 9, 1971 at Connersville, Ind., making his stay on earth 69 years, 2 months and 28 days. He was the son of Lindsay and Susie Moore.

Early in life he met and married Addie Friend. To this union was born 7 children, 5 girls and 2 boys. One girl preceded him in death, leaving his good wife and 6 children to mourn his passing. The girls are Virginia, Susie, Alice and Beulah.

Boys are Lindsay and Earl. Also 16 grandchildren, 3 brothers, 3 sisters and a host of relatives and friends.

Bro. Moore joined the Childrens Home Church of Old Regular Baptist on Sunday evening July 4, 1971 and was baptised on Saturday morning July 10, 1971 by Elder Bufford Brock and Elder Roy Caudill. He was a shining light to the church he loved so well. Oh, how we will miss that good hand shake and sweet smile at the church. He will be sadly missed by the Childrens Home Church also the Little Family Church and Little Oval Church, but we feel our loss is heavens gain. We will miss Bro. Moore but Sister Moore will miss him most. So dear children your sweet mother will need you more than ever before. Be good to mother, it won't be long till she will join daddy.

Children if you all haven't made it right with God let me beg you to make daddy's God your God.

Bro. Moore was so happy last Sunday evening, we had a real good meeting. Bro. Moore shook hands with everyone and hugged them. I can see those tears rolling down his face while I was preaching. I will never forget that meeting. I feel by the Grace of God I will meet Bro. Moore in Heaven some sweet day.

I will close by saying may God bless his good companion, children and grandchildren. May they

all meet around the throne of God, where there'll be no sickness, sorrow or death.

A precious one from us is gone,
A voice we loved is stilled.
A seat is vacant in our church,
That never can be filled.

Written by Elder Roy Caudill



ELIZABETH ANN (RAY) STANLEY

It is with much sadness and a prayful heart that I attempt to write an obituary of a very dear friend, Elizabeth Ann (Ray) Stanley.

Elizabeth Ann (Lizzie) was born at Endicott, Kentucky on October 15, 1925, and departed this life March 9, 1972, making her stay on this earth 46 years, 4 months, and 24 days.

Lizzie was the daughter of the late Joe Ray and Alice (Blackburn) Ray. Lizzie was united in marriage to Hermon Stanley on September 22, 1944. To this union were born three sons and three

daughters. Two of her children, Anna Lee and Earl D. Stanley preceded her in death, having died in infancy. The surviving children are: Mr. Hermon Eugene Stanley of Pontiac, Michigan; Mrs. Brenda Bostic of Lookout, Kentucky; Miss Garnet Stanley and Mr. Steven Michael Stanley at home.

Lizzie leaves her husband, her children, two grandchildren, one brother, Hatler Ray of Ocala, Florida, three sisters, Mrs. Billie Maynard, Mrs. Hermon Simpkins, and Mrs. Arnold Lee Maynard all of Ocala, Florida, and a host of friends and relatives to mourn her passing.

Lizzie was a devoted wife, a good and kind mother, and a friend that had compassion and gave help to her neighbors in time of their need.

Lizzie's suffering here on earth has ceased. She has suffered greatly during her recent illness. During the time that she was the weakest, her faith was the strongest. She began to use the key that will unlock the doors of Heaven. This key is prayer and God will definitely bless those who call upon him with a sincere heart. She asked a beloved brother to pray for her, and she had been praying to God for his great mercy. Her countenance seems to show that God answered those prayers and has taken her soul home to Paradise. One thing we know for sure, she has fallen in the hands of a just and merciful God.

To Hermon and the children I wish to say;

there is a vacancy in your lives that can never be filled. One that loved you so dearly has gone. Put your trust in God and follow Christ Jesus and your burdens will be lighter.

My prayer is may God bless and keep each of us.

Brother James Ray



NOAH MOORE

By the request of sister Elie I will try with the help of the good Lord to write an obituary of a dear loving brother in the Lord, brother Noah Moore. He was born in Floyd County, Kentucky in the year 1902, making his stay here on earth 70 years. He was married to Elie Stewart in 1925, and to this union was born 8 children, Richard Lee, Edsel Lester, Arnold Ray, James Edward, Artie Marie, Florence, Larry C., and Donna Jean. He has 2 brothers living, Harold and Kermit, three sisters, Maxie, Josie and Ollie.

