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Let us never depart from what sayeth the word of God.

[1] *Let younger brethren always be reminded that they are to be courteous, and to treat elder brethren as fathers.*

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

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

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

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

Humbly, your unworthy moderator -

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FRIDAY SESSION

Pursuant to adjournment of the Northern New Salem Association in 1975, delegates from our union of churches, and from our corresponding associations, together with a host of members and friends, assembled in and around a beautiful shelter house situated among a lovely grove of huge oak trees that towered upward into the hazy skies. Their thick growth of leaves furnished a lovely shade from the mid-day sun.

Elder Baxter Osborne, our beloved moderator, came forward after many songs peculiar to the Old Regular Baptist had been sung, and delivered the welcoming address. Love and peace radiated from his face as he pleaded for unity, the basis of love one toward another, saying "we are here to defend the cause of Christ, and to show forth the love toward mankind that Jesus had for us." He also said: "If we possess the love of Christ, the indwelling of the holy spirit will put to flight the ever presence of that evil spirit that would divide us and separate us from the love that binds the children of God together."

With these heart warming and spiritually uplifting remarks, Bro. Osborne invited forward Elder Paris C. Tackitt, whom the Association had chosen to introduce the services that marked the beginning of the Nineteenth Session of our beloved association.

Bro. Tackitt had been released from the hospital two days earlier, and was still suffering from much body pain. Soon after coming to the stand he was captured by the divine spirit of God that drove out from his body the physical pain, and replaced it with love, the basis of his prayer that followed. The prayer he prayed lifted the hearts and minds of God's children far above the evils of this war-stricken world, and centered them on the eternal things of heaven.

Elder Ivan Amburgey was chosen by the delegates to deliver the introductory Sermon. His countenance revealed humbleness and obedience to the "Will of God." His Sermon was centered around the 5th Chapter of Galatians, Verses 22, 23, 24, 25, & 26, namely "The fruits of the Spirit." How to obtain, and share in the fruits of the Spirit was explained in depth. First: you must believe in Jesus Christ. Second: you must experience a Godly sorrow for sins committed against God and His dear Son. Godly sorrow brings about conviction, and conviction brings about conversion, which brings about a new man or woman giving evidence of being born again and that by the Spirit of God.

The Apostle Paul found the **Sin of Adultry** and the lust of the flesh among the brotherhood almost everywhere he went. In every instance he warned them to rid themselves of these sins lest they be found guilty of permissiveness. "Understandeth what thou redest?" (Acts 8:30) When the love of God abounds in the hearts of men, the miracle of understanding is easy to understand. To understand it is to have the capability to spiritually discern the hidden mystery of what sayeth the word of God.

"He that hath an ear, let him hear what the spirit sayeth to the Church." (Rev. 2:7)

The scripture teaches that we are to be of one mind, bound together in unity of the spirit, and in one accord. If we are guided by these doctrinal principals, where in the record of God do we find justification for the differences of opinions as to what constitutes the **Sin of Adultry**? Unity is not the product of divided minds. It is the result of a diligent study of the record of God. "Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus." (Phil. 2:5) If we have the faith to believe that Jesus Christ spake with the wisdom of God the righteous Father, when He declared that from the beginning the law governing divorcees was neither intended nor permissible, we would have no difficulty in agreeing with one another. "What therefore God hath joined together, let no man put asunder." (Matt. 19:6, 7, 8 and 9)

Since it was not the purpose of God in the beginning of time that divorce be permitted, then where in the record of God can mortal man find an excuse to substitute his opinion on divorce contrary to the divine decree of God the righteous Judge? Jesus Christ spake thiswise concerning divorce. "And I say unto you, whosoever shall put away his wife except for fornication, and shall marry another, committeth adultery, and whoso marrieth her (or him) which is put away commits adultery." (Matt. 19:9 and Mark 10:11 - 12. Luke 16:18) The word "except" found in Matt. 19:9 is commonly believed by many brethren to suggest that divorce is permissible provided it is obtained for a lawful reason (fornication). But I have difficulty accepting this as truth. However, gospel evidence of a violation of the marriage contract by either the man or woman for adultery only — provided they can establish their innocence, is accepted by the Old Regular Baptist.

The Apostle Paul counseled the Church at Corinth concerning divorce and remarriage to another as follows: "And unto the married, I command, yet not I, but the Lord, let not the wife depart from her husband — but if she depart, let her remain unmarried, or be reconciled to her husband, and let not the husband put his wife away." (First Cor. 7:10 - 11)

Some of our brethren hold to the doctrine that if a divorce is obtained that is the result of adultery while they are still in sin, and later on they present themselves to the church asking for fellowship, that it is all right to accept them. To this I agree, provided they can furnish proof of their innocence. To do otherwise would be contrary to the doctrine of John the Baptist, who refused to grant Herod permission to marry his brother's wife, "Saying, it is not lawful for thee to have thy brother's wife." (Mark 6:18) This simple statement clearly proves that this devout man of God would rather suffer death than to give his consent to the **Sin of Adultry**.

"Great is the mystery of Godliness." None of us can ever be able to convince

years. His home was always open for Jesus and his friends. It always made him and mom feel so good when they would visit them.

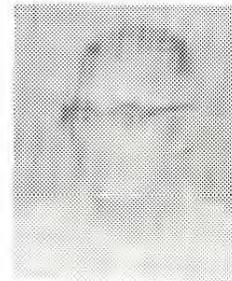
He was ill several years, mainly with gall bladder. When the pain got so severe, he decided to have surgery. Before being operated on, April 6, he said if he didn't return from surgery that he was ready to go. That same night after surgery with the family gathered around him, thinking everything was going to be alright, he told them not to get their hopes up too much, for this ain't all of it. "There's more to come." April 11 he had a massive stroke and lingered until July 1 when God called him home.

Our hearts are broken and the tears keep falling, because our loss is great, but we believe he has paid his final debt and is resting with Christ, his redeemer.

The Family

CLIFFORD HICKS

Clifford was the son of Bennie and Cora Hicks and was born March 25, 1913, in Floyd County, Kentucky. February 1933, he was married to Bertha Hughes and unto this union 11 children were born. They are Mrs. Bill Whitaker of Greenwich, Ohio; Mrs. Nick Luna of Willard, Ohio; Mrs. Denzil Gearheart of Greenwich, Ohio; Mrs. Ralph Neely of Plymouth, Ohio; Mrs. Samuel Hale of Plymouth, Ohio; Harold Hicks of Shiloh, Ohio; Mitchell Hicks of Greenwich, Ohio; Mrs. Jhonnie Hicks of Greenwich, Ohio; Mrs. Randy Oney of Greenwich, Ohio; Mrs. Gary Adkins of Shelby, Ohio and Paul Hicks of Willard, Ohio.



Clifford deceased this life December 17, 1973, thus making his stay 59 years and two months here on earth. He was a good father to his children and a faithful husband to his wife. He had been in poor health for several years. Although he did not belong to any church here on earth, I feel his name is recorded in the Lambs book of life, in Heaven. By this he really did belong to a church, which our natural eyes have not seen.

Clifford wanted to be baptised by littoral water, so he could answer in good conscience, but his crippled body prevented him doing this. Sister Bertha and dear children this did not prevent him from going to that beautiful home God has prepared for all his little children, where all suffering will cease and resting will be forever. The Bible says: "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord for henceforth, yea sayeth the spirit, they do rest from all their labor and their works do follow after them." According to the testimony Clifford left, when God calls for them that are asleep, he will come forth, not crippled, but will be able to skip like a young heart.

May all you children make preparation to meet him and live in Heaven together again.

God Bless each and everyone of you,
Elder Claude Ousley

Heaven to show me something that would give me hope, and I had a dream that done me good. I said that was enough for me. So I have no doubt that he is at rest, for God can save in a short time.

I want to say to his parents if they will try they can meet their son again. For I feel that he is where they want to go to meet him.

Our loss on earth is oh, so great, but we feel our loss is Heaven's gain.

Written by his Aunt,
Melba Givens

He was driving his car on a dark, lonely night,
He looked straight ahead there was a big light,
He cut his wheels and went for the brake,
But in just a short second it was too late.

He's sleeping so sound just a short way from home,
We feel to know he's not alone.
The Angels were there to take him away,
He's happy with Jesus in Heaven today.

Sleep on little Darling, your suffering is o'er,
God took you home where there'll be no more.
Our home is lonesome, your grave so deep,
We feel you are in Heaven with Jesus asleep.

Sleep on little Darling till the Judgement day,
When God will wake you from the sleeping clay.
Your grave will open where you now lay,
Sleep on little Darling we'll meet you some day.

ESTILL AMBURGEY

Born November 3, 1903, deceased this life July 1, 1976, making his stay here on earth 72 years, seven months and 28 days. He was the son of Albert and Cassie Amburgey, who preceded him death.

His departure leaves several broken hearted people: his wife, Cora of Pinetop, Kentucky; one son, Ellis Amburgey of Medway, Ohio; three daughters, Fairie Watts of Miamisburg, Ohio; Fern Watts of Hindman, Kentucky and Nell Pratt of Leburn, Kentucky. Also, three brothers: John J. of Sassafras, Kentucky; Burn of Pinetop, Kentucky and Odus of Amburgey, Kentucky; one sister, Fronie McIntosh of Brinkley, Kentucky, seven grandchildren and a host of friends and relatives.

He belonged to the Ball Branch Church of Old Regular Baptist at Mousie, Kentucky. He loved the brotherhood and served them as deacon for several



the searching hearts of sinners that we have the spiritual wisdom to understand the hidden mysteries of God, when we interpret the Holy Scripture literally instead of spiritually. Nor, can we give full proof of our ministry when we say we think the scripture means this or that.

The carnal mind cannot understand spiritual things. "For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life, and peace; because the carnal mind is enmity against God." (Romans 8:6-7) What did Jesus mean when He said "All men cannot receive these sayings, save they to whom it is given"? (Matt. 19:11)

The Apostle Paul's journey led him to many of the churches in Asia and surrounding countries. In every church where the **Sin of Adultery** existed he warned the brethren to rid themselves of this deplorable sin. He taught that the "Wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord". (Tim. 6:23) He also taught "If any man that is called a brother be found a fornicator, or covetous, or an idolator, etc.; with such an man do not eat." (First Cor. 5:7) Note that Paul said not to eat with such an man. Not to eat, means, not to have fellowship with such a man. "He that hath an ear, let him hear what the spirit sayeth to the churches." (Rev. 2:7)

And now my dear brethren, in every century since the establishment of the visible church in its recognized state, it has been necessary that the gospel be preached by qualified men and able to take care of the church needs. To be qualified, one must be trustworthy, and obedient to the will of God. We know that God has reserved unto himself the power to call whomsoever he will to preach his own everlasting gospel. Nowhere in the record of God can it be found that God ever called a man, or that He ever will bless a man, in the exercise of the gospel privilege, except in harmony with His own purpose. Which purpose is reflected in the scripture that teaches that a man must **first** be "saved by grace;" **second**, "be baptized into the fellowship of the church by a man of God;" **third**, "be called with a holy calling;" **fourth**, "have the wisdom to understand and interpret the scriptures;" **fifth**, "tarry until he is endued with power from God" and **sixth**, "be ordained by the laying on of hands, by a legal presbytery of ordained authorities" (chosen by the church that holds his membership).

If he is found worthy and nourished up in the orthodox principals of the Regular Baptist Faith and Order, he is then an ordained Elder, or a Bishop, and is entitled to exercise every function of the gospel. A man who has met the above qualifications described above, is a blameless man, the husband of one wife (and not two or more living wives). "Blameless" is the sum and substance of all the seventeen qualifications contained in First Timothy 3:2-7. Who did Paul have reference to when he said "the husband of one wife" and, what state of marriage did he consider a man to be who was the husband of more than one living wife? It is my belief that he had reference to a man claiming to be called to preach whose married state and conduct of life was not in harmony with the spiritual interest of the church.

Some men will say they did not know it was a sin to divorce their first wife and marry another. I cannot agree with this doctrine. I do not believe that a rational minded man or woman ever committed the **Sin of Adultery** (or any Sin) without knowledge of guilt. The record of God says "I will put my laws in their

mind, and write them in their hearts, etc." So this leaves a man without an excuse.

