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WITH

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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 God's 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—

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PROCEEDINGS
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Friday Session

Pursuant to adjournment in 1973, the Northern New Salem Association of Old Regular Baptist agreed to assemble at the Little Ida Church on Friday before the First Saturday in August 1974 for the purpose of conducting any and all business that may legally and lawfully come before the delegates of the Association.

Another twelve months had come and gone, after the last days began to fade away memories of the heart aches and uncertainties that the people of God had gone through were soon forgotten. Hopes and aspirations were being renewed as the delegates from the several churches, and corresponding associations begin to assemble on the ground where the association was to meet.

The Brethren, Sisters, and friends begin to greet each other with warm handshakes, and lovely embraces. One could feel the warmth of God's love as it radiated across the faces of those who had braved the long and tedious journey to be with us. Tears of joy fell from the eyes of the weary. Those tears served as a healing balm that drove away the tired feeling brought on from hundreds of miles of driving on the dangerous stretches of highways.

Soon the familiar songs of Zion begin to travel onward and upward telling all under the sound of the melodious voices that the time had arrived when we, "Should be about our Father's business."

Elder Ivan J. Amburgey approached the pulpit with heaven dripping from his brow. His words were sweet and tender, seasoned with heavenly love. After short remarks, he led the congregation in a prayer that lifted the children of God far beyond the troubles of this grief stricken land.

Elder Birtchel Mosley Jr. came to the stand to deliver the introductory sermon. It was mad manifest that he was clothed with the mantle of meekness and understanding. He spoke from the following text found in the 24th Chapter of Genesis and the later part of Verse 27. "I being in the way, the Lord led me to the house of my master's brethren." Bro. Mosley was truly blessed to bring a deeply inspired message of life and salvation to all that would hear and obey.

Our beloved moderator came to the stand and extended to all around greetings and thankfulness for their presence. He requested all who came to hear preaching to go over to a school house a short distance away.

After a brief intermission, Elder Grover Adkins mod. of our mother the New Salem Association was invited to open the 17th annual session of our Association by leading in prayer. Prayer being ended.

is not all right. If they go the wrong way it will not be God's fault. If they will hear Jesus, they will hear us, if they will not hear Jesus, they will not hear us.

I hope, brothers and sisters, that we can live and work together in love and in peace here on earth. I know we will never be perfect here, but I am looking for a perfect day when all nature will be left in the grave. When we awake in His likeness, then we will all be satisfied. When Jesus comes to take His Bride home if we are alive and remain, we will not prevent them that sleep but we shall all be changed in a moment in the twinkle of an eye, be caught up to meet the Lord in the air and so shall we everly be with the Lord.

If this letter is received, I hope it will accomplish, surely I have not written in vain. Maybe after I am gone, my body in the grave, that even then God might get glory out of this.

At this time I know not what will befall our association, but if it's not asking too much, I hope God will bless it to be one of the most pleasant and loving sessions we have ever had.

May God bless you all.

Elder Buddy W. Carty



MISSIE WEBB BROCK

It is with a sad and broken heart that I will try to write the obituary of my beloved Mother and Grandmother, Missie Webb Brock.

She was born March 26, 1907, and departed this life on April 14, 1972, making her stay here on earth 65 years and 19 days. She was the daughter of Henry and Puthair Jane Webb. She married Arlie Brock on June 22, 1922, and he preceded her in death on August 25, 1951. To this union was born 13 children, 9 girls, and 4 boys. One girl and one boy preceded her in death. Eight girls and three boys are left to mourn her loss, Buford, Ruth, Lavon, Vickie, Berneice, Ann, June, Peggy, Ellen, Arlene, and Arlie, Jr., 41 grandchildren, 3 great grandchildren, 2 sisters, Maxie Flinchum and Gladys Wampler, 1 brother, Nash Webb, and a host of friends and relatives. She joined the Old Regular Baptist Church in July, 1950. She lived a devoted Christian life until death and was loved by all who knew her. Dear Mother, we all miss you so much. Our homes are all lonely without your sweet voice and beautiful face. By God's great mercy, we'll meet again on Heaven's bright shore. To the rest of the children, who haven't professed a hope in Christ, if you expect to see Mom again, you'll have to serve the same Jesus she served so faithfully.

Written by a broken hearted
Son and Granddaughter,
Elder Buford Brock
Sister Julia Dunbar

I'm mourning the loss of Sister Betty Jo. I know there are no adequate words to express the loneliness of the family and friends, but the loving memories and works of her life will fill a great portion of this emptiness. Sister Betty Jo was a loving and efficient mother to her dear son, Gregory, and darling little daughter, Tammy Jo. She was also a loving and devoted wife to her husband, Jack. She is survived by her father, Tommy, her mother, Della, her five brothers, Tommy Jr., Edward, Starl, Shirley, and Ballard; and her two sisters, Mag Aaron and Carol Madden.

Many friends have been saddened by her passing, but her many friends will remember the sweetness of her trembling voice singing praise to sweet Jesus. She was a loyal member of our body. Thank God this branch was gifted in our vineyard, and may I say, even though she has entered into eternal rest, she will never be forgotten.

Written by
Sister Garnett Hamilton

A PRAYER

You are my beacon, a shining light,
To keep me from straying in the dark of night.
You are as the lighthouse that guides the boats,
Your love and your wisdom; they keep me afloat.
Stay with me Lord, for Thou art strong,
And with your help I will do no wrong.
I am ill Lord, and I am weak,
Your strength and compassion are the things that I seek.
I am easily discouraged and there are times when I cry,
But I know you'll watch over me from your home in the sky.

The above poem was written for Sister Betty Jo before her death. It was written by her sister, Carol Madden. It was a great comfort.

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 fellowship, 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.

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 inviolable a chain of communion among the churches; to give churches all necessary advice in matters of difficulty; to inquire into the cause of the churches failing to represent themselves at any time in the Association, to appropriate the money contributed by the churches for the Association fund, to any purpose they may think proper; to appoint any member, by their consent to transact any business which they see necessary, and they shall have 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. Isaiah 45:5, 1st Cor. 8:6, 1st John 5:7.

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

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

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

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

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

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

8. We believe that the Lord's Supper is the command of the Saviour, and that by the use of bread and fruit of the vine and feet-washing should be kept up until His second coming, by His believers. Luke 22:2-10, 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 24:26.

Even though his presence here is gone, we can still have the hope of meeting our sweet brother, repenting is the opportunity God has given us all. Yet, there is an emptiness in our lives which words cannot express. Our circle has once more been broken. The dim light of death has entered our home, but what he left was love and sweet memories, which will never be shattered.

I would like to say "May God Bless the Many Friends" who were so kind to Elmer and the family during his illness and after his departure. You will truly be rewarded from God.

We all loved him dearly, but feeling assured God's plan will be the better for us all, therefore, we must trust God's judgement. We must defy all evil and live for God; that we may be able to endeavor the sweetness of his face again forever.

Written by:
His sister -- Garnett Hamilton



BETTY JO WILEY

I sincerely hope God will guide my mind to fill a request of the family of Sister Betty Jo Wiley, born September 12, 1943, to Tommy and Della Stevens of Hurricane, Kentucky. Sister Betty Jo was a humble servant of God, and a faithful member of the Morning Star Church. A person who seemed to draw you closer to God by just seeing her frail body sitting through the service, and enjoying the blessings God bestowed upon her.

On February 17, 1974, at the Henry Ford Hospital, the Death Angel swept through the silence of her lonely room, and suddenly the pain she had suffered for the past three years was over. Through faith and much patience she trusted God to ease this severe pain by the laying on of hands administered by the elders of the Church. Sister Betty Jo's presence is no longer here, but we must never forget she confessed the One and Only, who held her life in His hands. So humbly she waded the waters of baptism; and what a great joy for her to know that her husband was to follow.



ELMER TACKETT

My words are inadequate, to express the sorrow in my heart, yet trusting God to give me strength, I to the best of my ability will try to write the obituary of my beloved brother, Elmer Tackett. Born January 1, 1920, to the late Cleve and Dorsie Tackett of Pikeville, Kentucky.

Elmer, a Veteran of World War II and a member of the U.K.A. Being a man of patriotism, he served his country with honor.

For sometime Elmer had been ill, but his illness was not of severity until January 7, 1974, when he became very sick. The doctor diagnosed his case as acute leukemia. This he bore with unique patience, knowing his stay on earth could only be for a short while. He seemed to cling closer to God each day. Many times he called for his family and friends and requested they pray with him; on his knees in bed, he would talk to Jesus. His tender whisper of "Sweet Jesus, Take me Home" will never be forgotten. He loved the prayers of God's people and felt them to be an immense part of his life. He was a man of great faith.

His love and hospitality was shown to his family and friends. With generous words of kindness, he would welcome the ones he loved so dearly, and always greet them with a sweet smile.

God saw he had suffered enough on the morning of March 10, 1974, and made the call which was so hard to face, but only answered his prayer.

We, the family -- his wife, Catherine; mother, Dorsie; daughters, Angela and Margaret Ann; granddaughter, Shawn and stepdaughter, Jewell; brothers, Lum Hillard, Carl, Aroll, and Hatler; sisters, Erma and Garnett; along with his many friends so greatly mourn the loss of Elmer, but the sweet memories we have are treasures. We have only lost him for a time. His soul has returned to God, and to him it must be a priceless masterpiece. What a wonderful thought to feel he is now a part of heaven. God only turned his burdens into silver wings.

If we have Jesus and Elmer is with Jesus, then he is not far away. This is such a comfort to me.

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 1:16, 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 fellowship with the Lord and with one another, and have given themselves to the Lord, and have agreed to keep up a Godly discipline, according to the rules of the gospel. John 11:8-11, 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 interrupted in his speech by anyone except the Moderator until he is through.
5. He shall strictly adhere to the subject and in no wise reflect on the person who has spoken so as to make remarks on his slips of 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 reproved by the Association as they think proper.

**UNION MEETINGS & COMMUNION TIME
ELDERS CALLED
APRIL**

ROSE OF SHARON — Second Sat. & Sun. in April. Delbert Saunders, T. H. Mitchell, Jimmy Dale Saunders, Hendricks Hampton, Harrison Runyons, Anthony Hamilton, Hiram Adkins, and Birtchel Mosley Jr. Communion time First Sunday in May 1975.

LITTLE JEWEL — Fourth Sat. & Sun. in April. Roy B. Akers, Luther Conn. Chuck Keesee, and Ivan Amburgey. Communion time Fourth Sun. in June 1975.

PLEASANT VIEW — First Sat. & Sun. in April. I. D. Back, Baxter Osborne, Covis Tackitt, Karrel Addington, Frank Newsome, Ralph Howard, Woodroe Gack, and Charlie Johnson. Communion time First Sun. in May 1975.

LITTLE OVAL — Fourth Sat. & Sun. in April. W. P. Deal, Roy Caudill, Lloyd Smith, Bill Dunbar, Ellis Amburgey, Birtchel Mosley Jr., Laurence Day, Hendricks Hampton, and Ronald Scott. Communion time Fourth Sun. in May 1975.

MAY

ANTIOCH — First Sat. & Sun. in May. Chuck Keesee, Eddie Tackitt, Baxter Osborne, David Pullum, Johnie Bentley, Hiram Adkins, and Elis Case. Communion time First Sun. in October.