He joined the Old Regular Baptist Church 32 years ago and lived a good clean and faithful life until death. He had his fellowship at The Little Rebecca Church.

Brother Noah was sick and in bed several years before God decided to send that host of angels to get him. We visited him several times while he was sick and as soon as the brothers would get settled down he'd say "now get your song books", his conversation was always on the Lord and his goodness, I've seen him clap his feeble hands and say "bless the Lord" so many times while we were having church in his home.

Sister Elie I know you will miss him and you will see a many lonesome hour without him, but the Lord seen fit to take him out of this troublesome world. He set out a long time ago to search for a country where they don't have to have oxygen tanks to breathe, a land where all is well and there's no sickness, a land that flows with milk and honey, and we believe that he has found that peaceful place where he will never need any one to wait on him no more, the Lord will serve him now.

To his children I'd like to say "seek the Lord, if you ever want to see daddy again". I believe I'd be safe in saying "take daddys advice and you won't go wrong". Ask and you shall receive.

Brother Noahs life was an open book to everyone, he was never ashamed to let anyone know

what he believed and how he believed in the old time way. He was always concerned with the church and the brothers and sisters. I could go on and on telling of the good life that brother Noah has lived, but that life has ended now, but the fruits of it will live on for many years, it's at rest with God, just waiting to be redeemed, sleep on brother Noah I feel we'll raise together with all Gods children some day and go shouting to our home above.

Written by one who loves you all dearly
A sister in the Lord,
Hazel Pullum



CARL RATLIFF

With a heavy heart I will try by the help of God to write the obituary of a dear Brother in the Lord, Bro. Carl Ratliff. He was born Oct. 1, 1883 at West Liberty, Ky., died Jan. 2, 1972 at his home in Middletown, Ohio, whehe he lived

alone, making his stay on earth 88 years, 3 months and 1 day.

In early life he was married to Bessie Wells who passed away in 1964. Bro. Ratliff moved to Ohio from Ky. in 1941. He leaves one son, a daughter-in-law, many friends and the Little Family Church members to mourn his passing, but we feel our loss is heavens gain.

On June 11, 1967 Bro. Ratliff gave his hand to the writer to become a member of the Little Family Church. He told how he felt God had heard his prayers and saved his poor soul. He was baptized the same day by the writer and Elder Melvin Watts. He was a strong believer in the Old Regular Baptist. Oh, how we will miss that good hand shake and sweet smile at the Little Family Church. I loved to visit him and talk with him about the Lord. He loved so much for people to come visit him, and would say when I started to leave, I wish you could stay longer.

The Bible says by their fruits you shall know them. I believe with my whole heart he bore the fruit of a Christian. Blessed are the dead that die in the Lord, from hence forth yea, sayeth the spirit, they do rest from their labors and their works do follow them. I believe the walks and life of Bro. Ratliff will live on and on in the hearts and minds of the Little Family Church members, and the many friends that knew him.

I want to say to Brother Otis and Sister Pau-

line, you can't go to his little home to see him any more, but by the Grace of God you can meet him in a better world than this. I feel another Rose has been taken from the Little Family Church.

We loved him, yes we loved him,
But Jesus loved him more.
He took him home to heaven,
To rest up on that shore.

Written by Elder Roy Caudill

MRS. LOUANNA CRASE

Mrs. Louanna Crase, daughter of Zack and Polly Ann Day. She was born Sept. 14, 1905 in Letcher County, Kentucky, and deceased this life Dec. 10, 1970 at the age of 65 yrs., 2 mos., and 26 days. In 1921 she was united in marriage to John Benton Crase. To this union was born 11 children, 6 girls and 5 boys. They are as follows: Mrs. Harold Whitaker, Glenwood, Ind.; Mrs. Don Compton, Dayton, Ohio; Mrs. Virgil St. John, Charlestown, Ind.; Mrs. Clifton Meador, Charlestown, Ind.; and Mrs. Kenneth Baker, Charlestown, Ind.; Miss Louama Crase, Louisville, Kentucky; Mr. Dauphus Crase, New Albany, Ind.; Mr. Willard Crase, Bloomington, Ind.; Mr. Carl Crase, Lawrenceburg, Ind.; Mr. Arvil Crase, Princeton, Ill.; and Mr. Charles E. Crase, Lexington, Kentucky.