One of the major reasons of the ever increasing rate of divorce, is that all too many marriages are performed by incompetent men, men who are not familiar with "What sayeth the word of God concerning a successful marriage." Justices of the peace, judges of the courts, marriage parlors, and some Baptist ministers are not qualified to perform the sacred vows of matrimony.

Seldom, if ever, do these men who are unfamiliar with the laws of marriage, counsel and advise the candidates for marriage of the danger of the **Sin of Adultry**, nor do they impress upon them the importance of their obligation and loyalty one toward the other that makes for a contended and happy marriage, etc.; and all too often, broken homes are the end results of improper instructions by the one performing the marriage vows.

I have known of a few instances (and I am sure you have, too) where a Regular Baptist Minister refused to perform the marriage vows between a man or woman when asked if either one had one a living mate that had been divorced without a cause. And if they did not have proof of their innocence, he would not marry them, for to do so, he would run the risk of partaking in the **Sin of Adultery** and the sad thing about it is that this same couple engaged another Regular Baptist preacher who performed the marriage ceremony, knowing that his brother preacher had refused to marry them. Common sense teaches us that such acts do not promote nor contribute to harmony or unity among the brotherhood. I firmly believe that acts of this nature invited criticism of the church that permits it. Furthermore, such acts are totally inconsistent with the orthodox principles of our Faith and Order and should not be permitted by the churches in our union.

So, my precious brethren, I feel that if the human element could be removed from among us, the solutions to the puny problems that aggravate us, would fade into memory, and we would experience unprecedented harmony and spiritual unity throughout our precious brotherhood.

So now my dear brethren, it is expedient that I bring this letter to a close with a heart full of love for you and all mankind. My fervent prayer is that the wisdom of God may keep you on the alert, always watching for those that try to creep into your assembly, scattering the flock which you have been chosen to protect. If there was ever a time that we should be on the lookout for those who seek to devour and divide us, now is the time. We cannot afford to use up precious time doting about questions that destroy our peace and satisfaction what little time we have on this earth. Let us resolve now, (tomorrow may be too late) to put aside every matter that is designed to separate us, and run the race that is set before us with patience, always remembering that by so doing our blessings will be much sweeter, and the sovereign Grace of God will much more abound.

Beloved, it is extremely important that all be God fearing, Church loving, born again children of God, and, "in all things shewing thysself a pattern of good works: in doctrine etc." (Titus 2:7) The isms and cisms that are always present designed to separate and divide us, can easily be put to flight, if we will only invite the spirit that is within us to guide us in the ways of all truth. The satanic powers are slowly but surely stealing the hearts of our youth, even our

this old soldier of the cross many times and felt that warm heavenly spirit of the Lord and would feel we had been in a good old time heartfelt gospel meeting. To know Pop was to love him. I never heard him say a harmful thing about anyone. If hard things were said about him he would say "Oh Lord, have mercy on them." He has preached his own funeral. He said so many times, "I have never found any place to turn to the right or left, just march straight on that narrow path way to the Lord." Pop has said by his life, as the apostle Paul said, "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith, henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness which the Lord the Righteous Judge, shall give me at that eternal day and not me only but all that love His coming."

We feel that Pop and mom and the children that have gone on are resting under the altar of God and most of the children still living are waiting to join them. To the ones who aren't ready, children, grandchildren, loved ones and friends, Pappie has left a bright shining light for you all and if you ever want to see him again you'll have to become sick of sin and fall in with the offered mercies of God; become dead to the love of sin and be made a new creature in Christ Jesus, our Lord. Then you will be able to meet these blessed loved ones who have out stripped us and gone on. Oh, what a blessed day that is going to be for the children of the Lord. I pray God's blessing upon this family.

Elder Hendericks Hampton,
Your unworthy servant, son-in-law,
and servant in the ministry.

JOHN EDWARD AMBURGEY

It is with a sad heart I will try to write the obituary of my nephew John Edward Amburgey. The son of Earl and Rena Mae Amburgey. Born May 3, 1957. Deceased June 5, 1976. Making his stay on earth 19 years, one month and three days.

He was taken from us so suddenly. He was killed in a car wreck on his way home from a movie in Albion, Indiana. A car hit him head on. Johnny's car skidded 81 feet, we hope that he had time to call on the Lord in that short time.

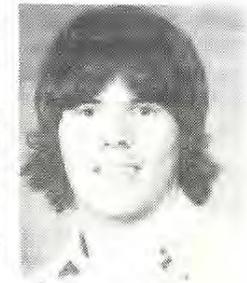
We can not let our thoughts wander the wrong way. We have to keep remembering he was in the hands of a just God.

John was a good boy; he was loved by every one who knew him.

He leaves his father and mother, one brother, Kenith Ray of Albion, Indiana; three sisters, Phyllis Lee, Deloris Ann, and Robin Renea, all at home; 10 aunts and three uncles; also many, many friends and his girl friend, Debra Hull, who loved him very much, to mourn his loss.

He was the flower of the family. It is so hard to give up a loved one so sudden, but God had his reason for taking John.

I feel with all my heart that John is in Heaven. For I begged God if he was in



In our hearts we still are saying,
Thanks dear God for everything.

I'd like to thank all my brothers,
and sisters of the church, and friends
for being so good to help me out in
my time of sorrow, and I also want to
thank those who brought flowers and food.

His Loving Wife,
Lizzie

ELDER WESLEY CAUDILL

Elder Wesley Caudill was born Feb. 19, 1884 and passed away Dec. 21, 1975. His life span was 91 years, 10 months and two days. He was the son of Dave and Peggy Summler Caudill. He was married to Millie Whitaker, daughter of Hade and Nancy Caudill Whitaker. To this union were born 14 children, eight boys and six girls. His companion and five children preceded him in death. Mom passed away Dec. 31, 1968. The deceased children were David, Alamander, Beckham, Angeline, Fanny, and another son, Granville, who with his wife was killed in an auto accident coming to Pop's funeral.



The eight children left to mourn their loss are Virgil, Roy, Lee, Henry Herman, Lula Margaret Caudill, Stella Jane Hampton Nora Fields and Bertha Anderson. Also, 77 grandchildren, over 100 great-grandchildren and about 10 great-great-grandchildren. And a host of Brothers and Sisters in the Lord and many other friends. We mourn his loss here but we feel he has reached that heavenly home he sought after, prayed and work for so many years.

Early in his life he felt the need of a Saviour and began to seek the Lord with all his heart, mind and strength until the Lord heard his crying and pleading and wrote his name in the Lord's book of life. Pop joined the Doty Creek Church Nov., 1911 and was baptised the second Sunday in March, 1912, making his stay in the Old Regular Baptist Church over 64 years. He was a shining light to all who knew him. I have never known anyone with a faith as great as his. He loved the old church and the Lord above everything in this life. He was chosen a Deacon in the old church in 1928. He felt the call to the ministry in 1934, a calling he felt he could not fill since he couldn't read or write. But there isn't any job too great for the Lord and He said, "Wes, go and I'll go with you." And for 41 years he tried to warn poor, lost sinner men and women to come to the Lord for safety and flee from the wrath that is coming upon all who fail to obey the teachings of the good Lord.

His desire was to hold up the blood stained banner of the Lord and to bear his cross, which I feel he did well. His conversation was Godly. I have talked with

own children, and if we do not show more interest in our younger people, how can we hope to gain their confidence in our faith? For certainly the youth of today is our hope for the survival of the church tomorrow. "He that hath an ear, let him hear what the spirit sayeth to the churches."

Like the blessed old Prophets of Old, "I am vexed both day and night, because of the things I have both seen and heard, the past few months." In the past few years, men who we once recognized as our co-workers in the moral vineyard of the Lord (to my sorrow) have made it manifest by their actions that they were not of us. They are now identified as our adversaries. Their fair speech and loud cries have no doubt had a damaging impact on our young people. The faithful has not been deceived by these erring men we once called brethren, and their departure from our assembly should inspire us to gird ourselves with the whole armor of God, that we may be able to withstand those that would devour us. Those that have left us without cause, must be labeled as men doing eye-service, and as men-pleasers.

I sincerely believe that if we who claim to be the Sons of God, don't show forth more Godly love one toward another, we will be in danger of losing our identity as a Regular Baptist Church. The challenge is ours. We earnestly need more valiant hearted men skilled in the divine sword (word) of the Lord who are not afraid to die in defense of the faith of our forefathers.

I cannot refrain from making mention of the loyalty and faithfulness of the good and obedient wives, whose preacher husbands spend countless days and nights away from home in obedience to their gospel duties without price for his services. A loyal wife never shirks her duties at home, and never murmurs because of the extra burdens that are thrust upon her. I believe that God is mindful of her patience and obedience and will not neglect His promise to be her comforter in the hours of her loneliness. Surely, God will richly bless them for helping to make the burdens of their ministering husbands much easier to bear.

So, now my beloved brethren, this may very well be my last opportunity to address you by the way of a circular letter. For I realize that the time of my departure from our assembly is slowly but surely at hand. But as I cast mine eyes toward heaven, I can see the dark clouds of uncertainty slowly climbing up the rugged mountains of time. However, by an eye of faith I can see these pale clouds being turned to heavenly sunshine, and too, I can see a nail-scarred hand reaching out to welcome me home, where no storm clouds ever rise to mar the happiness and everlasting joy of those who fall asleep in the arms of Jesus Christ our redeemer. I am glad that I can say as did one of the prophets of old, "Let me die the death of the righteous, and let my last end be like his."

I hope you will study the contents of this letter prayerfully, that you may better understand my interest in the peace and prosperity of Old Regular Baptist Church order. With malice toward no one, but with an undying love for all men, I humbly submit this letter for your careful consideration.

I did not know when I began
Just what I'd write or say,
I prayed the will of God be done
And the spirit just led me this way.

I beg to remain your unworthy but willing servant,
Roy B. Akers

**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 baptized upon a profession of faith in Christ are convinced of the necessity of a combination of Churches in order to perpetuate a union and communion among us and to keep the order and rules of an Association according to the following plan of government.

ARTICLE 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.

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

ARTICLE 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.

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

ARTICLE 5. The Association shall have a Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk, and Assistant Clerk, each chosen separately by a majority vote of the delegates present.

ARTICLE 6. New Churches may be admitted into this 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.

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

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

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

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

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

and Connie Roberts, all of Kentucky. Preceding him in death were his mother and father, Johnny and Tibe Thornsberry; two brothers, Harmin and Lee; three sisters, Jane, Cora and Mary Ellen.

Brother Mart joined the Old Regular Baptist Church at the Rebecca Church in Kentucky 20 years ago, and later moved his letter to the Little Rebecca Church, Plymouth, Ohio, and lived a good clean and faithful life until death. He also was a Deacon. Brother Mart has seen a lot of sickness in his stay here, but some 20 years ago he got tired of this rugged old life and he set out for a country where he wouldn't have to be waited on, in a country where he would have no more pain. He set his sights on Heaven and begged God to forgive him for his sins and I believe with all my heart God heard that humble prayer and has led him these many years through so much that he said, "Well done faithful servant, you have had enough" and he sent an angel to take him to find rest.

Sister Lizzie, I know it will be hard for you, you have been so faithful to wait on Brother Mart. He loved you so good, but as you told me you have nothing to fear. To Brother Mart's children that he loved so dearly, please do as daddy would want you to and seek the Lord while he may be found. I have heard him say so many times, "If I could see just one of my children come and walk with me before I leave this world I'd be so happy." Maybe you've waited too late for that, but you still have time to make reservations to meet him again.

As we all know, Brother Mart has been a sick man most of his life, but he never grumbled to his friends. I would like to say we should all have learned from Brother Mart and practice a little of his patience.

I could go on and on telling you of the good life Brother Mart lived while he was here with us, but we who knew him, knew what he believed and what he stood for, because he was never ashamed to let you know he was an Old Time Regular Baptist and he believed in the old time way.

Sleep on dear one. Some day we will all go home together where we won't need those oxygen tanks to help us breathe. We will be with our Savior.

