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**OF JESUS CHRIST**  
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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 selected its officers, they become an independent working body.
- (3) Be ye also reminded that all preaching brethren should be courteous and kind one to another, and to never, no never, be guilty of telling visiting brethren that you don't need their help. It's an open violation against you to do so.
- (4) Let all our churches be reminded that they are not to lord anything over a sister church in regards to the way they take communion. If you do not feel right in taking the communion the way sister churches practice it, please excuse yourself quietly, and don't talk, or make remarks as to their failures, or the way they have been taught. Remember, it is still God's house and you may be held responsible to God for the remarks that you make concerning them or about them.

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

Humbly, your unworthy moderator —  
**Elder Baxter Osborne**

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# **PROCEEDINGS**

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## **FRIDAY SESSION**

As a large multitude of faithful believers began to assemble at the Little Angel Church for this, the twenty-third annual session of the Northern New Salem Association, the sky was overcast, as if rain may arrive anytime, yet not hindering the love of God's sunshine from making its appearance in the hearts of His children. As the songs of Zion began to echo in our ears, the brothers and sisters began to greet each other with a nice handshake and a smile of happiness. As if to say, "so nice to see you again," it was hard to realize that it had been twelve long months since we were blessed to assemble together with this great band of God's Holy people.

Elder Maynard Ratliff approached the stand with gladness in his heart, of being able to be among the brotherhood. After expressing his love for God and for each other, he led in prayer. Brother Newsome - Clerk.

As God was about to shower His rain upon His creation, Elder Hillard Newsome approached the stand in his usual humble manner to preach the introductory sermon. One could see that the spiritual shower of God's love was about to rain down. Brother Newsome soon began to relate his love for the Lord and how good He is. That the Lord is all you need in this life to make you happy and content, the natural riches of this world is not to be compared with the riches of God's love. He explained how good the church is and should be placed above everything else in this world. Brother Newsome advised all to go to the Banquet House and the Lord would provide all their needs, for He has everything. Love one another, don't do anything to bring shame upon the Old Church. Brother Newsome pleaded for everyone to keep their lamps trimmed and burning. He advised all delegates of the Northern New Salem Association to stand up and be counted — to stand firm on what the Bible teaches.

Brother Newsome preached, that if the Bible says "it's wrong, it is wrong," and if the Bible says, "it's right, it is right," and we should abide by the teachings of the Bible.

**Your Assistant Clerk,  
Bro. C. W. Turner**

The introductory sermon being delivered, our beloved moderator invited those who were not delegates to assemble at the tent that had been provided for the preaching

services and those who were delegates to remain in the house where the business of the Association was to be conducted.

The delegates thus assembled, Elder Delbert Sanders of the Union Association was called on to make remarks. His remarks were short, well seasoned, sweet and heart warming, reminding us of one of the prophets of old, one who has carried the torch for many years. Elder Paul Adkins, Northern New Salem Association, led in prayer, that surely pleased the Father.

## FRIDAY, AUGUST 1, 1980

1. The moderator called for the letters from the churches that compose the Northern New Salem Association to be handed into the Clerk. On motion and second, the letter from the Little Angel Church was read by the Clerk and found in order. After the letter from the Little Angel Church was read by the Clerk, a motion and second was made to receive all the letters and seat the delegates. By the same motion 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 Osborne..... Moderator  
Elder Roy Caudill..... Assistant Moderator  
Elder Hillard Newsome..... Clerk  
Bro. C. W. Turner..... Assistant Clerk
  - a. Noted by the Association, concerning our finance committee, and was moved and seconded that our finance committee be appointed at the same time of the election of officers.
3. On motion and second, the Moderator was authorized to make all temporary appointments.
4. On motion and second, the Articles of Faith and Rules of Decorum were omitted and by the same motion, the Clerk read the Constitution.
5. Called for legally constituted churches of our same faith and order desiring to join our union and none responded.
6. Called for Associations of our same faith and order desiring to continue a Godly correspondence, and the following responded:
  - a. **New Salem** — Represented by the following delegates: Troy Branham, Elisha Branham, Jimmy Dye, Robert Haney, Harvey May, Offie Bartley, Cleatis Messer, Grover Adkins, Dexter Dixon, Ralph Howard, Woodrow Dye, Loyd Hall, Lenford Adkins, Bill Tackett, Roger Dale Hicks and Corbert Bates. Letter in the hands of Elder Jimmy Dye. Motion and second was made to receive the letter and seat the delegates with us in council, they were given the right hand of fellowship.
  - b. **Union** — Represented by the following delegates: Lonnie Mounts, Jimmy Dale Sanders, Delbert Sanders, Paul McClanahan, Autie McClanahan, Dave Lester, Albert Hamilton, Amos Bartley, John Robert Coleman, Gary Sanders, Arvid Blevins, Raymond Mullins and Jesse L. Williams. Letter

in the hands of Bro. Jesse L. Williams. Motion and second was made to receive the letter and seat the delegates with us in council, they were given the right hand of fellowship.

**Philadelphia** — Represented by the following delegates: L. W. Woods, Rush Stanley, Clifford Colley, Walter Morrison, Paul Morrison, Lowell Adkins, Paul Stapleton, Doug Colegrove, Chester Allen, Bill Bartley, Heinard Bradley, David Gilliam, Harlow Barney, Rollen Hollens and John Paul Clark. Letter in the hands of David Gilliam. Motion and second was made to receive the letter and seat the delegates with us in council, they were given the right hand of fellowship.

**Sardis** — Represented by the following delegates: Bill Cochran, Clyde Brown, Julius Cochran, John Jude and Edwin Hay. Letter in the hands of Edwin Hay. Motion and second was made to receive the letter and seat the delegates with us in council, they were given the right hand of fellowship.

**Indian Bottom** — Represented by the following delegates: Elwood Corbett, Ivan Amburgey, J. Nelson Seals, Merle Smith, Squire H. Watts and Glen Hampton. Letter in the hands of Ivan Amburgey. Motion and second was made to receive the letter and seat the delegates with us in council, they were given the right hand of fellowship.

**Mud River** — Represented by the following delegates: Freeman Goode, Wilburn Toppings, Denver Slone and Luther Ball, Jr. Motion and second was made to receive the letter and seat the delegates with us in council, they were given the right hand of fellowship. Letter in the hands of Luther Ball, Jr.

- g. **Old Friendship** — Represented by the following delegates: Lacy Justice, Leonard Coleman, Elzie Reed, Danny Hurley, Hurshell Hurley, Orville Street and David Lester. Letter in the hands of David Lester. Motion and second was made to receive the letter and seat the delegates with us in council, they were given the right hand of fellowship.

New Associations of our same faith and order, desiring to take up correspondence with us were called for and none responded.

7. The Moderator appointed a committee consisting of three delegates from the Little Angel Church, together with one delegate from each of the other churches, to arrange the ministry for Friday evening and Saturday morning, who reported as follows: for Friday evening — 1) Elders: Lacy Justice, Old Friendship Association, 2) Grover Adkins, and 3) Jimmy Dye, both from New Salem Association. For Saturday morning; Elders: 1) Elwood Coronett, Indian Bottom, 2) Bro. Edwin Hay, Sardis, 3) Elder Delbert Sanders, Union, 4) Elder Clifford Colley, Philadelphia and 5) Elder Ivory Sowards, New Salem.
8. Called for transient ministers and members of our same faith and order and the following responded: Hiram Adkins, Roy Caudill, Herman Thompson, W. P. Deel, Bill Dumber and Okie Kent.
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) Union, c) Philadelphia, d) Sardis, e) Indian Bottom, f) Mud River and g) Old 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. Committee to meet back at the house at 3:00 p.m. Friday evening.
  - a. By a motion and second, the Association adjourned until 9:00 a.m., Saturday morning.
  - b. Committee met pursuant to adjournment Friday noon and completed its work on the bill of arrangements. Friday's evening session was opened by Elder Lacy Justice, Old Friendship, who was blessed to make good remarks well seasoned with the Holy Spirit, prayer by same. Second was Elder Grover Adkins, New Salem, was well blessed to preach how we ought to sacrifice for the Lord and have faith that God will make a way for us. Third was Elder Jimmy Dye, New Salem. As he approached the stand, singing one of Zion's songs in the midst of this great congregation, came forth his Brother and gave his hand, telling what great things the Lord had done for him and among much rejoicing the services for the evening were closed, with everyone saying, "I am pleased I came."

## SATURDAY, AUGUST 2, 1980

The delegates met pursuant to adjournment Friday evening, at the house, which is large in size, began to fill up with the many pilgrims that had traveled many miles to attend this grand Old Association expressing their love for each other with a kind handshake and a smile of joy. Several of the inspiring songs of Zion were sung, after which Elder Jimmy Dye, New Salem Association, introduced the services. Giving good advice and counsel, begging all to let their lights shine. We were led in prayer by Elder Woodrow Dye, a faithful servant from the New Salem Association.

After brief remarks from our beloved moderator, business then proceeded as follows:

1. Called the roll of delegates and marked the absentees. By a motion and second, the committee on arrangements was discharged.
2. The Clerk read the bill of arrangements. By motion and second, the bill of arrangements was received.
3. The Circular Letter written by Elder Ray Hamilton for our 1980 session was read by him. By motion and second, the letter was received. By the same motion, Elder W. P. Deel is to write a circular letter, subject to approval at our 1981 session.

4. Appointed a committee on finance as follows: Elders: Claude Ousley, Parris C. Tackitt and Bro. Jessie Bryant. They reported money received as follows:

Church Contributions 1980. . . . .	\$3,225.00
Picture Contributions . . . . .	360.00
Congregation Contributions . . . . .	5.00
<b>Total money received for 1980 . . . . .</b>	<b>\$3,590.00</b>

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

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

Balance in bank, August 1, 1979 . . . . .	\$ 375.83
Church Contributions, 1979 . . . . .	2,895.00
Picture Contributions 1979 . . . . .	350.00
Congregation Contribution 1979 . . . . .	548.39
<b>Total money on hand, August 5, 1979 . . . . .</b>	<b>\$4,169.22</b>

#### EXPENSES FOR 1979

Printer's fee . . . . .	\$2,775.00
Secretary's fee . . . . .	200.00
Secretary supplies . . . . .	8.55
Typewriter repair . . . . .	26.23
<b>Total expense for 1979 . . . . .</b>	<b>\$3,009.78</b>

<b>Total money on hand, August 5, 1979 . . . . .</b>	<b>\$4,169.22</b>
<b>Less 1979 expenses of . . . . .</b>	<b>3,009.78</b>
<b>Balance for August 1, 1980 . . . . .</b>	<b>\$1,159.44</b>

Church Contributions 1980 . . . . .	\$3,225.00
Picture Contributions 1980 . . . . .	360.00
Other Contributions . . . . .	5.00
<b>1980 Total . . . . .</b>	<b>\$3,590.00</b>
<b>Balance carried over from 1979 . . . . .</b>	<b>1,159.44</b>
<b>Balance August 3, 1980 . . . . .</b>	<b>\$4,749.44</b>

6. By motion and second, the treasurer's report was accepted. By the same motion, Elder Hillard Newsome was appointed recording secretary. He is to have 5,500 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 and friends of the Northern New Salem Association are to appear in these minutes. They are to be typewritten and double spaced. A charge of \$10.00 for pictures was approved by the delegates.
8. The committee on ministry chose the following Elders to preach Saturday evening and Sunday — Saturday evening - Elders 1. Glenn Maddox, 2. Joshua Hicks and 3. Paul Adkins, all of the Northern New Salem Association. Sunday — Elders 1. Harold Senters, prayer by Forest Osborne, 2. Hillard Newsome, 3. Ivory Sowards, New Salem, 4. W.P. Deel and 5. Baxter Osborne.

*Due to the absence of the Elders chosen by the committee to preach on the stand Saturday evening and Sunday morning, the above mentioned Elders were chosen to replace them.*

9. Called on brethren who agreed to attend Union meetings and Associations for the year 1979 to make their report. By a motion and second it was agreed to omit the brethren making their report. Called for brethren who would agree to serve as messengers to our Sister Associations and the following agreed to attend:

**New Salem** — when convened with the following churches: Old Beaver, Salisbury, Little Rosa and Steel's Creek, that agreed to host the Association being

held in the permanent Association building, Minnie, Floyd County, Kentucky. Beginning on Friday, before the fourth Saturday in September, 1980, and continuing the two following days. Delegates to attend: Samuel Lewis, Herman C. Thompson, Hezekiah Osburn, Gordon Reynolds, Ellis Amburgey, Jesse Bryant, Roy West, Carlos Little, Jimmy D. Parks, Pamerine Bartley, Urice Burke, Baxter Osborne, Hillard Newsome, Paul Adkins, Conley Daniels, C.W. Turner, Joshua Hicks, Golden Newsome, Ed Shepherd, John Mullins, Pete Hensley, James Branham, Emmitt Tackett, Squire Hamilton, Walk Sturgill, Astor Eldridge, David Slone, Jackson Holbrook, Don Lawson, Raymond Stapleton and Ray Hamilton. Letter in the hands of Bro. John Mullins.

**Union** — when convened with the Frozen Creek Church, Raccoon Pike County, Kentucky. To begin on Friday before the third Saturday in September, 1980 and continuing the two following days. Delegates to attend: W.P. Deel, Herman Thompson, Hezekiah Osburn, Daryl Newsome, Richard Maynard, Jesse Bryant, Carlos Little, Baxter Osborne, Joshua Hicks, Floyd Newsome, Parris C. Tackett, John Mullins, David Slone and Walk Sturgill. Letter in the hands of Elder W. P. Deel.

**Philadelphia** — when convened with the Little Mary Church, to be held at the permanent Association building, Melrose, Worthington, Kentucky. To begin on Friday before the second Saturday in August, 1980 and continuing the two following days. Delegates to attend: W. P. Deel, Paul Adkins, Hillard Newsome, Baxter Osborne, Ellis Amburgey, Joshua Hicks, Ed Shepherd, Parris C. Tackett, John Mullins, Pete Hensley, Squire Hamilton, Emmitt Tackett, Astor Eldridge, Tennis Sturgill, Walk Sturgill, C. W. Turner, Sam Franks, Raymond Stapleton, and Don Lawson. Letter in the hands of Parris C. Tackett.

**Sardis** — when convened with the Dix Fork Church, Sidney, Pike County, Kentucky. To begin on Friday, before the second Saturday in September 1980 and continuing the two following days. Delegates to attend: James Gilliam, Hillard Newsome, Joshua Hicks, Parris C. Tackett, Pete Hensley, Stony Blackburn, John Mullins, Paul Adkins and Astor Eldridge. Letter in the hands of Stony Blackburn.

**Indian Bottom** — when convened with the Happy Home, Bull Creek and Rose of Sharon Churches at the permanent Association building Sassafras, Knott County, Kentucky. To begin on Friday before the first Saturday in September, 1980 and continuing the two following days. Delegates to attend: Herman Thompson, Samuel Lewis, Bill Ison, Hezekiah Osburn, Gordon Reynolds, Melvin Adams, Jr., Ellis Amburgey, Everett Everage, Jimmy D. Parks, Clarence E. Jenkins, Lawrence Day, Baxter Osborne, Pete Hensley, Astor Eldridge, Stony Blackburn, C. W. Turner. Letter in the hands of Bro. Jimmy D. Parks.

**Mud River** — when convened with the Mt. Zion Church, Hewett Creek, Pecks Mill, Logan County, West Virginia. To begin on Friday before the fourth Saturday in August, 1980 and continuing the two following days. Delegates to attend: Hezekiah Osburn and Jesse Bryant. Letter in the hands of Bro. Jesse Bryant.

**Old Friendship** — when convened with the Mary Lou Church, Paynesville, West Virginia. To begin on Friday before the fourth Saturday in August, 1980 and continuing the two following days. Delegates to attend: Herman Thompson,

Buford Brock, Roy Caudill, Hillard Newsome, Joshua Hicks, Floyd Newsome, Richard Maynard, Don Lawson and Raymond Stapleton. Letter in the hands of Eld. Hillard Newsome.