MAGGIE HOME — First Sat. & Sun. in May. Hiram Adkins, Buddy Carty, Lloyd Smith, Savel Combs, Chuck Keesee, Virgil Fields, Clifford Colley and Mod. & Ass't. Mod. Communion time First Sun. in July 1975.

LITTLE IDA — First Sat. & Sun. in May. Hiram Adkins, Chuck Keesee, Forest Osborne, Ivan Amburgey, Baxter Osborne, W. P. Deal, Anthony Hamilton, Roy Hamilton, Roy Caudill, and Paris Tackitt. Communion time First Sun. in June 1975.

LITTLE MEMORY — Second Sat. & Sun. in May. Paul Adkins, Robert Haney, Olas Baldridge, Melvin Watts, and Mod. Communion time Second Sun. in July 1975.



SILAS HALL

By the request of the family, I'll try to write a short obituary of the life of one so dear to me, as my own Brother, Silas Hall. He was born August 24, 1898, deceased October 11, 1973, being 75 years, 1 month, and 18 days old. He was the son of Isaiah and Louise Osborne Hall. He was married to Rilla Osborne Hall, August 3, 1918. They were blessed with 5 children, 3 girls, and 2 boys. Two girls preceded him in death, leaving one daughter, Madge Anderson, Wyandotte, Mich., two sons, Astor Hall, Lincoln Park, Michigan, and Arthur Hall, Southgate, Michigan, and a loving wife, along with 7 grandchildren, one of which he raised, Donald Ray Hall, Lincoln Park, Michigan, 8 great grandchildren, and one lonely sister, Mary Bell Hall, and many, many friends and relatives to mourn their loss.

We feel by his Godly conversations and the many wonderful dreams and visions he had that his spirit is resting in the paradise of God. I have had many Bible conversations with him. He read his Bible and knew a lot about it. I spent a lot of time reading and talked with him. I have so often wondered what and why he never came to the Church for he lived the life of a Christian for so many years. But if he got that little groan through to our Lord, his crown will be as bright in Heaven as all those that lived on so many years in the Church.

I believe when he was breathing out his last breath here, he saw his Heavenly Home and our Father coming to carry him over the cold streams of death because of the beautiful smile that came over his face. This makes us believe he's peacefully resting in the arms of Jesus.

His family's all here with his body except his poor sick son, Astor. He was in the hospital in Michigan when his father Silas, was taken so sudden and not permitted to see him. But I believe if he will turn to the Lord and beg his precious mercy and repent if he hasn't already; we don't know any man's heart. I feel repentance is what it takes for the children to see their father again. He was a man of many friends and always loved to see them come to see him. So, you children that are still in sin turn to the Lord and beg his mercies and be born again so when your call comes to go you can join that Heavenly land where our Lord is and our loved ones are.

Humbly yours,
Mollie

memories of his presence there. The many blessings God bestowed him; seeing his tear filled eyes in worship, and the great blessing of washing his feet in Holy Communion. God had granted Brother Cecil a special talent of kindness and love. He lived the life deserving of his many blessings.

Brother Cecil was employed at Cadillac Motors as a laborer.

Leaving his wife Trulah whom had filled his life with pleasure since joined together in Holy Matrimony on the 22nd day of December, 1973. Also, three sons, Don, Danny, and Bob Rose, two stepdaughters, Gaynell McKinney and Debbie Musick, and ten grandchildren. Also, six sisters, Edna Cantrell, Bonnie Rose, Bea Puckett, Wanda Rose, Mavis Lamberti, and Scharlene Phipps, and one brother, Darrell (Smokey) Rose. "His Family of Love."

They will greatly miss his presence on earth. Once more feeling the emptiness and pain of the family circle being broken again, but thank God they are able to treasure the walks of his life.

There was no place for Brother Cecil to stumble. He went forth into the waters to acknowledge the love he had for God, with a dear friend, Elder Covis Tackett, saying the ceremony. He was baptized in the name of The Father, The Son, and The Holy Ghost. This light to many will shine forever.

Nevertheless, he answered the call of duty, with Jesus in his heart, I feel confident his name is enrolled in the Lambs Book of Life.

So generously God gave us a beautiful day to carry Brother Cecil the last mile, as if to say --, Each ray of the sun is a light he has shown.

So beautiful were the bouquets of flowers placed around his casket in loving memory, but nothing to compare to the heavens where Brother Cecil will receive his reward.

Our church has gravely lost a member of its body here, but we must remember the sweet memories, and the advice he has given us.

If we accept the gift he left for us, each of us will grow closer to each other, therefore, we will grow closer to God. So let us try to be humble.

May God bless his loving family to remember the rose he left for them; to walk the path Brother Cecil walked, then the circle will someday be reunited, to never be broken again.

Written by:
Two friends who loved him dearly

LITTLE ZION — Second Sat. & Sun. in May. Paris Tackitt, Bill Dunbar, Ray Hoover, Karrel Addington, Delbert Saunders, Bart Potter, and J. C. Tackitt. Communion time Second Sun. in June 1975.

LITTLE RUTH — Second Sat. & Sun. in May. Clifford Colley, Frank Stone, Marvin Bryant, Claude Ousley, Roy Caudill, Hendricks Hampton, and Noah Deel. Communion time Second Sun. in June 1975.

LILLY OF THE VALLEY — Second Sat. & Sun. in May. Walter Parker, Chuck Keesee, Buddy Carty, Hershel Huff, Woodroe Pack, Lloyd Smith, Jerry Hall, and Zee Holbrook. Communion time Second Sun. in June 1975.

GETHEMANE — Third Sat. & Sun. in May. Jesse Pack, Baxter Osborne, Karrel Addington, Charley Johnson, Clive Hall, Earl Lawson, Ellis Holbrook, and Leon Hall. Communion time Third Sun. in June 1975.

LITTLE CHILDRENS HOME — Third Sat. & Sun. in May. Bill Dunbar, Ivan Amburgey, W. P. Deal, Laurence Day, Hendricks Hampton, Birtchel Mosley Jr., Hershel Huff, Hiram Adkins, and Eddie Tackitt. Communion time Third Sun. in July 1975.

MORNING STAR — Third Sat. & Sun. in May. Alex Collier, Ivan Amburgey, Baxter Osborne, Junior Damron, Rubin Baker, and Hiram Adkins. Communion time Third Sun. in June 1975.

WIMALLMA — Third Sat. & Sun. in May. Coyis Tackitt, Millis Roberts, Chuck Keesee, and Ivan Amburgey. Communion time Third Sun. in May.

LITTLE EDNA — Fourth Sat. & Sun. in May. Clifford Colley, Squire Hamilton, Roy Hudson, J. C. Tackitt, and Ivan Amburgey. Communion time Fourth Sun. in June 1975.

JUNE

LITTLE FLOSSIE — First Sat. & Sun. in June. Joshua Hicks, Russel Hicks, Roy Caudill, Hendricks Hampton, H. N. Vanderpool, and Buddy Carty. Communion First Sun. in July 1975.

MT. ZION — First Sat. & Sun. in June. Rayful Griffith, Virgil Wicker, Virgil Fields, and Joshua Hicks. Communion time First Sun. in July 1975.

LITTLE BETHEL — First Sat. & Sun. in June. Milford Adams, Hiram Adkins, Oscar Holcomb, David Pullum, Bob Hunter, Walter Parker, and Paris Tackitt. Communion time First Sun. in July 1975.

LITTLE FAMILY — Second Sat. & Sun. in June. Roy B. Akers, Delbert Saunders, Eddie Tackitt, Buddy Carty, Birtchel Mosley, Hiram Adkins, Ivan Amburgey, Baxter Osborne, and Chuck Keesee. Communion time Second Sun. in July 1975.

LITTLE PILGRIMS HOME — Second Sat. & Sun. in June. Virgil Fields, Woodroe Pack, Charles Ramey, Frank Harvey, Frank Cotton, Casey West, Lloyd Mullins, Mod. Communion time Second Sun. in July 1975.

LITTLE POLLY — Second Sat. & Sun. in July. Earl Lawson, Claude Ousley, Buddy Carty, Joshua Hicks, and Roy Hamilton. Communion time Second Sun. in July 1975.

LITTLE REBECCA — Third Sat. & Sun. in June. Karrel Addington, Hillard Newsome, Hiram Adkins, Paris Tackitt, Milford Adams, Ivory Sowards, and Grover Adkins. Communion time Third Sun. in July 1975.

MT. OLIVET — Fourth Sat. & Sun. in June. Raymond Lawson, Earl Lawson, Birtchel Mosley Jr., Rayful Griffith, Able Johnson, and Paul McClanahan. Communion time Fourth Sun. in July 1975.

FAMILY OF LOVE — Fourth Sat. & Sun. in June. Clifford Colley, J. Mitchell, Wile Tuttle, Frank Newsome, Ivan Amburgey, and Ealis Cotton. Communion time Fourth Sun. in July 1975.

JULY

LITTLE ANGEL — Fourth Sat. & Sun. in July. Bill Tackitt, Hershel Huff, Chuck Keesee, Ivory Sowards, Ealis Cotton, Lloyd Smith, Eddie Tackitt, and David Pullum. Communion time Fourth Sun. in August.

LITTLE FLOCK — Third Sat. & Sun. in July. Rich Griffith, Lloyd Smith, Ray Hamilton, Marvin Bryant, and Jr. Mosley. Communion time Third Sun. in August.

MEMORIAL MEETINGS

LITTLE OVAL — Fourth Sun. in March 1975.

LITTLE JEWEL — Fourth Sat. & Sun. in October 1975. Ministers: Ivory Sowards, Jr. Mosley, Ealis Cotton, R. B. Akers, and Ivan Amburgey.

LITTLE CHILDRENS HOME — Third Sat. & Sun. in Sept. 1974. Deceased members and friends.

LITTLE FAMILY — Second Sat. & Sun. in Oct. 1974. All regular Baptist ministers invited.

LITTLE PILGRIM HOME — Second Sat. & Sun. in May 1975. Memorial of Dorothy Lee Bryant. Ministers: Bob Hufter, Robert Wallen, Frank Haney, Albert Hamilton, and Tennis Slurgill.

MT. OLIVET — Fourth Sat. & Sun. in August 1974. Ministers: Rayful Griffith, Edgar Little, Virgil Fields, Claude Ousley, and Earl Lawson.

LITTLE REBECCA — Third Sat. & Sun. in August. Memorial of all deceased members. All regular Baptist ministers invited.

LITTLE ANGEL — Fourth Sat. & Sun. in May 1975. All regular Baptist ministers welcome.



CECIL B. ROSE

In memory of Cecil B. Rose, we, Garnett and Gillis Hamilton have the privilege of telling you some of the goodness of his life.

Brother Cecil was born January 10, 1927, to the late Everett and Pearl Rose of Clintwood, Virginia.

A dark cloud of sorrow swept over his little home in Taylor, Michigan, on Saturday, June 15, 1974, when the saddened news arrived he had been fatally stricken down in a car accident.

Brother Cecil had filled his seat at the Morning Star Church, where he had been a loyal and faithful member for the past four years. On his way home from the church he loved so dearly, death met him on the highway.

So happily he had greeted us that morning, with the usual welcome into his home.

This brother lived a life on the straight and narrow path. Many times he talked to us of Jesus; of how he had eased his burdens so often, and how thankful he was for the God he served.