Memorial will be the 4th Saturday and Sunday in June at the Little Rebecca Church.

Written by one who loves this whole family dearly,
Sister Hazel Pullum

In Loving Memories

Should you go first and I remain,
To walk the road alone,
I'll live in memories dear,
With happy days we've known.

To glimpse beyond the sunset,
The brightness of the dawn,
To trust in God's own promise,
That life goes on and on.

But upon this day of parting,
While the bells of heaven ring,

and in our hearts. I know that I can no longer look over at him at church, when a preacher is preaching on the same scripture we had just talked about either that week or even just that morning. He loved to sit down and counsel his children and tell them what they needed to do if they ever wanted to see what Heaven looked like. We can never sit down at our table again, but what Daddy's place won't be empty.

He always told us to be good to Mommy and take care of her if anything ever happened to him. He must have sensed that the Lord was soon going to call him Home, because he always told us he would never live to be an old man.

Even though we are broken-hearted, we thank the Lord, he didn't have to suffer long. We believe he is asleep with Jesus and he'll soon be singing with the angels. He has dreamed so many times of meeting and talking with his Daddy. Many times he was woke up singing in his sleep, sometimes as much as a whole verse of song.

Some bright morning we hope to meet him in the air and go home to love with him and Sweet Jesus.

Written by his broken-hearted wife, Audrey, and his dear children

Softly the stars are gleaming,
Upon a precious grave.
Where sleepeth without dreaming,
One we loved, but could not save.
He bid no one a last farewell,
He said good-bye to none.
His loving heart had ceased to beat,
Before we knew that he had gone.
He did not fail to do his best,
His heart was true and tender.
He worked hard for those he left,
And he'll always be remembered.

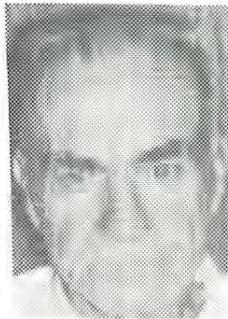
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JOHN [MART] THORNSBERRY

By a request of the family, I will try to write an obituary of a dear loving brother in the Lord, John Thornsberry, known to most of us as Mart.

Brother Mart was born in Floyd County, Kentucky in 1903, making his stay here on earth 73 years and 17 days.

In early life he married Lizzie Hall Thornsberry and to this union was born six daughters and one son: Delma Isaac of Wakeman, Ohio; Thelma Thornsberry of Shelby, Ohio; Imilee Amburgey of Puncheon, Ky.; Ivilean Brown of Plymouth, Ohio; Louise Hall of Kite, Ky.; Buel Thornsberry of Shelby, Ohio and Sarah Thornsberry, at home. Also, 14 grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, one brother, Kay Thornsberry; two sisters, Alice Johnson



shall fairly state the cause as nearly as he can so as to convey his ideas.

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

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

ARTICLE 14. All matters coming before the Association shall be decided by will of a majority of the delegates present.

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

ARTICLE 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.

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

ARTICLE 3. We believe in the doctrine of election by grace. "For by grace are ye saved through Faith." Isa. 42:1, Eph. 2:8, 2nd Timothy 2:9, 1st Peter 1:23.

ARTICLE 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.

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

ARTICLE 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.

ARTICLE 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.

ARTICLE 8. We believe that the Lord's Supper is the command of the Saviour,

and that by the use of unleavened bread and fruit of the vine and feet-washing should be kept up until His second coming, by His believers. Luke 22:2-20, John 12:7, 13:7-8, 1st Timothy 5:9-10.

ARTICLE 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.

ARTICLE 10. We believe that no minister has a right to administer the ordinances and commands of the gospel, except such as are regular baptized, 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.

ARTICLE 11. We believe it is the duty of all church members to contribute money 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.

ARTICLE 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.

ARTICLE 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.

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

ARTICLE 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

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

ARTICLE 2. The Association shall have a Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk and Assistant Clerk each chosen separately by a majority vote of the delegates present.

ARTICLE 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.

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

ARTICLE 5. He shall strictly adhere to the subject and in no wise reflect on the person who has spoken so as to make remarks on his slips or imperfections, but

His garden must be beautiful
For he always picks the best.

Written by her two Brothers in the Lord.
Elder Chester Newsome
Elder Squire Hamilton
Ashtabula, Ohio

SAMUEL E. COLLINS

It is with much sadness and heartache, that we will try with the help of the good Lord to write an obituary of our beloved husband and father, Samuel Edward Collins. After working all night, he was suddenly stricken with what they called a coronary occlusion. The rescue squad was called to the plant and he lived only about 10 minutes after being admitted to the hospital. One artery to his heart was completely closed up by a blood clot, allowing no blood to re-circulate through it.

Daddy was born on May 1, 1935, at Minnie, Kentucky, to Elder Willie Collins and Rachel (Tuttle) Collins. He deceased this life on September 24, 1975, making his stay on earth 40 years, four months, and 23 days. He was united in marriage to Audrey Jean Bailey, daughter of Bee Bailey and Melcine (Collins) Bailey, on April 4, 1953. To this union was born five children; Danny Edward of Amherst, Ohio; Mrs. Barbara Ann Slone of Kite, Kentucky; and Rieky, Karen, and Jean at home. He leaves one granddaughter, Regina Jo Slone, at the time of his death, and another granddaughter, born a short time after his death, Nikki Marie Collins.

Also left to mourn his loss is his dear Mother, Rachel Collins of Plymouth, Ohio; three brothers and nine sisters; Junior E. of Ironton, Ohio; Amos of Sheffield Lake, Ohio; Billy James of Plymouth, Ohio; Mrs. Lucille Moore and Mrs. Melva Brewer of Willard; Mrs. Avenelle Ratliff of Plymouth, Ohio; Mrs. Doris Jones of Greenwich, Ohio; Mrs. Helen Isaac of Plymouth, Ohio; Mrs. Imajean Workman of Norwalk, Ohio; Mrs. Juanita Hodges of Tampa, Florida; Mrs. Ruth Dyer of Willard, Ohio; Mrs. Gwendora Cheshire of Sulphur Springs, Texas, and a host of other relatives and friends.

Daddy belonged to the Little Jewell Church of Old Regular Baptist in Ashland, Kentucky. He was known and loved by young and old alike, no matter where he went. He loved to get up on Sunday morning and go to church and sing the old time songs. Some of his favorites were: "Jacob's Vision," "Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone," "Guide Me Oh Thou Great Jehovah" and "Oh, Ye Young, Ye Gay and Proud." He loved to listen to the brethren preach the gospel and would rejoice with them when they were blessed. His happiness would last throughout the week until Sunday morning again.

We know that our loss is surely heaven's gain. But, we loved him so much, we know we shall always miss him. There will always be an empty spot in our homes



MANDY ROBERTS JOHNSON

By a request and with much sadness and weakness, I will try to write an obituary of Sister Mandy Roberts Johnson.

She was the daughter of Niel and Maggie Roberts. She was born March 9, 1907, making her age at the time of her death 69 years, two months and 14 days.

She was first married to Elic Malasky. To this union were born two children, Doris Haley of Ashtabula, Ohio and George Malaskey of Geneva, Ohio.

Elic preceeded her in death in 1944. She was married to Hobert Johnson. To this union were born two children, Clara Jean and Douglas Johnson. There were seven grandchildren, five great-grandchildren, and one step granddaughter.

She joined the Old Regular Baptist Church at Dorton, Kentucky, 25 years ago. At the time of her death she belonged to The Lilly of the Valley Church, Geneva, Ohio. She was a faithful member as long as she was able to fill her seat.

Sister Mandy had been sick all the time I knew her. Brother Squire and I would visit her many times in the hospital. During all her suffering she always had a beautiful smile to all who approached her. My wife and I visited her the night she passed away. Doug was with her trying to comfort her the best he could.

Sister Celia, I know you and Doug are lonely without her as she lived with you until she was called to rest. But we believe she went to sleep in the arms of Jesus. The Bible says, awake ye and sing that dwell in the dust of the earth. Blessed are the dead who die in Christ their works will follow them. Her soul is resting under the altar of God, but will return to reunite with the body in the morning of the resurrection, a body liken unto the Lord. What a beautiful day that will be for God's children.

I would like to say to Doug, you are a good boy and you helped make Sister Mandy's last days her happiest ones. You have been so good to help The Lilly of the Valley Church in so many ways. May I say to you Doris and George and all grandchildren, Sister Mandy can't come back to you, but by God's great mercies you can go to her, if you will fall out with sin and ask forgiveness. The Lilly of the Valley Church has lost a loving sister. Her seat here is vacant and can never be filled.

Sister Celia, it will not be long until we can put on that long white robe. We'll join Sister Mandy where suffering and parting will be no more.

I must end this obituary as time and space is limited.

Memories are treasures that no one can steal,
Death is a heartache that no one can heal,
Tears may dry and fade away,
But in our heart Sister Mandy, you will always stay.

The Golden Gates stood open
God saw you needed rest



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

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

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

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

ARTICLE 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 Decorum.

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

ARTICLE 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.

ARTICLE 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 AND COMMUNION TIME MINISTERS CALLED APRIL FOR THE YEAR 1977

PLEASANT VIEW — First Saturday and Sunday in April. Frank Newsome, Covis Tackett, Karrel Addington, Charlie Johnson, Baxter Osborne, Paul McClannahan, David L. Baisden. Communion time — First Sunday in May.

HOUSE OF PRAYER — First Saturday and Sunday in April. Baxter Osborne, Woody Pack, J.C. Tackett, Ivan Amburgey, Hiram Adkins, Clifford Colley, Covis Tackett. Communion time — First Sunday in June.

ROSE OF SHARON — Second Saturday and Sunday in April. Buddy W. Carty, Hendrix Hampton, James Branham, Wendel Hamilton, J. Mitchell, Anthony Hamilton, David Slone. Communion time — Second Sunday in May.

LITTLE OVAL — Fourth Saturday and Sunday in April. W.P. Deel, Roy Caudill, Bill Dumbar, Ellis Amburgey, Junior Mosley, Lawrence Day, Ronald Scott, Hillard Newsome, Bart Potter. Communion time — Fourth Sunday in Oct.

LITTLE JEWELL — Fourth Saturday and Sunday in April. Birtchel Mosley, Jr., Garland Mullins, Alex Collier, Melvin Watts, Ivan Amburgey. Communion time — Fourth Sunday in June.

MAY

LITTLE IDA — First Saturday and Sunday in May. Buddy W. Carty, Ivan Amburgey, Woodrow Pack, Hursel Huff, Zee Holbrook, Baxter Osborne, Melvin Watts. Communion time — First Sunday in June.

MAGGIE HOME — First Saturday and Sunday in May. Hiram Adkins, Russell Hicks, Bill Collins, Sam Franks, Jonnie Newsome, W.P. Deel. Communion time — First Sunday in July.

ANTIOCH — First Saturday and Sunday in May. Baxter Osborne, Hiram Adkins, Eddie Tackett, Buddy W. Carty, Jimmy Dale Sanders, David Pullum, Birtchel Mosley, Jr. Communion time — First Sunday in Oct.

LITTLE ZION — Second Saturday and Sunday in May. Frank Newsome, Andy Deel, J.C. Tackett, Gene Johnson, Charles Newsome, Ronn Scott, Bart Potter. Communion time — Second Sunday in June.

LITTLE MEMORY — Second Saturday and Sunday in May. Ivan Amburgey, Robert Haney, Stoney Blackburn, and Moderator. Communion time — Second Sunday in June.

LITTLE RUTH — Second Saturday and Sunday in May. Lloyd Ray, Freeland Yates, Clifford Colley, Claude Ousley, Paris Tackett, Moderator and Assistant Moderator. Communion time — Second Sunday in June.

LILLY OF THE VALLEY — Third Saturday and Sunday in May. Carl Ray Tuttle, Birbage Howell, Jr., Jerry Hall, Billie Hamilton, Woodrow Pack, Zee Holbrook, Lenard Kiser, Johnnie Bentley, Jimmie Dye. Communion time — Third Sunday in June.

MORNING STAR — Third Saturday and Sunday in May. Ivan Amburgey, Alex Collier, Jimmy Dale Sanders, Frank Newsome, Junior Damron, M.V. Burke, Baxter Osborne. Communion time — Third Sunday in June.