10. By a motion and second the request of the Antioch Church was granted. Giving the Clerk, Bro. Newsome, the authority to secure a safe deposit box at a bank for the safe keeping of the ledger of minutes of our previous Associations.
11. By a motion and second the request from the Family of Love and the Little Ruth Churches was granted. To place the area code number along with the phone number of our ordained ministers and clerks in our minutes beginning after our 1981 session.
12. By a motion and second, the request from the Little Rebecca Church was granted to correct item #13 of our 1979 minutes to read as follows:

We, the Little Rebecca Church of Old Regular Baptist of Jesus Christ having met at our regular meeting time being found in full love and fellowship of all members present agreed unanimously to send the following request to the Northern New Salem Association when convened with the Little Ida Church on Friday before the first Saturday in August 1979. "We, the Little Rebecca Church request the Northern New Salem Association to adopt a resolution against members of our churches belonging to secret orders such as Masons, Odd Fellows or any other related worldly organization that is an offense to our sister associations as well as our own brethren." This question has produced friction far too long in our union and we feel it is contrary to our fundamental Christian beliefs and our church principals as we are not to be a part of worldly kingdoms. And farther that we advise all of our churches having such members to rid themselves of any member that refuses to disassociate themselves from such organizations.
13. a. The request from the Maggie Home Church was granted by a motion and second, to have the name of Elder Bobby Baker removed from the list of ordained ministers.
- b. By a motion and second, the request from the Lilly of the Valley Church was granted. Asking that we the Northern New Salem Association, publish Elder Hershell Blevins in disorder and his name be removed from the list of ordained ministers.
- c. The request from the Little Angel Church was granted by a move and second. Requesting that the name of Elder Irvin Hicks be removed from the list of ordained ministers.
14. The report of the committee appointed by the 1979 session of the Northern New Salem Association, concerning the permanent location to hold our future Associations was given. A motion and second was made to accept the report and to retain the same committee for the next year to continue their investigation into said matter. The committee appointed is to meet at the Little Angel Church, 5733 Saltgaber Road, Columbus, Ohio, on the fourth Saturday in November, 1980.
15. In answer to the request of the Little Pilgrim Home Church, asking advice, concerning receiving members back into fellowship of the Church after being baptised twice. By a motion and second, we as an advisory council say to the Little Pilgrim Home Church, "That each church holds its own keys and is the soul

judge of its members, as long as it doesn't violate the rules of the Association."

16. By a motion and second, the request from the Little Jewell Church, concerning the removal of item #13 — 3rd paragraph of our 1971 minutes - was granted. As it is conflicting with item #17 of our 1970 minutes. Relating to the receiving of ministers back into fellowship, after having been excluded for preaching with other unorthodox sects and orders and that item #17 of our 1970 minutes be reprinted in our 1980 minutes. The following is item #17 of our 1970 minutes:

The request from the Little Ruth Church "asking for advice on how should a minister who has been excluded for preaching with sects and orders contrary to Regular Baptists Principals can be received back into the fellowship of a Regular Baptist Church." We, as an Advisory Council, say to all our churches that you may restore such one upon strict examination, but not to return to them their credentials until they have been re-examined by a legal presbytery.

17. By a motion and second, the request from the Little Jewell Church, concerning the membership and credentials of Bro. Hillard Proffitt was granted. We, as an advisory council, say to the Little Jewell Church, that we accept his apology and grant you the Little Jewell Church the right to receive Bro. Hillard as a member only and not as an ordained minister.
18. By a motion and second a committee was appointed to write letters of condolence to our Sister Associations in the passing of their Elders. The following brethren were appointed: Elders Parris C. Tackitt, Hillard Newsome and Ray Hamilton.
19. It was moved and seconded that our next session of our beloved Association be held with the Pleasant View Church, 3589 Beat Road, Litchfield, Ohio to begin on Friday, before the first Saturday in August, 1981 and continuing the two following days.
20. By a move and second, Elder Rich Griffith was chosen to preach the introductory sermon at the 1981 session of our Association and Elder Savel Combs is to be his alternate.
21. By a motion and second, it was agreed to omit the reading of the current minutes.
22. By a motion and second, the Association agreed to adjourn to the time and place mentioned in the 19th item.

The Twenty-third Session of this glorious old Association was concluded by Elder Anthony Hamilton. By the moving of the Holy Spirit, he was blessed to cause the hearts of God's people to rejoice in the God of their salvation, to feed the sheep and to water the lambs that bleat around the fold. Prayer by same.

Done and signed by the officers of the Association.

Elder Baxter Osborne .....	Moderator
Elder Roy Caudill .....	Assistant Moderator
Elder Hillard Newsome .....	Clerk
Bro. C. W. Turner .....	Assistant Clerk

## **SABBATH MORNING, AUGUST 3, 1980**

Arising early to be up and about our Father's business, one could help but notice how the thirsty earth was being blessed, as God was permitting his rain to fall in early morning. Pilgrims, both young and old, began to enter the doors of the Little Angel Church, filling its walls to capacity. Mingling their voices together by singing the glorious songs of Zion, in praise and honor to our Heavenly Father.

The services for the morning were introduced by Elder Harold Senters, prayer by Elder Forest Osborne both of the Northern New Salem Association.

Elder Hillard Newsome, clerk of the Northern New Salem Association, was next to approach the stand in his humble manner, begging young men and women to put their hand in the hand of the Lord and to be a light to the world. The Lord's spirit prevailed.

**By Bro. C. W. Turner, Assistant Clerk**

Third on the stand was Elder Ivory Sowards, New Salem Association, who was blessed to feed the flock and declared that we serve the same God today, as the children of Israel served. He advised us to take the tool of Faith and dig, continue to pray until you get on the solid rock, then when you are called to the church, you will be able to stand the storms that follow.

Elder W. P. Deel, Northern New Salem Association, was fourth to approach the stand. He was blessed to preach how people today offer lame offerings to God, as they did in the days of old. If you will open up the door of your heart, He will come in and dwell with you, give you a hope of glory and will never leave or forsake you.

Our well beloved and highly respected Moderator, Elder Baxter Osborne, approached the stand in a very submissive manner. He began to read from the 32nd chapter of Isaiah, 2nd verse, "And a man shall be as a hiding place from the wind, and a covert from the tempest; as rivers of water in a dry place, as the shadow of a great rock in a weary land." Elder Osborne was blessed to preach how our King shall rule, and that His kingdom is not of this world. My Kingdom is within you.

As an old song of Zion was sung, much rejoicing was heard from the Saints of God. Thus ending this, the twenty-third annual session of this grand old Association. Going our separate ways for the next twelve months, living in hope of meeting again next year, but if not here, over in the gloryland, where all will be peace, joy and love, in a land where we shall rest our weary souls. Children be good to each other, live humble and above everything let your light shine that it may bring glory and honor to our blessed Saviour.

Your humble servant,

**Elder Hillard Newsome, Clerk**

To you the members and friends of the Little Angel Church, like the stars in the sky, you all shine bright, flowers on the lily pond, peaceful and beautiful. Yes, you did it again! Spending many hours of your precious time, as well as giving financial help, which made this, the twenty-third session of this grand old Association, a time of rejoicing. All because of this, we wish to extend to each and everyone our heartfelt thanks, for a job well done. The food was delicious and plentiful, your hospitality splendid. Keep up the good work, may the love of God always ring in your hearts, and under the shadow of His mighty wings may you always find peace and security, that only He can give.

Thanks to everyone who resided in Campers Village, near the Little Angel Church. How sweet of you to help lighten the load, by being there in a time of need. May God grant each and everyone an extra blessing for your kindness and generosity. We love you.

Our thanks to Sister Dorothy for the delicious tea, that was so refreshing. May God be ever mindful of your thoughtfulness. God bless.

Your humble servant,  
**Bro. Newsome - Clerk**

### CIRCULAR LETTER

Dear Brothers and Sisters of the Northern New Salem Association:

Having been chosen last year to prepare a circular letter for your inspection at our 1980 session, I approach this as a worthy challenge. I have spent much time in prayer and meditation about this undertaking. I hope to be led by God to stir up your pure minds and help you to consider some things which you may have passed over lightly.

Brethren, I have thought of many subjects which I felt would be good and acceptable to this association. But I could not settle on them. My mind and heart would always come back to our young children and young friends. I am very much concerned about their welfare and their souls. Satan has so many ways in which to entice our children into doing the wrong things, and I am afraid sometimes we give up without much of a fight. I believe that we could do more to help our young people resist the devil.

Brothers, we as Old Regular Baptists, can not live in a vacuum as we sometimes would choose to do. We might as well face the fact that we live in a changing world. We are no longer part of the world, but we are touched by things that happen in the world, and the world is touched, and hopefully changed by our lives. I realize that God is the same yesterday, today and forever and changes not. We pride ourselves on the fact that we don't change, but is it fact? Or is it fiction? That we don't change. Brothers and Sisters, I contend that we have, and do change, and it is not necessarily bad to change.

Even in the twenty-one-years that I have been in the church that I have seen many changes and expect to see many more in the next twenty-one years if God lets me live that long. I can remember when it was almost unheard of for a Brother to wear a short-sleeved shirt to church. Especially if the Brother was a minister, but now it is a very common occurrence. I remember when it was rare to see carpet on the floors of our churches; now it is very common. In the not too distant past, it was uncommon for ministers to have a television in their homes. Now it is very acceptable to visit our preaching brethren and see an expensive television sitting in the corner. The list of changes is almost endless. Now, let us assume that one of our ministers comes to one of our churches that has carpet on the floor, he drove an expensive car to church and he owns a television set. He is also wearing a short-sleeved shirt. I ask you, has his preaching lost any of it's sweetness because he is preaching on a carpeted floor and wearing a short-sleeved shirt? I think not. I give these examples to show that Old Regular Baptists can change, do change, and on occasion, should change. And these changes are not necessarily evil.

Now, I want to go back to our young people and some of their difficulties. Several years ago, it was common for the head of the house to work long hours to provide for his family. It was also common for the children to work each evening after school and on the weekends, as well as during the summer raising a crop, or in some other way, helping keep food on the table. During this time, the children had a very limited amount

of spare time in which to get into trouble. Now, in many places, especially in and around our larger cities, it is fairly common for both parents to work outside the home leaving the youngsters turned loose on the streets with the devil as their playmate.

You may wonder why I bring this up. God willing, I will be able to show you why it was brought up. I believe that it is time for us to put aside some of our prejudices and bend our stiff necks for the love and well being of our youth of today. I am going to raise a few questions, I am not going to attempt to give you the answers to these questions. But, hopefully each one that hears this letter, and if it is printed in our minutes, each one that reads it will consider them carefully, honestly, and prayerfully.

1. Are we the Old Regular Baptist Church accepting the responsibility which God gave us in directing our youth?
2. Does our responsibility begin at 9:00 a.m. Sunday morning and end at 12 noon? God forbid! I contend that it is a never ending responsibility.
3. Are we as a church doing anything at all to draw our young people away from the satanic practices and gatherings and into our churches?
4. Are we, as Old Regular Baptists, being fair with our children and their friends or are we giving them the impression that we don't need them, and worse yet, that we don't want them?
5. Are we as a church and an association doing enough to teach our young people with the dangers and sorrows of drug usage and associating with drug users, of the loose sexual codes and the terrible personal price for them, as well as for us as parents that may have to be paid, possible for the rest of their lives just for a few stolen moments of worldly pleasure?
6. Are we as Old Regular Baptists doing enough to show our young people the great joy there is in serving a true and living God? Or are we trying not to overly influence them? I think that it is high time that we as a church and an association use all the resources at our command to influence them away from satan and toward Jesus Christ our Saviour.
7. Is there anything that we, as the church or an association, can do to occupy some of their wasted time and direct it in a more constructive manner, or are we afraid to face up to our responsibilities? And are we willingly turning our responsibilities for shaping the lives of our young people over to satan and that without a fight? Do we tell ourselves that there is nothing we can do and hope that we can convince ourselves of that fact? So we can live with the guilt that comes when we see young lives wasted.

Brothers and Sisters, there are many more questions that I could raise, but I hope that you can recognize the seriousness of this matter. I want these questions considered from the church's and association's standpoint, and not as individual parents. I hope that as parents, we are already doing all we can with our own children. But what about our neighbor's children? As individual churches and associations, can we, with an honest heart say that we are doing all in our power to accept our responsibilities in these matters? If we can, I will apologize for raising them. But if some of us have to answer in the negative, I would hope that we will come down on our knees and beg God for some leadership and guidance in this matter. And then take some appropriate action.

Our children are one of the greatest natural joys that we have here on earth. And they are the church of tomorrow, so why don't we help them as much as possible **now**! If our children get into difficulties with the laws of our land or in an accident, we as parents will spend all that we have and can obtain to ease their suffering. So why not do

all in our power to prevent them from becoming thieves, robbers, liars, prostitutes, drug addicts, drug dealers, and all other evil subjects. Why wait until the damage is done before we act? Even God in His Holy Bible says: "Seek me in the days of thy youth while I am near and may be found." We should encourage our young people to come to our churches and feel that they have a right to be there. I fear that sometimes we give our young people the impression that we are better than they, this should not be. Because at one time we were all young and following after satan and his ways. But by our obedience and prayer to God, He heard our cries and by His grace saved us, He established our goings, and put a new song in our mouth, and great joy in our hearts. We should show our young people that this is the greatest prize on earth, and it is within their reach if they will strive sincerely.

Our lives should shine and show forth our love not only for each other, but for all mankind, especially for young people. The children of God are the greatest people on earth and we should also be the happiest people on earth. Let us be caught counting our blessings instead of complaining so much. Give God the thanks, honor, and glory for all things. Let us teach God's way as we go through this life. As the Bible says, "Cease to do evil and learn to do good." Let us be more willing to help our young people cease doing evil and learn to do good.

Some of you might feel that I have forgotten the church but I assure you, I haven't. But the church is a group of true believers and are already children of God. I am speaking of the ones that have been born again. So why should we worry so much about God's people. I feel that we would accomplish more and would be better workmen for God if we spent more time trying to get the world to repent and less time complaining about minor things that are not essential to the plan of salvation. Brothers and Sisters, I believe that Old Regular Baptists are the most wonderful people on earth, but at the same time we should realize that we are not perfect in all things, I don't believe that children of God go back into the world, but we can err.

I realize this letter is getting a little lengthy, but I feel that I could write much more at this time. Let everything that has breath praise the Lord. I thank my God that I am His and He is mine and when this life is over, I am going Home to die no more.

In conclusion, Brothers and Sisters, let me beg each and everyone of you to show mercy toward each other. Don't dim your light but let your lives shine forth with God's love. May each of us as a church be willing to do battle with the devil for the control of our young people's lives. And remember our young people in this saying: As a twig is bent, so grows the tree. May God help us to be able and willing to sacrifice our own feelings for the welfare of God's church, the Old Regular Baptist. Let us not be ashamed to stand before the whole world and declare that we have had that spiritual birth, and are on our way to Heaven.

I hope this letter meets the high standards of God's people. But if not, reject it. I will still love you with God's Eternal Love, and I will still feel that the Lord of all Glory led my mind in this undertaking. Praise the Lord now and forever!!!

Fare Ye Well.

Your Brother in Christ,  
**Elder Ray Hamilton**

# **CONSTITUTION**

## **OF THE**

### **NORTHERN SALEM ASSOCIATION**

#### **WHEN ORGANIZED IN 1957**

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.

**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, except in receiving and dismissing churches and Associations which shall be by a unanimous vote.

**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 members, 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. 41:1, 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, Act 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. *Isalah 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, an 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 of imperfections, but shall fairly state the cause as nearly as he can so as to convey his ideas.

**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 of appellation than that of "Brother."

**ARTICLE 10.** The Moderator shall not interrupt or prohibit any members from speaking until he gives his light on any subject unless he violates the rules of the 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 FOR THE YEAR 1981**

### **APRIL**

**Pleasant View** — First Saturday and Sunday in April. Jimmy Dye, Robert Haney, Frank Newsome, Baxter Osborne, Ron Scott, Karrell Addington. Communion Time - First Sunday in May.

**House of Prayer** — First Saturday and Sunday in April. Baxter Osborne, Woody Pack, Tennis Sturgill, Woodrow Dye, Jimmy Dye. Communion Time - First Sunday in June.

**Rose of Sharon** — Second Saturday and Sunday in April. James Branham, Buddy W. Carty, Hendricks Hampton, Teddy Robinson, Anthony Hamilton, Paul Adkins, Wendell Hamilton. Communion Time - Second Sunday in May.

**Little Jewell** — Fourth Saturday and Sunday in April. Robert Haney, Melvin Watts, Ralph Caudill, Stoney Blackburn, Ray Hamilton. Communion Time - Fourth Sunday in June.

### **MAY**

**Antioch** — First Saturday and Sunday in May. Baxter Osborne, Hiram Adkins, Eddie Tackett, John P. Hamilton, Delbert Sanders. Communion Time - First Sunday in October.

**Little Zion** — Second Saturday and Sunday in May. Frank Newsome, Paul McClanahan, Jimmy Hall, Alex Collier, Ron Scott, Karrell Addington, Baxter Osborne. Communion Time - Second Sunday in June.