A great loss has been encountered by his passing, so saddened were the faces of his family and friends. "We have lost someone special," was the message written on their faces.

Being a man of devotion to his family, he loved them so dearly. A man of loyalty to his many friends, a man of honesty and admiration; also a loving and devoted friend.

As the body of our loved one was carried for the last into the little church where he worshipped. I missed the sound of his sweet voice, yet there were the



LESLIE WARREN WEISHUHN, JR.

With a trembling hand and an aching heart and much sadness, with the help of our Saviour, I will try to write a little of a darling little boy we all loved so much. Leslie Warren Weishuhn, Jr. Born January 3, 1968. Deceased August 6, 1973. Making his life here on earth five years, seven months and three days. They were beautiful happy days that will always be remembered.

He was the son of Leslie and Clara (Tackett) Weishuhn. A grandfather, Harvey Weishuhn, preceded in death. He lived in Ypsilanti, Mich. He leaves to mourn his loss his parents, and two sisters, Pamela and Candance. His grandparents, Sol and Annie Tackett of Belleville, Mich., and Beulah Weishuhn of Ypsilanti, Mich. His thirteen uncles and twelve aunts, and several cousins and friends.

Leslie was on his way to Kentucky with his parents, when he was struck by a car in Flat Rock, Mich. He was so happy to be on his way to Kentucky. A little loved one gone from our home, but not from our hearts. His darling face and sweet smile will always be in our hearts and vision. Little Leslie was such a beautiful child. He loved his family and relatives so dearly and they all loved him. I want to say to everyone who wants to see him again. "To repent and live for Jesus."

His mother and father both belong to the "Morning Star," Old Regular Baptist Church, in Belleville, Mich.

Leslie, honey how we miss you since you have gone away. A precious one from us is gone, but I believe he is sleeping in the arms of Jesus. There is so much I could write, but space will not permit.

Written by his loving aunt, Margie Burke

ANTIOCH — First Sat. & Sun. in June 1975. All regular Baptist ministers welcome.

LITTLE IDA — First Sat. & Sun. in June 1975. Ministers: Roy Caudill, Roy Hudson, Hiram Adkins, Covis Tackitt, and Johnnie Bentley.

MAGGIE HOME — First Sat. & Sun. in June 1975.

MORNING STAR — Third Sat. & Sun. in July 1975. Ministers: Ballard Williams, Ivory Sowards, Covis Tackitt and J. C. Tackitt.

LITTLE FLOCK — Fourth Sat. & Sun. in July 1975. Marcums memorial.

LITTLE MEMORY — Second Sat. & Sun. in August.

LITTLE ZION — Second Sat. & Sun. in August.

LITTLE EDNA — Fourth Sat. & Sun. in August. Memorial of all deceased members. All old regular Baptist ministers welcome.

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VERNIE VIERS VANOVER

Gran was that something special to everyone who knew her. Her love was like the warming rays of the sun, and she gave it freely to everyone who knew her.

I think it gives comfort to us all to know that she left this world of pain and sorrow for eternal happiness.

She was born April 4, 1916, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henderson Deel. She was married to Everett Viers in August 26, 1931, by whom she had two children. Her husband died October 3, 1954, and she was remarried to Arvil Vanover in May, 1958.

Gran is survived by her husband Arvil Vanover. Her two children, Eva Fay Edwards and Samuel Viers. Her three brothers, Clyde Deel, Carl Deel, and Glen Deel, and three sisters, Chloe Turner, Effie Bailey and Fay Roberts, and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henderson Deel and seven grandchildren.

Rest in peace Gran, you gave us your love and your memory and we shall never forget you.

Written by her granddaughter,
 Cathy Louise Duncan

The way he lived and the way he talked, made his family believe that Chris had repented, and was living in hope of going to heaven. He had joined another church and had been baptised. I feel Chris has a God fearing and a praying Mother and Daddy. It seemed like Chris was the flower of his home. But we know God wants the prettiest and brightest flowers for his garden. Because he only loans them to us for a little while.

To all his friends who knew him when he was around, there was always a smile, because he always knew how to bring happiness to everyone.

We can all say that Chris fell into the hands of a just God and we "hope" our loss is Heaven's gain.

Down the years, "Chris," we came together,
Seventeen happy, busy years,
Filled with days of love and laughter,
Mixed with days of toil and tears.

Dark days we wept together,
When we had problems along the way;
Life, when lived its fullest measure,
Can't always be bright and gay.

But upon this day of parting,
While the bells of heaven ring;
In our hearts we still are saying,
Thanks dear "God" for everything.

Thanks because "You" gave him to us,
He helped us share life's heavy load;
Thanks for joys we've had together,
To the end of life's long road.

Thanks because You said we'll know him,
When someday we'll meet up there;
Where we'll sing Your praise forever,
In that Home so bright and fair.

Written by Elder Bobby Baker and
Chris's family (Mr. and Mrs. Willie Hale)

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 LITTLE POLLY Rayful Griffith, Hillard Castle, Richard Griffith
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 LITTLE FLOCK Joshua Hicks, Roy Hamilton, H. Runyon
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 LITTLE MEMORY Bill Ison, Sam Lewis, Clarence Jenkins
 LITTLE IDA Bill Dunbar, Talmage Gillum, Kenis Blevins
 LITTLE FLOSSIE Charlie Tuttle, Virgil Wicker, Jr. Mosley
 LITTLE ZION Clarence Owens, Ray Coleman, Archer Akers
 LITTLE PILGRIMS HOME A. Hamilton, Bob Hunter, Robert Wallen
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 LITTLE OVAL Buford Brock, Robert Fliming, Don. Wagoner
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 LITTLE FAMILY Al Rogers, Roy Caudill, Hendricks Hampton
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 LITTLE BETHEL Frank Harvey, James Branham, Buck Tuttle
 GETHSEMANE Ray Hoover, Leonard Robinson, N. V. Stone
 FAMILY OF LOVE Claude Ousley, C. Bradley, H. Raliff
 WIMAUMA Morris Mullins, Ivan Mullins, Paul K. Mullins

1. The moderator called for the letters of the several churches to be handed to the clerk. By move and second the letter from the Little Ida Church was read and found in order. By the same move, all the letters were received and their delegates were seated. All queries and requests were referred to the committee on arrangements.

2. The Northern New Salem Association then completed its organization by electing the following officers to serve for the next (12) months.

Elder Baxter Osborne — Moderator
Elder Paris C. Tackitt — Ass't. Moderator
Elder Roy B. Akers — Clerk
Elder Chuck Keesee — Asst't. Clerk

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

4. By motion and second to read the rules of decorum, and omit the reading of the Articles of Faith and the Constitution.

5. Called for churches desiring to join the Northern New Salem Association, and received the following by petition and letter: Family of Hope. Their letter and delegates were found in order and invited to be seated with us. One by the name of Wimauma whose delegates were seated with us. The church was taken under the watch care of the association pending further investigation. This done by move and second.

6. Called for Associations of our faith and order desiring to continue a Godly correspondence with us and the following responded:

NEW SALEM — Represented by the following delegates: Grover Adkins, Atlas Hall, Troy Branham, Eddie Tackett, Earl Lawson, Glenn Pack, Jinks Ray, Henry Little, Ralph Howard, Sollie Miller Jr., Ellis Hopkins, George Mathews, Latche Tackett, Ballard Williams, John Elliott, Dexter Dixon, John Pack, Perry Tackett, Charles Ramey, and Lowel Mullins.

OLD UNION — Represented by the following delegates: Lonnie Mounts, Daniel Osborne, Delbert Saunders, Bart Belcher, Joe Johnson, Jesse L. Williamson, Clovis Lawson, Noble Mullins, Karrel Addington, M. D. Mullins, Dewey Sexton, James Elkins, Ralph Manuel, Lary Hall, Jay Mitchell, Jean Johnson, Bill Maples, and Jay Johnson.

PHILADELPHIA — Represented by the following delegates: Clifford Colley, Eales Cotton, C. Messer, Walter Morrison, David Gilliam, and Paul Morrison.

SARDIS — Represented by the following delegates: Marshall Williamson, Edwin Hay, W. H. Hale, Hobert Graham, and Edwin May.

INDIAN BOTTOM — Represented by the following delegate: Erwin Hicks.

MUD RIVER — Represented by the following delegate: Wetzel Ball.

7. The moderator appointed a committee consisting of the three delegates from the Little Ida Church, together with one delegate from each church represented to

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I can see him in Heaven, in a long white robe,
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.

His soul's at rest with God today,
A thing I "Hope" without doubt;
He's feasting on eternal love,
With angels there to shout.

For his children, he laid them a pattern,
And showed them just what to do;
Start begging and praying to Jesus above,
And he will carry you through.

Written by Elder Bobby L. Baker



CHRIS ALLEN HALE

It is with a sad heart and heavy feeling that I try and write the obituary of Cris Allen Hale. He was born on March 16, 1956, and departed this life on October 19, 1973. Making his stay here on earth, 17 years, 7 months and 3 days. He was the son of Willie and Allie Hale of McArthur, Ohio. He leaves to mourn his loss, his mother and father, four sisters, who are Shirlene Amerine of Zaleski, Ohio; Emma Norris, of Wellston, Ohio; Wanda Hale of McArthur, Ohio; and Sarah at home. Also he had seven brothers living, who are, Wallace, of Oak Hill, Ohio; Charles David, Marvin, Gary, Glenn of McArthur, Ohio; and Bill Junior at home. His brother, Ellis James, preceded him in death, at the age of 18 months.

Chris died from a hunting accident while fox hunting with two other companions. He was a student at Vinton County High School at McArthur. He was loved near and far by young and old alike. His character was outstanding for a boy of his age. He had a turn and way about him that made him an ideal teenage boy. He seemed to get along with everyone and didn't cause anyone any trouble. You could never imagine one boy having so many friends.



ARTHUR LAFFERTY

By the request and help of the family, I will try to write an obituary of Brother Arthur Lafferty. He was born in Floyd County, Kentucky. He was 70 years of age. He was the son of Hiram and Marie Hix Lafferty.

He is survived by his wife, Elma Holbrook Lafferty; five sons, Archie of Sandusky, Ohio; Edward of Hamden, Ohio; Robert of McArthur, Ohio, Harlis of McArthur; and Harold of McArthur. Also two daughters mourn his loss; Wanda Slone of Albany, Ohio; and Vivian Withrow, of McArthur. Also surviving are 14 grandchildren, 3 great grandchildren; four sisters, Sarah Robinson of Attica, Ohio; Myrtle Potter and Ella Griffith of McArthur, Ohio, and Sister Ida Mae Conley, of Creola, Ohio. Three brothers, Sam of Lima, Ohio; Raymond of Michigan; and Ruben of West Garrett, Ky.

Brother Lafferty belonged to Maggie Home Church, of Old Regular Baptist. The community has lost a great neighbor and friend, and Maggie Home Church has lost a good member. The church has lost a good stick in its building. He will be sadly missed by all who knew him. I will miss Brother Lafferty so much. I would often go and see him, and we would have some wonderful talks about the "Bible."

Brother Lafferty's advice was, Brother Bob, tell my children who haven't made peace with the Lord, to start praying and begging. Tell my children to be good to their dear old "Mother;" because she has given us the best years of her life. Children, she will spend many lonely hours by herself. Don't forget her.