LITTLE CHILDREN'S HOME — Third Saturday and Sunday in May. Bill Dumbar, Junior Mosley, Ellis Amburgey, Ronald Scott, Kenneth Sturgill, Ivan Amburgey, Lawrence Day, Paul Adkins. Communion time — Third Sunday in July.

LITTLE EDNA — Fourth Saturday and Sunday in May. Walk Sturgill, Robert Fleming, Covis Tackett, David Slone, Glenn Maddox, Squire Hamilton. Communion time — Fourth Sunday in June.

JUNE

LITTLE FAMILY — Second Saturday and Sunday in June. Delbert Sanders, Hillard Newsome, Bufford Brock, Johnnie Bentley, Junior Mosley, Roy Hamilton. Communion time — Second Sunday in July.

LITTLE POLLY — Second Saturday and Sunday in June. Anthony Hamilton, Hurshel Huff, H.N. Vanderpool, Joshua Hicks, Earl Lawson, Mitchell Chaffins, Frank Newsome. Communion time — Second Sunday in July.

LITTLE BETHEL — First Saturday and Sunday in June. Milford Adams,

STEVE BLAIR

With a lonely feeling and sad heart, I will try by the help of God to write an obituary of a dear Brother in the Lord, Brother Steve Blair.

He was born October 13, 1918, and passed out of this troublesome world September 17, 1975, making his stay on earth 56 years, 11 months, and three days. He was the son of Jess Blair and Clerinda Caudill Blair. There were six children born to this family, two boys and four girls. One brother, dad, and mother preceded him in death, leaving four sisters still living. They are Emma Adams, Velma Hatfield, Boneta Mullins, and Monnie Sparkman. In early life he met and married Locie Davis. To this union were born two children, Tommy and Joy, both grown. Brother Steve and Locie had a happy life together and I believe they have as nice a son and daughter as I have ever met. A few years ago Brother Steve saw the need of a Savior and he turned to Mary's little Babe, and asked him to forgive him of his many sins, which he did. He joined the Little Memory Church and was baptized by Elder Steve Osborne on July 9, 1967. Then came in the arm to organize the Little Children's Home Church which he loved so dearly. I never met a finer brother in my life. I remember when I first met him how he loved to travel to church. Brother Zee and he made many long journeys together, and enjoyed the blessings of God. In the last few years, a lot of the Brethren traveled with him to church. His doors were always open to welcome people to his home. To really know Brother Steve, was to love him.

Now I want to say to all his family, he loved you all so much. He told me in the hospital that he wished all his family would turn to God. If you will take his advice, you will meet Brother Steve again in the city where the streets are pure gold, where there will be no heart attacks, sickness, or death but all will be joy, love, and peace forever. Brother Steve will be missed in the Northern New Salem Association and in many of the churches. The Little Children's Home Church has given up one of the charter members. He loved the church so good, he worried about it, afraid something might happen that would hurt the church. Brother Steve will be badly missed by all his family and all his brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, nieces, nephews, the church, and the community, but most of all by his loving wife Locie, and Tommy and Joy. May God bless them to bear up under the burden. To all the family and friends of this broken-hearted family. They will need you more now than ever. So may God help all his family that haven't made it right with Jesus. To repent, be born again, and meet Brother Steve in heaven some sweet day.

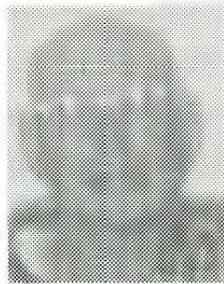
A few words to Anna, who said Brother Steve was like a Daddy to her. Brother Steve has left a light hanging in the window. He loved you so much Anna. I hope you and Hubert will take his advice and meet him in a better land.

Written by a broken-hearted Brother,
Elder Roy Caudill



MILES M. SLONE

Miles M. Slone was born January 15, 1893. Deceased this life June 5, 1976 making his stay on earth 83 years, four months and 20 days. He was the son of Alex and Martha Slone. Early in life he was married to Ada Slone, April 30, 1913, who still survives. Unto this union were born 11 children. One proceeded him in death, leaving the following: Kay Slone of Sturgis, Michigan; Myrtle Pratt of Marshall, Mich.; Clyde of Albany, Ohio; Marie Prater of Dundas, Ohio; Winston of Kendallville, Ind.; Marinda, at home; Herman of Wellston, Ohio; Ruby Tiller of Delbarton, W.Va.; Ruth Pyck of Kendallville, Ind.; Bernard of Auburn, Ind.; Surviving also are three sisters, several grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.



Dad worked hard raising his family, but seems like he enjoyed it. Dad always loved the Baptist family, and for the past several months, he would talk about he Lord and ask for the Brethren and Sisters to come and hold a little meeting for him. It is so lonesome without him, but the good Lord blessed him to stay with us along time here on earth. We do thank him with all our heart. Me (Marie Prater) and my sister Marinda sat by him day and night for about five years. We could see a change in him toward The Lord and Godly things. He would call in the good Brothers and Sisters to sing and hold prayer. He told us all it was power to his body, and bread for his soul. He told us he could feel Jesus lay his head on his breast, when he prayed. May the Lord bless all my brothers and sisters in flesh who do not know the Lord, to come to the same Lord that dad did; that you may see how it looks in Heaven. There will be no more cancer or sickness there. Dad told us all that he believed God had saved his soul and he felt he had a home in Heaven when he left this old troubled world.

So, children if you want to see Daddy again, fall out with sin and close in with God's great mercy. We feel he is resting from all his labor and just waiting for mommy to come on home.

So God Bless all of you who helped make his last days a little easier for him, and bless all when they read this obituary.

Written by his son and daughter,
Sister Marie Prater and Brother Winston Slone

Elisha Branham, Carl Ray Tuttle, Birbage Howell, Jr., Donald Gibson, Hiram Adkins, John Paul Hamilton. Communion time — First Sunday in July.

LITTLE FLOSSIE — First Saturday and Sunday in June. Baxter Osborne, Roy Caudill, Earl Lawson, Ivan Amburgey, Buford Brock, Charles Ramey, Hillard Newsome, Roy B. Akers. Communion time — First Sunday in July.

MT. ZION — First Saturday and Sunday in June. Marnard Ratliff, Lloyd Ray, W.P. Deel, H.N. Vanderpool. Communion time — First Sun. in July.

LITTLE REBECCA — Third Saturday and Sunday in June. Karrel Addington Hiram Adkins, Paris Tackett, Ivory Sowards, Grover Adkins, Ivan Amburgey, Carl Ray Tuttle. Communion time — Third Sunday in July.

FAMILY OF LOVE — Fourth Saturday and Sunday in June. Dave Pullum, Lloyd Ray, Ellis Holbrooks, Paris Tackett, Ivan Amburgey, Junior Mosley, Buddy W. Carty and Mod. Communion time — Fourth Sunday in July.

MT. OLIVET — Fourth Saturday and Sunday in June. Clifford Colley, Abel Johnson, Manard Ratliff, Frank Newsome, Tennis Sturgill, Walk Sturgill, Ivory Sowards. Communion time — Fourth Sunday in July.

JULY

LITTLE PILGRIMS HOME — Second Saturday and Sunday in July. Frank Cotton, Charles Ramey, Chester Newsome, Squire Hamilton, Buddy W. Carty, Buck Tuttle, Clifford Colley, Kirby Perrigan and Moderator. Communion time — Second Sunday in July.

LITTLE FLOCK — Third Saturday and Sunday in July. Richard Griffie, Ray Hamilton, Johnnie Bentley, Junior Mosley, Lloyd Ray. Communion time — Third Sunday in August.

LITTLE ANGEL — Fourth Saturday and Sunday in July. Harold Tackett, Bill Tackett, Ellis Cotton, David Pullum. Grover Adkins, Bill Collins, Andy Hamilton, Kermit Newsome. Communion time — Fourth Sunday in August.

MEMORIAL MEETINGS

HOUSE OF PRAYER — First Saturday and Sunday in November, 1977. All Regular Baptist ministers invited.

LITTLE JEWELL — Fourth Saturday and Sunday in October, 1976. Elders Junior Mosley, Roy B. Akers, Eddie Tackett, Luther Conn, Ivan Amburgey.

LITTLE IDA — First Saturday and Sunday in July, 1977. Roy Caudill, Alex Collier, Junior Mosley and Karrell Addington.

MAGGIE HOME — First Saturday and Sunday in June.

ANTIOCH — First Saturday and Sunday in June.

As Bro. Amburgey closed his wonderful sermon, the voices of the faithful began to lift up their voices in harmony as they sang the familiar old song "amazing Grace". With the singing of this much loved old hymn, much shouting and praising, and glorifying God brought the beginning of our beloved association to hand, that marked the ending two days later in the spirit of unity.

After a brief intermission our beloved moderator invited the delegates to assemble themselves at the meeting house where the business of the Association was to be conducted.

The delegates thus assembled, Elder Mitchel Chaffins was invited to make remarks. His discourse was timely and inspiring as he explained the importance of love and unity as a witness that God's divine Spirit dwells in the hearts of all whom God has selected for his eternal kingdom.

Elder Nelson Seals was called on to offer prayer. His prayer was an invitation for the delegates to work in harmony.

Our beloved moderator came to the stand with a few words of exhortation encouraging the delegates to exercise spiritual patience in their deliberation on any subject that might come to their attention, saying: "In your patience, you possess your souls."

The Association proceeded to do business as follows:

1. The moderator called for the letters from the Churches that compose the Northern New Salem Association to be handed in to the clerk. On motion and second the letter from Little Rebecca Church was read by the Clerk and found in order. By the same motion all the letters were received and the delegates seated. All queries and requests were referred to the committee on arrangements.

2. The Northern New Salem Association of Old Regular Baptist faith organized by electing the following officers to serve for the next (12) months:

Elder Baxter Osbourne, Moderator
Elder Paris Tackitt, Assistant Moderator
Elder Roy Caudill, Assistant Moderator
Elder Roy B. Akers, Clerk
Elder Hillard Newsome, Assistant Clerk

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

4. On motion and second the Constitution, Articles of Faith, and Rules of Decorum were read.

5. Called for legally constituted churches of our faith and order desiring to join our union and none responded.

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

(a) NEW SALEM - Represented by the following delegates: Grover Adkins, E. J. Little, Able Johnson, Glenn Pack, John Elliott, Mitchal Chaffins, Charles Ramey, Jimmy Sowards, Preston Tackitt, Luther Cook, Ishmael Clark, Carl Ray Tuttle, Troy Branham, Ezra Jones, Harold Senters, Billy Hamilton, Willis Gibson, Jink Ray, Perry Tackett, Omery Compton, Homer Howell, Glenn

- LITTLE ZION — Second Sunday in August each year, everyone welcome.
 LITTLE MEMORY — Second Sunday in August.
 MORNING STAR — Third weekend in July, Frank Oquin, James Oquin, Junior Mosley and David Slone.
 LITTLE CHILDREN'S HOME — Third Sunday in September.
 LITTLE OVAL — Fourth Saturday and Sunday in March.
 LITTLE PILGRIMS HOME — Second Saturday and Sunday in August. All Old Regular Baptist ministers invited.
 LITTLE FLOCK — Third Saturday and Sunday in June.
 LITTLE ANGEL — Fourth Saturday and Sunday in May.
 LITTLE EDNA — Fourth Saturday and Sunday in August. All Old Regular Baptist ministers invited.
 LITTLE FLOSSIE — First Saturday and Sunday in July.
 MT. ZION — First Saturday and Sunday in September. All ministers invited.
 LITTLE REBECCA — Third Saturday and Sunday in August. All Regular Baptist ministers invited.
 MT. OLIVET — Fourth Saturday and Sunday in August.
 LITTLE FAMILY — Second Saturday and Sunday in October.
 LITTLE POLLY — Second Saturday and Sunday in August.