**Little Ida** — First Saturday and Sunday in May. Woody Pack, Hershel Huff, Jimmy Dye, Buddy W. Carty, Zee Holbrooks, Kenny Robinson, Elwood Cornett, Baxter Osborne, Roy Caudill. Communion Time - First Saturday and Sunday in June.

**Maggie Home** — First Saturday and Sunday in May. Russell Hicks, Hiram Adkins, Bill Collins, Ellis Amburgey, Savel Combs. Communion Time - First Sunday in July.

**Little Memory** — Second Saturday and Sunday in May. Robert Haney, Melvin Watts, Kenneth Sturgill, Stoney Blackburn, Ivan Amburgey. Communion Time - Second Saturday and Sunday in June.

**Little Ruth** — Second Saturday and Sunday in May. Buddy W. Carty, James Brandon, Calvin Adkins, Russell Hicks, Fred Kidd, Delmar Williams, Fon Bowling. Communion Time - Second Sunday in June.

**Lilly of the Valley** — Second Saturday and Sunday in May. Doug McCarty, Ralph Caudill, Walter Mullins, Zee Holbrook, Denver Mead, Kenny Robinson, Stoney Blackburn, Bill Collins, Buddy W. Carty. Communion Time - Second Sunday in June.

**Macedonia** — Third Saturday and Sunday in May. Alex Collier, Stoney Blackburn, Hays Chaffins, Roy Caudill, Hezekiah Osburn, Elis Cotton. Communion Time - Third Sunday in June.

**Morning Star** — Third Saturday and Sunday in May. Baxter Osborne, Jesse Vires, Ellis Holbrook, Jimmy Dye, Alex Collier, Rich Griffith. Communion Time - Third Sunday in June.

**Little Children's Home** — Third Saturday and Sunday in May. Bill Dumbar, Johnie Bentley, Ronald Scott, Ralph Caudill, Toby Breeding, Able Johnson, Jr. Mosley. Communion Time - Third Saturday and Sunday in July.

## JUNE

**Little Flossie** — First Saturday and Sunday in June. Buddy W. Carty, Roy Caudill, Buford Brock, Woody Pack, James Branham, Earl Lawson, Buck Tuttle, Roger Dale Hicks, Charles Newsome, Hillard Newsome, Paul Adkins. Communion Time - First Saturday and Sunday in July.

**Mt. Zion** — First Saturday and Sunday in June. Baxter Osborne, Hillard Newsome, Buddy W. Carty, Hendricks Hampton, Bill Collins, Savel Combs. Communion Time - First Saturday and Sunday in July.

**Little Bethel** — First Saturday and Sunday in June. Squire Hamilton, Johnie Newsome, Covis Tackett, Doug McCarty, Tennis Sturgill, Milford Adams. Communion Time - First Sunday in July.

**Little Family** — Second Saturday and Sunday in June. Toby Breeding, Ronald Scott, Hillard Newsome, Ralph Caudill, Jimmy Dale Sanders, Buck Tuttle. Communion Time - Second Sunday in July.

**Little Pilgrims Home** — Second Saturday and Sunday in June. Hillard Newsome, Paul Adkins, Buddy W. Carty, Buck Tuttle, Birtchel Mosley, Jr., Bill Tackett, Johnie Newsome, Offie Bartley. Communion Time - Second Sunday in July.

**Little Polly** — Second Saturday and Sunday in June. James Branham, N.H. Vanderpool, Covis Tackett, Doug McCarty, David Slone. Communion Time - Second Sunday in July.

**Little Rebecca** — Third Saturday and Sunday in June. Ralph Caudill, Paul Adkins, Hillard Newsome, Jimmy Dye, Ivory Sowards, Hiram Adkins, Paris Tackitt, Hershel Huff, Baxter Osborne. Communion Time - Third Sunday in July.

**Little Edna** — Fourth Saturday and Sunday in June. Karrell Addington, Covis Tackett, Ronald Scott, Kenny Robinson, Robert Haney, Ellis Amburgey, Buddy W. Carty. Communion Time - Fourth Sunday in July.

**Family of Love** — Fourth Saturday and Sunday in June. Birtchel Mosley, Jr., Woody Pack, Ray Hamilton, Paris Tackitt, Ralph Caudill. Communion Time - Fourth Sunday in July.

**Mt. Olivet** — Fourth Saturday and Sunday in June. Donald Gibson, Walk Sturgill, Albert Hamilton, Clarence Owens, Robert Haney, Covis Tackett, Marcus Combs, Gary Brown. Communion Time - Fourth Sunday in July.

## **JULY**

**Little Flock** — Third Saturday and Sunday in July. Rayful Griffith, Rich Griffith, Ray Hamilton, John Paul Hamilton, Ralph Caudill, Virgie Wicker, Hobert Hamilton. Communion Time - Third Saturday and Sunday in August.

**Little Angel** — Fourth Saturday and Sunday in July. Woodrow Dye, Covis Tackett, Douglas McCarty, Baxter Osborne, Buddy W. Carty, Ivory Sowards, Jimmy Dye. Communion Time - Fourth Sunday in August.

## **MEMORIAL MEETINGS**

**Little Rebecca** — Third Saturday and Sunday in August. All ordained authorities are welcome.

**Little Jewell** — Fourth Saturday and Sunday in October. Ivan Amburgy, Baxter Osborne, Birtchell Mosley, Jr., Frank Newsome, Paul McClanahan, Ralph Caudill.

**Maggie Home** — First Saturday and Sunday in June. Sam Franks, Joshua Hicks, Anthony Hamilton, Paris Tackitt, Ivory Sowards.

**Little Polly** — Second Saturday and Sunday in August. All Old Regular Baptist ministers that can get a mind to come.

**Mt. Zion** — First Saturday and Sunday in September. All Regular Baptist ministers are invited.

**Little Flock** — Third Saturday and Sunday in June. Mike Campbell, George Mathews, Ivory Sowards, Virgie Fields, James Miller.

**Marcum Memorial** — Fourth Sunday in July. Earl Newsome, Russell Hicks, William Cochran, Anthony Hamilton, Sam Franks, Joshua Hicks.

**Little Ruth** — Second Saturday and Sunday in July. Clifford Colley, James Gannon, Wallace Muncy, Claude Ousley, Bill Collins.

**Little Memory** — Second Saturday and Sunday in August.

**Little Edna** — Fourth Saturday and Sunday in August.

**Little Ida** — First Saturday and Sunday in July. Monroe Jones, Ellis Holbrooks, Hillard Newsome, Perry Jones, Karrell Addington, Clyde Shepherd.

**Little Flossie** — Third Saturday and Sunday in July. A memorial of Sister Rachael, Troy Sparkman and deceased members.

**Little Zion** — Second Saturday and Sunday in August. Clifford Maynard, Gene (Red) Johnson, Tennis Sturgill, Edgar Little, Covis Tackett, Loyd Allen Brown.

**Little Pilgrim's Home** — Second Saturday and Sunday in August.

**Mt. Olivet** — Fourth Saturday and Sunday in August. Sheridan Hall, Claude Ousley, Rayful Griffith, Doug McCarty.

**Pleasant View** — First Saturday and Sunday in June. All Old Regular Baptist ministers invited.

**Little Family** — Second Saturday and Sunday in October.

**Little Angel** — Fourth Saturday and Sunday in May. Paul Adkins, Hillard Newsome, James Branham.

**Rose of Sharon** — Second Saturday and Sunday in October. Johnie Newsome, Okie Kent, Hershell Huff, Ralph Caudill.

**Antioch** — First Saturday and Sunday in June. All Baptist ministers of our same faith and order.

**Lilly of the Valley** — First Saturday and Sunday in July. All ordained Elders invited.

**Little Children's Home** — Third Saturday and Sunday in September. All Old Regular Baptist ministers invited.

**Morning Star** — Third Saturday and Sunday in July. Ballard Williams, Forrest Osborne, Palmer Hamilton, Frank Newsome, Bill Tackett.

**Little Bethel** — First Saturday and Sunday in September. All Regular Baptist ministers invited.

**Family of Love** — Fourth Saturday and Sunday in August. Memorial of all deceased members. All Regular Baptist ministers invited.

**House of Prayer** — First Saturday and Sunday in November. Baxter Osborne, Robert Haney, Covis Tackett, Buford Brock.

**Macedonia** — Third Saturday and Sunday in October. Alex Collier, Stoney Blackburn, Hays Chaffins, Roy Caudill, Hezikiah Osburn, Ellis Cotton.

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Little Ruth, Route 3 . . . . .	Marengo, Ohio
Little Memory . . . . .	Sunman, Ind.
Little Edna . . . . .	Lorain, Ohio
Little Ida, 4060 Drennen Street . . . . .	Ecorse, Mich.
Little Flossie . . . . .	Lisbon, Ind.
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Little Pilgrim's Home, Highway 224 . . . . .	Ruggles, Ohio
Mt. Olivet, Route 1 . . . . .	Stockbridge, Mich.
Pleasant View, 3589 Beat Road . . . . .	Litchfield, Ohio
Little Family, State Route 744 - 1 mile West of Jacksonburg . . . . .	Jacksonburg, Ohio
Little Angel, 5733 Saltgaber Road . . . . .	Columbus, Ohio
Antioch, 1017 Barricks Road . . . . .	Louisville, Ky.
Rose of Sharon, 3744 Carlton Rockwood Road . . . . .	Monroe, Mich.
Lilly of the Valley . . . . .	Geneva, Ohio
Little Children's Home . . . . .	Laurel, Ind.
Morning Star, 44441 Clay Road . . . . .	Belleville, Mich.
Little Bethel, State Road 228 . . . . .	Greensprings, Ohio
Family of Love . . . . .	Wyandotte, Ohio
House of Prayer . . . . .	Dayton, Ohio
Macedonia . . . . .	Grahn, Ky.

## CHURCH MODERATORS

Little Rebecca . . . . .	Claude Ousley
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Little Polly . . . . .	Richard Griffith
Mt. Zion . . . . .	Claude Ousley
Little FLock . . . . .	Anthony Hamilton
Little Ruth . . . . .	W. P. Deel
Little Memory . . . . .	Baxter Osborne
Little Edna . . . . .	Walter Parker
Little Ida . . . . .	Walter Mullins
Little Flossie . . . . .	Richard Griffith
Little Zion . . . . .	Roy Hudson
Little Pilgrim's Home . . . . .	Robert Wallen
Mt. Olivet . . . . .	Richard Griffith
Pleasant View . . . . .	Alex Collier
Little Family . . . . .	Roy Caudill
Little Angel . . . . .	Hiram Adkins
Antioch . . . . .	Paul Adkins
Rose of Sharon . . . . .	Ray Hamilton
Lilly of the Valley . . . . .	Chester Newsome
Little Children's Home . . . . .	Roy Caudill
Morning Star . . . . .	Covis Tackett
Little Bethel . . . . .	Frank Harvey
Family of Love . . . . .	Buddy W. Carty
House of Prayer . . . . .	Melvin Watts
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Little Rebecca .....	Landus Beverly, Donel Gibson, Bill Collins
Little Jewell .....	Hezekiah Osburn, Carlos Little, Jesse Bryant
Maggie Home .....	John Mullins, Parris Tackitt, Donald Mullins
Little Polly .....	Rayful Griffith, Andy Dameron, Dave Bolen
Mt. Zion .....	Claude Ousley, Raleigh Ousley
Little Flock .....	Sam Franks, Joshua Hicks, Anthony Hamilton
Little Ruth .....	Kilby Deel, Marvin Hunter, Adrian Counts
Little Memory .....	Bill Ison, Sam Lewis, Gordon Reynolds
Little Edna .....	Tennis Sturgill, Elmer Edwards, Matt Jr. Slone
Little Ida .....	Vivan Johnson, Emmitt Tackett, Ronald Scott
Little Flossie .....	Birtchel Mosley Jr., Carlie Tuttle, Morris Wicker
Little Zion .....	Ed Smith, Daryl Newsom, Alger Newsom
Little Pilgrim's Home .....	Robert Wallen, Squire Hamilton, Edd Shepherd
Mt. Olivet .....	Kelsey Mullins, Elmer Adams, Carl Ousley
Pleasant View .....	Stony Blackburn, Ezra Thornsberry, Mack Adkins
Little Family .....	Hendricks Hampton, Lewis Alton Rogers, Coleman Fields
Little Angel .....	Forest Osborne, Urice Burke, Floyd Stanley
Antioch .....	Darrell Parks, Paul Adkins, Melvin Adams
Rose of Sharon .....	Johnie Bentley, Ray Hamilton, Doug McCarty
Lilly of the Valley .....	Conley Daniles, Roger Newsome, Chester Newsome
Little Children's Home .....	Buford Brock, Birchell Short, Zee Holbrook
Morning Star .....	Gillis Hamilton, Gary Brown, Willis Little
Little Bethel .....	James Branham, Ernie Owens, Frank Harvey
Family of Love .....	Buddy W. Carty, Jim Gillum
House of Prayer .....	Ellis Amburgey, Sollie Miller Jr., Pete Hensley
Macedonia .....	Burl B. Stevens, R. Z. Castle, Rant Bailey

# STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	RECEIVED BY BAPTISM	RECEIVED BY LETTER	RECOMMENDATION	RESTORED	DISMISSED BY LETTER	EXCLUDED	DECEASED	TOTAL MEMBERSHIP	MEETING TIME	CONTRIBUTIONS
LITTLE REBECCA	5	4	0	0	1	0	2	90	3	\$ 185.00
LITTLE JEWELL	2	0	0	1	0	2	0	68	4	150.00
MAGGIE HOME	2	3	0	0	0	3	2	56	1	125.00
LITTLE POLLY	4	1	0	0	0	0	2	18	2	60.00
MT. ZION	1	0	0	0	0	1	2	18	1	50.00
LITTLE FLOCK	0	4	0	0	0	1	0	40	3	75.00
LITTLE RUTH	1	0	0	0	1	1	2	22	2	100.00
LITTLE MEMORY	1	2	0	0	0	0	1	28	2	100.00
LITTLE EDNA	2	0	0	2	0	1	1	31	4	50.00
LITTLE IDA	5	3	0	0	4	4	2	106	1	250.00
LITTLE FLOSSIE	3	0	0	0	0	0	1	31	1	150.00
LITTLE ZION	12	2	0	0	1	1	0	60	2	100.00
LITTLE PILGRIM'S HOME	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	32	2	100.00
MT. OLIVET	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	14	4	75.00
PLEASANT VIEW	14	1	1	0	0	1	1	69	1	150.00
LITTLE FAMILY	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	28	2	100.00
LITTLE ANGEL	7	0	0	1	2	3	0	57	4	200.00
ANTIOCH	1	3	0	0	2	2	2	48	1	175.00
ROSE OF SHARON	3	2	0	0	1	1	1	29	2	125.00
LILLY OF THE VALLEY	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	19	2	60.00
LITTLE CHILDREN'S HOME	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	18	3	100.00
MORNING STAR	8	0	0	1	5	3	0	62	3	250.00
LITTLE BETHEL	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	21	1	75.00
FAMILY OF LOVE	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	22	4	70.00
HOUSE OF PRAYER	6	1	0	0	2	0	2	78	1	250.00
MACEDONIA	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	59	3	100.00
Church Contributions										\$3,225.00
Picture Contributions										360.00
Congregation Contributions										5.00
GRAND TOTAL	84	30	1	6	27	26	22	1124		3,590.00

# ORDAINED MINISTERS

## LITTLE REBECCA

Elder Clennan Beverly, 55 Plymouth St., Plymouth, Ohio 44865 .....	
Elder Buddy W. Carty, 160 Trux Street, Plymouth, Ohio 44865 .....	687-7431
Elder Bill R. Collins, Route 3, Box 180-B1, Shelby, Ohio 44875 .....	347-1848
Elder Savel Combs, 110 W. Main Street, Shelby, Ohio 44875 .....	347-1424
Elder Donel Gibson, Box 84, New Haven, Ohio 44850 .....	935-4165
Elder Claude Ousley, 22 Maple Street, Shelby, Ohio 44875 .....	347-1217
Elder Farris Tuttle, Route 2, Shiloh, Ohio 44865 .....	896-3569
Elder H. N. Vanderpool, Box 142, Sandusky St., Plymouth, Ohio 44865 ..	687-5061
Elder Amos Williams, 150 Riley Street, Newark, Ohio 43055 .....	344-1073
Elder Delmar Williams, Allen, Kentucky .....	