In addition to her children, she leaves a faithful and devoted husband, 24 grandchildren, 2 great-grandchildren, 3 brothers and 5 sisters, and a host of relatives and friends to mourn her loss.

She was a kind and compassionate mother, a faithful and devoted wife and a good neighbor. Although your hearts are sorely grieved, let us rejoice in the knowledge that she is gone from the evils to come and let us all be comforted in the hope that our loss is Heavens eternal gain.

Written by her son, Mr. Willard Crase
and Elder Roy B. Akers

THE PRODUCTION OF GODS ETERNAL GOODNESS

Wherever you find a flower, you know there must have been a seed planted. Wherever you find a river, you know there must be a spring. Wherever you see a flame, you know there must be a fire. Wherever you find an adult, you know there must first have been an infant. Wherever you find rational men and women, who have laid off the old coat of sin, and put on the new coat of salvation. Men and women who have forsaken the pleasures of this life, for the glory of redemption in Christ. Who also, glory in persecution and rejoicing in the blessed hope, who are afflicted, yet they sing the melodious praises of Zion. Who, are laughed to scorn and ridiculed because of their simple faith in Christ Jesus, Who, have suffered indictment by the mouth of false believers, yet never convicted.

Whether it has ever been recorded or not, or whether you are able to see it, it matters not. But, what does matter is the germ of virtue, and the indwelling of the wisdom that teaches that there is a LIVING GOD, the fountain head of mercy and love. A GOD that is the source of warmth and LIGHT that lighteneth the way of true believing born again Christian, if these qualities and virtues be in them, you must know that the seed of faith has been sown in their hearts and has bloomed into a beautiful flower in the garden of love, producing an unyielding faith in the power of the

resurrection of the dead. For it is impossible to please God without FAITH.

As I pause for a moment, I desire to elucidate, or make clear, the specifics related to a useful and fruitful life. I desire to illustrate how easy it is for possessing Christians to scatter a few seeds of righteousness along the tedious journey over which pilgrims of salvation have chose to travel.

Rest stations have been provided all along the highway of life, by a God of great mercy and thoughtfulness. A lonely place in the valley, the highest point of the mountains is likely places that the weary have heretofore found as quiet stations of rest. The shade of the spreading branches of a tree or trees, or a rock in the flowering pilgrim to stop by for a moment of rest and meditation. But the joy, and peace, and soul filling happiness that awaits the hungry hearts of the soldiers of the cross, is found most often inside a quaint old fashion meeting house. It's here that you may join other pilgrims that have experienced some of the hardships, as well as some of the blessings that overtakes the many travelers as they journey toward their heavenly home. Also, while seated among fellow travelers and bearers of the cross, one can enjoy the blending of voices praising the Lord God of their salvation for His infinite mercy. It is here that one may hear the basic truths of how and why the Lord our eternal God gave His only begotten son, expounded by an humble servant in power and in the demonstration of the spirit. How God works out of the sight of puny

man, and after the council of His own will produces a feeling that only comes to them that have experienced a travel from nature to grace, and that by the sovern mercy of God.

Being gathered together in the bonds of brotherly and sisterly love brings blissful joy that drives away sadness and love that overcomes hate. Hope that replaces anxiety. And a feeling that Heaven is not so far away. In concert with one another, harmony is made manifest, the weak is made strong, the distressed receives strength, the persecuted finds security, and the perplexed finds the answers that leads to obedience.