CHURCH ADDRESSES

- ✓ LITTLE REBECCA Plymouth, Ohio
 ✗ LITTLE JEWELL, 207 Wheatley Road Ashland, Ky.
 ✗ MAGGIE HOME Dundas, Ohio
 ✗ LITTLE POLLY, 19545 Homer Road Marshall, Mich.
 ✓ MT. ZION McGuffey, Ohio
 ✓ LITTLE FLOCK, Rt. #1 Ray, Ohio
 ✓ LITTLE RUTH, R.R. #3 Marengo, Ohio
 ✗ LITTLE MEMORY Summan, Ind.
 LITTLE EDNA Lorain, Ohio
 LITTLE IDA, 4060 Drennen Street Ecorse, Mich.
 ✗ LITTLE FLOSSIE Lisbon, Ind.
 LITTLE ZION, 53181 Romeo Plank Road Romeo, Mich.
 ✗ LITTLE PILGRIMS HOME, Highway #224 Ruggles, Ohio
 ✗ MT. OLIVET, Rt. #1 Stockbridge, Mich.
 ✗ LITTLE OVAL, R.R. #3, Box 97-A Danville, Ind.
 ✓ PLEASANT VIEW, Beat Road Litchfield, Ohio
 ✗ LITTLE FAMILY Jacksonburg, Ohio
 ✗ LITTLE ANGEL, 5333 Sulzgeber Road Columbus, Ohio
 ✗ ANTIOCH, 10817 Barricks Road Louisville, Ky.
 ✓ ROSE OF SHARON, 3744 Carlton Rockwood Road Monroe, Mich.
 ✓ LILLY OF THE VALLEY Geneva, Ohio

fifty years. At his departure he leaves his dear and devoted wife, Sister Susie Riffe of Rt. #1 Lanesville, Ind.; four daughters, Mrs. Mary Jane Hall of Elizabeth, Ind., Mrs. Billie Robinett of Ray City, Ga., Mrs. Tommy Cambell of Fortuna, Calif., Mrs. Donna Kennedy of Daytona, Fla.; two sons, Mr. Robert Riffe of Fortuna, Calif., and Mr. Jack Riffe, Arcodia, Fla.; three brothers and two sisters; also, several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Bro. Riffe was a father to we, his younger brethern in the gospel. He brought much joy and happiness to Sister Imogene Morris, as she would always visit him and bring him to church. Oh! if we would live humble and pattern our lives after one who left the light in the window. To those, his loved ones that haven't repented, remember: to see Bro. Riffe again, you must be born again. He always preached a tree was known by the fruit it bears, and that men and women who were born again were different from the world.

Bro. Riffe was a man of patience, understanding and wisdom, loved by both the young and old. Respected by all, he will be missed by everyone. He was a man gifted in the scriptures, who showed his love and bore the fruits of a true-born child of God, by his everyday life; a common man, who loved the simple way of life; a man who idled not his time away, ever busy reading his Bible or making things of wood, with his tender, loving hands. One would always find a welcome at his house. The door was always open, a smile was always given, which would always cause the visitor to want to return.

We, his brothers and sisters in the church, his many friends and loved ones, can surely say we thank you God he passed our way, leaving rays of sunshine which inspired our lies for a brighter tomorrow. He made the traveling more enjoyable, the sailing more pleasant, because to know him was to love him.

Written by his wife,
 Sister Susie Riffe and
 Elder Hillard Newsom

God please forgive the silent tear,
 A silent wish that he was here;
 There are others, yes we know,
 But he was ours and we miss him so.

Though his smile is gone forever,
 And his hand we cannot touch;
 We'll never lose the memory,
 Of the one we loved so much.

We never knew that nights could be,
 So lonely, cold and dim.
 But, oh, we've learned so many things,
 Because of loving him.

Our family circle has been broken,
 A link is gone from our chain;
 But, though we're parted for a while,
 We know we'll meet again.

Sadly missed by wife and children.

ROSE RAY

It is with sorrow and much sadness I write this obituary of my dear mother Rose Ray. She was born in the year 1883, departed this life March 1976. She married Shurm Ray in 1905 and they were blessed with nine children; four of which reached adulthood, five preceded her in death at early ages. Her husband, a son and one daughter also preceded her in death, Clyde Ray and Emley Sis Gibson, leaving two to mourn her loss, Martha Justice and Mary Compton and also a daughter-in-law that lived with her, Estill Ray who cared for her for many years. She also leaves nine grandchildren, 29 great-grandchildren and 10 great-great grandchildren.



We're thankful God saw it fit to give her to us, for her love, guidance and understanding. Everyone loved her that knew her. She was 92 years, and 11 months old when God called her home. I'm sure she's at rest without sickness, pain or sorrow in that mansion God promised to have waiting for her.

Some day by the grace of God, I'll go home where my mother is waiting for me. She joined the Old Regular Baptist church in the year 1958 and was a faithful member and went to the Lord's house to serve Him so long as she was able.

God opened up the pearly gates and saw you needed rest
He only wants the chosen ones. He always takes the best

Written by her broken-hearted daughter, Martha Justice

ELDER BOOKER C. RIFFE

It is with such precious memories that we try and write the obituary of one so dear, to wit: Elder Booker C. Riffe. He was born March 4, 1902 at Steels, W.Va. Entered eternal rest Sunday, March 28, 1976. God blessed Bro. Riffe to live upon his good earth 74 years and 24 days, bringing much love and sunshine to the lives of those he met along life's pathway. He was a retired coal miner and a very highly respected minister of the Old Regular Baptist Church. Being ordained to the full functions of the gospel many years ago, he was a faithful and devoted member of the Antioch church, where he was loved by everyone and surely will be missed by all.



In early life he met and married Susie Horn of West Virginia, with whom he shared life's heartaches, disappointments, joys and pleasures for more than

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- ✓ FAMILY OF LOVE Wyandotte, Ohio
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- ✓ LITTLE REBECCA — Donel Gibson, Bill Collins, David Pullum.
 ✗ LITTLE JEWELL — Hezekiah Osborne, Virgil Fields, George Collins.
 ✓ MAGGIE HOME — Ira Kendrick, John Mullins, Donald Mullins.
 ✓ LITTLE POLLY — Hillard Castle, Rayful Griffith, Richard Griffith.
 ✓ MT. ZION — John D. Ousley, Raleigh Ousley, Estill Thornsberry.
 ✓ LITTLE FLOCK — Joshua Hicks, Roy Hamilton, Golden Newsome.
 ✓ LITTLE RUTH — Maynard Ratliff, W.P. Deel, Kirby Deel.
 ✗ LITTLE MEMORY — Bill Ison, Sam Lewis, Lawrence Day.
 ? LITTLE EDNA — Bart Potter, Ernest Perrigan, Sherwood Blackburn.
 ? LITTLE IDA — John W. Mitchell, Grover Holbrook, Ralph Potter.
 ✗ LITTLE FLOSSIE — Earl Bolen, Carlie Tuttle, Birtchel Mosley, Jr.
 ✓ LITTLE ZION — Morris Bryant, Archer Akers, Otto L. Newsome.
 ✓ LITTLE PILGRIMS HOME — Albert Hamilton, Robert Wallen, Babbage
 Howell, Jr.
 ✓ MT. OLIVET — Kelsey Mullins, Elmer Adams, Virgil Fields.
 ✗ LITTLE OVAL — Buford Brock, Robert Fleming, Orvial Gilliam.
 ✓ PLEASANT VIEW — Ivan Amburgey, Leonard Robinson, Charles Craft.
 ✗ LITTLE FAMILY — Coleman Fields, Jerome Watts, Jr., Roy Caudill.
 ✓ LITTLE ANGEL — Ballard Brown, Urcie Burke, Arthur Vance.
 ✗ ANTIOCH — Paul Adkins, Hillard Newsome, Coeburn Wayne Turner.
 ✓ ROSE OF SHARON — Ray Hamilton, John Paul Hamilton, Johnie Bentley.
 ✓ LILLY OF THE VALLEY — Squire Hamilton, Chester Newsome, Conley
 Daniels.
 ✓ LITTLE CHILDREN'S HOME — Henry Hobson, Euel Ratliff, James Wagner.
 ✗ MORNING STAR — J.C. Tackett, Gillis Hamilton, Dough McCarty.
 ✓ LITTLE BETHEL — Frank Harvey, Raymond Gayhart, James Branham.
 ✓ FAMILY OF LOVE — Floyd Hall, Hendricks Ratliff, Angus Slone.
 ✗ HOUSE OF PRAYER — Melvin Watts, Sollie Miller, Jr., Pete Hensley.

employed at Inland Products Company where he and five other men were killed by poison gas. He was loved and respected by the young and old. Many times before he got killed, he would say to his father and mother, "I won't be here this summer." Somehow, he knew he would not be here long. God only knows all things.

Sister Draxie, I know your home will never be the same since Wendell is gone. Just keep on praying. I feel he has joined God's great Kingdom of love and happiness forever.

Wendell was laid to rest in the Pattonville Cemetary in Jackson County, Ohio. Our hearts were broken knowing his happy smiles and loving voice would never greet us in this world anymore. A few more seasons may come, little birds will sing at dawn, time will pass away, he will rise on that morning.

Written by his Uncle, Bro. Milford Hall
 of Ecorse, Michigan
 Assisted by Sister Draxie Tackett

CELIA B. HENSON

In remembrance of my beloved Aunt Celia Bentley Henson. She was the daughter of the late Quiller Bentley and Rachel Osborne Bentley. She was born December 2, 1904, in Floyd County, Ky., and departed from this life October 21, 1961, making her stay on earth 57 years. In early life she was married to Roosevelt Henson. To this union were born 12 children, six sons and six daughters. As of this writing, her husband, five sons, and four daughters are still living. I have many precious memories of her, she was humble and kind to her neighbors and friends. She was a wonderful mother to her children.



I remember how much her letters meant to me while I served in a foreign land in World War II. I was always happy to hear from her in that faraway land across the sea, many thousands of miles away from home. I thank God I had an aunt like her. She never belonged to any church but her heart was with the Old Regular Baptist. I believe she received that precious reward, a happy home in Heaven. The last few years of her life, she suffered very much. She bore her afflictions with patience until the end on that October day when the pale horse and his rider came by. Gone from this earth, a precious aunt. Her happy smiles and loving voice will never greet us in this world any more. I am living in hopes of meeting her on that happy shore.

Written by her nephew
 Brother Milford Hall
 Ecorse, Mich.

there is one for Mother. Yes, there will many to remind me, in their motherly ways, but none like Mother. A Mother's love can not be replaced.

On Wednesday, she was put on critical list at the hospital. Belinda and I were there on Thursday, she looked up at me and said "I'm going Home." As my voice could not answer, Belinda came over to her bed and took her hand, she said "I'm GOING HOME TO DIE NO MORE." Those were the strongest words she said the last few days. However, God was so good to us, she always let us know, that she KNEW we were there. In her feeble voice, many times she said "Marjorie, I love you." and "hang on to my hand." Two important things she taught us children: it was always better TO GIVE than to receive and TO BE GOOD, CARE FOR, and RESPECT ELDERLY people. Her request was to not crowd children and elderly people back from her casket.

As her grand-daughter Evelyn held her hand that Sunday morning, she peacefully went to sleep, so easily that Evelyn couldn't believe she was gone. I hope she will always remember, where God is, there is peace, and prepare to meet her grand-mother when life is over. It seemed the birds rejoiced that morning, and God's Spirit was so near, so real. Our days are lonely without Mom but Oh! how near Heaven is, when I think of her. I just want to rejoice in Him, for a plan of redemption. When this life is over, there is a land of pure delight, strokes won't be. No sorrow nor pain. God BLESS all of you that was so good to Mom, and thanks for your kindness toward us during her death and illness.

Sister Marjorie Slone

These verses woke up her grand-daughter, Belinda, the week she died. God was warning her, to comfort her for what was ahead:

"Let not your heart be troubled, ye believe in God, believe also in me."

"In my Father's House are many mansions, if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you."

Mrs. Jonas Slone

WENDELL TACKETT

With sadness in my heart, I will try to write an obituary of my beloved nephew, Wendell Tackett.

He was born at Oak Hill, Ohio on April 11, 1958. He departed from this life on June 30, 1975 at age 17 years, two months, and 19 days. He was the son of Kermit and Draxie Hall Tackett of Orient, Ohio, and former residents of Virgie, Kentucky.