## LITTLE JEWELL

Elder Charles D. Craft, Rt. 4, Box 85-H, Catlettsburg, Ky. 41129 .....	739-4560
Elder Carlos Little, 539 Burlington Rd., Huntington, W. Va. 25704 .....	429-1112
Elder Baxter Osborne, Rt. 6, Box 423, Ashland, Ky. 41104 .....	928-9513
Elder Hiram Osborne, 31 E. Illini, Phoenix, Ariz. 85035 .....	286-4961
Elder Steve Osborne, 2610 45th Ave., North, Phoenix, Ariz. 84035 .....	272-7287
Elder Hezekiah Osburn, 631 Fulton Ave., Wurtland, Ky. 41144 .....	836-8573
Ethel Euel Ratliff, 3408 Slem St., Ashland, Ky. 41101 .....	324-9792

## MAGGIE HOME

Elder Johnie Newsome, Cardington, Ohio 43315 .....	864-3513
Elder Paris Tackitt, Beaver, Ohio 45613 .....	226- <del>4199</del>

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## LITTLE POLLY

Elder Rayful Griffith, Box 534, Cromwell, Ind. 46732 .....	856-2624
Elder Richard Griffith, Route 1, Tekonsha, Mich. ....	

## MT. ZION

None .....	
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## LITTLE FLOCK

Elder Sam Franks, Route 2, Vinton, Ohio 45686 .....	388-9009
Elder Anthony Hamilton, Route 2, Vinton, Ohio 45686 .....	388-8675
Elder Joshua Hicks, Royalton Road, Route 6, Lancaster, Ohio 43130 .....	969-2988
Elder Okie Kent, Route 1, Thurman, Ohio 45685 .....	682-6676
Elder Harrison Runyon, Route 1, Nelsonville, Ohio 45764 .....	733-1024

## LITTLE RUTH

Elder James Curry, 208 East Central Ave., Delaware, Ohio 43015 .....	369-6936
Elder W. P. Deel, 240 Vernon Ave., Delaware, Ohio 43015 .....	363-1756
Elder Marvin Hunter, 15131 N. Old 30 Rd., Sunbary, Ohio 43074 .....	965-3805
Elder Maynard Ratliff, Box 14, Fulton, Ohio 43321 .....	864-2246

## **LITTLE MEMORY**

Elder Lawrence Day, Okeana, Ohio 45053 . . . . .	776-4216
Elder Perry Slone, Route 1, Batesville, Ind. 47006 . . . . .	934-2355

## **LITTLE EDNA**

Elder Denver Meade, 953 Warwick Drive, Sheffield, Ohio 44054 . . . . .	949-6048
Elder Walter Parker, 920 Robert Street, Lorain, Ohio 44054 . . . . .	949-6602
Elder Bart Potter, 9066 Spieth Road, Litchfield, Ohio 44253 . . . . .	722-8573
Elder David Slone, 5128 Orchard Street, Lorain, Ohio 44055 . . . . .	233-5580
Elder Tennis Sturgill, 319 N. Lake Street, South Amherst, Ohio 44001 . . . . .	986-6382
Elder Walk Sturgill, 57 E. Main Street, Greenwicht, Ohio 44873 . . . . .	752-3211

## **LITTLE IDA**

Elder Ralph Caudill, 1594 Wilson, Lincoln Park, Mich. 48146 . . . . .	381-3710
Elder Bill Dumbbar, Box 55, Providence, Ky. . . . .	667-2853
Elder Arthur Mitchell, 1712 Electric, Wyandotte, Mich. 48192 . . . . .	283-2423
Elder Walter Mullins, 13528 Fordline, Southgate, Mich. 48195 . . . . .	285-7776
Elder Ronald Scott, 1146 E. Kalma, Madison Hgts., Mich. 48071 . . . . .	547-1063

## **LITTLE FLOSSIE**

Elder Birtchel Mosley Jr., R. R. 4, Kendallville, Ind. 46755 . . . . .	347-2220
Elder Virgil Wicker, 208 N. Park Ave., Kendallville, Ind. 46755 . . . . .	347-4736

## **LITTLE ZION**

Elder Larry Hankins, 463 W. Brickley, Hazel Park, Mich. 48030 . . . . .	399-0130
Elder Garfield Hopson, 51 Eastway, Pontiac, Mich. 48058 . . . . .	334-7909
Elder Roy Hudson, R. 1, Box 366, Virgie, Ky. 41572 . . . . .	639-6851
Elder Glynn Maddox, 21413 Cyman St., Warren, Mich. 48091 . . . . .	754-6986
Elder Clarence Owens, 26707 Syracuse Street, Warren, Mich. 48091 . . . . .	751-5896

## **LITTLE PILGRIM'S HOME**

Elder Squire Hamilton, 5408 Stark Ave., Ashtabula, Ohio 44004 . . . . .	998-0137
Elder Birbage Howell Jr., 181 Nicholas, Plymouth, Ohio 44865 . . . . .	687-8181
Elder Robert Wallen, 123 Main Street, Rochester, Ohio 44090 . . . . .	647-4052

## **MT. OLIVET**

Elder Oscar Holcomb, 42 E. Charolotte, Ecorse, Mich. 48229 . . . . .	381-9058
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## **PLEASANT VIEW**

Elder Stony Blackburn, 249 Bellfield Ave., Elyria, Ohio 44035 . . . . .	365-9834
Elder Alex Collier, 13728 Hale Road, Oberlin, Ohio 44074 . . . . .	775-1730
Elder James E. Tolliver, 3190 Jerusalem Road, Vermillion, Ohio 44089 . . . . .	967-4152

## **LITTLE FAMILY**

Elder Roy Caudill, 6143 Paullin Drive, Middletown, Ohio 45042 . . . . .	423-2381
Elder Hendricks Hampton, 40 Deardoff Road, Franklin, Ohio 45005 . . . . .	746-7533
Elder Herman Thompson, Route 1, Craborchard, Ky. 40419 . . . . .	370-6776

## **LITTLE ANGEL**

Elder Hiram Adkins, Fords Branch, Ky. 41526 . . . . .	437-7284
Elder Forest Osborne, 3425 Kitzmiller Road, New Albany, Ohio 43054 . .	855-7955
Elder Harold Senters, 4048 Colby Street, Columbus, Ohio 43227 . . . . .	239-0057

## **ANTIOCH**

Elder Paul Adkins, Route 2, State Road 362, Shelbyville, Ky. 40065 . . . . .	722-5404
Elder Hillard Newsome, 3520 Fincastle Road, Louisville, Ky. 40213 . . . . .	452-1197
Elder Marvin Sparkman, 1041 East Ky. Street, Louisville, Ky. 40204 . . . . .	637-4645

## **ROSE OF SHARON**

Elder Johnie Bently, 3218 - 22nd, Wyandotte, Mich. 48192 . . . . .	283-2983
Elder John Paul Hamilton, 627 Orchard, Wyandotte, Mich. 48192 . . . . .	283-4879
Elder Ray Hamilton, 18610 Toledo Road, Wyandotte, Mich. 48192 . . . . .	282-2343
Elder Doug McCarty, 9822 Woodland Court, Ypsilanti, Mich. 48197 . . . . .	483-9877
Elder Whipple Reynolds, 9651 Vivian, Taylor, Mich. 48180 . . . . .	291-1947

## **LILLY OF THE VALLEY**

Elder Conley Daniles, 3624 West 114 Street, Cleveland, Ohio 44111 . . . . .	251-0709
Elder Chester Newsome, 4723 Strong Ave., Ashtabula, Ohio 44004 . . . . .	992-5604
Elder Jessie Pack, 12620 Grimsby Ave., Cleveland, Ohio 44135 . . . . .	251-1825

## **LITTLE CHILDREN'S HOME**

Elder Buford Brock, R. R. 3, Danville, Ind. 46122 . . . . .	745-5228
Elder Zee Holbrooks, R. R. 1, Laurel, Ind. 47024 . . . . .	698-2583

## **MORNING STAR**

Elder Conley Calhoun, 48500 Hull, Belleville, Mich. 48111 . . . . .	699-7978
Elder Sheridan Hall, 1101 South Garden, Kendallville, Ind. 46755 . . . . .	347-4612
Elder Willis Little, 4541 Grace, Wayne, Mich. 48184 . . . . .	728-4486
Elder Covis Tackett, 4309 - 11th Street, Ecorse, Mich. 48229 . . . . .	382-7628
Elder J. C. Tackett, 26076 Colgate, Inkster, Mich. 48141 . . . . .	274-4599

## **LITTLE BETHEL**

Elder James Branham, 4157 Limerick Road, Clyde, Ohio 43410 . . . . .	547-8286
Elder Lester Hall, Co. Road 306, Vickery, Ohio 43464 . . . . .	684-5916
Elder Frank Harvey, Greensprings, Ohio 44836 . . . . .	639-2557
Elder Buck Tuttle, Route 4, Willard, Ohio 44890 . . . . .	935-8131
Elder Wrlie Tuttle, Willard, Ohio 44890 . . . . .	935-0872

## **FAMILY OF LOVE**

None . . . . .	
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## **HOUSE OF PRAYER**

Elder Ellis Amburgey, 201 Troy Street, Medway, Ohio 45341 . . . . .	849-0363
Elder Virgil Caudill, Route 1, Hamden, Ohio . . . . .	
Elder Melvin Watts, Route 1, Franklin, Ohio 45005 . . . . .	748-1916

## MACEDONIA

Elder R. Z. Castle, Grahn, Ky. 41142 . . . . .	286-4042
Elder Burl Stevens, 1908 Weymouth Drive, Ashland, Ky. 41101 . . . . .	324-2800
Elder Russell Wilburn, 3490 Dowes Court, Columbus, Ohio 43207 . . . . .	

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# LETTERS OF CONDOLENCES TO OUR SISTER ASSOCIATIONS

## THE NEW SALEM ASSOCIATION

To the delegates and members that compose the New Salem Association, may we take this opportunity to express to you our sincere sympathy in the loss of two of our great ministers, **Elder Mitchell Chaffins** and **Elder Solly Kiser**. Anything we might write or say of these brethren would not measure up to the light they left that we may continue in the good old path. Their steps will not soon be forgotten. And surely, the world is a better place because they lived here.

## THE UNION ASSOCIATION

Beloved, shall we express to you our deepest sympathy in the loss of a great servant, **Elder Jay Johnson**, one who stood tall in our midst. As God has called him home to reap the joys of his salvation, we are left to mourn his loss and to continue on in the good old way. May God bless us to live humbler, pray more and remember the happy days we spent with him.

## THE PHILADELPHIA ASSOCIATION

Beloved, please accept our deepest sympathy in the passing of one of your servants, **Elder Charlie Barney**. One who carried the torch for years to light the pathway for those who walked in darkness. He has gone from the evils to come and we are left to mourn his loss. Shall we all live close and wait in patience for the morning when we shall meet all those gone on before.

## TO THE SARDIS ASSOCIATION

Beloved, we know that words at this time cannot express the sorrow you must feel at the passing of such worthy servants as **Elder Jimmy Deely**, **Elder Tracy Hatfields**, and **Elder J. H. May**. Not only you, but all the rest of the generation of Jesus Christ have suffered a great loss. God has called them from this world to a land of rest. May God bless us all to pray harder, walk humbler, and bear a little more of the load.

## THE INDIAN BOTTOM ASSOCIATION

Beloved, let us join you in grieving the loss of two of your great servants, **Elder Kirby Ison** and **Elder Critt Eldridge**, who gave so much for the cause of Christ and left so many sweet memories to cherish. Let us look far beyond this life when we shall meet in a land of beauty where we feel these two have gone.

### Northern New Salem Association

**Elder Paris C. Tackitt**  
**Elder Hillard Newsome**  
**Elder Ray Hamilton**

# Obituaries

## **DORA ALLEN BAILEY**

With sad hearts, but many wonderful memories, we will try to write the obituary of our dear mother, Dora Ellen Bailey. Mom was born August 14, 1904, to the late John and Dora Knipp. She passed this life February 6, 1977, making her stay on this earth 72 years, 6 months and 8 days.

Mom and Dad, Rant Bailey, were married on February 20, 1927, and to this union were born eight children: two sons, Harold Bailey, Hitchens, Kentucky and Bobby Bailey, Columbus, Ohio; six daughters: Vivian Cordle, Grove City, Ohio; Betty Schlaechter, Columbus, Ohio; Inetta Johnson, Mansfield, Ohio; Genetta Middleton, Groveport, Ohio; Carol King, Baltimore, Ohio; and Helen Walker, Alliance, Ohio. She also leaves 19 grandchildren, 6 great-grandchildren and three sisters.

Mom was not a member of any church, but we feel she was a Christian. She was a wonderful person and was loved by all who knew her. Mom was devoted to her husband and children. Her love was expressed in so many ways. We miss her very much.

Written by Daughters,  
Betty and Genetta



## **SHERWOOD BLACKBURN**

It is with a sad and broken heart, we will try to write an obituary of our dear departed husband and father, Sherwood Blackburn. He was born August 21, 1910 at Hitchens, Kentucky and departed this life September 19, 1979. Making his stay here on earth 69 years and 29 days. He married Quellie Trout, October 29, 1929 and to this union was born nine children. Sister Quellie and five children preceded him in death. He met and married Bertie May on July 31, 1964. Bertie had two daughters who he loved very much - one of whom preceded him in death.

He leaves behind his wife, Bertie of Elyria, two sons: Bruce of Kentucky and John of Ohio and two daughters: Gladia of Indiana, Shirley of West Virginia and a Step Daughter; Magalene Ray of Kentucky. He also leaves 31 grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren and a host of friends and brothers and sisters of the church.

He was baptised into the Old Regular Baptist Church in June of 1948. He was always a good member of the church and helped those who needed him. We will miss



him and life will be hard without him, but with the Lord's help, we will make it and hope to meet him in Heaven some day.

Written by his loving wife and family,  
Bertie Blackburn, Bruce & Eloise Blackburn, John & Shirley Blackburn,  
Gladia Thacker & Children, James & Shirley Milligan,  
Ellen (Blackburn) Smith & Children



## LILLIE BARKER

Lillie Barker was born December 2, 1887 in Carter County, a daughter of the late Alex and Cynthia Carroll Roar. She was preceded in death by her husband, Henry Barker. To this union was born nine children, four girls and five boys.

She joined Macedonia Baptist Church in September, 1943; was baptised by Rev. Arnold Castle and lived a Godly life till death. She passed away July 7, 1977.

We feel assured her spirit is sleeping in Jesus, awaiting the resurrection of the body. Sadly missed by her children and friends.

The Children of Lillie Barker



## ROSIE BOLEN

With a sad feeling and loving memory, I will try to write an obituary of my mother, Rosie Bolen, born at Garrett, Kentucky, to the late Tivis and Jane (Geahart) Bolen, February 18, 1906, and departed this life, April 23, 1980, making her stay on earth 74 years, two months, and five days.

In early life, she met and married Nathaniel Bolen who preceeded her in death in 1961, and also preceeding her are two sisters and five brothers.

She leaves five children: Mrs. Joshua (Sylvia) Hicks of Lancaster, Ohio, June and Judy Bolen, both at home in Jackson, Edison of Jackson, Ohio and Ford Bolen of Hartford, Connecticut. She also leaves one brother, Kendall Bolen of Mousie, Kentucky, one sister, Maudie Conoley of McGuffey, Ohio, twelve grandchildren and thirteen great grandchildren, with a host of relatives, friends and neighbors to mourn her loss, but we believe our loss is her eternal gain.

She made preparations for death many years ago and in the summer of 1951, she told an experience of how great things the Lord had done for her. She took up fellowship with the Old Regular Baptist being baptized at the hands of Elders Mitchell Chaffins and S.C. Crumb, taking her membership to the Maggie's Home Church where she remained a devoted member and a dedicated Christian being a light to her community until the day of her death.

She loved little children and they would return her love by picking her flowers and calling her Mom. She gave good counsel to her children and often said she wanted all



her suffering here. When she was no longer able to go to church, she would have the brothers to come in to sing songs and hold prayer for her. She would have me to read the Bible to her. I've seen her rejoicing and praising God so often and after she got so sick, she said she wanted to go on to her eternal home, for it was a much better home than this was.

I don't believe that mother is suffering anymore, and we know it's up to us children whether we say farewell to mother for just a little while, or it's good-bye to mother for ever and ever. If we don't quit sin, and repent and be born again, we will never see our mother and father again. For the Just will raise first, and all them that are in the graves, shall hear the voice of the Son of God, and shall come forth. They that have done good to the resurrection of life and they that have done evil to the resurrection of damnation.