Must we grumble because of affliction? The answer is nay. The oracles of God teaches us that Christ is touched by our infirmities. Should we lament or weep or wail because of the roughness of the way? Again the answer is nay. If a man or a woman has received a little WHITE stone upon which has been written a NEW NAME, they can never have a reason to complain. Neither should they ever have a feeling of rejection. It might well be that a child of God may experience a feeling of neglect, or that they have been forsaken by the Lord. This is as it should be. If we allow ourselves to be surrounded with an atmosphere of complacency we might fall victim to self satisfaction to a point that we would settle down on only the things that would satisfy the flesh. Nature is the thorn that remains in the flesh after one has experienced a new birth in Christ Jesus. And this thorn of nature is constantly waging war with the spirit. The

danger is, that one might fall victim to the inviting tricks of nature and follow the directions of the flesh, instead if examining the spirit that motivates their thoughts. Nothing short of a full and complete surrender will ever please God. The word surrender means what the word of God teaches that it does" the yielding of ones heart, soul, mind and strength to the protecting power of God.

As we have already said "Nature is the thorn in the flesh that prompts us to do evil instead of good. This thorn cannot be eliminated except by death. One may say "the Lord has saved me, and removed the desire of sin from me, and I am sanctified both soul and body". If this doctrine was true we would have no desire to go to Heaven. Only when the body has been redeemed by the blood of Christ in the glorious morning of the resurrection of the dead will we be able to enjoy complete purification, and sanctification of the body. For it is after this natural body has put on an immortality, that we can say that the thorn was left in the cold confinement of the grave. If a person has truly been born again they have a never failing promise engraved upon the fleshly table of their heart, that th sovern grace of God is always present to put to flight the damaging thoughts of sin. The foregoing sentence may give one the impression that the writer is advocating perfection in this life. Far be it from me to advocate that perfection can ever be had on this earth. But I do believe, and the word of God will bear me witness that after Christ takes up His abode in the hearts

of men and women, that their heart and soul becomes perfect, even as Christ is perfect.

The satanic powers never tries in their efforts to confuse the minds of men and women, especially our youth. The devil has devised more ways to deceive the heart than I have time and space to enumerate them. But God whose power far exceeds the power of satan, has pointed out "just ONE way". And that is the way of the cross. We cannot claim justification by assuming that this way, or that way is the acceptable way. "There is a way that seemeth right unto man, but the end thereof are the ways of death," Proverbs 14:12. It may seem right for men and women who have professed christianity and Godliness to patronize swimming pools where 90% of their bodies are exposed to the natural eyes of ungodly men. But is this a true mark of christianity and obedience to the teachings of Christ and his apostals? It may seem right to frequent the halls of picture shows, where the hallmark of HELL is written into every act that the devil could devise? But truthful, can a man or woman claim that Christ dwells in their hearts, and yet permit them to downgrade His name by indulging in a thing so evil and vain as picture shows? It may seem right to believe that a true christian can congregate with the wicked, and set in seats among the scornful, and engage in unholt conversation. But if they find pleasure in yolking up with the beggerly elements of nature, how can they keep themselves unspotted from the world?

It may appear that a woman has the right to usurp the authority that God gave to man by claiming a call to the ministry of Christ. For almost nineteen hundreds years the preaching of the gospel was done by a man wrought upon by the indwelling spirit of God. 2nd Timothy, chapter 2:2. "And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teachers others also." 1st Timothy 3:1. "This is a true saying, IF A MAN desire the office of a Bishop, he desireth a good work." These two scriptures alone should be enough to convince one that God in His infinite mercy and unlimited power did not recognize the ability of a woman to be able to expound the gospel in its purity. The answer to why this damnable doctrine has infiltrated into the churches that claims to be the true church, can be found by reading and meditating upon the inspiring words of wisdom found among the written pages of the new testament. It cannot be emphasized too strongly the impact is deadly and poison doctrine can have upon the human mind. This doctrine is indeed erroneous and will drive men and women farther into the slaugh of dispond if they fail to acquaint themselves with the teachings of aspostal Paul upon this subject. No matter what ones personal opinions are, concerning the truth on only one way into the celestial kingdom of God, we will have to admit that a true examination of the facts, that spiritual convictions will, and must supercede

ones personal opinions, or the way that seemeth right. The teachings of the apostals is very strong upon this matter.