Other than his father and mother, he leaves to mourn his loss, three brothers: Moody and Harold, both of Orient, Ohio; Roy of Commercial Point, Ohio; four sisters, Nova Derexson of Orient, Ohio; Mary Louise Morgan of Thurman, Ohio; Judy Calder of Ashville, Ohio and Shirley Sharp of Ewington, Ohio.

Wendell attended Eastland Vocational School in Columbus, Ohio. He was



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Elder Bill Collins, Rt. 1, Brooks Court, Plymouth, Ohio 44865	687-2301
Elder David Pullum, Rt. 1, Plymouth, Ohio 44865	935-0505
Elder Farris Tuttle, Rt. 2, Shiloh, Ohio 44878	896-3569
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MRS. JONAS SLONE, SR.

Death is so close, it is like a shadow to everyone, every hour, God saw fit to send the Death Angel to take Mom out of her pain, Sunday morning at four o'clock, July 11th, 1976, as she lay on her bed in the Lorain Community Hospital, Lorain, Ohio. She had been ill from a stroke for some time. Nora Ellen (Boleyn) Slone was the daughter of Wheatly and Nancy Boleyn, born to them Oct. 6, 1896. She would have been 80 years old in October. She was married to Jonas Slone, Sr., and they were blessed to have seven children; her husband and four children proceeded her in death. Three are living: Jonas Jr. (better known as Lawrence), Mrs. Ralph (Lula) Dulcie and Mrs. Omer (Marjorie) Slone. Seven brothers and two sisters preceded her in death, one brother is still living, D.G. Boleyn of Hazard, Kentucky. She has 12 grandchildren and 14 great-grand-children.



Mom had lived at Litchfield, Ohio for the last nine years with her son Lawrence, with whom she always made her home. She was formerly from Raven, Knott Co., Kentucky, where she was postmistress for 35 years before her retirement. Mom had taken care of her in-laws and taken care of Dad, with love and gentleness, she was repaid by her daughter-in-law, Geraldine, who was always as a daughter to her. May God Bless and repay her, for all she did. Life wasn't easy for Mom down through the years. She didn't have the conveniences there are today.

But this is what made it easier for her, at the age of 24, she was born again of a Spiritual Birth. She endured many hardships, with the help of God. She had belonged to Old Regular Baptist Church 55 years in May, at Caney Fork, Knott Co., Ky. Mom loved to hear The Word preached and spiritual songs sung. One of her favorites was: "O, Have you heard of that sun-bright clime." She was kept at The Pleasant View Church one night, as her request, where she always loved to attend when she was able. She met and visited many people in and out of the church, here in Ohio. Mom's life was just as near to being fulfilled as anyone I know. God Blessed her to raise her children, even see great-grand children, live to be near 80 years old. Most of all, the joy and peace of having Marjorie, Lawrence and Lula to serve Mom's God and her oldest granddaughter, Belinda, in Mom's lifetime. I will always remember those words she said to me when I joined the Caney Fork Church 21 years ago. She said, "you have given me roses for a life-time." I know how she felt. When Dad died, I seemed to find a replacement in Lawrence, in many ways, but now I wonder if

IN MEMORY OF THE PASSING OF ELDER WESLEY CAUDILL

WHEREAS: It has pleased Jehovah God to call Elder Wesley Caudill from our midst to eternal bliss in heaven and,

WHEREAS: The Northern New Salem Association has lost a strong supporter, and defender of Old Regular Baptist Church order, and sound doctrine. He devoted more than fifty (50) years of his life in the gospel ministry for the cause of Christ. And,

THEREFORE: Be it resolved that all Regular Baptist ministers dedicate themselves to the principles he so faithfully upheld and pattern our lives after the rich ideals he so humbly and obediently supported.

Written at the request of the delegates of the Association.

Elder Roy B. Akers, Clerk

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Time on earth is rapidly running out. I invite the interested reader to read Rev. 10:1-7, also Matt. 24:6, Mark 13:7, and Luke 7:17. These writers give out the only signs of the end that we need to know.

Every man and woman, boy or girl who has come to the age of accountability, of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation, irrespective of color or church affiliation are spiritually aware of the admonitions of Jesus to be waiting and ready when the trumpet of the Lord shall sound. Knowing that the day will surely come when this earth and all its works shall be burned up, read 2nd Peter 3:10.

All mankind in every century since the days of Jesus Christ has, and still are looking for signs of this phenomenal event. To the people who read current events, they will understand the predicted signs — and the startling call of Jesus to be ready — among many signs we might mention: — Signs in the heavens — distress with perplexity among nations — tremendous stock piling of the destructive weapons of war — fear everywhere — Sodom — like conditions of society — uncontrolled crime and violence — the strangle hold of unionism — the breakdown of the home — having a furor of Godliness, but denying the power thereof — evil men waxing worse and worse — womens lib, designed to usurp authority that God gave to man — church leaders who have fallen victim to permissiveness — all these and many more is a strong conviction to the bone again peoples of God that the end of time is near. Let every one who desires to escape the torturing flames of HELL, take heed to the proverbial truth — of “the handwriting on the wall.”

Roy B. Akers — Clerk

Frazure, Hershall Hall and Earl Lawson.

(b) OLD UNION - Represented by the following delegates: Jesse L. Williamson, Jimmy D. Sanders, Charlie Johnson, Johnathon Johnson, John C. Mullins, L. L. Senters, J. H. Mitchal, Calvin Mullins, Clarida Sanders, David Lester, Frank Newsome, Homer Hall and David Williamson.

(c) PHILADELPHIA - Represented by the following delegates: Clifford Colley, Rush Stanley, Paul Morrison, David Gilliam, Walter Morrison, Dave Ross, James Miller, Webster Bartley and Thurman Carter.

(d) SARDIS - Represented by the following delegates: James Gannon, Edwin Hay, Marshall Williamson, Cashier Blackburn, Don Brown, Julies Cochran, Delbert Keessee and Hobert Graham.

(e) INDIAN BOTTOM - Represented by the following delegates: Nelson Seals, Chester Gibson and Harry Moore.

(f) MUD RIVER - Represented by the following delegates: Wilburn Toppins, Leonard Miller and Luther Ball Jr.

(g) FRIENDSHIP - Represented by the following delegates: Lacey Justice, Leonard Coleman, Clyde Hagy, Orville Street, David Lester and Edward Lester.

All the delegates representing the above named Associations were given the right hand of fellowship and invited to be seated with us in council.

7. The moderator appointed a committee consisting of three delegates from the Little Rebecca Church together with one delegate from each of the other churches to arrange the ministry for Friday evening and Saturday, who reported as follows: For Friday evening, Elders Jimmy Dale Sanders, No. 1 and Elder Clifford Colley, No. 2; for Saturday, Elder Dave Lester, Elder James Gannon, Elder Mitchell Chaffins, Elder Nelson Seals and Elder Grover Adkins.

8. Called for transient ministers and members of our faith and order and the following responded: Savel Combs, Albert Deel, David Slone, Bill Branham, Amos Williams, Bill Dunbar, Walter Mullins, Mack Adkins, Kirby Perrigan, Rodney Parrigan, Buddy W. Carty, Hirman Adkins, Covis Tackitt and Claude Ousley.

9. By motion and second, the Northern New Salem Association agreed to correspond with the following associations by letter and delegates: (a) New SALEM, (b) OLD UNION, (c) PHILADELPHIA, (d) SARDIS, (e) INDIAN BOTTOM, (f) MUD RIVER and (g) FRIENDSHIP.

10. Appointed a committee to arrange the agenda for Saturday consisting of one delegate from each church, together with the officers of the Northern New Salem Association, transients and delegates from our sister Associations. Committee to meet back at the house at 3:00 p.m. Friday evening.

(a) Committee met pursuant to adjournment at noon Friday. Committee completed its work, and Friday's session was closed by Elder Jimmy Dale Sanders who made remarks and offered prayer. Elder Clifford Colley closed the session with a wonderful sermon, using as a subject: “The just shall live by faith.”

SATURDAY, AUGUST 7, 1976

Met pursuant to adjournment. After singing an old familiar song, Elder J.H. Mitchall gave some inspiring counsel in his remarks and Joshua Hicks prayed a wonderful, spirit uplifting prayer.

Business then proceeded as follows:

1. Called the roll of delegates and marked the absentees. By motion the committee on arrangements was discharged.

2. The Clerk read the bill of arrangements.

3. The circular letter written by Elder Roy B. Akers was read by him. By motion and second the letter was received. By the same motion Elder Claude Ousley is to write a circular letter subject to approved at the 1977 Session of the Association.

4. Appointed a committee on finance as follows: Grover Adkins, Patrick Deel and Carl Ray Tuttle. They reported money received as follows:

Church Contributions	\$1,980.00
Picture Contributions	190.00
Total money received	\$2,170.00

By motion and second the committee was discharged from their duties.

5. The Moderator called for treasurer to report. He reported as follows:

1975 Church Contributions	\$1,941.00
Picture Contributions	220.00
Voluntary Contributions	440.00
Money Carried over from 1974	187.19
Total Money on hand Aug. 2, 1975	\$2,788.19

Expenses for 1975

Printer's fee	\$1,675.00
New typewriter	124.45
Printing (500) Association letters	20.00
Secretary's fee	200.00
Delivery of minutes	20.00
Postage and other Supplies	25.00
	\$2,064.45

Balance on hand Aug. 7, 1976 723.74

6. By motion and second, the treasurer's report was accepted, and by the same motion Elder Roy B. Akers was appointed recording secretary and is to have 5000 copies of the current minutes printed and distributed among the churches according to their contributions. The secretary is to receive \$200.00 for his services. Printer's fee is to appear on the front cover.

7. By motion and second, obituaries of deceased members of the Northern New

CHURCHES	Received by Baptism	Received by Letter	Recommendation	Restored	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Total Membership	Meeting Time	Contributions
✓ Little Rebecca	6	1	0	1	1	1	1	83	3	\$120 00
— Little Jewel	2	0	0	0	0	1	2	67	4	100 00
✓ Maggie Home	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	57	1	100 00
— Little Polly	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	15	2	50 00
— Mt. Zion	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	21	1	40 00
✓ Little Flock	0	4	0	0	1	0	0	31	3	75 00
— Little Ruth	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	23	2	50 00
— Little Memory	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	25	2	75 00
— Little Edna	1	2	0	0	9	2	0	31	4	65 00
— Little Ida	16	2	0	0	5	4	0	131	1	175 00
— Little Flossie	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	19	1	125 00
✓ Little Zion	0	0	0	0	1	7	1	50	2	75 00
✓ Little Pilgrims Home	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	30	2	60 00
✓ Mt. Olivet	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	14	4	50 00
— Little Oval	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	4	30 00
✓ Pleasant View	6	3	0	0	0	2	0	57	1	100 00
— Little Family	0	1	0	0	5	0	1	20	2	75 00
✓ Little Angel	3	2	0	0	4	0	1	64	4	100 00
2 Antioch	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	34	1	75 00
✓ Rose of Sharon	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	22	2	60 00
✓ Lilly of the Valley	0	2	0	0	1	1	1	31	3	60 00
✓ Little Childrens Home	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	19	3	35 00
— Morning Star	6	4	0	1	3	6	0	61	3	100 00
✓ Little Bethel	2	1	0	0	0	1	0	19	1	35 00
✓ Family of Love	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	18	4	50 00
— House of Prayer	5	0	0	0	0	2	0	60	1	100 00
Total Membership	62	22	0	2	33	32	9	1110		
Picture Contributions										190 00
Church Contributions										1,980 00
Total Contributions										2,170 00

soul. Although he said, at times I feel alright and then at times, I fear, which is the case with all of God's children. Because when we are in the spirit, everything is alright, but when we're back home in the flesh, we have our troubles.

Arlie believed in and followed the Old Regular Baptist Church. He loved to sing and to hear good singing. He never did attach himself to any church, which I believe was due to his illness, and the short time he had. I never saw such courage, patience and faith with which he faced his afflictions, knowing that any day he would pay his final debt — death — which we all have to pay.

