

MINUTES
OF THE
TWENTY-SIXTH
ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
NORTHERN
NEW SALEM
ASSOCIATION OF
OLD REGULAR
BAPTIST OF
JESUS CHRIST



In Session Assembled With
Little Rebecca Church
Plymouth, Ohio

August 5, 6, 7 1983

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DEDICATION TO THE MEMORY OF THE LATE ELDER W.P. DEEL AND ELDER ROY HUDSON

By a move and second it was agreed that this the 26th annual session of the Northern New Salem Association be dedicated to the memory of two wonderful and great outstanding Elders, the late Elder W.P. Deel and Elder Roy Hudson. Brothers that stood tall in our midst, who strived for good order and peace among the Brotherhood. Shall we that remain, remember the life they lived, the doctrine they preached, that others may realize that there is joy and happiness in serving the Lord and being a member of the greatest army on earth.

They have laid their armours down, they have finished their course, but they shall never be forgotten and we shall live in hope of meeting them again in the glorious resurrection morning.

Your humble servant,
Bro. Hillard Newsome

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FRIDAY SESSION

As the early morning fog began to disappear around and about the Little Rebecca Church, lonely pilgrims from far and near began to assemble for this the twenty-sixth annual session of the Northern New Salem Association. Traveling far many miles, from the different parts of the moral vineyard, to be among God's people, were both young and old.

As they began to make melody in their hearts by singing the glorious songs of Zion, one soon forgot the many miles they had traveled to be about their Father's business.

Our beloved Brother the late Elder W.P. Deel, chosen by the delegates at our 1982 session to be the alternate had been called home to glory since our last gathering. Elder Saval Combs was chosen to introduce the services. Coming to the stand in a very humble manner, he was blessed to remind the people of their duty toward God. Our purpose for coming together in this great assemble is to honor and praise our great God, the creator of all things. Prayer by same.

Elder Baxter Osborne, being chosen at our 1982 session to preach the introductory sermon, came forward, quoting from the 12th chapter and the 6th verse of Psalms the words of David, "The words of the Lord are pure words; as silver tried in a furnace of earth purified seven times." He begged the congregation to hold to the living word. That it was sharper than a two-edged sword. There were words of fables or false security, but God was the living word.

The introductory sermon being delivered, our beloved moderator invited those who were not delegates to remain at the pavilion, where the preaching services would be held, and those who were delegates to gather in the house where the 26th annual session of the Northern New Salem Association would begin.

The delegates being assembled in the house to conduct the business of the Association, Elder Clifford Colley of the Philadelphia Association was called upon to make remarks. As the holy spirit began to move on Elder Colley, he was blessed to preach from the 6th chapter and 2nd verse of the Song of Solomon, "My beloved is gone down into his garden, to the beds of spices, to feed in the gardens and to gather lilies." Through the goodness of the Lord Elder Colley was blessed to lead the children-of God into a garden where food abounded and we were blessed to drink once more from the fountain, that flows with living water. That we should serve a rich God, and that he has no communication with darkness. To have faith and pray that God was God in the early centuries and the same God in this century, and he will take care of us. A very warm and inspiring prayer was offered by Brother Frank Hay of the Sardis Association.

The moderator Elder Roy Caudill, came forward and announced that the 26th annual session of the Northern New Salem Association was now in working order.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 5, 1983

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 Rebecca 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 the next 12 months:
Elder Roy Caudill Moderator
Elder Paris Tackitt Assistant Moderator
Elder Hillard Newsome Clerk
Elder 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 as the election of the officers. Committee appointed: Elders: Ray Hamilton, Hiram Adkins and Elwood Cornett.
3. On motion and second, the moderator was authorized to make all temporary appointments.
4. On motion and second the Articles of Faith and Constitution were omitted and by the same motion, the Assistant Clerk read the Rules of Decorum.
5. Called for legally constituted churches of our same faith and order desiring to join our union and received one by a move and second after the letter and work of the presbytery which organized the church at Canal Fulton, Ohio, on June 18, 1983. the church shall be known as True Vine.
6. Called for Association of our same faith and order desiring to continue a Godly correspondance and the following repoded:
 - (a) **New Salem** — Represented by the following delegates: Dexter Dixon, Delmer Williams, Woodrow Dye, Walter Akers, Offie Bartley, Ronald McCarty, Lloyd Hall, Tom Waddles, James A. Waddles, George Matthews, Angus Slone, Teddy Robinson, Hiram Adkins, Arthur Issac, Lee Fields, Forest Hall, Cobert Bates, C.B. Smith, Jimmy Hall, Bernis Eldridge, Calvin Burks, Woody Pack, Cletis Messer, Ivory Sowards and Johnny Thornsberry. 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: Frank Newsome, Gervis Deel, Oscar Cheatham, Jimmy Dale Sanders, Gary Sanders, Arvie Combs, Dempsey Mullins, Herman West, Frank M. Coleman, Howard Coleman, Amos Bartley, Leroy Hall, Emory Bartley, Frank Adams, Estill Hamilton, and Noble Mullins. 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.