Also Brother Lafferty told me to tell his children to meet him over in the promise land.

A treasure was added to heaven today,
When the death angel called Brother Arthur away;
The stars he has left, will shine like pure gold,
The walk of his life, He already has told.

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Loved and missed so much by your children, Pop, son-in-laws, daughter-in-laws, and grandchildren.

In a cold and lonely grave yard,
Just a few miles away,
Lies the body of our Dear Mother,
Which we could not save.

Dear Mom, we wanted so much to keep you
We watched over you night and day,
Until at last, with broken hearts,
We saw you pass away.

You tried to joke and laugh with us,
As long as God would spare,
Then with tears streaming down our face,
We watched and listened to your prayers.

God was with you while you suffered,
He knew you'd had your share,
He gently closed your eyes,
And took you in His care,

Dear God, take this message to Mom up above,
Tell her, Pop and all of us miss her,
To us, she was like a singing Dove,
And, "Please God," give her all of our Love.

Written by a broken-hearted daughter,
Darcus Barnett



SARAH ANN OUSLEY

I will try and write the obituary of our "Dear Mother," Sarah Ann Ousley, that passed away July 9th, 1974. Mom was born in Floyd County, Ky., January 11, 1905, to the late Mont and Jemmia Ousley. Also preceding Mom in death was four sisters, Lila Reffith, Lelia Campbell, Lisha Reffitt and Nona Bradley. Still surviving is one brother, Oscar Ousley, of Risner, Ky. Five sisters living are Goldia Hughes, Sylvia Crum, Arvilla Spradlin, and Biddie Prater, all of Floyd Co., Ky., and one sister, Sina Davis of Indiana.

At the early age of nineteen, Mom was married to Mike Ousley. They had 51 wonderful years together. To this union was born ten children. Five sons are Arnold, Berley, and James and Archie of Hamden, Ohio, and Hermal and Dallas of McArthur, Ohio. One son, Oscar, preceded her in death at the age of eighteen months. Four daughters surviving are Hazel Ousley, Lelia Marie Lemay, of Hamden, Ohio, Ila Mae Dunlay, of Londonderry, Ohio, and Darcus (Doris) Barnett of McArthur, Ohio.

Mom joined the Old Regular Baptist Church in the early thirties at Cold Spring Church in Floyd Co., Ky. She lived a faithful and humble life to the end. Mom and Pop lived a wonderful life together contented just to be sitting around with each other. They always welcomed their friends and relatives in their home.

Mom passed away at the Ross County Medical Center, at Chillicothe, Ohio, at the age of 69. The last words we heard Mom saying, she was talking to the Lord. So rest in peace Mom for you were a rose here on earth and the greatest Mother we children could ever want. We'll always remember you as a gentle speaking, and soft-hearted Mom. But you left a light hanging in the window, Mom, and we hope by the help of God, we can follow in your footsteps. You have left behind our broken hearted father, who is just waiting to be rejoined with you again some day in Heaven.

Memorial Meeting will be preached the First Saturday and Sunday in June, 1975, at the Maggie Home Church at Dundas, Ohio. All Regular Baptist Ministers are invited.

Obituaries



DOLLIE JOHNSON

By request of the family I will try to write an obituary of a beloved "aunt." She was the daughter of Henry C. and Mary (McCowen) Akers, and was born March 16, 1886, and deceased this life July 10, 1973, making her stay on earth 73 years.

At an early age she was united in holy matrimony to Jody Johnson. Unto this union was born 9 children. As follows: Charlie, Marvin, Curtis, Ollie, Raymond, Edith, Thomas, Cecil, and Anna. The first five children above named preceded her in death. This leaves two boys and two girls to mourn her death. She also leaves (4) sisters, and (4) brothers together with a host of friends and relatives to mourn her passing.

Shortly after marriage, she professed a hope in Christ and was baptised into full fellowship of the Old Regular Baptist faith and Order. Her membership was with the old Joppy Church the last 38 years of her life. Aunt Dollie was a devoted Christian, a loyal wife, a kind and loving mother and a well-loved respected neighbor. Those who observed her life can testify that she died in the full triumph of faith in eternal life beyond this veil of terrors and sorrows.

Her radiant smiles and righteous advice will be missed by all who knew her, especially her children. She can't come back to us, but by the sovereign grace of God we can go to her.

Humbly Submitted by a Nephew,
Elder Roy B. Akers



LON EDWARD BLACKBURN

It is with a sad and aching heart that we will try to write an obituary of our beloved Husband, Father, Son, and Brother.

He was born April 7, 1935, at Pond Creek, Kentucky. He died a tragic death at the young age of 39 years, 2 months, 23 days.

He was the son of Sherwood and the late Quellie (Trout) Blackburn. He was married to Ellen Marie Sweeney, August 22nd, 1953. To this union was born five children. Mrs. Betty Bentley of Lorain, Ohio, Billy Steven Blackburn of the United States Marine Corps at Beaufort, South Carolina, Barbara Ellen, Michael Edward, Boyd Edgar, all at home.

He had three brothers and one sister who preceded him in death.

He leaves to mourn his passing besides his loving children and wife, one son-in-law William C. Bentley who loved him very dearly. His father and stepmother, Sherwood and Bertie Blackburn of Elyria, two brothers and two sisters, Bruce Blackburn of LaGrange, Indiana, John C. Blackburn of Elyria, Ohio, Gladia Marie Wood of Howe, Indiana, and Shirley Jean Milligan of Lorain, Ohio.

He was carried to his final resting place, Kendeigh Corners Cemetery, by his three sons, named above, two of his nephews, John C. Blackburn Jr. and Ulan Thacker, one cousin, Eddie Hobbs, and two very dear friends William Wendell and Gary Porter.

He was a man of kindness, gentleness and never harmed any person. He helped anyone in need if he could. He was a man that was loved by all.

This is written by his loving wife and family.

Ellen Blackburn & children
Betty, William, Billy, Barb, Mike, and Boyd
Sherwood and Bertie Blackburn
John and Shirley Blackburn

So, children prepare to meet Mother while life and opportunity affords you in God's bright world on high.

I could say many good things about Sister Luraine; but, her life speaks for itself.

So, may God bless you all.

Written by John Ousley



JOHN E. BISHOP

With much sadness and sorrow, I will try to write the obituary of my loving husband and father. John E. Bishop was born September 22, 1889, and departed this life January 24, 1973, making his stay here on earth 83 years, 4 months and 10 days.

He was the son of Vernon and Lousany Bishop, and he married Bessie Branham April 23, 1908, and to this union was born 10 children, two preceded them in death and eight (8) still living, the following: Mae Wootten, Athen, Ohio, Muriel Rogers, McArthur, Ohio; Margie Piece, W. Elizabeth, Pennsylvania, Perrell and Everett of Columbus, Ohio, Felix of Houston, Texas, Carl of Wellston and Ellis, address unknown.

He was a kind and loving husband and father. He belonged to the Old Regular Baptist Church. His membership was at Maggie's Home Church. At the time of his death. He filled his seat as long as he was able. He loved to see his brothers and sisters to come and visit us, and loved them all. He leaves his lonely wife and eight children, 29 grandchildren, 34 great grandchildren and four great great grandchildren.

One sister, Jane Bertley, Pikeville, Kentucky, two brothers, Glen of Jackson, Pleny Bishop Old Town, Florida, to mourn his loss, with a host of friends. It's so lonesome since he left us. It's so hard since he is gone, but I hope to meet him some day where there will be no sorrow or pain.

Written by his lonesome wife,
Bessie and Children



SISTER LURAINÉ CASTLE

Sister Luraine was born on September 18, 1899, being 74 years old. She was the daughter of Sam and Rebecca Stephens.

She was married to Acro Castle. To this union was born ten children. Her husband and three children preceded her in death, leaving seven to mourn her loss, five girls — Ida Johnson of Risnes, Kentucky; Polly Prater of Lake View, Ohio; Ester Patton of Arlington, Ohio; Bessie Prater of Alger, Ohio; Virginia Marsh of Kenton, Ohio; two sons, Willard of McGuffey, Ohio, and Albert of Alger, Ohio. Also left to mourn are two brothers, Tom Stephens of Munich, Michigan, and Dave Stephens of Morral, Ohio; two sisters, Florance Wortmun of West Virginia and Rhoda Stone of Rensselaer, Indiana; thirty-six grandchildren and thirty-four great grandchildren and a host of friends and relatives. But, I feel with assurance that our loss is Heaven's gain.

Sister Luraine was left a widow in the year 1936. Acro was taken from her by a rockfall in the coal mines. She remained a widow until death.

She worked hard; but, God blessed her to raise her family.

Sister Luraine joined the Church forty some years ago. She went as long as she was able. She loved to hear the old time singing and when the brothers began to preach the Gospel, she would rise from her seat and begin to shout the praises of our God.

So to her children I want to say you had a wonderful mother that was loved by all who knew her.

She loved to cook and feed the people; that was joy for her. Her heart was in the Old Church; she loved everybody.

We will miss her in the Mount Zion Church and in our homes. But, God has called her home to Glory where her troubles are all over.

Bruce and Eloise Blackburn
Richard and Gladia Wood
Jim and Shirley Milligan
Uncle Elbert and Aunt Phyllis Blackburn of Elkhorn, Kentucky



GEORGE OUSLEY

By the help and grace of God I will attempt this writing. I pray for the Lord to give me the strength and hold me up and help Mommy and the rest of the family bear the grief of the loss of our dear Father - George Ousley. Please Lord just give Mommy the courage she needs to go through this world alone.

George Ousley, the eldest son of William Hager Ousley and Sally Hughes Ousley was born June 26, 1905, and departed this life March 1, 1974, making his stay here on earth 68 years, 7 months.

He was married to Osie Miller, August 20, 1925, and to this happy union were born 13 children: six daughters: Virginia Baird of Columbus, Ohio, Sally Lafferty of Stockbridge, Mich., Susie McKee and Shirley Johnson both of Jackson, Michigan, Barbara Howard of Stockbridge, Mich., and Delores Ousley at home; three sons: Virgil, Willie, and Carl Ousley all of Leslie, Michigan. He had 4 children that preceded him in death, three as tiny infants and the fourth was a flower blooming in that heavenly garden of the Lord. Mary was only 9 years old when the Lord above sent his Angels to bring her home, for it was time for her to depart from this world of sickness. The family grieved for her so much, but we all knew that the precious little Flower is forever blooming in Heaven now. She's been a long time waiting for Poppy just over the river.

Poppy was taken sick in December after suffering several strokes, the last proved to be the one that took him from us. The good Lord has a purpose for everything and we must accept the will of God.

After a year or more of praying for the good Lord to forgive him of his sins, I believe with all my whole heart the Lord heard his cries and saved his soul. He had made his peace 4½ years before he got his call to join the Old Regular Baptist Church. He gave his hand to Brother Rayful Griffiths at the Little Polly Church August 12, 1973, and it was his request that he be baptized on the 4th Sunday of August so that all his children and grandchildren could be with him to share that wonderful day. What a joyous day it was. He was baptized by his Brother Elder Claude Ousley and Brother Rayful Griffiths. He chose to put his membership at the Mt. Olivet Church along with his wife Sister Osie Ousley and his two daughters, Sally Lafferty and Delores Ousley.