He told Genny he was going to start a new life very soon and for her to hold up and be strong. He also had a talk with his young son, Jeffery, advising him what he should do after his departure.

I believe that I will see Brother Arlie Craft again, when God says it's enough, and the Saints Go Marching In.

His favorite songs were: "Amazing Grace," "My Heavenly Home" and "Walk With Me."

Written by: Ellis W. Amburgey

Time is Running Out

It has been said that Lord Leicester of London, England during the reign of Queen Victoria, called his servants together for a last word of instruction. He told them, "on the morrow Queen Victoria had accepted his invitation to visit his lavishly decorated castle, and when she steps across the threshold, into the castle, a trumpet will blow loud and long signifying her arrival, and at that moment I want every clock stopped never to be started again. This will mark forever the time of the Queens arrival.

To paraphrase the above event I beg to apologize for the simple language that I have learned to use. Let me begin by telling you of a monarch more excellent, more powerful, than any Queen, or King, or potentate that has ever reigned on earth. At the appointed time known only to God, a trumpet will blow an unfamiliar sound so loud and so strong as to wake the sleeping dead. The sound of this trumpet will signify the second appearing of Jesus Christ the King of kings, and Lord of lords who will step across the threshold of this world and of the hour the Record of God, declares, "Time shall be no more." And every clock, every watch, and every instrument man has ever invented around the world shall be stopped never to be started again. Mans ingenuity has enabled him to divide time into seconds, minutes, hours, days, weeks, and years. But time as we have known it, will give place to eternity. All rules and laws that have governed creation from the beginning of time, shall be rolled back to the law giver (God) and He will bring the evening and morning together to form one eternal day.

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Salem Association are to be printed in these minutes. They are to be typed and double spaced. A charge of \$10.00 for pictures was approved.

8. The committee chose the following Elders to preach Saturday, Aug. 7, 1976: (1) David Lester, (2) James Gannon, (3) Mitchel Chaffins, (4) Nelson Seals and (5) Grover Adkins. For Saturday evening: (1) Rich Griffith, (2) W.P. Seal and (3) Paris C. Tackitt.

9. Called brethren who agreed to attend union meetings, and Associations last year, who made their report. The faithful were commended, and the failures were excused. Also, called for brethren who would agree to serve as messengers to our Sister Associations this year, and the following agreed to attend:

10. NEW SALEM - When convened with the old Beaver Church Minnie, Floyd Co., Ky. Beginning on the Friday before the fourth Saturday in Sept. 1976 and continuing the two following days. Delegates to attend: Baxter Osborne, Roy B. Akers, Ferrel Ratliff, Ray Hamilton, Frank Harvey, Albert Hamilton, Robert Wallen, Birbage Howell Jr. Conley Daniels, Henry Hobson, Hezekiah Osborne, Tip Collins, David Slone, Ivan Amburgey, Sam Lewis, Earl Bowlin, Amos Willims, Chester Newsome, Squire Hamilton, Walk Sturgill, Arthur Isaac, Paul Parson, Stoney Blackburn, Irwin Hicks, Savel Combs, Ballard Brown, Arthur Vance, Ira Kendricks, John Mullins, Johnie Bentley, James Branham, Douglas McCarty, Delmar Williams, Joshua Hicks, Buddy Wayne Carty, Bill Collins, Harrison Runyons, Raful Griffith, Roy Hamilton and W. P. Deel.

OLD UNION - When convened with the Little Martha Church near Vansant, Va. Beginning on the Friday before the third Saturday in September 1976 and continuing the two following days. Delegates to attend: W. P. Deel, Bart Potter, Verlin Ramey, A. Hamilton, David Slone, Roy Caudill, Paris Tackitt, Hezekiah Osborne, Harold Senters, Leonard Robinson, Howard Caudill, Monroe Breeding, Hiram Adkins, Roy B. Akers, Baxter Osborne, John Mullins, Ira Kendricks, Farrel Ratliff, Roy Hamilton and Stoney Blackburn.

PHILADELPHIA - When convened with the Mt. Olive Church Rt. 7 Greenup, Ky. Beginning on the Friday before the second Saturday in August, 1976 and continuing the two following days. Delegates to attend: Bart Potter, Ivan J. Eldridge, Melvin Watts, Ferral Ratliff, Savel Combs, Harold Senters, Buford Brock, David Slone, Josuah Hicks, Frank Harvey, Roy Hamilton, Harrison Runyons, William P. Deel, Paul Parsons, Ira Kendricks and Arthur Isaacs.

INDIAN BOTTOM - When convened with the Permanent Bldg. Sassafrass, Ky. Beginning on Friday before the first Saturday in September, 1976 and continuing the two following days. Delegates to attend: Hiram Adkins, Hezekiah Osborne, Clarence Jenkins, Astor Eldridge, Howard Caudill, Savel Combs, Irvin Hicks and Arthur Vance.

SARDIS - When convened with the Mt. Pleasant Church, Sidney, Ky. Beginning on the Friday before the second Saturday in September, 1976 and continuing the two following days. Delegates to attend: Paris C. Tackitt, Roy B. Akers, W. P. Deel, Hillard Newsome, Harrison Runyon, James Hensley, Ray Hamilton, Irwin Hicks, Savel Combs, Harold Senters, Hiram Adkins, Paul Adkins, Buster Osborne and Stoney Blackburn.

MUD RIVER - When convened with the Little Laurel Church Myra, W.Va. Beginning on the Friday before the fourth Saturday in August, 1976 and continuing the two following days. Delegates to attend: Bro. Hezekiah Osborne and Elder Baxter Osborne.

FRIENDSHIP - When convened with the Prater Creek Church, Prater, W.Va. Beginning on the Friday before the fourth Saturday in August, 1976 and continuing the two following days. Delegates to attend: Joshua Hicks, Roy Caudill, Roy Hamilton, Harrison Runyon, and W.P. Deel.

11. In answer to the requests from the five (5) sister churches in our union, to with: Family of Love, Little Rebecca, Pilgrims Home, Lilly of the Valley, and Mt. Zion, concerning the Gethsemane and the Wimauma churches that have departed from our church order and church practices, as it is most surely believed by Old Regular Baptist the Church of Jesus Christ. We regret that the Gethsemane, and Wimauma church leadership elected to challenge the long established orthodox principals of old Regular Baptists, and inject a strange order of principles and practices into their congregation. Answer: By motion and second, the Northern New Salem Association of Old Regular Baptist faith and order agreed to withdraw the right hand of fellowship from the Gethsemane and the Wimauma Churches. We say further that the two (2) herein named churches, and their ordained ministers are no longer preaching and practicing order under our patronage. The names of their ordained ministers have been removed from our list of ordained ministers.

It was farther moved and seconded that we will receive back into our fellowship by recommendation any member or members, applying for restoration who were members at the time the Northern New Salem Association dropped their respective churches from our fellowship. "We believe that each church holds its own key and is the sole judge of its members as long as it does not violate the word of God."

We believe that the above answer to the herein named five (5) sister churches will be satisfactory. Our answer is based upon our understanding of the twelfth (12th) Article of Faith.

12. The requests from the Little Bethel and Mt. Olive churches was granted.

13. The request from the Little Ida Church to drop Elder Lloyd Smith from our list of ordained ministers for conduct unbecoming a man of God, is granted. (He is no longer recognized as preaching under our patronage.)

14. In answer to the request from the Rose of Sharon Church concerning a standard form of credentials for our ordained authorities. It was agreed that Elder Roy B. Akers be given the authority to seek information on this subject, including the procuring of a proper seal of authority and present his findings to the 1977 session of our Association for their approval.

15. The request from the Lilly of the Valley Church to change their regular meeting time to the third Saturday and Sunday of the month, was granted.

16. In answer to the request from the Little Edna Church, we beg as an advisory council that you reject such a one. See Titus 3:10. This advice is to be obeyed by all our churches.

17. In answer to the request from the Little Memory Church suggesting that all money not spent by the hosting association be delivered to the Moderator and

50th wedding anniversary, had he lived only 14 days. But God had other plans. Curt had one whole brother, five half brothers and six half sisters, seven grand children and one great-grandchild.

Three weeks before Curt died, Omer and I went to visit him. I felt duty bound to talk to him concerning his soul. I ask "Uncle Curt, are you praying?" He said, "Yes, I am, I lay here and talk to the Lord. Sometimes, it goes good and sometimes it don't." I told him we were all praying for him and also at church, he said, "that is good, but I am no fool. I must pray for myself to get forgiveness. I have suffered enough here and I don't want to go to Hell, for I know that place must be much more worse than suffering here." I told him we had to leave to go home, he said, "come back, if I never see you again here, I want to meet you in Heaven." With tears rolling down his face and holding on to my hand, I said "Thank you God, for the witness I feel in my soul."

Curt didn't join a church; we feel he was baptized with the fire and holy ghost, into the one faith, all born-again belong to THE church. He told some of the ministers, the night before he died. In his feeble tone of voice, he felt God had forgiven him. In the last hours of life, he believed and looked to God. How wonderful it is to have such a merciful and loving Savior. But how sad it is to put off serving God, waste all the youthful years of life, serving Satan. So may his children realize the need, the importance of turning to the Lord now, while they have the opportunity of being saved, they saw how much Daddy needed the Lord in his last hours. Death is coming again; no one knows who will be next. It is up to each one, to where they go, when life here has ended. It would give mother great joy and comfort to have her children to walk along with her in this life, to serve her God, most of all, peace to their own soul. May God comfort you, Aunt Loonie. Just accept God's will and someday all those tears, pains and trouble will be over. In a land you've long been longing for.

God Bless you all.

A niece by marriage,
Sister Marjorie Slone

ARLIE CRAFT

Archie Craft was born on July 21, 1924, at Jeremiah, Kentucky. He died November 25, 1975, at home, in Hamilton, Ohio, making his stay on earth 51 years, four months and four days. He was the son of Stephen and Nancy Margaret Craft.

He was married to Genevieve (Genny) Blair and to this union was born one son, Jeffery Lynn Craft, of Hamilton, Ohio. He also leaves to mourn, his father, Stephen Craft, one brother, Stephen Craft, Jr., and one sister, Vada Caudill, all of Jeremiah, Kentucky. His mother and one brother and sister preceded him in death.

Archie was sick for a little over a year and had surgery last January, for cancer. I had the privilege to visit him in the hospital and at home. We had some wonderful talks during those visits, especially concerning his soul and the good Lord. He told me that to the best of his ability to experience, he believed that Jesus reached down his great big arm of mercy and saved his

EVERETT J. VIERS

With the sadness and lonely heart I will try and write an obituary of my dear son, Everett J. Viers. He was born Sept. 8, 1957 and departed this life Aug. 1, 1976; making his stay on this earth 18 years 11 months and seven days. We had a little over 17 years together, which is a short time to have with one of your children. He had one half-brother, David; three sisters, Terry, Sue, Shannon and many, many friends, and loved ones to mourn his loss. He never wanted to hurt anybody and was so loving to us all. He had a great love for his mother and father and for little children, and they loved him dearly. Now that our son is gone and you can look through his door, his room is empty now, because he isn't there. It's so lonesome for me, the father of this boy. But none could comfort this boy like his mother. We all miss him, but mom misses him most. I don't feel that Everett is dead, but only resting. Some day God will call him and he will get up and he won't have to be bothered with all these troubles on this earth. He will have a body that will never die. Everett never had much, but he had a wealth of love for his family and everyone around him. Everett never joined any church, but everyone could tell by his actions that God was within him. That kind, humble look and sweet smile mom and dad can never forget. God knows how he is missed by his parents and his family.

My son you are gone, but will never be forgotten. So sleep peaceful my son, until we meet again and never part any more.

Written by a broken hearted mother and father.
Samuel and Delsie Viers.



CURTIS COLLINS

Death is a sure and certain thing to everything that liveth. Death marks the terminal of earth's journey. But for those that know God in the pardon and remission of sin, death is a joyful time. It is the gateway to Heaven, an exchange from a cross to a crown.