- (c) **Philadelphia** — Represented by the following delegates: Clifford Colley, Doug Colegrove, Lowell Adkins, Paul Boggs, Harlan Barney, Fealden Ruggles, Jr., Homer Ruggles, John Paul Clark, Claude Coffee, Walter Morrison, Rollen Hollens, Howard Adkins, and Junior Adkins. By motion and second the letter was received and the delegates were seated with us in council. They were given the right hand of fellowship.
- (d) **Sardis** — Represented by the following delegates: Donny Brown, Monroe Ousley, Burlin Thornsburly, Edwin Hay, Chester Cochran, Clyde Brown, Julius Cochran, Delbert Kazee and Elmer Thompson. 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.
- (e) **Indian Bottom** — Represented by the following delegates: Elwood Cornett, Glenn Hampton, Morris Shepherd, Merle Smith, Ivan Amburgey, Squire Watts, and Dwight 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.
- (f) **Mud River** — Represented by the following delegates: Luther Ball, Jr., Wilburn Toppings, Kenneth Adkins and Denver Slone. 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.
- (g) **Old Friendship** — Represented by the following delegates: David Lester, Lacy Justice, Leonard Coleman, Junior Coleman, Elzie Reed, George Baker, Phillip Estep, Matthew Justice, Howard Sleiger and Orville Street. 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.
7. A committee was appointed by the Moderator consisting of three delegates from the Little Rebecca Church, together with one delegate from each of the other churches to arrange the ministry for Friday evening and Saturday morning, who reported as follows: Friday evening - Elders (1) Jimmy Hall - New Salem, (2) Howard Coleman - Union and (3) Ivan Amburgery - Indian Bottom. Saturday morning - Elders (1) Lacy Justice - Old Friendship, (2) Jimmy Dale Sanders - Union, (3) Clifford Colley - Philadelphia, (4) Berlin Thornsburly - Sardis, (5) Teddy Robinson and (6) Hiram Adkins - both of New Salem.
8. Called for transient ministers and members of our same faith and order and the following responded: Baxter Osborne, Angus Slone, John Paul Hamilton, Jay H. Mitchell, Emmitt Tackett, Delano Newsome and Algar Newsome and Jr. Miller.
9. A motion and second was made that we the Northern New Salem Association 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 and the officers and delegates from our corresponding Associations. Committee to meet back at the house at 3 p.m. Friday evening.

- (a) By a motion and second the Association was adjourned until 9 a.m. Saturday morning.
- (b) Committee met pursuant to adjournment Friday noon and completed its work on the bill of arrangements. The services for Friday evening were opened by Elders (1) Jimmy Hall - New Salem, (2) Howard Coleman - Union, (3) Ivan Amburgey - Indian Bottom.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 6, 1983

The delegates met pursuant to adjournment Friday evening at the house to continue the work of the Association. As the dawn of a new day began to break forth, driving away the darkness of another night, The Little Rebecca Church began to fill to capacity with the Brothers, Sisters, and acquaintances of the Old Regular Baptist faith. As they lifted their voices in singing the inspiring songs of Zion in praise and honor to our high King, the master of our souls, the God of our salvation. Elder George Baker of the Old Friendship Association introduced the services with a warm spirit. He preached repentance and Christ to be the only way to Heaven. Elder David Lester, Old Friendsip Association, led in prayer; with a humble spirit he begged our heavenly Father to be in our midst and bless us to do his will.

After brief remarks from the moderator, business proceeded as follows:

- 1. Called the roll of delegates and marked the absentees.
- 2. The Bill of Arrangements was read by the Clerk. By a motion and second they were received and the committee on arrangements was discharged.
- 3. The Circular Letter written by Elder Robert Wallen for our 1983 session was read by him. The letter was received by a motion and second and ordered to be printed in our 1983 minutes. By the same motion, Elder James Branham was chosen to write a Circular Letter, subject to approval at our 1984 session.
- 4. The finance committee appointed Friday, Item 2a consisting of Elders: Ray Hamilton, Hiram Adkins and Elwood Cornett gave their report as follows:

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| 1983 Church Contributions | \$3,395.00 |
| 1983 Picture Contributions | 360.00 |
| Other Contributions | <u>10.00</u> |
| Total money received for 1983 | \$3,765.00 |

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

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

TREASURER REPORT

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| Balance in Checking Acct, 8/1/82 | \$ 280.41 |
| Balance in Savings Acct. 8/1/82 | 2,158.79 |
| 1982 Church Contributions | 3,420.00 |
| 1982 Picture Contributions | 350.00 |
| Other Contributions | 30.00 |
| Total money on hand August 8, 1982 | \$6,239.20 |

1982 Expenses

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| Printer's Fee | \$3,294.00 |
| Secretary's Fee | 200.00 |
| Rental for safe deposit box | 32.00 |
| Little Rebecca Church Donation | 1,000.00 |
| Postage and telephone | 5.55 |
| Traveling expense - Clerk & Assistant Clerk | 30.00 |
| Secretary supplies | 8.74 |
| Printing of Union Meeting Forms | 25.71 |
| Total expense for 1982 | \$4,596.00 |

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| Money on hand August 8, 1982 | \$6,239.20 |
| Less 1982 expenses of | 4,596.00 |
| | \$1,643.20 |

Plus interest

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| Plus interest on Savings Account of | 68.64 |
| Money on hand August 1, 1983 | \$1,711.84 |

BANK BALANCE - BANK OF LOUISVILLE

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| Checking Account 8/1/83 | \$ 484.41 |
| Savings Account 8/1/83 | 1,158.79 |
| Interest received since August 1982 | 68.64 |
| Total money on hand August 1, 1983 | \$1,711.84 |

Plus total money received for 1983 3,765.00

Total money on hand August 7, 1983 **\$5,476.84**

- 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.
- By motion and second, obituaries of deceased members and friends of the Northern New Salem Association are to be printed in these minutes. They are to be typewritten and double spaced. A charge of \$10.00 for pictures was approved by the delegates. A motion and second was made for the Clerk to use his own judgement as to pictures that are suitable to be placed in the minutes.

8. The following ministers were chosen by the committee to preach Saturday evening and Sunday. Saturday evening: Elders (1) Lacy Justice - Old Friendship, (absent, replaced by Brother Jerry Runyon - Northern New Salem), (2) Woody Pack - New Salem, (absent, replaced by Elder Sam Franks - Northern New Salem), and (3) Teddy Robinson - New Salem.

Sunday morning Elders: (1) Hillard Newsome - Northern New Salem, (2) Jimmy Hall - New Salem, (3) Ivory Sowards, due to being absent was replaced by Paris Tackitt, and (4) Roy Caudill both from Northern New Salem.

9. The Brethern who agreed to attend Union meetings and Associations for the year 1982 and 1983 were called on to make their report. By a motion and a second, it was agreed to omit the making of reports.
10. By a move and second, we, the Northern New Salem Association agreed to correspond by letter and delegates with the following Associations and the Clerk prepare the letters to our Sister Associations.
 - (a) **New Salem** — when convened with the following host churches: Samaria, Joppa, Little Nancy, Little Rock Pilgrims Rest, Zion and Pilgrims Home that agreed to host the Association being held in the permanent building, Minnie Floyd County, Kentucky. Beginning on Friday before the fourth Saturday in September, 1983, and continuing the two following days. Delegates to attend: Paris Tackitt, David Slone, Melvin Watts, Ellis Amburgey, Milton Dye, Albert Osborne, Zee Holbrooks, Ray Hamilton, Henry Hobson, Troy Beverly, Rich Griffith, Virgil Wicker, Amos Williams, Emmitt Tackett, Buddy W. Carty, John Mullins, Harrison Runyon, Donald Mullins, Ballard Brown, Floyd Stanley, Baxter Osborne, Carlos Little, Sam Franks, Sollie Miller, Jr., James Branham, Buck Tuttle, Jay Mitchell, Paul Adkins, C.W. Turner and Hillard Newsome. Letter in the hands of Milton Dye.
 - (b) **Union** — When convened with the Hurrican Church at Wise, Wise County, Virginia. Beginning on Friday before the third Saturday in September, 1983, and continuing the two following days. Delegates to attend: Paris Tackitt, David Slone, Doug McCarty, Delono Newsome, Buddy W. Carty, John Mullins, Baxter Osborne, Carlos Little, Emmitt Tackett and Otto Newsome. Letter in the hands of Brother John Mullins.
 - (c) **Philadelphia** — When convened with the Friendship Church at the Philadelphia Association Building, Melrose, Worthington, Kentucky. Beginning on Friday before the second Saturday in August 1983, and continuing the two following days. Delegates to attend: Paris Tackitt, David Slone, Melvin Watts, Ellis Amburgey, Doug McCarty, Jimmy D. Parks, Ray Hamilton, Troy Beverly, Virgil Wicker, Pete Hensley, Buddy W. Carty, John Mullins, Harrison Runyon, Don Mullins, Sam Franks, Baxter Osborne, Claude M. Coffee, Roy Caudill and Carlos Little. Letter in the hands of Elder Paris Tackitt.