The Lord blessed me to take care of my mother the last eight years of her life and I'm thankful that all three daughters got to be with her, her last few months. Her sweet smile and loving presence was repayment enough, I miss her so. When she left, a part of me went with her.

I know I can't write down all my mother's life or my memories of her, but I want to thank all the people who came to our aid in the time of our trouble. For their sympathy and the delicious food and the many beautiful flowers and a special thank-you to Brothers Paris Tackett, Ivory Sowards and Anthony Hamilton. Words cannot express how much comfort you were to us. May God bless you all.

Written by a loving daughter,  
Judy Bolen



## WEEKS BOYD

It is with a sad heart, but very fond memories, that I try to write an obituary of Brother Weeks Boyd. Bro. Weeks was born at Dana, Kentucky, on November 17, 1912, he deceased this life on April 8, 1980. He was 68 years old. He was married to Sister Margie (Akers) Boyd. To this union, were born 5 children: two daughters, Mrs. Irene Mashburn of Fellsmary, Florida and Mrs. Maggie Street of Roseland, Florida. Three sons: Eugene Boyd, of Hanaker, Kentucky, Bobby Dean Boyd of Dema, Kentucky (formerly of Oberlin, Ohio), and Jesse Lee Boyd of Warminster, Pennsylvania. Eleven great-grandchildren, 18 grandchildren, two brothers - Jerry and Thomas Boyd; three sisters - Vana Boyd, Zina Lewis and Hulda Burchett, plus a large host of friends and loved ones survive.

Brother Boyd was a member of the Old Regular Baptist Church. He was a faithful attender, as long as he was able. His funeral was conducted at the Pleasant View Church, Litchfield, Ohio, where his wife, Sister Margie, is a member. He was buried in the cemetery at Pittsfield, Ohio. We feel our loss is Heaven's gain. May God Bless and comfort Sister Margie in her lonely hours. After his death, she moved back to Kentucky at Dema, in Knott County, near her son, Bobby and his wife, Dora Boyd.

I would like to say to Bro. Weeks' friends and children that don't know God in



the pardon and remission of sin, repent and be born again. Daddy is gone and you can go to him, if you desire to go to Heaven. God bless each of you.

Written by your Humble Servant,  
Elder Stony Blackburn



## MYRTLE FANNIN BURKE

Myrtle Fannin Burke was born April 13, 1903, in Elliott County, Kentucky. She passed away April 6, 1979. She was married to E.D. Burke, July 17, 1926. She professed a hope in Christ and joined the Old Regular Baptist Church in 1927, and lived a faithful Christian Life. She was a devoted wife and mother. Sadly missed by family and friends.

Submitted by daughter (only child)  
Dorothy Mullins



## JAMES EDWARD CAUDILL

Rejoice with them that rejoice and weep with them that weep. . . a commandment God gives us as we travel here on earth. His footstool.

Through God's infinite mercies and His strength under girding us, we will try, by request of the family, to write the obituary of our dear nephew, James Edward Caudill.

James E. Caudill, Jimmy was born into this life August 20, 1955, departed this life June 29, 1980, making his stay here on earth 24 years, ten months, and eight days. Born the only child to Herbert and Marietta Caudill Jr. making much joy in their home till that call went out and Jimmy answered the appointment we all will keep. Beside his mother and father he leaves to mourn his passing his grandfather Herbert and grandmother, Mary (deceased) Mattie Caudill of Premium, Kentucky and grandmother Minnie Sexton of Colson, Kentucky (the widow of the late Elder John Sexton). Also a host of aunts and uncles survive.

A flower has been taken, one that fulfilled the joy of parenthood, resting under that Great Altar, waiting for that joyful day of resurrection, God's own-redeemed. Jimmy was loved by all that knew him, a smile for those he met. Hardly had he time in his short stay here to wander far away. To Herbert and Marietta — don't let that ring of love in Heaven be severed. Let God enter your lives that you may be united again. To his many friends and family — be close together in this life, share and love one another. this is only the first one to share sorrow over, but its inevitable if we live here long enough. Repent and let God be your Saviour, that Heaven may be yours and the family united over there together. Our humblest prayers and God's consoling peace rest and remain with each of you.



Your humble servants,  
Ralph and Leona Caudill



## SHERMAN RAY

With the help of the good Lord, I will try to write an obituary of my wonderful, loving father.

Sherman E. Ray was born December 28, 1904 and died March 21, 1980; making his stay on earth 75 years, two months and 21 days. Sherman met and married Oma Justice Ray, December 29, 1927. To this union was born four children, two boys and two girls; Dona Adkins and Irene Ray of Carleton, Michigan; Ballard Ray of Flat Rock, Michigan; and Gene Ray of Pikeville, Kentucky.



Dad had two sons-in-law, Noah Adkins and Chester Ray and two daughters-in-law, Magelene Ray and Jane. They all helped Dad in any way they could, they loved him like a father. His mother and father, Nancy Ray and Andy, preceeded him in death. Dad had four brothers (three deceased) - Alvin, Archie and Floyd. One brother - Virgil Ray lives in Pikeville, Kentucky. Three sisters-in law - Cora Lee Ray, Emma Ray and Cora Ray, all of Pikeville, Kentucky survive. Dad said many times that they were more like sisters to him. Dad's niece, Audrey Faye Rogers, who resides at Island Creek, Kentucky was like a third daughter to him. He had 17 living grandchildren: Ronnie Lee and Valerie Adkins, Edgar Dean, Dennis and Cletus Ray, Vickie Ray all of Carleton, Mi.; Dean, Donald, Dennis, Ballard, Kenneth, Emagene, Lee and Pricilla Ray, all of Pikeville, Kentucky; Billy Gene Ray, Fairlene and Patricia Gail all live in Ohio. Dad has nine great-grandchildren: Dawn, Ronnie Jr., Melissa Sue, Matthew Dean, Melino Lynn, Dean Jr., Rachel and twins whose names were not known. He also has 11 nieces and one nephew: Emagene Fields, Acie Ray, Draxie May, Lydia Akders, of Michigan; Justine Ray, Shirley Carroll, Audrey Faye Rogers, all of Pikeville, Kentucky; and Josephine, Velvia Gene, Christine and Bobby Gene. His wife passed away 22 years and one day before Dad died. Sherman left his home in October, 1979, and went to Michigan to live with his daughters and son where he was well satisfied until his death. He loved and enjoyed his grandchildren, they all loved him so much. Dad seemed to enjoy every moment of his life. He told us he repented of his sins and lived for the Lord the rest of his life. The Brothers came and had church for him at our homes and he enjoyed it so much. He prayed so much and it seemed to help in easing his pain. He had visions at meeting mom and his mother so many times. I would wake him up and he would tell me of the beautiful dreams he had. He told Brother Walter Mullins he felt the good Lord had forgiven him of his sins and he was ready to go to meet Jesus. After his illness, he was never able to be baptized, but God knows best. Dad was so good and so easy to wait on, we enjoyed waiting on him, we wish he would have stayed longer with us, but God was so good to us all, Dad didn't suffer too much. He had cancer but God watched over him and I thank God for that. In words I couldn't tell how much "We love him." We are going to miss him so much, but I know God will help us, our home will never be the same without him. He was so kind and good he was such a pleasure. We loved him so much and words can never tell how much we miss him. He was the best dad in the whole world, I just pray that Gene, Virgil, Ballard, Audrey Faye and all his grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces and nephew, fall out with sin and

live for the Lord so they can meet dad again. I am just waiting for that day. Along with his family, his many friends and neighbors will remember and love his memory for many years to come. May God Bless each and every one.

Written by his loving daughter,  
Dona Adkins



### COON RISNER

By the help of God, I will try to write an obituary of our beloved Brother, Coon Risner, whom we miss very much at the Little Polly Church.

Brother Coon was a sick man in his last years here on earth, but we visited him as much as we could and had church and communion at his home in Marshall, Michigan. We tried our best to give him the roses while he lived. Brother Coon was born March 3, 1891 and passed this life November 14, 1979, making his stay here on earth 88 years and eleven days. His wife preceeded him in death.

Left behind to mourn his loss are many brothers and sisters in this old Church and three daughters: Hazel Sutherland, Havana Patton and Edna McDanials. Brother Coon joined Little Polly Church approximately August of 1963.

May God bless his daughters and their husbands and children. Brother Coon left a light in his window for his children to live by and be guided to his eternal rest. So press on to the mark of the high calling and meet Daddy in Heaven someday.

Written by his Brother in hope of the Eternal Resting Place,  
Elder Rayful Griffith, Little Polly Church



### ANTHONY SANDERS

I will try to write an obituary of my dear husband, Anthony Sanders.

He was the only son of Joseph and Angeline Stephens Sanders. He was an orphan and had no brothers or sisters. He never knew the love of a real father and mother.

His grandmother raised him until he was six years old. When Grandmother Stephens passed away, he stayed with his Uncle John and Aunt Stella Stephens until he was old enough to be on his own.

In early life, he met and married Cora Mims Sanders. Unto this union was born three children: Edward (who preceeded his father in death as an infant), Ruth Jones and Jewell Williams. We three are left to mourn his passing.

He didn't join a church, but loved the Baptist family. He loved to go to the Little Ida Church and also the Cynthia Ann Church. He went to church every Saturday night and Sunday as long as he was able to go.



Three weeks before he died, he prayed constantly. Even after he couldn't speak, he whispered and worked his lips. He tried to tell us something, but we couldn't make out what he was trying to say.

I believe he is at rest. It won't be long until I will be with him, never to part anymore.

Written by his wife, Cora Sanders



## ADA SLONE

Ada Slone was born February 23, 1897. She departed this life December 24, 1978, making her stay here on earth 81 years, nine months and 24 days. She was the daughter of Aminda and Perry Slone.

Early in life, she met this wonderful man, Miles M. Slone, who preceeded her in death on April 30, 1977. She married Miles in 1913, and unto this union were born 11 children; one preceeded her in death, which leaves ten still living: Camellus Slone of Tennessee, Myrtle Pratt of Michigan, Clyde Slone of Albany, Ohio, Marie Prater of Dundas, Ohio, Winston Slone of Kendallville, Indiana, Herman Slone of Missouri, Ruby Tiller of West Virginia, Ruth Pyck of Kendallville, Indiana, Mirando Slone of Dunsas, Ohio and Bernard Slone of Alburn, Indiana; and one stepdaughter, Brookie Tiller of Oak Hill, Ohio.

Mother has been a member of the Old Regular Baptist Church family for about 40 or 50 years. She was a hard working woman, raising her children, she was so loving and kind to us all.

I am sitting here in my home tonight, so lonesome for my mother and dad. Miranda and mother made their home with my husband, Melvin, and me after dad died. Miranda and I took such good care of her with Melvin's help. I guess there wasn't anything we didn't try to do for her and dad. She would want the brothers and sisters in the church to come and have services. They were sweet to us all in time of our sickness and death of our loving mother and dad. She has several grandchildren and great grandchildren who miss her very much.

She had her fellowship with Maggie Home Church in Dundas, Ohio. I feel like I will meet them both in that beautiful home around the throne of God. I walk and talk with them in my dreams at night. There is just no way of putting on paper how much I loved my mother and dad, only God knows my heart.

Written by her broken-hearted daughters,  
Marie Prater and Miranda Slone



## ANNIE TACKETT

I hope and pray that God will give me strength and guide my mind to write an obituary of my dear sweet mother, Annie (Osborne) Tackett. Mother was born to Jack and Katy Osborne in August, 1905, deceased February, 1980. She was joined in marriage to Sol Tackett in 1925. To this union, ten children were born: five boys and five girls - James, Clarence, Kathryn, Sol Jr., Bertha, Margie, Bob, Mae, and Mary. Earl passed away just five weeks before mother. Mom always said she hoped she would not have to face giving up any of her children, that she would go first. Besides her family, she left thirty-five grandchildren, great grandchildren, four sisters, three brothers and many friends and relatives to mourn her loss.

Mom joined the Ypsilante Old Regular Baptist Church, October 6, 1963. She was a good and faithful Christian. I never knew my mom of anything but good. If there were more mothers like our mother, we would have a better world. Seems like it comes natural for our old mothers but today, we really have to work at it. For time seems to change so fast, and the world gets weaker and wiser. Mother lived to see some of her family profess a hope in Christ. She always had a smile for everyone, and all I can say to the rest of the family is, "Don't stray from the way Mom talked and begged to us. Repent so we can be in that Heavenly reunion with Jesus and loved ones, where there are no more deaths or sorrows." Mom was taken suddenly with a blood clot in her lung. We all love and miss our mother so very much.

Written by her broken-hearted daughter,  
Sistie Margie Burke



## EARL TACKETT

With the help of God, I will attempt to write an obituary of my precious brother, Earl Gene Tackett. Earl was born December 13, 1938 in Weeksbury, Kentucky and died January 24, 1980 in New Boston, Michigan, making his stay here on earth just forty two years. Earl was the son of Sol and Annie Osborne Tackett. He was married to Shirley Smith Tackett in 1956. To them were born four children: one daughter, Debra; three sons, Jeffrey, Wade and Wayne. He leaves his family, four brothers: James, Clarence, Sol Jr., and Oscar Robert; and five sisters: Kathryn, Bertha, Margie, Mae, and Mary. Many friends and relatives mourn his loss.

Earl was a hard worker and a good provider for his family. He was a firm believer in work and respect. He taught his children that all through life. He was good to people and had more friends than I could mention. God knows all things and He is the Judge. He does all things for a purpose. Earl will be missed in our family reunion this year. But I hope someday we can have a bigger and better reunion in Heaven, where there won't be any more heart attacks, and things to take our loved ones away. I want to say to all



the family that has not repented, "To repent and live for Jesus, for Jesus and His Way. We all love and miss Earl so much and I know his good companion and children have spent many lonely hours. But be patient and press on."

Written by his loving sister,  
Margie Burke



## NANCY THOMAS

The obituary of Sister Nancy Thomas, R. R. 6, Greensburg, Indiana, born August 10, 1901 in Whitesburg, Kentucky, the daughter of Jake Adams, departed this life December 30, 1979, at 8:30 a.m. at the Margaret Mary Hospital in Batesville, Indiana.

On April 5, 1924, she was married to Culbert Thomas and unto this union were born six children: two daughters, Mrs. Rolland (Nina) Mozingo, Greensburg, Indiana and Mrs. Bobby (Shelby) Bockover of Greensburg, Indiana; and four sons: Richard Thomas of Greensburg, Indiana, Gerald Gay, Ocoee, Florida, Gobel, Lancaster, California, and Lawrence C. died in infancy.

She leaves her good companion, five children, 14 grandchildren, one great grandchild, two sisters and many, many friends and loved ones to mourn her passing.

Sister Nancy joined the Old Regular Baptist Church at Thornton, Letcher County, Kentucky and in the year 1956, she came to Little Pilgrim's Home Church, near Milan, Indiana by letter and attended faithfully to all the Sister Churches that she could and as long as she was able. Surely, everyone that knew Sister Nancy can say she really let her light shine and will always be remembered by her Brothers and Sisters in the Lord and Friends of this community.

Sister Nancy lived her life and I feel that she is now resting in the Paradise of God. So Culbert, to you and the children, we can't bring her back now, but by the Grace of God, we can go where we feel she has gone. So children, please make it as soon as you can. Sister Nancy's body sleeps at Little Children's Home Church Cemetery, Laurel, Indiana.

Written by request of Culbert and Family,  
by Elder Zee Holbrook



## LILLIE THORNSBERRY

It is with great sorrow and grief we will try to write this obituary of our loving mother, Lillie Thornsberry. She was born December 19, 1906 in Prestonsburg, Kentucky and died November 13, 1979, making her stay on earth 72 years, ten months and 12 days. She was a very good mother to us and we loved her so much that words can not tell. She has left behind to mourn her loss: three daughters - Mary Alice Hall, Maggie Hicks and Ethel Risner, all of Willard, Ohio and her husband, Joe Thorns-



berry and six step children - Mrs. Marvis Tackett of Plymouth, Howard Thornsberry of Cleveland, and Alvin of Detroit, Michigan. She also had 19 grandchildren, 25 great grandchildren, 28 step grandchildren and three step great grandchildren. She had one sister left to bear her grief - Osie Ousley of Stockbridge, Michigan and a host of friends and relatives.

She was preceeded in death by her first husband, Raymond Ousley, who died March 3, 1957 and two sons, Curtis Ousley who died April 9, 1969 and Warren Ousley who died December 9, 1978. Also she has lost five brothers and sisters and a mother and father most surely someone will be waiting for her up there in Heaven, but most of all, Jesus our Lord and Savior.