We feel and believe that exchange came to Curt Collins at the age of seventy years in the evening of October 8th, 1975 at 2112 Miramar Blvd., South Euclid, Ohio, where he had been ill for some time with cancer. He was the son of William and Margaret (Slone) Collins. He was married to Loonie Thornsby in 1925. The children, one son, Cornelious, three daughters, Mrs. Bernice Warrens, Mrs. Juanita Lewis and Mrs. Joyce Bolen, were preparing for their parents'



clerk of the church that is to host the following association. By motion and second their request was granted.

18. In answer to the request from Little Memory, Mt. Zion, and Little Angel Churches expressing a desire to host the 1977 Session of our beloved Association, the delegates decided to grant Little Angel the privilege to host the Association on the Friday before the first Saturday in August, 1977.

19. By a vote of the delegates present, Elder Squire Hamilton is to preach the introductory Sermon at the 1977 Session of our Association and Elder Melvin Watts is to be his alternate.

20. By motion and second it was agreed to omit the reading of the Current Minutes.

21. By motion and second the Association agreed to adjourn to the time and place mentioned in the 18th item.

The Nineteenth Session was closed by Elder Carl Ray Tuttle who was wonderfully blessed to give wonderful counsel. His prayer was directed from the glory land.

Done and signed by the offices of the Association:

Elder Baxter Osborne, Moderator

Elders Paris Tackitt & Roy Caudill, Assistant Moderators

Elder Roy B. Akers, Clerk

Elder Hillard Newsome, Assistant Clerk

SABBAT MORNING AUG. 8, 1976

Members from many of the churches of our union of churches, corresponding brothers and sisters of our sister Associations, and friends all from different sections of seven states began to assemble themselves in both the shelter, and a large church house at an early hour. A light rain that began in the night time was still falling as the faithful gathered together. The weather that threatened a happy day did not hinder the lovely spiritual embraces of the brotherhood, and sisterhood, a living witness that God's love dwells in the hearts of His children.

At about 9:30 a.m. the voices of the shepherds were joined by the voices of the sheepfold in heavenly harmony as they sang "Guide me o'er thy great Jehovah" and a choice selection of a few other soul-inspiring songs. And as they sang, the dark gloomy clouds were turned into a day of heavenly sunshine.

Elder J.H. Mitchell, who replaced Elder Webster Bartley whom the delegates had chosen, but who could not answer. Bro. Mitchell was greatly blessed in his brief remarks congratulating the officers and delegates for one of the most peaceful Associations he had ever attended. He urged the brethren to "let brotherly love continue" which is the essence of God's love for His children.

Elder Roy B. Akers (your unworthy clerk) was called on to offer prayer. Seldom have I felt the overshadowing of God's rich spirit.

This good feeling was proof that the cross is not so heavy when the Lord is on your side.

Elder Roy Caudill replaced Elder Glenn Pack who could not be present.

Elder Caudill was richly blessed with a mighty downpouring of Godly love. His sermon centered around repentance and deliverance from sin. He issued a warning that time was running out for men and women to repent, and the second appearing of our Redeemer was near.

Elder Paris C. Tackitt came to the stand. He was blessed to preach in the power and demonstration of God's Spirit. "You must be born again" was his theme. He encouraged the true believers in the saving blood of the Lamb of God, to not relax in their examples, or in their Godly conversations that lead erring men and women to the throne of grace.

Elder Baxter Osborne, our beloved Moderator, came to the pulpit. His countenance radiated the love that filled his heart and the satisfaction he enjoyed because of the three days of peace that dominated this session of our Association. His subject can be found in Galatians 5:14, "For all the law is fulfilled in one word, even in this; thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself." Out of this subject came streams of heavenly joy. If there ever was a sermon that brought honey from the Rock (Jesus Christ) this sermon did that. Patience and obedience is the key to spiritual happiness, Elder Osborne said.

Amidst the shouting and praising of the most high God, and singing of the beloved old song "Farewell my dear brethen" this, the Nineteenth Session of our beloved Association, was closed by giving each other the parting hand.

Humbly, your Clerk

It is the feeling of the officers and delegates that a brief note of commendation in behalf of the members and friends of the Little Rebecca church reflecting their untiring efforts to make the Association one among the loveliest we have ever had the pleasure attending. A beautiful shelter house had been erected for the convenience of the delegates. It was used for preaching and afterwards it was converted into an eating place. The wide variety of food that graced the table was indeed the result of many tiring hours spent around a hot cook stove preparing the delicious food and pastries. Surely the young ladies and adult friends were a great help to the members of the church.

Methodists that God observed from heaven the patience and hard work of everyone concerned, and will bless each one according to his own will.

We want to thank the friendly law enforcement officer who helped control the traffic and parking problem. May God grant him a full measure of blessing for the good job that he did.

Your unworthy servant and clerk,
Roy B. Akers

CIRCULAR LETTER

Written by Elder Roy B. Akers

My dearly beloved brethren, and faithful sisters of the Northern New Salem Association:

It is with a deep feeling of unworthiness, and by the sovereign mercies of

gentle voice and soft heart. But she left a light burning in the window and with God's help we can follow in her footsteps and be with her once again. I have heard her pray so many prayers for her children I can only hope her prayers were not in vain.

Written by a broken-hearted daughter,
Roxie Jane Dials

DONA LIKENS WARRENS

I will try to write an obituary of my dear Aunt Dona Likens Warrens. She was the daughter of Lewis and Reelly Conn Likens. Born on July 27, 1903, and departed this life Dec. 20, 1971. She was married to Lonnie Warrens, born Aug. 5, 1898, who preceded her in death, Aug. 14, 1962. To this union was born ten children, five boys and five girls. They are Willie Warrens, Elyria, Ohio; Curtis and Donald Warrens, both of Wellington, Ohio; Sam Warrens, Wheelersburgs, Ohio; Paul Douglas Warrens, Sullivan, Ohio; Ester Harrington, Chillicothe, Ohio; Kathrine Gayheart, Wellington, Ohio; Gertrude Winters, Washington Court House, Ohio; Joyce Simon, Orient, Ohio; and Garnet Slone, Liegoner, Ind. She is also survived by 38 grandchildren, and 17 great-grandchildren. One brother is still living, Willard Likens, Hunter, Ky., and two sisters, Josie Moore, Harold, Ky., and Melvina Brown, McDowell, Ky., leaving many relatives, friends, and a number of brothers and sisters in Christ to mourn her passing. But I do believe and feel our loss is Heaven's gain. Sister Dona joined the Old Regular Baptist Church, was baptised by Elder E.H. Howard and Elder Thomas Mosely, July 28, 1946, and was a member of Sailsbury Church. She was loved by all who knew her, and always would show her love by a beautiful smile. Most of all, she loved her children, prayed and begged them to do right. So children, we all miss Aunt Dona so much but her life was a shining example of a born again child of God. I hope all the children will walk in your dear mother's foot steps. If you want to see mother again you'll have to come in the same way in which she came. Trust in the same God she trusted and when all things on earth are ended, "We can go to the same home where she is gone."



Written by her niece
and a Sister in Christ I hope!
Clara G. Clark

ELMON AND ADIE AKERS

With a sad & broken heart I will try to write an obituary of our loving parents to wit: Elmon & Adie Akers. Mother was born Sept. 1 & Dad Oct. 14 in the year of our Lord 1905. Mother deceased this life Nov. 5, 1974, and Dad Nov. 7, 1975. They were born at Dana, Ky., and lived there all their lives.

They were married Dec. 24, 1923, and unto this union five boys were born: Thurman, Richard and Hatler of Dana, Ky., Archer of Washington, Mich., and Billy Ray of Warren, Mich.

Mother joined the Old Regular Baptist Church in 1933, was baptized by Elders C.F. Conn and Rosco Layne at the New Salem Church of Harold, Ky. She was a loyal and faithful member until her death. Dad was never a member of any church, but I believe with all my heart that dad is now resting in the arms of Jesus. I'm very thankful to the Lord for letting Dad live one more year longer than Mother. She was terminally ill with arthritis the last 14 years of her life. She spent the last nine years bedridden and unable to care for herself. Dad waited on her, although he too was sick with a bad heart and high blood pressure, that eventually took him to his rest. I can remember that Dad always taught us to believe and trust in the good Lord. There were many nights, during our childhood, that Dad would read to us from the Holy Bible, sitting by the fireside, until the early morning hours and then get up and go to the coal mines to work.

We all loved Dad and Mom very much and I believe with all my heart that they are now resting in the arms of our Lord and with a hope in Jesus Christ, that I will join them someday.

Written by their Loving Son and Brother in hope,
Archer Akers

JOANN ADAMS

With the help of the Lord I will try to write an obituary of our dear mother Joann Adams who passed away February 9, 1976. Mom was born in Martin County, Kentucky in 1903 to Alex and Jane Preece, making her stay on earth 72 years, seven months and 25 days. She was married to Jim Adams at the age of 14 who preceded her in death in 1964. Also three children preceded her in death leaving eight children to mourn her loss and 18 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. But I feel our loss is Heaven's gain. Mom joined the Old United Baptist Church in 1944 and she went to the Old Regular Baptist Church last July, 1975. So rest in peace mom, for you were a rose here on earth and the greatest mother we children could ever want. We will always remember her



God that I attempt to justify the confidence that you have in my ability to write a circular letter worthy of your acceptance. I come to you prayerfully and humbly in the hope that you will overlook my faults and imperfections. I come not with the excellency of speech, for I am not gifted in the eloquent art of words. Being unlearned, I am to use only simple language, and that by the divine guidance of God's Holy Spirit.

Since the adjournment of our Association in 1975, I have devoted much time to prayer and meditation upon a subject that would bring to our ministers, and to the laymen in general, a deeper understanding of the scriptures that treats of the **Sin of Adultery and Fornication**.

A circular letter is the method used by the writer to convey his views upon a given subject. During the past year I have read more than 150 letters written by very able and talented men dedicated to the principles of sound doctrine and church order. Not a single one of them agreed with the opinions that prevails among the Elders today, concerning the **Sin of Adultery**. On the contrary they were rich in divine wisdom and understanding of Church problems. They were strong in the pattern of the principles of orthodoxy. Each one of the letters from the pen of those blessed old Elders were seasoned with Godly love and christian compassion for the Church of the living God. It is my hope, dear brethren, that you won't expect me, the least among you, to possess the talented mind that those blessed old Fathers were endowed with. For like life itself, this letter will not be perfect. It is my aim not to advocate a doctrine that would offend my precious brethren. It is my prayerful desire that God will grant me the wisdom to set forth a declaration of the principles of our faith and order most surely believed by your unprofitable servant.

I am fully aware of the fact that our Sister Associations will judge the doctrine and beliefs of our beloved Association by the contents of this letter. I will not shun to declare the truth as I understand it concerning the **Sin of Adultery**. I realize this subject has concerned our brethren for many years. It has caused a stain on our fellowship and Church relationship that never should have happened. It seems that every time we try by the grace of God to find a solution to this problem, we create more problems. If the mind that be in Christ, is in us, why then, do we disagree on this simple subject? I question the basic reasons for the divided opinions that exists among men who claim to be the Sons of God. Know ye not that the scripture teaches: "For as many as are led by the spirit of God, they are the Sons (and daughters) of God" (Romans 8:14.) If we are led by the spirit of wisdom why do we differ on what sayeth the word of God on the subject of the **Sin of Adultery**?

The record of God also teaches us that "One God and Father of us all, who is above us all, and through all, and in you all" (Eph. 4:6) will lead every one that has experienced a new birth, in the ways of all truth.

I believe, and I am sure that you will agree that the **Sin of Adultery** is a forgivable sin, provided that the innocent party can establish his or her innocence of guilt by producing Bible evidence of their innocence. But where in the record of God can it be found that man or woman can get forgiveness for the **Sin of Adultery** (or any sin), as long as they are guilty of sin. Christ and His Apostles warned of the danger that the **Sin of Adultery** would have on the peaceful life of the Church.

19. Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness,

20. Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies,

21. Envyings, murder, drunkenness, revellings, and such: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the Kingdom of God.

22. But the fruits of the spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, faith,

23. Meekness, temperance, against such there is no law.

24. And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts.

25. If we live in the spirit, let us also walk in the spirit.

26. Let us not be desirous, of vain glory, provoking one another, envying one another.

Galatians: 19-26

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