We must hear the conclusion of hte whole matter concerning the equality of men and women as it affects the preaching of the Gospel. This doctrine is the results of men that have not experienced a divine call to the ministry. It is obvious that God has hid His face from them, and has not included them in the pattern of the ministry as messengers bearing the good news of salvation by the soverin grace of God. A man that chooses to go to an institution of learning, to equip himself to preach the gospel, learned only that which the wisdom of man was able to teach. He laid aside the Bible that contains all the answers to every problem that confronts mankind in search of the wisdom that controls the laws of society, in search of political and economic philosophy, and how to climb the ladder of natural success. He learned all about how to appease the evil mind of men by agreeing with them, than he did on how to expound the words of truth as it is in Christ Jesus. Their works have become the works of iniquity revealing that the cocatrices eggs have hatched in their mouths causing them to spue forth poison as vipers. The Bible contains all the answers to these and any other question that may burden the humble and obedient man. To uphold and defend these principals, marks one as a trator to the cause of Christ.

There are some men agong us that are bearing

the name "Old Regular Baptist" that are advocat- ing the doctrine of recreation as opposed to the doctrine of that most glorious resurrection of the dead. They call themselves Regular Baptist in the hope that it will take away their shame. The doctrine of recreation as a substitute for the resurrection is not only poisonous, it is a deadly poison. It is the brainwork of the satanic powers put forth by men and devils. Its purpose is to divert, to amuse, and confuse the minds of the simple, and divert them from the way, the highway of holiness. Resurrection means the bringing back that which was dead. And who then but our eternal God can collect the buried remains of the dead and stand them up again, some to eternal life in glory, and some to everlasting contempt and shame.

There is much more that I could write concerning "THE PRODUCTION OF GODS ETERNAL GOODNESS". At some future time I hope to do that if the Lord will direct my mind. As I trudge along this narrow pathway of righteousness, I find that I with my own wisdom am unable to surmount all the obstacles that satan thrusts in my way. But when I am reminded that with Christ as my helper and supplier of strength, I am able to do all things to the glory and honor of the cross. I shall never forget from whence cometh my help. For me to suffer for the cause of Christ, is heavenly gain. In the language of the apostal Paul I can gladly say; "For I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that He is able to keep that which I have committed unto Him against that

day. That day beloved, is the day when the dead in Christ shall come forth from the grave to ever be with the Lord.

Finally beloved let me beg every God fearing man or woman that feels that they have been delivered from the snares of satan, to withdraw yourselves from every one that fails to walk uprightly before God. Let your conversation be free from the evil surmisings of men. Set righteous examples so that they who chance to follow in your footsteps will not be ashamed. Let your thoughts be free of enmity and unthankfulness. Fight the good fight of faith. By doing these things the world can behold the SEEDS of faith that you have scattered along this tedious journey. Remember that God hath not given us the spirit of fear, but He has given us the power of love, and the power of forgiveness and a sound mind that we might be able and qualified to bring men and women to the knowledge of eternal life by peaceful persuasion.

I remain your unworthy, but willing servant in the moral vineyard of the Lord.