He loved being a servant of God and the Little Mt. Olivet Church. Who would ever think his stay on earth after that precious homecoming to the church in August would be so short. He took sick in December and was unable to speak most of the time, but the Brothers who visited him in the hospital and at home can tell the story, his thoughts were of God and of those Heavenly mansions God has prepared for him and every living soul if they would only turn from the world of sin and sorrow. He knew God was calling him and he had to leave us. I want to meet him, for I believe he is waiting for me and would want all his children to come home. So brothers and sisters, remember the advice and counseling he gave to each and everyone of us, if you want to meet Poppy again in that beautiful land called Heaven, make your peace before it is too late. I beg you to continue to love and respect one another and to get along as Poppy wanted you to do, for someday we're going to have to face the death angel as Poppy had to do, and it is up to you and the good Lord. So make your peace with God, so that the Circle won't be broken and we can all be together again.

God Bless and be with you all, I'm in hopes of meeting Poppy again soon. The sadness and emptiness in my heart only God can comfort. I miss my Pop so much.

Written by his daughter and Sister in Hope,
Delores Ousley

The memorial of Brother George Ousley will be held annually the 4th Sunday in August. Everyone is welcome.

R. S. COMBS

It is with much sadness that I try to write an obituary of a dear old Brother to wit: Bro. R. S. Combs, (Henry). He was born in Letcher Co., Ky., Sept. 22, 1884. The son of Margaret Caudill and Riley Combs. Deceased this life December 21, 1973. God blessed Bro. Combs to live upon His good earth 89 years, 2 months and 29 days. Early in life he married Flora Combs, who preceded him in death in 1970. He leaves to mourn his loss seven sons and four daughters.

Bro. Combs joined the Big Leatherwood Church of Old Regular Baptist Indian Bottom Association many years ago. He came to the Antioch Church, by letter Oct. 18, 1970, where he remained a faithful member until death. Bro. Combs was sick for a long time. Spending many days in the hospitals, waiting for the Lord to come and take him home. He never grew weary or disgusted, patient as a little child, and oh! so humble. Bro. Paul and I visited him many times, finding him always talking of the goodness of the Lord and how good the Lord had been to him. We miss him at Antioch, but I feel he is in a home of plenty now, in a land where he will never grow old.

I want to say to his children, if you ever see Daddy again you will have to repent, be born again and live a life that is different from the world. Bro. Combs left the light in the window, for you to follow. Sleep on Dear Bro. we hope to meet you in the morning, in a land of everlasting peace, joy and love.

Humbly yours,
Eld. Hillard Newsome



SALLIE OUSLEY

By request of the family, I write the obituary of Sister Sallie Ousley, the daughter of the late Joseph and Nancy Shepherd Hughes. She was born Oct. 9, 1884, and deceased Aug. 7, 1973. She was married in 1904 to William Hager Ousley who preceded her in death in Sept., 1941. Unto this union were born 11 children. One child preceded him in infancy, leaving 6 boys and 4 girls. Boys are George, since deceased, Stockbridge, Mich., Elder Claude, Shelby, Ohio, John, Plymouth, Ohio, Roe, Martin, Ky., Joe, Grass Lake, Mich., Raleigh, Ada, O. Girls are: Bessie Stephens and Susie Wright, both of Martin, Ky., Mary Shepherd, Warsaw, Ind., Anna Reed, Plymouth, Ohio. She also leaves many grandchildren and great grandchildren to mourn their loss.

Sister Sallie was a member of the Bethel Church of Old Regular Baptist. She had belonged to the church for more than 60 years and was a shining light to her children, relatives and friends.

Sister Sallie bore the burden of being a preacher's wife, as sacrifices had to be made by all the family so that Brother Hager could go to the aid of the people who would call on him in their distress. All of this, not for money, but for the love of God.

Sister Sallie had been ill for several months. She lived with some of her children who cared for her the best they could. Mother is gone but her life will live on in the memories of those who knew her.

We feel that several of her children have made preparations to meet Mother and Dad in Heaven. If any have not made peace with God, we pray that they will do so while life and opportunity affords them.

We could go on saying good things about Sister Sallie, but her life was her testimony of the Eternal Destiny of her. Sister Sallie went God's way, and not the way man might want.

Written by Brother Monroe Vanderpool



MILTON LYONS

With a sad heart I will write the obituary of my dad, Milton Lyons. He died Dec. 18, 1973, just five days before his 85th birthday. He was a member of the United Baptist Church for forty-three years and attended it regular as long as he was able, he was a true and faithful Christian.

He was the father of nine children, thirty-five grandchildren, forty-eight great grandchildren, five great great grandchildren, two brothers, two sisters, and lots of friends to mourn his loss. But our earthly loss is heaven's gain.

Written by his daughter,
June Smith



LEE RUSSELL

With a sad heart, I will try by the help of God to write a short obituary of my brother, Lee Russell. He was the son of J. C. and Vina Russell. Born on June 3, 1889, in Knott County, Kentucky. Deceased: March 24, 1973, at the age of 83 years, 9 months, and 21 days.

He is survived by his wife, Virge Russell. He also leaves to mourn his loss four sisters, Tisha Centers, Kentucky, Elizabeth Gabbard, Akron, Ohio, Eva Clemons, Jackson, Kentucky, and Minta Lewis, Aurora, Indiana, and one sister and brother preceded him in death. Brother Lee joined the Little Memory Baptist Church in May, 1970, and was baptised by Elder Baxter Osborne, Moderator and Elder Hershel Sturgil.

He was laid to rest in the Old Franklin Cemetery, Milan, Indiana. Lee served in the United States Army for 32 years.

It is lonesome here without you and sadness has its way. May God Bless us all to walk closer, live more humble, and live for Christ and each other.

Written by Sister Minta Lewis, Sam Lewis



ROSA ELLEN [DOLL] HALL

At the request of the family, I will attempt to write an obituary of Rosa Ellen (Doll) Hall. She was born on May 17, 1885 to Rhodes and Louanna (Hall) Meade, and deceased this mortal life on November 1, 1973, making her earthly stay 88 years, 5 months, and 17 days.

In early life she met and married Brother Jethro Hall, who was the Clerk of the Rebecca Church at Hall, Kentucky, for over forty years, and to this union were born 9 children, to wit: Dewey, Luly, Marie, Anna, Cornelius, Mary, Delphia, Claude, and Goshen. Her husband and 5 children preceded her in death, leaving 4 children: Luly Johnson of Clyde, Ohio; Marie (Martin) Hall; Anna Hampton; and Goshen Hall of Puncheon, Kentucky; 25 grandchildren; 43 great grandchildren; 1 great great grandchild, and a host of friends and brethren and sisters of the Church to mourn her passing from this mortal life and I feel a far better country.

She joined the Rebecca Church of Old Regular Baptist in September 1920, and was a faithful member when she was able to go until death. Her shouts of glory and the goodness of God has stilled, but I feel she has went to live with the Lord, and no longer will have to suffer the agony of cancer which took her mortal life.

I feel that her presence among us in the home and Church will be sadly missed, but, I believe that her life here was an inspiration to her relatives and friends. I feel that if the children she left here in this troublesome world want to go where she is, they must repent of their sins and be born again. Ma, as I affectionately called her, has one daughter, Marie, who has professed a Hope in Christ, to join the Rebecca Church and follow after Mother and Father who are now gone.

I want to say that I have never in the course of my life saw anyone who bore her illness with such patience and humbleness, but her sorrows are now over, and I feel she is awaiting the Saviour's call on that little lonely graveyard where she was planted to rest alongside her husband and children who preceded her in death.

Her sweet presence among us is greatly missed but we feel that our loss was Heaven's gain. Ma is not dead . . . only sleeping in the earth awaiting the call of the Lord in the noble morning of the resurrection.

Written by her grandson in Hope of Eternal Life,
Brother Atlas Hall



FLORENCE TACKITT AKERS

It's with deep sorrow and loneliness, I will attempt to write an obituary of my beloved wife. She was born July 12, 1905, and departed this life March 3, 1974, making her stay here on earth, 68 years, 7 months, and 19 days. On December 2, 1920, she was joined in marriage to Ervin Akers, and to this union was born 12 children, 6 of whom preceded her in death. We had 54 years of married life together before God called her home. Left to mourn her loss are, 3 sons, John of St. Petersburg, Fla., Solomon of Baltimore, Md., and George of Ecorse, of Michigan, and 3 daughters, Clara Hubble of Ecorse, Michigan, Maxie Hamilton of Jenkins, Kentucky, and Evelyn Tomalison, of Lansing, Michigan. One brother Alonzo Tackitt of Wise, Va., also to mourn her loss. She left 30 grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren. All of whom she loved very much. She joined old regular Baptist in 1966, and lived a faithful member of the Little Ida Church until her death. She always filled her seat faithfully whenever her health permitted. In all her illness, she managed a smile and showed a humble spirit toward all that knew her. To all our children, if you want to see mother again, repent, and be born again that you will be united in Heaven's portals.

The children and I miss her so much, but we know our loss is Heaven's gain, and she's resting at the right hand of God.

Written by Her Heartbroken Husband,
Bro. Ervin Akers



SUSIE [GRANNY] GILLUM

It is with a sad heart, I will try by the help of the Lord to write the obituary, of our Beloved Sister Susie Gillum.

She was born in Elliott County, Kentucky, February 17, 1885, and departed this life, January 20th, 1974, making her stay here, 88 years, 11 months, and 3 days.

She was the daughter of Andy and Verlina (Fraley) Pennington. Early in life, she married Robert Gillum, and to this union was born 12 children, 5 preceding her in death. Left to mourn her passing are 5 daughters: Clara Sammons, Mary Wells, Bertha Griffith, Ruth Blankenbeckley, and Merle Thompson, and 2 sons Talmage Gillum and Charles Edward Gillum, one stepson, Wayne Felty, and one stepdaughter, Allie Smith; one sister Virgie Colvin, 44 grandchildren, 104 great grandchildren, 31 great great grandchildren (total 188 descendants).

Sister Susie was known as "Granny", and was a faithful member of Little Ida Church, which she joined in October of 1967. She told an experience that God saved her Soul many, many, years ago. She told when her faith got low, she went back to an old plank seat, where she felt God forgave her.

Her last time to church, Brother Hirma Adkins and I took her in a wheel chair. She prayed to be able to fill her seat one more time, God granted her wish.

She loved the old Church so much, and was able to walk with Bro. Talmage, and Sister Arzilla, for several years, prior to her death. I know you both have many fond memories of her rejoicing in the church.

She was "Granny." to all that knew and loved her, her life was a light to all, but to this Brother she was much more.

She was at the Church faithfully, till bedridden with sickness. She loved to hear the Brethren preach and sing the songs she loved so much, her favorite being, "When I Shall Cross Over." I feel she's gone to that City she longed for, and always ask me to pray God would let her go on to. She has gone to rest under that Great Altar of God, to await that Day, when Soul and Body will be united as one. Her labors of this life are nō more. The Light of her Life lingers on.

arrange the ministry as follows: For Friday evening: Elders: Elias Cotton, Delbert Saunders, and Grover Adkins. For Saturday: Elders: Dewey Sexton, Clifford Colley, Frank Newsome, and Edwin May.