Written by her broken-hearted daughters

Mary Alice Hall and Maggie Hicks

Mom has been a member of the Little Rebecca Church since May, 1969



## **SISTER EDDA BERRY WICKER**

Edda Wicker was born August 5, 1914 and died August 30, 1979, making her stay on earth 65 years and 25 days. She was the daughter of George Andy Berry and Winnie Sexton.

She gave her hand to become a member of this old church in April of 1978. Our mother lived a life in this presence of the world that no one could spot and taught her family in the feat and admonishment of the Lord. Not only did we love her, but she left this love in the hearts and the minds of all that she met.

She suffered for three months with cancer and never once did we hear her ask the Lord of Glory why it should be so with her. And when she was sick and even in her dying hour, she bore her burden with patience and looked to the Master Physician.

She leaves to mourn her, three sons - Edd Gibson, Morris Wicker, and Jerry Wicker; and three daughters - Peggy Wicker, Minnie Wicker, and Sandra Bley. Three sisters - Beulah Ratliff, Erma Tripplett, and Molly Turpen - remain. Three husbands preceeded her in death - Gradis Yeats, Lucious Gibson and Basil Lee Wicker. There are 43 grandchildren and 16 great grandchildren.

She leaves her family to mourn her and a host of very close friends and her brothers and sisters in the old church.

We miss our mother so very much and our hearts ache in memory of her, but we understand that she is far better off than we which remain.

After all is said and done, we are glad that the Lord has blessed us with such a kind and loving mother and there remains a hope that we can go where our precious mother is and be with the Great Prince of Peace.

Written by a broken hearted son that loved her  
with all his heart — Morris Wicker



## OSCAR CHAPMAN

It is with a sad heart, that I write an obituary of a dear brother, Bro. Oscar Chapman. I have many fond and precious memories of him. He was born August 4, 1908 at Canada, Kentucky and deceased this life on May 14, 1980. He was 71 years and eight months old.

Brother Oscar married Melba J. Varney, who preceeded him in death on the 9th of July, 1979. To this union was born four children - one son, Conrad Chapman of Virginia; three daughters - Mrs. Clara Sutz of Lorain, Ohio, Mrs. Gus (Billie) Moore of Lorain, Ohio and Mrs. Robert (Pearlene) Bush of Aherst, Ohio. He had two brothers and four sisters: Tolloe Chapman of Coalgrove, Ohio, Walter Chapman of Williamson, West Virginia; Mrs. Dixie Turner and Mrs. Ola Mae Fannins of Vera Beach, Florida; Mrs. Francis Daniels of Forest Hills, Kentucky and Mrs. Trula Kendricks of Massillion, Ohio and nine grandchildren and one great-granddaughter was born May 16, 1980. A lot of friends and loved ones survive.

Bro. Oscar was a member of the Pleasant View Church at Litchfield, Ohio and was a faithful attender, as long as he was able. He was very ill the last year that he lived. He made his home with his daughter, Pearlene in Lorain, Ohio, after his wife, Melba, died. Before coming to Ohio, he was a retired coal miner in Puritan, West Virginia. He worked for the Puritan Coal Company. He will be missed by all at the church, but our loss is Heaven's gain. Bro. Oscar was buried in the Ridgehill Memorial Cemetery, Lorain, Ohio.

To his children and friends who don't know God in the pardon and remission of sin, repent today and live for the Lord, like Bro. Oscar did. May God bless each and all.

Written by Your Unworthy Servant,  
Edler Stony Blackburn



## WILLIAM ROBERT CHARLES

With sad and aching hearts, we will try to write an obituary about our dear loving son and brother whom we all loved dearly, William Robert Charles. He was born on November 3, 1951 in Pike County, Kentucky, and was killed in a jeep accident, when the jeep he was driving overturned on him on October 8, 1978, making his stay on this earth 26 years, eleven months and five days.

Leaving to mourn his loss is his wife June, one son William Robert, Jr. and one daughter Brandi Michele, his parents, Jeff and Emma Charles, two sisters, Mr. Paul Thacker and Mrs. Johnny Bartley; four brothers, Earsil, Douglas and Gary Charles, all from Goshen, Indiana and Denver Charles of Syracuse, Indiana.

Robert was employed as the Assistant Plant Manager of Shasta Industries in Goshen, Indiana. He was married to his wife June since March 19, 1971. Robert was a real kind and sweet person who was loved by about everybody who knew him.



We all miss him so much and hope to meet him in that beautiful city called Heaven some sweet day.

Written by his father, mother, brothers and sisters



## **HARLAN CLEAVENGER**

### **IN MEMORIAM THE ANGEL FROM HEAVEN**

An Angel came from heaven  
To answer a prayer,  
As my darling husband  
Wanted to go there,  
To find the peace  
He couldn't find here.  
A young family he left,  
But loved so much,  
He knew the Lord  
Would keep us in touch.  
We all sadly miss him  
and always will.  
Within us is his memory still.



But one day soon,  
If we be good,  
The Lord will call us home  
As he promised he would.  
Then again together we will be  
No more pain or heartache to see.

In loving memory of husband and father, Harlan Cleavenger,  
who passed away August 7, 1979

Written by his wife, Mary



## **BROTHER OSCAR COMBS**

Dad was the son of Kenis and Nannie (Gibson) Combs. Born March 3, 1894, he lived to be 79 years, four months and 27 days old. Dad married Mae (Beverly) Combs in early life. God blessed them with nine children. The five living are four sons: Ray of Royalton, Kentucky, Blaine and Earl of Raven, Kentucky and Glen Herald of Lisbon, Ohio and one daughter - Mrs. Glen (Shirley) Sparkman of Raven, Knott County, Kentucky. Four children preceeded him in death.

Dad has two sisters: Minnie Thornsburg of LaGrange, Ohio and Martha Thornsburg of Raven, Kentucky and one brother - Earl Combs of Raven, Kentucky surviving.

He was such a good father and husband. We all still miss him so much. Dad loved to go to church. He attended as long as he was able to go. He joined the Caney Fork Church at Raven, Kentucky in Knott, County, the year of 1973.

His son, Glen Herald Combs of Lisbon, Ohio, has followed in Dad's footsteps. He belongs to the Pleasant View Church on Beat Road, Litchfield, Ohio. If we children want to see Dad, we had better start serving God, as Dad has told us to do.

Written by his only Daughter, Shirley Sparkman  
and wife, Mae Combs

## LILLIE MAE DICKERSON

With the help of our Lord Jesus Christ, I will write the obituary of my dear sister I loved so well.

Sadly missed, but God knows best, he took you to rest. We'll meet again in that heavenly home with Jesus where sorrowful partings will be no more. What a happy meeting it will be when we all meet around God's throne.

Lillie Mae (Roe) Dickerson was born in Carter County, Kentucky, November 26, 1891. She was the daughter of the late James and Emily Susan Boggs (Roe) and was married to James F. Dickerson who passed away in 1975. She was a member of the United Baptist Church for 60 years. Her husband was also a member of the United Baptist Church of Grahm.

It will be so happy when parting is no more. Bless the sweet name of Jesus.

Written by your dear sister Odie Moseir



## DICIE EVERAGE

Who can find a virtuous woman? For her price is far above rubies. Her children arise up and call her blessed, her husband also, and he praiseth her. So is it with this our dear Sister in the Lord to wit - Sister Dicie Everage. Born in Knott County, Kentucky, on January 4, 1910, the daughter of the late Valentine and Eveline Ashley Mullins. This our dear Sister laid down the cross that she had carried for so many long years on Sunday, December 16, 1979. At the hour of midnight, she slipped from a world of heartaches and troubles, to a land of pure delight, where the soul shall be at rest. The angels came for this our dear Sister, a faithful wife and devoted mother, as she waited for them to come carry her soul to the land, she had longed so long for. She waited patiently, as she rested her tired body in the South West Jefferson Community Hospital, Louisville, Kentucky. God blessed Sister Dicie to live upon His good earth 69 years, 11 months and 12 days, bringing joy and happiness to many as she passed this way.

When but a fair young lady, she gave her hand in holy wedlock to a young man of Knott County, Kentucky, Everett Everage. On January 11, 1937, she promised to be unto him a faithful, obedient and loving wife. These vows she kept until her departure. For 43 years, they shared life's heartaches, troubles, and disappointments, along with life's joys, happiness and pleasures. God blessed this dear man and woman to become the father and mother of four girls and three boys. Who through the guidance, training and love of a devoted Christian father and mother, grew up to be fine men and women. The girls are Margie - Mrs. Konowha Ritchie; Jane - Mrs. Darrell Parks; Linda - Mrs. Henry Montgomery all of Louisville and Ann - Mrs. Monroe Sturgill of Amburgey, Kentucky. The boys are Mr. Robert Everage of Amburgey, Kentucky; Mr. Eurie Everage of Hyden, Kentucky and Mr. Ray Everage of Fort Riley, Kansas. She leaves to mourn her loss besides her dear children, a faithful and devoted husband, 22 grand-



children, one great grandchild, three sisters - Mrs. Nora Franklin, Mrs. Tilda Mullins and Mrs. Bertie Whitaker, all of Knott County, Kentucky and four brothers - Eurie, Chester and Valentine, all of Knott County and William of Detroit, Michigan; besides the many friends and loved ones, the brothers and sisters of the church, who were blessed to walk with her in this life.

In 1951, Sister Dicie gave her hand to become a member of the Old Regular Baptist Church at the Little Bethlehem Church, Indian Bottom Association. After moving to Louisville a few years ago, she placed her membership with the Antioch Church, Northern New Salem Association. We feel we have given up a true devoted Mother in Israel. A sister who let her light shine everyday, by the fruit she bore and the life she lived. A sister that was humble, never exalted. The pride of life, society and the changing of the fashions of this world, never worried Sister Dicie. She gave counsel and advice when needed, but never boastful of her place in life. A simple wife, sister and mother, who loved and lived a simple life by her everyday walks. I can truthfully say, "She never lived in such a way to bring shame on the Old Church." You the young Sisters in Zion would do well to pattern your life after this dear Sister. One who believed in good order, a clean church and we that profess to be Christians, to be an example for lost men and women to see our good works and glorify our Heavenly Father. During her long days of confinement, I never once heard Sister Dicie grumble or complain. Always patient and humble, waiting for the Master to call her home. She often told Bro. Everage and the children, "She was just waiting for her departure." Her doors were always open and her loving hands were ever busy, preparing food for those who stopped by.

I have never seen a more devoted and patient family as this dear Sister had to care for her in her last days. Always trying to comfort and bring ease. May you children always remember the good advice and counsel she gave you and strive with all within you to meet her after this life. So pleased three of her daughters gave her flowers while she walked this way. Sister Margie, Ann and Jane, please continue in the good old way, which your mother walked in for so many years. To you, her other children, try to give your dear father flowers he can enjoy, while he waits to meet Sister Dicie in the city of the Saviour.

Humbly yours,  
Elder Hillard Newsome



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## EUNICE KENDRICK FORBES

With the help of my Lord, I will attempt to write an obituary of my dear sister, Eunice Kendrick Forbes.

The daughter of Ira F. and Martha Mullins Kendrick of McArthur, Ohio, she was born April 29, 1929 in Pike County, Kentucky and departed this life for an eternal life in Heaven on January 4, 1980. Cancer was the terrible disease that claimed her life. She was married to Danny Forbes, who is left to mourn her. She had three daughters, one, Norma Jean Bowen, preceeded her in death. Two daughters, Judy Tharp of Grove City, Ohio and Linda Dodds of



Columbus, Ohio survive. One granddaughter, Lori Dodds of Columbus, Ohio and one grandson, Daniel Forbes, whom she had adopted also survive. She is survived by two brothers, Roger Kendrick of Oakdale, California and Robert Kendrick of Dayton, Ohio; five sisters, Lorraine Boyer of Springfield, Ohio, Evelyn Smith of Grove City, Ohio, Ruth Mathews of Hamden, Ohio, Joyce Remy of McArthur, Ohio and Carolyn Johnson of Columbus, Ohio. Three brothers preceeded her in death: Charles and Clarence as infants and Ira Frank Kendrick Jr., December 21, 1979, two weeks before her own death.

Sister Eunice was a member of Maggie Home Church of The Old Regular Baptist at Dundas, Ohio, since January 5, 1975 when she became a member until her death. She will be missed by many friends and sisters and brothers of the church. She would get up from her seat to go back in the church to greet someone with a smile and a hand shake to make them feel welcome. She always loved to hear Brother Johnnie Newsom sing "Some Bright Morning". It is my hope in Christ that I will see Sister Eunice some Bright Morning, where there will be no more sickness, her seat in the old church is empty, but she will long be remembered. She dreaded the sting of death, as we all do, as her body became frail and her journey weary, she had a longing to go on home to be with our Father in Heaven, for He had sent his own son Jesus Christ to prepare a way for her, she was ready to go. So when her final hour had come, she closed her eyes in death.

Her book here on earth is closed, all must die and stand before the throne of God for their judgement. If Sister Eunice could speak to us, she would say, make yourselves ready, for Heaven is worth it all, it is all that our Lord had promised, in the city that lies four square.

Written by her beloved sister,  
Ruth Mathews



## ROBERT GRAHAM

He was born December 12, 1896 and departed this life April 16, 1980 Making his stay here on earth 83 years, four months and four days. He was the son of William and Rachel Graham. He met and married Jessie Moore in 1918. To this union was born ten children. Three of these children preceeded him in death. Left to mourn his passing are his beloved wife, Jessie; four sons - Don of Fairborn, Ohio, Claude and Mack of Beaver Creek and Bill of Dayton; three daughters - Oretta Gatfliff and Peggy Ann Hilty of Medway, Ohio, Thelma Wellman of Louisa, Kentucky. He leaves 19 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. He also leaves one brother, Walter Graham of Ervin, Texas and two sisters - Julia Belcher of New York and Lillie Blackburn of Kenova, West Virginia. He will be missed also by a host of relatives, friends, brothers and sisters in the church.



As he started raising a young family, he came to realize there was something missing in his life, which was the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. He was converted and baptized in 1922. In 1929, he was ordained an Elder or Preacher. He experienced many

storms as an Elder but he was faithful to this calling for almost 52 years. He belonged to the Buck Creek Church of Old Regular Baptist in Beauty, Kentucky .

He was a devoted husband and father who loved and was so proud of his family. In the later years, his desires were to have a nice home and a car so that he and Jessie could go to church. He was heard to have said that by the help of God, he accomplished in life what he set out to do. He will be missed by us all.

Written by Elder Ellis W. Amburgey  
and his beloved wife, Jessie



## **BROTHER JAMES GOODMAN**

Now the laborer's task is O'er;  
Now the battle day is past;  
Now upon the farther shore  
Father, in thy gracious keeping  
Leave we now thy servant sleeping.  
"Earth to earth and dust to dust"  
Calmly now the words we say,  
Left behind, we wait in trust  
For the resurrection day,  
Father, in thy gracious keeping  
Leave we now thy servant sleeping.



John Ellerton, 1870

With a very sad and heavy heart, we will try to write an obituary of our Dad. He was born September 9, 1906 in Water Gap, Kentucky, and was the son of Hy and Dolly (Wallen) Goodman. He married Dona Shepard on June 22, 1946 and moved to Marshall, Michigan in 1951, and lived there until death, January 24, 1980. He joined Little Polly Church at Stockbridge, Michigan on February 11, 1962 and was baptized by Brother Rich Griffith and Brother James Bartley, and was a member until death.

He was a World War II Veteran and was awarded the European, African, and Middle Eastern, the Bronze Arrow, the Silver Service Star and World War II Victory Medals for his Service to his Country, and he left this world like a brave and humble soldier.

He became a father late in his life, although he raised five step-children, who along with his wife Dona and children, Marie Reber, Opal Hurley, Alice (Jay) Leibretch and James Goodman, Jr mourn his loss.

Dad suffered a long illness, but we we feel he is at rest with the Lord, and God willing, we hope to see him again someday in Heaven

Written by his wife and children,  
Little Polly Church, Marshall, Michigan





## DELMAS RAY HALE



It is with a very sadden and aching heart, I will try to write an obituary of our loving son. Delmas Ray was born December 22, 1939, deceased this life January 28, 1980, making his stay here on earth 40 years, one month, and six days.

God only knows the love and kindness that he bestowed on all of his family. We are trying to comprehend the absence of one so very dear to all of us. He leaves behind a host of relatives and friends that he meant so very much to but the love of his family and sadness is so hard to express for the loss of one that means so much in our lives.