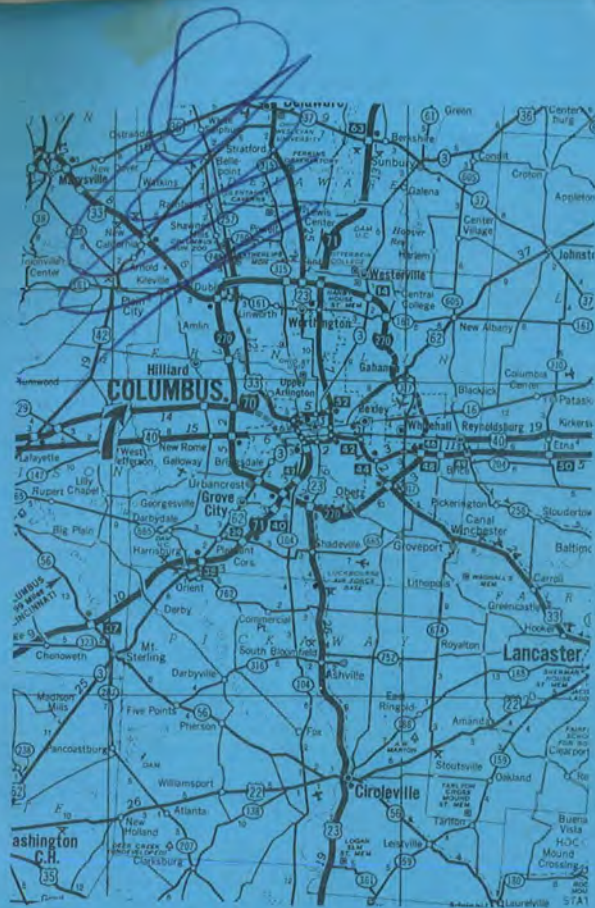
Roy B. Akers

Little Jewel - 4th October
all deceased 1973

Sister Beeda Moore - 5th June, 1974

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	Received by Baptism	Received by Letter	Recommendation	Restored	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Total Membership	Meeting time	Money Sent
Little Rebecca	2	0	0	0	0	4	3	92	3	\$ 50.00
Little Jewel	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	51	4	65.00
Maggie Home	2	3	0	0	0	1	0	55	1	50.00
Little Polly	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	15	2	20.00
Mt. Zion	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	21	4	20.00
Little Flock	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	18	3	35.00
Little Ruth	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	24	2	25.00
Little Memory	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	27	2	60.00
Little Edna	0	9	0	3	1	0	0	20	4	25.00
Little Ida	5	9	0	3	5	4	1	141	1	125.00
Little Flossie	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	13	1	20.00
Little Zion	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	45	2	60.00
Little Pilgrims Home	2	3	0	0	13	2	1	33	2	25.00
Mt. Olivet	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	16	4	20.00
Little Oval	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	17	4	20.00
Mt. Ararat	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	18	3	25.00
Pleasant View	7	2	0	0	18	1	0	47	2	50.00
Little Family	0	2	0	0	0	0	1	24	2	45.00
Little Angel	3	1	0	0	2	1	0	49	4	50.00
Antioch	0	1	0	0	0	1	3	29	1	60.00
Rose of Sharon	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	21	3	30.00
Lilly of the Valley	3	1	0	0	0	1	0	25	2	30.00
Little Childrens Home	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	12	3	25.00
Morning Star	4	5	0	0	5	3	1	37	3	25.00
Little Bethel	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	13	1	20.00
Gethsemane	0	13	0	0	0	0	0	13	3	50.00
Church Contributions										1030.00
Pictures and personal contributions										132.00
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Watch for Association Signs when arriving in
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Let us never depart from what sayeth the word of God.

(1) Let younger brethren always be reminded that they are to be courteous, and to treat elder brethren as fathers.

(2) All churches and moderators should bear in mind that when a church is newly organized and has elected its officers, they become an independent working body.

(3) Be ye also reminded that all preaching brethren should be courteous and kind one to another, and to never, no never, be guilty of telling visiting brethren that you don't need their help. It's an open violation against you to do so.

(4) Let all our churches be reminded that they are not to lord anything over a sister church in regards to the way they take communion. If you do not feel right in taking the communion the way sister churches practice it, please excuse yourself quietly, and don't talk, or make remarks as to their failures, or the way they have been taught. Remember, it is still Gods house and you may be held responsible to God for the remarks that you make concerning them or about them.

Dear brethren, if you meet with brethren who handle loose talk, or tell tales on other brethren, don't join in with them, lest you become as guilty as they. But rather shame them, and kindly ask them not to talk and make remarks about the imperfections of their brethren. If a brother has aught against another let him do as the bible says: "Go to them, and them alone." If you regard my advice as unselfish, and coming from the heart, you will obey it. I feel that if you will practice these simple rules it will help to bring about a great and unbounding peace to our association.

Humbly, your unworthy moderator—