8. Called for transient ministers and members of our faith and order and received the following: Brethren Dexter Dixon, Walter Mullins, Hiram Adkins, Conley Daniels, Tip Collins, Buddy Wayne Carty, Arvid Blevins, Ballard Williams, Dow Johnson, Ralph Caudill, Earnest Perrigan, Savel Combs, David Slone, Lloyd Smith, Clark Damrow and Jackson Holbrook.

9. By motion and second the Northern New Salem Association agreed to corresponding with the following Associations: (a) NEW SALEM. (b) UNION. (c) PHILADELPHIA. (d) SARDIS. (e) INDIAN BOTTOM. (f) MUD RIVER.

10. A committee appointed by the moderator to draw up a bill of arrangements to guide us in our work in Saturday. The Moderator, Ass't Moderator, Clerk, and Ass't. Clerk, and transients, together with the delegates from our corresponding Association served on the committee.

11. By motion and second the committee on arrangements agreed to meet Friday evening 3:00 P.M.

12. By move and second the Association adjourned until 9:00 A.M. Saturday morning, August the 3, 1974.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 3, 1974

Met pursuant to adjournment. After singing an old familiar song of Zion, Elder Eddie Tackett from the New Salem Association introduced the services and led in prayer, a prayer of faith.

Business then proceeded in the following manner.

1. Called the roll of delegates and marked the absentees.
2. Read the bill of arrangements. By motion and second the committee report was received, and the committee was discharged.
3. The circular letter written by Elder Buddy Wayne Carty, was read by him. By move and second the letter was received and by the same move Whipple Reynolds is to write a circular letter subject to approval at the 1975 session of the Association.
4. The following brethren were appointed to serve on a finance committee: Roy Caudill, Grover Adkins, and W. P. Deal who reported the sum of \$1,740.00 contributed by the several churches, and \$168.00 collected for pictures. Donated by friends \$255.00. Total money donated. \$2,163.00.

5. Called for treasurers report who reported as follows:

Church contributions — 1973	\$1,389.00
Money for pictures — 1973	108.00
Donations from friends — 1973	226.00
Money carried over from 1972	230.00

To all that's left behind, weep not for Granny, but for yourselves, but rejoice, she's at rest in the Lord. She will be greatly missed by all that loved her and especially in Merle's home, where she spent her later years.

May God Bless You All.

Written by request of the Family,
By Bro. Ralph Caudill



HATTIE HANKINS SMITH

It is with much sadness that I try to write the obituary of our dear Mother, Hattie Hankins Smith. Mom was born May 9, 1890, and died October 21, 1973, giving her a life span on God's good earth of 83 years, 5 months, and 12 days.

Mom served the Lord over 59 years. She would often tell me how she came to the Lord as a young mother, and Dad overseas in the First World War; she would often pray, and one day up in the field she sat down by a spring of water and the Lord spoke to me saying you are troubled about many things, but in me you have peace.

Mom died with that hope in her breast. I hope the other three boys and one girl will look to the Lord and repent and meet Mother some sweet day in Heaven.

Two sons preceded Mom in death. I know Dad is lonely and is expecting to meet Mom some happy morning as he joined the Church in June, 1936, and was ordained a Deacon in September, 1936, and Mom baked the bread every year but two times until she died. I know the Narrow Branch Church misses her. I believe our loss is Heaven's gain. So, children and grandchildren, and great grandchildren, if you see Mom again, you must repent and be borned again. Written with all my love to the Family and Friends of my Mother.

Written by Elder Lloyd E. Smith



SHEILA MULLINS HERZIG

By the help of the almighty God, I will try to write the obituary of my beloved niece, Sheila Mullins Herzig.

Born into this world, June 2nd, 1947. God called her away December 9th, 1973. Her stay on earth was 26 years, 6 months, and 7 days. I am glad to say she was my niece. I feel she was loved by all that knew her, and she had a warm place in her heart for everyone. With her smile and kind words made me feel the love she had.

I heard her Dad say he never heard her say a bad word, or raise her voice to him. I felt the twenty days she stayed in the hospital she had plenty of time to think of her salvation, and the last few days, I believe she knew her time was close.

I heard her Mother say she believed when she wanted to go home to rest that she wanted to be alone to pray. I want to say God is a Merciful God. He will forgive all that will call on his name with the whole heart. God rejoices in the death of his saints.

She is survived by her husband, Fred Herzig, her Father and Mother, Vernon and Nona Mullins, and a sister Myrna Bastio, and one brother at home, Vernon Jr. All of Lincoln Park, Michigan. And one sister Donna Warsecke, of Cheboygan, Michigan.

My prayers and hope is that I will see Sheila in that City that God has prepared for his people, so I hope everyone will take heed to that light that shines in a dark place until that day dawns and the morning star arises in your heart which is Christ.

Written By Her Uncle,
Elder Walter Mullins

Brother Jack departed this life on May 2nd, 1974, making his stay on earth 65 years, 2 months, and 24 days.

Brother Jack joined the Interprize Church, Indian Creek, Ky., and was baptized the third Saturday in July, 1951, by Elder Frank Hopkins. He lived and served as a faithful member, Minister, and clerk, at the Little Ida Church until God seen fit to call him home. He was the last member serving the Little Ida Church that came in the arm when the Church was organized in 1952.

As a Minister Brother Jack preached repentance, and the wonderful goodness of the Lord, and how sinners must repent, and be born again if they wanted to live again after this life is over.

He was Blessed to Pray so many wonderful prayers and always remembered his good companion and children. He loved everyone and was so gentle and humble. The last time he was able to come to Church, he had to be helped into the Church, but he wanted to hear the word of God and he praised His name from the pulpit.

Even though he had that dreadful disease cancer he bore his sickness with patience. He would speak softly of Jesus, and ask Him to take him home. God seen fit to ease that body and gave him rest. God called and he answered the call we all must face. To Brother Jack's wife, Bobbie, who waited on him through all his illness to the end, Brother Jack could not have gotten any better care anywhere, but Bobbie, now he is resting in Peace in Jesus Arms. To all his family, don't worry about Brother Jack, but rather about yourselves, he has already paid the price we all must pay.

He is resting under the Great Throne of God for that great Resurrection. Get ready to meet him, for God's coming back after His own.

Believe the Doctrine that Brother Jack preached in the Little Ida Church, and obey God's teaching.

God Bless all of you left behind is my Prayers.

A Brother in Christ,
Brother Ralph Caudill



CLIFFORD S. DANIELS
"TIP"

With the help of the good Lord to guide and direct me, I will try to write the obituary of my dear husband, Clifford Daniels, better known as Tip. He passed away on February 18, 1974, making his life on earth 60 years.

He was born in Floyd County, Kentucky, on October 14, 1913, the son of Lee and Exor Ward Daniels. In the year of 1938 he married Mary Collins, the daughter of Casel and Judy Howell Collins. Unto this union were born three children: Teddy Douglas of Bay City, Michigan, Henry Jeff of Howell, Michigan, and Judy Gwen Aiken of Riverview, Michigan. All living to mourn the passing of a very dear daddy and husband.

He joined the Old Regular Baptist in 1964 and lived a very good Christian life every day. He loved the old time way so well. It grieved him for new things or changes to come in the church. He always said the old time way was good enough. He was a charter member in the Rose of Sharon Church and was an ordained Deacon. He filled his duties faithfully.

He is missed so very much and life here is so lonesome without him, but it is a comfort to believe his soul is at rest. His daily life was proof of an award awaiting him in heaven.

One of Dad's last sentences was, "I love everybody."

Written by his lonely wife and daughter,
Mary Daniels and Judy Aiken



GARLAND BRUCE DEEL

With a sad, and lonely heart, I will try and write an obituary, of my dear father-in-law, Garland B. Deel.

He was born May 15, 1901, and departed this life, April 8, 1974, making his stay on earth, 72 years, 10 months, and 24 days. He was the son of Noah and Polly Jane Deel. He was married to Goldie Taylor, July the 12th, 1922.

They had 52 wonderful years together, and God Blessed them, with 9 wonderful children, 5 sons, and 4 daughters. Pauline Deel, of Highland Park, Mich. Dorothy Johnson, of Walled Lake, Mich., Wilma Rolan, of Madison Heights Mich., and Bunice Hackney, of Birchleaf, Va. Rosco Deel, Lester Deel, and Junior Deel, all of Detroit, Mich., and Maloy Deel, of Royal Oak, Mich., one son Cartet Farris preceded him in death while an infant. He leaves 2 sisters, Clementine Compton and Una Edwards, and his loyal and devoted wife, 29 grandchildren, 6 great grandchildren, and many, many friends and loved ones to mourn his loss.

Dad was sick for a long time, but would never complain. He bore his sickness well, he never wanted to worry anybody, and was so kind and loving to all of us. He had great love for his children, and grandchildren, and they all loved him dearly, home isn't the same any more. When we go home, we look for dad, sitting in his chair, by the door, where he always sat. His chair is empty now, and he isn't there. It's so lonesome and sad there for Mom. We try, but none can comfort her like Dad could. We all miss him, but Mom misses him more. I don't feel that Dad is dead, he is just resting from his labor, a little while. God will call him, and he will get up, and then he won't have that afflicted body.

He will have a body that will never die. Dad never had material things, but he had a wealth of love, for his family, and everyone around him. He was so humble, gentle, and kind. Children let's be good to mother, while she is still with us.

She needs all the loving care we can all give her, now that Dad is gone. Let's try to live the life Dad would want us to live, so the family circle can be complete in the land where parting never comes. We will have to fall out with Sin, if we ever want to meet Dad again.

Dad never joined any Church, but everyone could tell by the light he let shine within him, his God had started a work in him, and I believe He finished it.

That kind, humble look, and sweet smile, I can never forget, as long as I live. God only knows, how he is missed by all of us. Dearest Dad, you are gone, but you will never be forgotten. So sleep peaceful, Dad, until we can meet in the midway air together, to never part no more. God, we will leave him in your Hands, for his Soul, is yours, and his memories are ours.

Written by his daughter-in-law, Sylvia Deel



ELDER JACK CASEBOLT

It is with much meekness, and by the request of Brother Jack Casebolt's beloved wife, I'll try by the help of the Lord, to write this obituary of my beloved Brother in Christ.

Brother Jack was born into this world the 7th day of February, 1909, and was the son of the late Harve and Emmaline Johnson, Casebolt, of Pikeville, Kentucky.

He met and married Bobbie Isom, the daughter of the late Ira and Mary Swindell Isom, of Myra, Kentucky, and were married 44 years. To this union were born two daughters, Mrs. Billie Wise, Grosse Ile, Michigan, Mrs. Tommie Mann, Southgate, Michigan, three granddaughters, Leslie Wise, Jody Wise, and Randie Mann.

He also left to mourn his loss two sisters, Mrs. Mae Picklesimer, Robinson Creek, Kentucky, Mrs. Bertha McCann, Columbus, Ohio, and a host of friends.

Total money on hand Aug. 2, 1973\$1,953.00

EXPENSES FOR 1973

Printers Fee\$1,350.00
 Union meeting cards (500)15.00
 Secretary's fee125.00
 Traveling expenses30.00
 Postage & telephone6.44
 Total Expenses\$1,526.44

Balance in the bank Aug. 1974\$426.56

6. By move and second the treasurers report was received. By the same move Roy B. Akers was appointed recording secretary. He is to have (6,000) copies of the minutes of this session of the Association printed and distributed among the churches according to their contributions: (350) copies to be reserved for our corresponding associations. The recording secretary is to receive \$200.00 for his services. Printers fee is to appear on the front cover of these minutes.