Buddy is what he was called by his family from a baby. I wake up at night and I see that baby smiling face so often at times, I can almost get him in my arms. Buddy left his father, Martin Hale, mother Lora Hale, wife Genievie Hale, one daughter Patricia Ann Hale Slone, son Martin Van Hale, sister Myrtle M. Hale Shepherd and many aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews all to mourn the loss of one that was loved so much and had so much love to give other people. Children loved him as he was never too busy to take time to fix a child's toy with a smile and gently to please them. With God's help I can accept that my son is no longer here on earth with me. I feel his presence everywhere around. I see myself going to his house to sit and talk with him. We always had long talks together but it was God's will to call him from this life. I pray that I will meet him again in Heaven some day.

Written by his mother, Lora Hale

His memorial will be preached at Little Pilgrim's Home Church on fifth week-end in May, 1981 by Elder Robert Wallen, Elder Birbage Howell, Elder Frank Harvey and Elder Buddy Cartey.

The Lord has taken someone so dear to us. He has taken him to a better way of life. We thank the Lord for the special times we had in which we shared the special moments of love and comfort that we will always cherish in our hearts.

There are times we think we are alone, but we aren't really because of memories and the precious time we had together. This will always be a special comfort to us. The burdens at times are so hard to bear but a prayer helps us through the days. Even though the Lord has taken him, we still remember that loving smile on his face and the goodness in his heart. We remember the love that he has given to us. I feel in my heart and my prayers that he is resting with Jesus, with the good Lord's will, we will meet in Heaven.

The Lord is giving us the strength to carry each minute of the day and hour without him. With the thoughts and prayers the Lord will help us through the good and bad times. May the prayers and the Lord's willing, we will be reunited in Heaven someday.

In memories of our loving husband and father,  
Wife Geneveive Hale

Daughter Patricia Ann Hale Slone and Son Martin Van Hale

## EARL HALL

By request of the family, with sadness in my heart, I will try to write an obituary of my beloved brother, Earl Hall.



He was born at Etty, Pike County, Kentucky, Nov. 4, 1917 and departed from this life August 1, 1979, making his stay on earth 61 years, nine months and four days. He was the son of the late James Ellis and Judy Bentley Hall. In early life, he was married to Leona Mullins. To this union were born ten children. Sister Leona and Little Hubert and Betty preceeded him in death. He later married Shirley Syck. To this union were born two children. Other than his wife, he leaves to mourn six sons - Hurston of Paintsville, Kentucky, Eugene and Roger, both of Greysville, Alabama, Marvin of Ypsilanti, Michigan, Earl Kent and Jason, both of Trenton, Michigan; four daughters - Dean Mullins of Vinton, Ohio, Janice Mullins of Bidwell, Ohio, Gwen Skinner of Greysville, Alabama and Rhonda Gulyban of River View, Michigan. 20 grandchildren, six great grandchildren, two brothers- Milford of Dorton, Kentucky and Leonard of River Rouge, Michigan; one sister - Draxie Tackett of Thurman, Ohio and a host of friends and relatives survive.

He spent his working years, 21 years as a coal miner before going to the steel industry at McClouth Steel Corp. in Trenton, Michigan where he worked 20 years.

He joined The Old Regular Baptist Church 21 years ago. For many years, he had his letter at the Little Pearl Church at Vinton, Ohio. The last years of his life he suffered very much. He bore his afflictions with patience until the end. The pale horse and his rider came by that August evening at 7:10 p.m. at the Seaway Hospital in Trenton, Michigan. I will always remember the wonderful talks I had with him the last few months of life. He was humble.

We all miss him very much. His happy smiles and loving voice will never greet us in this world anymore. Brother Earl has gone home to die no more over on Canaan's Happy Shore. With Jesus from Galilee in that Kingdom that has no end. Where no sorrows ever come. Many seasons may come and time will pass away. He will rise on that great Judgement morning.

Written by a brother in hope of Eternal Life  
Milford Hall, Dorton, Kentucky



## SOLMAN ASTOR HALL 1920 - 1979

With a sad and broken heart and by the help of God, I will try to write an obituary of my precious and only Brother whom I loved so much, Solman Astor Hall. He was born September 5, 1920 and departed this life December 22, 1979, making his stay on earth 59 years, three months and 17 days. He was the son of Silas Hall and Rilla Osborne Hall. His Dad and twin sisters preceeded him in death. He leaves to mourn his death, his Old



Mother; one son, Donald Ray Hall of Algonac, Michigan; one daughter, Patsy Sue Thomas of Lincoln Park, Michigan; one sister, Madge Anderson of Wyandotte, Michigan; one brother, Arthur Hall of Southgate, Michigan and three grandchildren (he called his three Little Angels).

He spent the last six weeks of his life in the hospital with that dreaded disease cancer, but he left a good hope. He told the brothers of The Little Ida Church he was ready to go. There was nothing in his way. He also wanted to join the old church but time did not permit him to do so. So, I say to all the family, we will all miss him so very much and there will be a void that can never be filled, but our loss is Heaven's gain. No doubt the last year of his life was the happiest of all on this earth. He just exchanged this world of trouble, pain and sorrow for a perfect home in that great morning. He can't come back to us but we can meet him over there. If he could speak to his children, he would say, "weep not for me, but weep for yourself."

Written by his broken-hearted brother,  
Arthur Hall



## AVERY HENSLEY



It is with much sadness and grief that we will, by the help of God to direct our minds, to write the obituary of our loving Father and a Brother in Christ. Avery Hensley was born April 21, 1901 at Delbarton, West Virginia. He departed this life on November 14, 1979 at St. Elizabeth Hospital in Dayton, Ohio, making Daddy's stay here 78 years, six months and twenty four days. He was the son of the late Alexander Hensley and Mary (Staten) Hensley. Daddy was united in marriage to our Loving Mother Nona (Norman) Hensley on January 23, 1924 and to this union were 14 children, five children preceeded him in death. Those left to mourn daddy's loss are our loving mother whom we love very much, Nona Norman Hensley, Dayton, Ohio and nine children - six sons and three daughters; Elder Samuel D. and Albert R. of Hillsboro, Ohio, James Pete and Robert C. of Dayton, Ohio and John H. and Tommy A., of Newcastle, Delaware; and the daughters are Mary C. Blevins of Morehead, Kentucky, Martha M. Knox of Newcastle, Delaware and Nevada Mounts of Route 2, Delbarton, West Virginia. Also to mourn his loss is 54 grandchildren, 28 great grandchildren and one great great grandchild. Daddy joined the Old Regular Baptist in October 1937 and was baptised by the hand of the late Elder Asa Evans. He placed his membership at the Sardis Church in the Sardis Association, at Delbarton, West Virginia. Daddy served the Old Church as a deacon for about 40 years. In the early 1950s, Daddy asked for his Letter to move and help organize the Muncy Valley Church at Pic, West Virginia. Where his membership was at the time of his passing away. Daddy loved the Old Church and was a faithful attender. He always liked to go to the House of Prayer Church in Dayton, Ohio and he would always fill his seat when he was able.

Daddy suffered very much the last 11 months he lived, following an auto accident. Daddy's door was always open to visitors in his home. He loved to see the Brothers and

Sisters come in and sit down and talk about the Lord. He loved the goodness of God's great love and mercy, we want to say to Mommy and all the children, and to the Brothers and Sisters in the Old Church, may God bless us all to remember the song daddy sung and loved so very much with all his heart, **Oh Fathers, Mothers, Brothers, Sisters, and Children our meeting is over and if I never more see you, I love you in my heart. Yes we will land on that shore to shout and sing forever more.**

We want to say to Mommy and all the other children, and all the Brothers and Sisters of the Old Church, that Daddy is not dead he is only gone to sleep for a little while, waiting for the coming of the Lord to take him home to Heaven.

I pray that we all remember the tender love Daddy had for all of us and how he labored hard with his hands to raise us.

In our farewell remarks, I want to say and feel with all my heart, on November 14, 1979, Daddy's suffering ended and he fell asleep in the arms of Jesus. I pray that we all remember the good council that Daddy gave to us all, and that we all would repent and accept Christ as our personal Savior, therefore, we can meet again with Daddy some sweet day, where parting will be no more.

May God bless and save you all is the prayer of these unworthy servants.

Written by his two oldest sons and also Brothers in Christ,  
Elder Sameul D. Hensley  
James Pete Hensley



## AMANDA HICKS

This is in remembering of my dear mother, who passed away November 14, 1979 in Hardin County Memorial Hospital, Kenton, Ohio. She was born February 6, 1899, to the late Leck and Randy Howard Bailey in Magoffin County, Kentucky. She married George Hicks in the year of 1916. To this union was born eight children - Mrs. John (Rhoda) Ousley, Mrs. Orville (Bertha) Hicks, Mrs. Howard (Reba) Phillips, Edgbert, Clarence, Ezra and James Hicks. Chester died September 1932 and her first husband, my dad, died December 7, 1932.



Mother married Alfred Hicks in 1938, and to this union was born one son, Roger Hicks. They moved to Alger, Ohio in the 40's. In the year of 1961, mother's second husband passed away. Although my widowed mother lived alone for many years, she always had the Lord, whom she put all her trust in.

Mother joined the Old Regular Baptist Church in about 1933, the Old Philadelphia Church. She later moved her membership to the Mt. Zion Church, McGuffey, Ohio. She surely lived a christian life. Before she died, she called me into the

intensive care room and told me she had been running a survey of her life and couldn't find anything undone. She would talk to me, and then she would have to rest, and then she would talk some more — she was so weak. Mother said she couldn't get well, but worried about her children. She said if they don't get right with the Lord, we won't be together any more. So to all my brothers and sisters, remember what mother said, and be good to one another.

Mother left behind 42 grandchildren, some step-children (Alfred's children); Millie Dudley, Polly Hays, Orville, Elbert, Bert, and John M. Hicks, and several step grandchildren.

Also surviving is one whole sister, Alice Patrick; half sisters and brothers, Fannie Stephens, Cressie Escue, Dillard, Lacy, Amos, Frank, George, and Ellis Bailey. Her whole brother, Ervin and half brother, Willard Bailey, preceded her in death.

Mother always met everyone at the door and made them feel welcome. Although she was poor, I feel she has a rich home now, where all her troubles are over and she won't have to be sick anymore. She went to church as long as she could go. She believed in the old time way, I could write lots more about my mother. I feel she preached her own funeral by the life she lived. I am trusting I will soon be with her. To my brothers and sisters, remember mother's advice and what she had written to us all.

May God bless us all.

Written by her daughter and a sister in the Lord,  
Mrs. John Ousley



### **TIMOTHY HICKS**

Timothy Hicks, age 86, of 512 East Street of McGuffey died June 28, 1980 at Lima Memorial Hospital. He was born on March 26, 1894 in Knott County, Kentucky to Charlie and Betty (Carpenter) Hicks. He was born in a family of eleven children. He was married August 24, 1914. His wife, Ida, survives. They had seven children. Survivors include: Rev. Lewis Hicks of McGuffey, Ohio, Shirley Wells of Dayton, Ohio and Roxie Keen of Wayland, Kentucky. A sister, Mrs. Ida Rice Prater, of Mousie, Kentucky, and a brother, Elder Hicks of Mousie, Kentucky also survive.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a son, Rush Hicks; three daughters, Corey Hicks, Nora Ramey, and Delcie Cox; two grandchildren; three sisters and five brothers.

He was a retired track layer for the coal mines. He was a member of the Old Regular Baptist Church. He was a grandfather to 34 grandchildren; a great grandfather to 61 great-grandchildren and a great-great-grandfather to 12 great-great-grandchildren.

Brother Tim joined the Ball Branch Church of Old Regular Baptist Church at Mousie, Kentucky and was baptized, On August 20, 1972, Brother Hicks brought his letter to McGuffey, Ohio; at the Mt. Zion Church, January 7, 1978; where he was a faithful member. Bro. Tim is gone, but he is not forgotten. He told his wife Ida, just before he died, he was just waiting for Jesus to come and get him. But, he will return some day where both soul and body will go to Heaven.

Written by his Son, Elmer Lewis Hicks  
and Brother Raleigh Ousley



## BROTHER JIM HOLLIDAY

In remembrance of our dear beloved father, Jim Holliday, born in McGoffin County, Kentucky, November 22, 1890 and left this world on May 12, 1980. He was the son of Leander and Liza (Prater) Holliday. He married Nancy Combs in McGoffin County on June 5, 1913. To this union were born nineteen children, thirteen preceeding them in death. Left to mourn his loss are three daughters - Edna Dixon, Wawaka, Indiana, Elsie Messer, Rome City, Indiana, Wilma Jean Homister, Sturgis, Michigan, and three sons - Archie, James and Kizer all of Rome City, Indiana. He has 32 grandchildren, 37 great grandchildren and eight great-great-grandchildren. He also has one sister, Printha Rudd, Portsmouth, Ohio and two brothers, Oscar, Willard, Ohio and Luther, Hindman, Kentucky.



Brother Jim was a member of the Little Rose Old Regular Baptist Church at Hindman, Kentucky, joining in the early 1950's and was a faithful member until his death.

Brother Jim raised his family at Hindman, Kentucky and moved to Indiana in June of 1973 after his wife's death. He lived alternately with his daughter, Elsie and his son and daughter-in-law, James and Flora Holliday.

Written by his loving children



## RALEIGH C. HOLBROOKS

Bro. Raleigh C. Holbrooks was born in Carter County, Kentucky on March 30, 1898. Deceased this life for his home in Heaven, the home he had so longed for, on Sunday, September 2, 1979. Enjoying life here for 81 years, five months and three days. Many years ago, he was married to Garnett Mobley. These two shared life's pleasures and joys, heartaches and disappointments for many years, until Sister Garnett departed for her eternal home on October 28, 1970. Leaving Bro. Holbrooks to follow after her, but yet not removing the memories of many happy days spent together. God blessed these two, with one son, Larry, who followed his mother in death, by an accident in September 1976. Bro. Holbrooks became a very dear and devoted stepfather to her three sons, William Mobley of Mainsville, Ohio, Kenneth Mobley of Otisco, Indiana and Burl Mobley, of Sellersburg, Indiana; one step-daughter, Dovie Gibson of Charlestown, Indiana with whom he made his home. He leaves two brothers, Arthur of Russell, Kentucky and Rupert of Chicago, Illinois. One granddaughter, the daughter of Larry, 19 step grandchildren and 11 step great grandchildren; a niece, Mary Darby, who was good to look after Bro. Holbrooks in his later years.

Bro. Holbrooks was a veteran of World War I, a barber by trade, he had resided around Charlestown, Indiana for the past 33 years. He was a member of the Antioch Old Regular Baptist Church. While Sister Garnett lived and was able to drive, they filled their seats often. He was a very quiet and humble man. A Brother that said little, but let the world know he had chosen the good part by his every day life. One who loved the simple way of life and ever trusting in God, that he would lead and direct his

steps while here on earth, and in the end give him a home in Heaven. We, the Antioch Church, will miss this our dear Brother, but yet let us remember the happy days we have walked together here, and live in hope of that day we shall meet again. The children at Antioch will always remember Brother and Sister Holbrooks by the large sheet cake they always brought when dinner was served, which read "God bless the Antioch Church." Shall we all pattern our lives after this our Dear Brother so others can remember he passed this way.

He told some of his loved ones a few days before he passed away that, "Garnett was coming after him." Sleep on Brother Raleigh and we hope to meet you again in that morning of all mornings in a land where troubles shall never come, and we that have been washed in the blood of the lamb, shall enter the holy city, and there we shall rest from all our labor, to ever praise the Lord. The one that has been so good to poor fallen man.

Humbly yours in hope,  
Brother Hillard Newsome



## **EDWARD (SHORTY) JEFFERSON**

It is with a sad heart, but very fond memories, that I write an obituary of Edward Jefferson, better known as Shorty. He was born in Charleston, South Carolina on June 23, 1902. He and his family lived in Knott and Floyd County, Kentucky before moving to Cleveland, Ohio. He deceased this life on April 28, 1980 in Cleveland, Ohio, with a heart attack. He was buried in the River Side Cemetery in LaGrange, Ohio. Funeral was conducted in the Pleasant View church at Litchfield, Ohio. Shorty was 78 years old.



Shorty was married to Sister Canzalia (Short) Jefferson from Knott, County, Kentucky. They were blessed to have two sons - Jackie of North Ridgeville, Ohio, with whom Sister Canzalia makes her home with today and Henry F. Jefferson of Albion, Indiana; three daughters - Rosemary Wimbs of Geneva, Ohio, Cloteen Cortmell, Mentor, Ohio and Deliah Sitts of Cleveland, Ohio; 15 grandchildren and one great grandchild; one brother, living in Wyandotte, Michigan, Dan Jefferson.

Shorty never joined any church here on earth, but I believe he was a child of God. About one year before he died, he told his wife that he felt God had spoken Peace to his soul. He waited on her so tenderly and cared for her all he could. He was always pleased to have us come in the home, to have church services. He loved everyone he met. He will be missed by his children, many friends, but I feel our loss is Heaven's gain.

I would like to say to his children and friends, who don't know God in the pardon and remission of sin, repent and be born again. Ask the Lord to come into your heart, if you want to go to Heaven. May God bless and comfort Sister Canzalia.

Written by Your Unworthy Servant  
Elder Stony Blackburn



## ROBERT ANTHONY KENT

I would like, by the help of my dear Saviour, to write an obituary of my dear son Robert Anthony Kent. My one and only son, whom God gave me for 27 years. His smile and dear face I miss so much, only God knows. He brought so much sunshine into my life.

He died without confessing the Lord, but I know how much mercy and power my King has on this poor and unworthy people.

He had as much mercy on Robert as he does on a man that lives to be 90 years old and then turns his life over into good hands. Because we know He is a just God to all mankind. I feel by the grace of God, I'll meet him again.

The Lord has been beside me in all my sorrow and helped me be able to bear it.

The day Robert Anthony lay a corpse in the Rose of Sharon Church House, I felt like I could fly on the Wings of God's great love.

I feel Robert's sorrows are over. He won't have to suffer as the family he has left behind. He has paid his debt to death, which we all are going to have to pay.

He left behind his wife, Lona Kent, whom I feel loved him so well and his three-month old baby Anthony Allen Kent and two stepsons, David and Brian Massey. Also five loving sisters whom I feel have made peace with my God - Shirley, Myra, Lovel, Gloria and Brenda; also his dad Okie who adored him.

When Robert Anthony came home to visit and his dad was sick, he seemed to feel a lot better. Oh! We loved him so much. I feel he was sunshine in our lives. He would always shield us away from any sorrow that he had.

The last words he spoke to me on the phone about two weeks before his death, he was telling me about working on his house and I told him not to forget who was making it all possible and he said Mom I won't. With such a sad heart and great memories, I'm waiting and looking for the pale horse and his rider, til I can cross over into that great land, where death and sorrow never come and that God has prepared for all that love and serve him.

Written by his loving mother,  
Rubel Kent



## FRANK LITTLE

### IN MEMORY OF A BELOVED HUSBAND AND FATHER

It is with a sad and aching heart that I will try, by the Grace of God, to write an obituary of my beloved husband Frank Little.

Frank was born in Pikeville, Kentucky on August 27, 1909. He was the son of Dow Little and Orpha Bowling Little. He departed this life on June 25, 1979, making his stay here 69 years, 9 months and 25 days.

He was married to Dessie Robinson on September 2, 1937. To this union was



born three children - two girls and one boy. The boy died soon after birth.

Frank spent much of his life working the coal mines. In 1960, he could no longer work in the mines so he moved his family to Columbus, Ohio. Here he went to work for the Ohio State University. He worked there until he retired in 1974 due to illness.

Frank suffered from severe Black Lung. In June of 1978, he caught pneumonia and had to be hospitalized. While he was in the hospital he suffered a heart attack and started to go steadily downhill. He never recovered from this illness. He spent the last year of his life relying on oxygen and his breathing machine for almost every breath he drew.

Frank was very humble and never complained, but he seemed to be in deep concentration all the time. I am sure that he spent the last year praying because at times when he thought I was not watching I could see his lips move as though in prayer. He told me the day he went into a coma that he had made peace with God. He even pointed out the place where he felt God had forgiven him. After he regained consciousness, I asked him to repeat it to his sister and he told her the same thing.

Frank is survived by his wife, Dessie; two daughters, Col. Ann Braunlin of Columbus, Ohio and Phyllis J. Strunk of Lansing, West Virginia. He left four granddaughters whom he loved very much; three sisters, Dolly Henry of Virginia, Esta Colley and Molly Pinson of Big Branch, Kentucky; two brothers, Mack and Warren Little of Big Branch, Kentucky. Also a host of friends and other relatives will mourn his passing.

I believe with all my heart that Frank is at rest with God. He is no longer suffering any pains, or fighting to breathe. He does not have to rely on any machine to help him breathe.

I say to all of Frank's family and friends, if you wish to see him again, make your peace with God. And to Frank, I say wait for me and I will be with you and our son soon.

Written by his wife and loving companion,  
Dessie Little



## **JAMES HAYS MC KNIGHT**

It is with very precious memories that we write this obituary of Husband, Father and Grandfather, James Hays McKnight.

He was born in Harlan County, Kentucky, on October 6, 1908 and departed this life June 18, 1979, making his stay on earth almost 71 years. He was the son of Ira and Nancy Allie McKnight. He was married to Beatrice Bush, July 18, 1932 and to this union were born two children, Rex and Jolene. Left to mourn his death are his wife, Beatrice; children - Rex and Jolene; and grandchildren - Kimberly, Constance, Melissa, Rena, Kevin and Todd. Also to mourn his death is one brother, Palmer McKnight and one sister, Cassie Kelley, both of Virginia.

He joined the House of Prayer Church several years prior to his death and his favorite conversations were about the House of Prayer Church and his Brothers and



Sisters thereof. Due to his health, he was unable to attend as he would have liked to but several times, Brother Melvin Watts and Brother Ellis Amburgey and a host of Brothers and Sisters from the Church would come to his home and preach and sing his favorite songs which he dearly loved and was greatly appreciated by his family.

Dad was a coal miner for 38 years and finally had to retire with black lung and other lung disorders. Many of his last days were spent in hospitals but with all his sufferings, he remained a very humble, sweet and loving man and above all, a good Christian.

Sleep just a short while dearest, you'll never smother again. We will be lonesome and miss your dear sweet smile but we know that you are in the arms of a very loving Jesus.

Written by your loving family



## ELIE STEWART MOORE

With a heavy heart and lonely feeling, I will try with the help of God to write a few words about a lovely sister, Elie Stewart Moore.

Elie was born the daughter of the late Artie and Lee Stewart in Floyd County, Kentucky on May 12, 1905, deceased February 24, 1980, making her stay here on earth 74 years and nine months. She was married to Noah Moore, who preceeded her in death. To this union was born eight children - Richard Lee, Edsel Lester, Arnold Ray, James Edward, Artie Marie, Florence, Larry, Donna Jean and 12 grandchildren, two great grandchildren, one sister - Ada Rowe and two brothers - Bud and Robert.

Sister Elie became dissatisfied with her life and wanted a home more than this earth had to offer. So she began to talk to the King of all Kings and after she felt that He had heard her humble prayers and forgave her all her sins, she gave her hand to become a member of the Old Regular Baptist Church at Steels Creek, Kentucky, August 1, 1936, and later moved her letter to Little Rebecca Church at Plymouth, Ohio.

Sister Elie had a hearing problem while on earth but Sunday morning, around 11 o'clock, she had no problem hearing angels sing and a sweet voice saying "Come on up child", "You've run your race", "You've fought a good fight, and there's good things in store for you, you can rest now from your labor, your works will follow you."

We at the Little Rebecca Church can very well see Sister Elie's works. She was a good example.

The Bible says one generation passeth away and another cometh on, now young sisters we must follow in her footsteps. She was so kind and showed so much love to the young people. She always took time to have a kind word, now her job here on earth is finished and it's left up to us to pass on that love to our young ones because we, like Sister Elie will lay our crosses down and our children will follow.

To the children, I know your hearts are broken because by actions you showed you loved her. So many times she's told me how good you all were to her and would bring her such long distance to worship the Lord with her brothers and sisters. That meant so much to her. Please don't let her good advice be wasted, take heed to it. I believe she



has told you over and again how you could have a home in Heaven, and I believe if you see mom again you are going to have to search for the same channels she took and make peace with God and receive that little White Stone and Heaven can be yours. She can't come back to you but by the grace of God you can see her again.

Sister Elie has spent many nights with me and it was always good to talk to her. Her conversations were always of the Church and the Lord, we all believe by her fruits she was one of God's little children. Her life spoke for itself.

Written by one who loves you,  
A Sister in the Lord, Hazel Pullum



## LIZZIE JANE MOORE

With a sad and lonely heart, I will try to write an obituary of my dear sister, Lizzie Jane Moore.

She was born on December 16, 1938, and departed this life October 7, 1978. She was married to Richard Moore. To this union was born one son, Greg, Crestline, Ohio.

She is also survived by her father, Stumbo Davis of Kite, Kentucky; four sisters, Locie Blair and Anna Hall, both of Connersville, Indiana, Pauline McConnell of New Castle, Indiana and Reedith Gibson of Topmost, Kentucky; four brothers, Arnold, Reece and Banner Davis, all of Connersville, Indiana and Olen Davis of Mooresville, Indiana. She was preceded in death by an infant daughter and an infant son. Lizzie's mother, Bertha Davis, died August 30, 1979, about ten months after Liz died.

Liz was a beautiful person. To know her was to love her. She had a smile and a kind word for everyone. Lizzie had cancer and the last few months of her life she suffered so much. I don't think I ever saw such courage, patience and faith with which she faced her sickness. She told me the way she coped with the pain was that she had God to talk to. When Liz and I would talk about her sickness, I could not keep from crying. She told me time after time not to cry for her, but to cry and pray for myself and her family.

She told me she believed she had been forgiven of her sins but she would never stop praying. Lizzie never belonged to any church but her heart was with the Old Regular Baptist. I believe Liz is in Heaven where no cancer can harm her anymore. To all of her family, if we want to see Liz again, we had better make peace with God.

To Greg, she was such a good mother. She loved you very much. To Rich, she was a wonderful wife and companion. I know you will miss her more than anyone. You were so good to her and I know she loved you so very much.

God sent an Angel for her,  
He knew she needed rest,  
He only wants the chosen ones,  
He only takes the best.

Written by her sister, Anna Hall





## NORCIE MULLINS

It is with a sad heart I will try to write the obituary of my sister - Norcie Mullins, with request of her daughter Mary Lou Vanover.

Norcie was born May 25, 1914 and died September 4, 1979. She was 65 years, three months and eight days old. She was the daughter of William and Flossie Amburgey, who preceeded her in death.

She was married to Sam Mullins on November 24, 1934. To this union were born two children - Ernest Mullins and Mary Lou Vanover, both of Amburgey, Kentucky. Also five grandchildren survive.

Norcie had four brothers and five sisters; two brothers and two sisters also preceeded her in death.

Norcie joined the House of Prayer of the Old Regular Baptist on June 3, 1973. She was a faithful member as long as she could get to Dayton. Later, she took her letter to the Little Dove Church, of the same faith and order at Sassafras, Kentucky for convenience. There she was a faithful member.

She loved that church and all the people. Many times she went to church and her not able to go. She had a bad heart and smothered so bad. She kept telling us she wasn't going to live long. She would tell us she wanted to be with mom and dad in Heaven.

Early one morning, on the 4th of September, the death angel slipped in from Heaven and took her while she was asleep. Her husband woke and found her dead.

We feel with all our heart that Norcie is resting in peace around God's throne with her loved ones that had already gone on.

I feel that her husband and daughter are ready to meet her. So I want to say to her son, "Ernest, if you want to see mama again, you must fall out of sin and get ready to meet her."

She leaves to mourn her loss her husband, two children, five grandchildren, three sisters, two brothers and a lot of friends.

I know her seat is empty at church but no one at home can fill it. That is a vacant place that no one can fill. We believe our loss on earth is heaven's gain. We hope to meet you someday, Sis. So sleep on, you are at rest; where there is no more suffering and smothering or no more hospitals. God has cured you of your sickness and heartaches.

Written by her sister,  
Melba Givens



Mother is gone but not forgotten,  
She went away and left us sad.  
All I have to keep me company,  
Is my family and my dad.

There was a vacant place in heaven,  
God needed a flower to fill its place.  
He picked you Mother for the purpose,  
When he saw your pretty face.

Oh, Mother, how we miss you,  
No one can ever take your place.  
Daddy's heart is so broken,  
The lines are showing in his face.

At the church you're not with me,  
Someone else has took your seat.  
I always think about you Mother,  
When I kneel to wash their feet.

We miss you, Mom, since you are gone,  
We can't go home and see you there.  
It is so lonely at the table,  
For there sets your vacant chair.

Sleep on Mother, God is with you,  
You never have to walk alone.  
God will keep his arms around you,  
Some day, Mom, I'm coming home.

Mom, I know that you are happy,  
On a hill you lay so cold.  
You are happy up in Heaven,  
While you walk the streets of gold.

Family of  
Norcie Mullins



## JOHN AND SUSIE MOORE



With the help of our Lord, Jesus Christ, I would like to write the obituaries of Mr. and Mrs. John D. and Susie Moore, who were my mother- and father-in-law, after marrying their youngest daughter, Matilda. I learned to love both of them very much. They accepted me as a devoted son-in-law. I know



many times my wife and I would go to them for some advice and, very cheerfully, they would give answers to the questions we asked. I know we could not praise both of them enough.

Mrs. Susie Moore was born in John County, Kentucky. She was a daughter of Jimmy Green Reffitt and Sarah Mahan Reffitt. She was born March 18, 1882 and passed away November 24, 1979. She lived to be 97 years, eight months and six days old. She leaves behind one sister - Oma Clark of Flatwoods, Kentucky; also a brother - Turner Reffitt of Mt. Vernon, Ohio.

Mr. John D. Moore was born in Floyd County, Kentucky. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank & Sarah (Prater) Moore. He was born on November 7, 1881. He passed away November 9, 1979. He lived to be 98 years and two days old. He leaves behind a brother - George Moore of Fulton, Ohio.

These two fine people met each other and were married on January 7, 1901. Together, they spent 78 years, ten months and two days as man and wife before the first one passed into the Great Beyond. This great marriage was broken for 15 days before the Lord Jesus Christ seen his duty to restore this beautiful marriage again in heaven as they had spent many days together here on earth. The Lord seen fit to keep them together forever more.

To this family of Mr. and Mrs. John D. and Susie Moore, were born 11 children, nine of which are alive to mourn the death of their parents.

In the 11 children, there were four daughters and seven sons. The daughters are as follows: Mrs. Pearl Campbell, Marengo, Ohio; Mrs. Rhoda Wilson, Delaware, Ohio; Mrs. Elmer (Hazel) McCurdy; Mount Gilead, Ohio; Mrs. Homer (Matilda) Beachler, West Jefferson, Ohio. The sons are George, Orange City, Florida; Elijan, San Bernadino, California; Mark, Dayton, Ohio; Willie, Marengo, Ohio; and John, Dresden, Ohio. There were two sons who preceeded their parents in death - son Jim passed away November 30, 1959, and Turner passed away April 6, 1922.

They also left behind 17 grandchildren, 35 great grandchildren, 4 great-great grandchildren.

They both belonged to the Old Regular Baptist Church. Mrs. Susie Moore joined the Little Rosa Church and was baptised by one of her nephews, Elder John Moore.

Mr. John D. Moore joined the Little Ruth Church in Ohio on April 11, 1970. He was baptised by Elders William P. Deel and Delmar Williams who also said a prayer for them at their resting place.

I know they both will be sadly missed by all of those they had to leave behind. There is just one more item I would like to add to their remembrance.

They needed the quiet, so he drew them aside into the shadows where they could confide away from the hustle and bustle, where all the day long, they hurried and worried when active and strong. They need the quiet, tho at first they rebelled, but gently, so gently his cross be upheld, and whispered so sweetly of the spiritual things. Tho weakened in body, their spirits took wings, and soared to heights never dreamed of when they were gay and active. He loved them so greatly, he drew them away.

They needed the quiet, no prison, their beds, but a beautiful valley of blessings instead. A place to grow richer in Jesus to abide. They needed the quiet so he drew them aside.

Written by Homer and Tillie Beachler

the 18th century, the first of the great English novelists, who wrote the first English novel, *Robinson Crusoe*, in 1719. The novel was a great success, and it was followed by many other novels, such as *David Copperfield*, *Pride and Prejudice*, and *War and Peace*.

The 19th century was a time of great change in England. The Industrial Revolution was in full swing, and the country was becoming more and more industrialized. The middle class was growing, and the working class was becoming more and more important. The novel was a reflection of these changes, and it was a way of life that was changing.

The 20th century was a time of great change in England. The Industrial Revolution was in full swing, and the country was becoming more and more industrialized. The middle class was growing, and the working class was becoming more and more important. The novel was a reflection of these changes, and it was a way of life that was changing.

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