7. By motion and second obituaries of deceased members are to appear in these minutes. Obituaries to be typed and double spaced. Pictures can be had for \$6.00 each.

8. Appointed the same committee on ministry as served on Friday who arranged as follows: Elders: Ralph Howard, Paris Tackitt, and Grover Adkins for Saturday evening. For Sabbath day: J. Mitchell, Eddie Tackett, Glenn Pack, and our beloved moderator to preach and close the association.

9. Called for volunteers to attend our corresponding associations. Also resolved that their report of last year be omitted in order to conserve time.

NEW SALEM — When convened with the old Beaver Church Minnie, Floyd Co., Ky. Beginning on Friday before the fourth Saturday in September 1974 and continuing the two following days. Delegates to attend: William P. Deal, Ray Hover, Delmar Williams, Claude Ousley, Joshua Hicks, Bob Hunter, Albert Hamilton, David Slone, Chester Owens, N. V. Slone, John Mullins, Ira Kendrick, Archer Akers, James Branham, Buck Tuttle, Harrison Runyon, Rayford Griffith, Paris Tackitt, Sam Lewis, Floyd Newsom, Ray Hamilton, Roy B. Akers, Baxter Osborne, Roy Hamilton, Chester Davis, and Golden Newsome.

OLD UNION — When convened with the old Sulphur Springs Church, Elkhorn City, Pike Co., Ky. Beginning on Friday before the third Saturday in September 1974 and continuing the two following days. Delegates to attend: William P. Deal, Chuck Keesee, Bart Potter, Roy B. Akers, Ernest Perrigan, Baxter Osborne, Paris Tackitt, Walter Parker, David Slone, Johnnie Bently, Delmar Williams, Bud Bryant, Albert Hamilton, Joe Parker, Chester Davis, John Mullins, Ira Kendrick, Bill Dunbar, Joshua Hicks, Lloyd Smith, Virgil Fields, Covis Tackitt, Roy Coleman, Gary Saunders, Roy Caudill, Jesse Bryant, Harrison Runyon, and Roy Hamilton.

PHILADELPHIA — When convened with the Little Mary Church, Ashland, Boyd Co., Ky. Beginning on Friday before the second Saturday in August 1974 and continuing the two following days. Delegates to attend: William P. Deal, Baxter Osborne, Paris Tackitt, and Chuck Keesee.

CHURCHES

	Received by baptism	Received by letter	Received by recommendation	Restored	Dismissed by letter	Excluded	Deceased	Total membership	Meeting time	Contributions
LITTLE REBECCA ✓	5	16	0	0	24	2	1	79	3	\$ 75.00
LITTLE JEWEL ✓	1	4	0	0	0	0	0	64	4	100.00
MAGGIE HOME ✓	5	0	0	0	4	0	1	55	1	75.00
LITTLE POLLY ✓	1	1	0	0	3	0	0	14	2	30.00
MT. ZION ✓	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	21	1	35.00
LITTLE FLOCK	12	2	0	0	2	0	1	27	3	50.00
LITTLE RUTH	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	21	2	50.00
LITTLE MEMORY ✓	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	29	2	75.00
LITTLE EDNA ✓	4	0	0	10	1	2	0	30	4	85.00
LITTLE IDA ✓	8	4	0	0	6	8	4	136	1	260.00
LITTLE FLOSSIE ✓	0	0	0	0	1	0	10	1	50.00	
LITTLE ZION ✓	9	1	0	0	1	1	0	54	2	60.00
LITTLE PILGRIMS HOME ✓	1	2	0	0	4	1	0	32	2	25.00
MT. OLIVET ✓	1	6	0	1	1	2	1	16	4	50.00
LITTLE OVAL ✓	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	12	4	30.00
PLEASANT VIEW ✓	4	0	0	0	2	0	0	49	1	75.00
LITTLE FAMILY ✓	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	24	2	60.00
LITTLE ANGEL ✓	12	3	0	0	3	0	0	61	4	100.00
ANTIOCH ✓	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	34	1	75.00
ROSE OF SHARON	0	5	0	0	0	0	1	19	2	45.00
LILLY OF THE VALLEY ✓	1	5	0	1	0	2	0	32	2	30.00
LITTLE CHILDRENS HOME	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	12	3	25.00
MORNING STAR	13	21	0	0	19	1	2	66	3	100.00
LITTLE BETHEL ✓	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	17	1	25.00
GETHSEMANE ✓	3	0	0	0	1	0	0	16	3	75.00
FAMILY OF LOVE ✓	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	17	4	30.00
WIMAUMA	6	10	0	0	0	0	0	16	3	25.00
CHURCH CONTRIBUTIONS										\$1,740.00
PICTURES AND PERSONAL CONTRIBUTION										423.00
GRAND TOTAL	91	75	0	12	78	20	12	873		\$2,163.00



OMA STURGILL

With the help of God I will try to write the obituary of my dear loving wife, Oma Sturgill.

She was the daughter of the late Thomas Mullins and Wyona Hunnicut Mullins. She was born January 27, 1917 and departed this life May 25, 1974.

She was united in marriage to Herschell Sturgill on May 23, 1932. Unto this union was born 14 children, five boys and nine girls: Edna Faye Prather, Sunman, Ind., Ona Mae Bentle, Moores Hill, Ind., Nella Jean Bearer, Nannysglow, Penn., Linda Carol Grant, Mesa, Arizona, Virginia Gail Bradford, Antioch, Ill., Brenda Hollingsworth, Dayton, Ohio, Barbara Ann, Clovia, and Elsie Jane who are still at home, James, Round Lake, Ill., Sherri, Round Lake, Ill., Sheldon, Round Lake, Ill., Wayne, still at home, and Corbett Lee in Manchester, Maryland.

She leaves to mourn her loss two brothers and four sisters: Carmen Mullins, Pinetop, Ky., Willis Mullins, Winchester, Ky., Larcie Adams, Pinetop, Ky., Maudry Pigman, Littcarr, Ky., Irene Cook, Pinetop, Ky., and Geraldine King, Kite, Ky.

She also leaves 18 grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

We all will miss Oma very much, but I do believe with all my heart that our loss is Heaven's gain. She told us not to worry about her because she had a better home to go to, and she told me just a few days ago that there was nothing in her way.

Oma was loved by all who knew her.

Written by her broken-hearted
husband and family

SARDIS — When convened with the Narrows Branch Church beginning on Friday before the second Saturday in September 1974 and continuing the two following days. Delegates to attend: William P. Deal, Paris Tackitt, Hiram Adkins, Bill Dunbar, Joshua Hicks, Roy Hamilton, Harrison Runyon, Golden Newsome, John B. Hale, Delmar Williams, Claude Ousley, Albert Hamilton, Ira Kendrick, H. Centers, L. Robinson, N. V. Slone, Bart Potter, Covis Tackitt, and Roy Hamilton.

INDIAN BOTTOM — When convened with the Ivy Point Church, Garner, Knott Co., Ky. on Friday before the first Saturday in September 1974 and continuing the two following days. Delegates to attend: William P. Deal, Chuck Keese, Joshua Hicks, Roy Hamilton, Harrison Runyon, Golden Newsome, Fletcher Gibson, Sam Lewis, Virgil Wicker, Elmer Adams, Virgil Fields, Irwin Hicks, and Hiram Adkins.

MUD RIVER — When convened with the Mt. Zion Church, Millcreek Pecks Mill, Logan Co., W. Va., beginning on Friday before the fourth Saturday in August 1974 and continuing the two following days. Delegates to attend: Roy Hamilton, Joshua Hicks, Harrison Runyon, Golden Newsome, and Baxter Osborne.

By motion and second the foregoing letters were read and found in order. The delegates we received by the righthand of fellowship by our beloved moderator and invited to be seated with us in council.

10. By move and second the request from Mt. Ararat Church asking for a letter of dismissal was granted.

11. By move and second the Association agreed to receive committee report on incorporation and discharge the committee.

12. In answer to the letter and petition of the Wimauma Church. By move and second the Association appointed a committee to go to Florida to investigate the alleged disorders in this church. Committee is as follows: Baxter Osborne, Virgil Fields, Paris Tackitt, Chuck Keese, Joshua Hicks, Bart Potter, and Roy B. Akers.

13. By move and second the request from the Little Oval Church to publish Elder Hillard Profit in disorder was granted.

14. By move and second the request of the Little Flossie Church to change their meeting time was granted.

15. By unanimous consent of the delegates the request of the Maggie Home Church to host the Association in 1975 was granted.

16. By vote of the delegates, Elder Alex Collier is to preach the introductory sermon and Elder Buddy Wayne Carty is to be his alternate at the 1974 session of our association.

17. By move and second the reading of the current minutes was omitted.

18. By move and second the Association agreed to adjourn to the time and place mentioned in item 16.

19. Elder Hiram Adkins was invited to close this session of our Association by remarks and prayer. Bro. Adkins was blessed with a double portion of God's divine Spirit reminding the brethren how that God had directed the togetherness of the brethren delegates in all their deliberations.

Brother Adkins desired that Elder Roy B. Akers lead in prayer. Oh, how sweet it is to feel the indwelling of God's Holy Spirit when it carries one high and beyond the shadows of this world of sorrows.

Done and signed by order of the Association.

Elder Baxter Osborne, Moderator
Elder Paris C. Tackitt, Ass't Moderator
Elder Roy B. Akers, Clerk
Elder Chuck Keesee, Ass't Clerk

SABBATH MORNING AUGUST 4, 1974

Work of the two proceeding days being completed, this the holiest of all the days our eternal God had created, had now dawned bring us into a beautiful day of sunlight. This was a witness that God was pleased with the manner in which our delegation conducted themselves.

It being about the hour agreed upon by the delegates that worship services should begin, a large and orderly congregation of Brethren and Sisters and friends began to assemble at the Little Ida Church House.

In as much as this was the occasion for our association, it was also the season for renewal of old acquaintances, and meeting new friends. Brotherly, and sisterly love was manifested by warm and brisk handshakes, and lovely embraces. Rarely is it recorded across the pages of newspapers the open expressions of joy and praises for the goodness of God toward the lowly dust worms of His creation. Manifold expressions of thankfulness were heard from both saints and sinner for the three beautiful days God had blessed us to enjoy.

Only three ministers chosen by the committee were present. Elder J. Mitchell from the Old Union Association came to the stand and introduced the services and led in prayer. The theme of his short but timely remarks was based on God's redeeming power and love. His prayer of faith in the power of the sweet resurrection of both the just and unjust.

Elder Glenn Pack from the New Salem Association followed the introduction. He was blessed to bring a clear message of repentance by way of travel from nature to grace.

Elder Chuck Keesee followed Elder Pack in the absence of Elder Eddie Tackitt. Bro. Keesee was wonderfully blessed with a double portion of God's divine power. He dwelt on the substance of faith, which is the evidence of things unseen. The evidence being in heaven is the essence of eternal life beyond this vale of tears and sorrows.

We have lost one who is most dear to us, but she left a hope that gives us comfort and we feel with all our hearts she is in a much better home than she had here. We hope to meet her again someday and hope all her children will pray and get the same mind to meet her that we have.

Written by her daughter,
Janice Sue Graves
IN HOPE

Memorial 3rd in June (Sunday only). Elders Burton Howard, Paris Tackitt, Hiram Adkins, Ivory Sowards.

She had went in to take a bath
It had been an hour and a half
That Friday night the moon was dim
But still an angel came and awoke him
When he saw grandma was not in bed
The first thing he thought, she must be dead
He knew for sure that something was wrong
But still he knew he had to be strong
When he walked into the room he couldn't believe his eyes
That is when poor grandpa first began to cry
She was lying there as if prepared
But still yet he was scared
So he went outside and yelled for his son
And finally at last his son come
He called all the children and told them to sit
Then he began and told them about it
He called all her brothers and sisters so dear
And explained to them why they should have no fear
For we knew she was gone to the glory land
Where there she could stand and hold God's hand
She's happy there where every minute she's at church
And someday I'm going there and for sweet grandma I'll search

Written May 31, 1974, by Diana Graves (Granddaughter).



GIRLIE WARRENS

With a sad, aching heart, but beautiful memories I will try to write the obituary of a loving wife, mother, and precious grandmother Girlie Warrens.

She was born July 31, 1907, and deceased May 25, 1974. Making a life's journey of 66 years, 9 months and 24 days. She was the daughter of Zack and Elaza Triplet who preceded her in death. She was also preceded by three brothers.

Sister Girlie was united in Holy Matrimony to Brother Hawley Warrens on February 6, 1932, and this union was blessed with ten children, five boys and five girls. One son preceded her in death in infancy.

She had left to mourn her dear companion and nine children: Rondall, Oswald, Janice, Lowell, Myrna, Barbara, Roy, Mary, and Charlotte. Twenty-four grandchildren, one great grandchild, and two stepchildren. She also leaves several brothers and sisters, nieces and nephews, and a host of friends and neighbors.

Sister Girlie joined the Old Regular Baptist Church at Ball Branch Church in 1951 and later moved her membership to the Little Flock Church, where she was a faithful member and lived true to her profession in Christ.

She had been sick for several years but never gave up going to church and visiting. She read her Bible and worried a lot about her children. While she was in the hospital she told us not to worry about her, but worry about the children. She loved to cook for her brothers and sisters and friends and always worried about all the little children eating. She told us while she was laying in her bed to cook plenty of food and not to let one little child leave hungry.

Our beloved moderator came to the pulpit in the meekness of the Spirit. The love of God radiated across his face as he began to address the hundreds that came to witness the close of our association. His subject can be found in the 8th Chapter of Ecclesiastes 1st Verse. "Who is as the Wiseman? and who knoweth the interpretation of a thing? etc; from this text brought streams of mercy, fountains of living water, and the everlasting beauties of heaven. He proclaimed that a wise man's heart longed for the peace that can only be found in that land where no storm clouds ever rise, and the soul never departs from the presence of God.

As the congregation began to sing that beautiful old song of Zion "Jerusalem my happy home" loud cries of "thank you Lord for your patience and long suffering toward us" filled the great building where in we dwelt, and I am sure the echos reached heaven high dome. As we heard Elder Osborne's closing remarks the congregation were convinced that every work of man good or bad, would be brought before God in Judgement.

Thus ended the Seventeenth annual Session of the Northern New Salem Association of Old Regular Foot Washing Baptist. Amen.

Humbly, Your Clerk

The delegates of the association ask your clerk to express their thankfulness for the hospitality found among the members and friends of the Little Ida Church, and for sharing their homes with us.

I have searched my heart and mind for words that would adequately express the thankfulness of the entire delegation for the good wholesome food and delicacies that were served each day of the session. Every session seems to get better, and better.

I will not attempt to point out any single individual, or group of persons responsible for the many tireless hours spent in the preparation of the fine delicious food that went to feed the hundreds of people for three full days.

It is the feeling of the writer that it took the combined effort of all the members and friends of the Little Ida Church plus the sister churches and their friends to accomplish what to most people would seem impossible.

To all you devoted sisters of the common faith who endured the heat from the hot cook stoves, including the other work you did God will richly bless you in the days to come, and reward you with a golden crown in heaven. And to the many sinner friends men and women, my God and your redeemer took notice of your efforts and cooperation and will reward you in this life — but a greater reward awaits you if you will only call on, and believe in His saving power.

To all you good and faithful brethren of the host church and neighboring churches and you many friends, you will never receive the reward you so richly deserve in this life — only remember a better pay day awaits you when the toils of this life are over.

We are deeply grateful to the security guards that gave of their time, to see that good order was kept on the ground. Also for the fine manner that they did in

parking cars and controlling the traffic. Again we thank you, and may God bestow upon you His richest blessings.

Most Gratefully Yours —

Roy B. Akers, Clerk

CIRCULAR LETTER

Dear Brothers, Sisters and Friends of The Northern New Salem Association:

Being chosen last year to write a Circular Letter for your inspection, and now that the association is growing very near, I feel it's my duty to try to write it. I know that without God, this will be a failure. I have worried much about this. Many things I have thought about. This is a very serious matter. I hope God will bless me and guide my mind.

I believe with all my heart a few years ago God called me to preach Jesus to be the way, the truth and the life; no other way given under Heaven whereby man can be saved except through and by Him. I know that in the last days, and it surely must be in the last days, Jesus said many shall come saying, "Lo, here is Christ" and "Lo, He is there," believe him not for false christs and false prophets shall rise to seduce, if it were possible, even the very elect.

Our children are in danger. Today there are men that will tell them any way is all right just as long as you have your name on some church book. They try to make it sound so easy as to say just accept Jesus and you are saved. This is done just by saying, Lord I accept you, Lord I believe in you. This in part is true, you must believe and you must be willing for the Lord's will to be done, but it must come from the heart. With the heart man believeth unto righteousness and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. We must get in a condition where the Lord will accept our case.

The Lord's Church is not just some Church, but the Church of the true and living God, and Christ is the head of the Church, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a peculiar people, a chosen generation. He said I have chosen you out of the world, therefore you are no more of the world. We are still in the world but not of the world. I remember Brethren, when I was of the world, I loved the things of the world, I loved darkness rather than the light because my deeds were evil. I thank God for that reprooving spirit that taught a poor sinner like me that if I died in that state I would go down to the world of the lost.

I never will forget a dream I had, I feel was some of God's mercy. In this dream, I had a bad sickness that was going to kill me. I was on my knees praying when the Lord appeared to me and with his right hand He pointed His finger at me. I awoke with much fear. At this time I didn't understand but I knew this was a warning to me. I went on in sin, I would not at this time tell this dream to anyone. One night while on my bed, I was very much awake, this voice, the Spirit, spoke to me very plain, "son, you know you have to die, where will you go after death?" I knew I would go to hell, but I had heard of a city called Heaven, I wanted to go there. I knew at this time I was left without an excuse, I wanted to go to Heaven, but I still didn't want to lay down the things of the world, I thought I could bargain with the Lord. I would lay down this thing if I could keep that.



ISAAC ROSE

It is with much sadness and with God's help I will try to write a memorial of my dear husband, Isaac Rose, who left us with a broken heart.

"Oh how sad was that day when Jesus called and you went away,
He took him home to live with Him forever more,
We miss you now, our hearts are sore, as time goes on we'll
miss you more."

There are so many remembrances of you left behind. It's hard for us to forget, your vacant chair, your smiling face which we could never forget."

On the morning of his death he awoke, troubled by a dream. He called to me and told me about it then called out to God. Our Merciful Father answered this call and took him from this life. Words cannot express how much we miss him but I have every assurance that he is at rest in Jesus, for Christ is eternal.

Humbly written by his wife



DOROTHY BRYANT

It is with sad heart I will try by the help of God to write a few words about Dorothy Bryant, one that was loved by all that knew her.

Dorothy was born Feb. 2, 1959, and deceased from this life March 14, 1974, making her stay on earth 15 years, 1 month and 12 days. She leaves to mourn her loss her father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Bryant, and one sister, Phyllis Bryant, at home, and one brother, Glenn Bryant, who lives in Goshen, Indiana.

I feel our loss here on earth is Heaven's gain. She wanted the Old Baptist to come and sing and pray. She loved to hear good preaching. From the experience she told me I would like to say to all her friends and loved ones, please get ready to meet her in a better world where cancer can't take life, where pain will not exist, and all tears will be wiped away, and we can give God all the praise.

A memorial meeting will be at Little Pilgrims Home Church the second weekend in May. Ministers called are Elder Bob Hunter, Frank Harvey, Robert Wallen, Tennis Sturgell, and Albert Hamilton.

Written by one who hopes to meet her
Elder Robert Wallen

I had begun to get sick, I knew that it was either the Lord's way, or no way at all. There was a great burden set up in me. I thought I was going to die without God. I got sicker and sicker. After awhile, I began to have no more pleasure in the things of the world. One lonely night on my way home from work, I thought surely my time had come, I thought I was going to die. I believe with all my heart I did die dead to the love of sin. My prayer was, "Lord have mercy on me a sinner." After this time, the things of the world didn't mean anything to me. I thought maybe I had gone too far.

I wanted to go to Heaven more than anything in the world. I believe this was that sickness I had in the dream, sin sickness. Then one morning I felt that burden leave, I never will forget as long as I live, this is the place I can always go back to when doubts come. This was a burden that I knew no man could move. I never will forget my last prayer, "Lord let me be worthy to enter into that City." I believe if it had been necessary, I was willing to give up my natural life, I had gone as far as I could go at that time. With words I will never be able to tell just how I felt when the burden moved, it is better felt than told. Only the ones that have been over the road can tell about it.

I thought I never would have to suffer again, I thought my trouble was over, a child had been born, a new birth took place, I had been added to the church, the Heavenly Kingdom, by a new birth in Christ, chosen out of the world, made alive in Christ. Very shortly I realized there was something more to do, I had a mind to go home to the Church. I don't believe a child of God is fully satisfied until they go home to the Church and tell thy friends how great things the Lord had done for them. This is to show the world you are no more of the world. No wonder Jesus said, blessed are the poor in spirit for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven, blessed are they that mourn for they shall be comforted, blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness for they shall be filled, blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see God, blessed are the peacemakers for they shall be called the Children of God.

Ye are the light of the world, A city that is set on a hill that cannot be hid. Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father which is in Heaven.

I have tried, Brethren, to be a faithful servant in this old Church. I know that many times, I have come short, but I have always tried to give God the glory and honor, I know how weak this natural man is. I thank God that there is a stronger man in this man that keeps him. This love that God gave me makes me love not only my brothers and sisters, but sinners also. I hope they can see the life of Jesus in me. For it was by His love and kindness that drew us, it will take that same arm of love and mercy to draw them, the greatest light that we could let shine in this world is that love. By this shall all men know you are my disciples, if you have love one for another. Not just for their sake but for ours, that we may meet together in the Church and worship God in spirit and in truth. That our joy may not be hindered, that it would please God to bless us for this is our meat and drink. How good and pleasant it is for brothers to dwell together in love.

I know that to the world the way may seem hard but to the Children of God it is joy. His commandments are not grievous.

As I told you at the first of this letter, our children are in danger. Just any way