- (d) **Sardis** — When convened with the Mt. Pleasant Church, Sidney, Pike County, Kentucky. Beginning on Friday, before the second Saturday in September 1983 and continuing the two following days. Delegates to attend: Paris Tackitt, Pete Hensley, Melvin Watts, Ellis Amburgey, Troy Beverly, Buddy W. Carty, Hillard Newsome, Paul Adkins, C.W. Turner, Harrison Runyon, John Mullins, Don Mullins, Darrell Parks, Baxter Osborne, Claude M. Coffee and Johnny Newsome. Letter in the hands of Brother Pete Hensley.
- (e) **Indian Bottom** — When convened with the Cedar Grove and Defeated Creek Churches at the Association Building, Sassafras, Knott County, Kentucky. Beginning on Friday before the first Saturday in September, 1983 and continuing the two following days. Delegates to attend: Melvin Watts, Ellis Amburgey, Albert Osborne, Emmitt Tackett, Pete Hensley, Astor Eldridge, Troy Beverly, Elmer Adams, Danny Adams, Covis Tackett, Baxter Osborne, Carlos Little, C.W. Turner and Bill Ison. Letter in the hands of Baxter Osborne.
- (f) **Mud River** — When convened with the Mt. Zion Church, Hewett Creek, Logan County, West Virginia. Beginning on Friday before the fourth Saturday in August, 1983 and continuing the two following days. Delegates to attend: Baxter Osborne, Burl Stevens, and Emmitt Tackett. Letter in the hands of Elder Baxter Osborne.
- (g) **Old Friendship** — When convened with the Samariah Church, P.O. Jolo, West Virginia. Beginning on Friday before the fourth Saturday in August, 1983 and continuing the two following days. Delegates to attend: Roy Caudill, Marvin Potter, Earnie Tuttle, Buford Brock, Johnny Newsome, Lenodard Robinson, David Slone and Wallace Mitchell. Letter in the hands of Elder Roy Caudill.
11. Moved and second to grant the request of the Family of Love Church in dedicating this the 26th session of our beloved Association to the memory of the late Elder W.P. Deel. Included in the move also, to the memory of the late Elder Roy Hudson, moderator of the Little Zion Church.
12. Moved and seconded to grant the request of the Antioch Church, concerning the Articles of Faith references. A committee consisting of Elders Paris Tackitt, Baxter Osborne, and Paul Adkins was appointed to check the Bible references of our Articles of Faith as printed in the minutes. (Please note the Articles of Faith in the 1983 minutes.)
13. By a move and second it was agreed that the 1984 session of our beloved Association be held with the Little Angel Church, Columbus, Ohio. To begin on Friday before the first Saturday in August, 1984 and continue the two following days.
14. By secret vote of the delegates Elder Wril Tuttle was chosen to preach the introductory sermon at our 1984 session, and Elder Whipple Reynolds to be his alternate.

15. A motion and second was made to omit the reading of the current minutes.
16. By a motion and second, the Association agreed to adjourn to the time and place mentioned in the fifteenth item of the current minutes.

The Twenty-sixth Session of the Northern New Salem Association was concluded by Elder Walter Akers of the New Salem Association. Begging the people of God to let brotherly love continue and to let our light shine for his honor and glory. Giving each other a parting hand, with tear-dimmed eyes, but yet with much rejoicing the time had come that we must be parted for a while. Rejoicing that we were blessed to have a wonderful Association where love abounded and the hearts of his children were made glad of seeing each other again. Children live humble, be good to each other, keep your garments clean and your lamps trimmed and a'burning and when we meet again next year, if it is our Father's will, with the Little Angel Church, we can leave there saying in our hearts, "Yes, Father, just to do your holy will and to praise your good name is worth it all. Elder Baxter Osborne led in prayer.

Done and signed by the officers of the Association.

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| Elder Roy Caudill | Moderator |
| Elder Paris Tackitt | Assistant Moderator |
| Elder Hillard Newsome | Clerk |
| Brother C.W. Turner | Assistant Clerk |

SABBATH MORNING AUGUST 7, 1983

Assembling together for the third and final day of this grand old Association were the weary pilgrims and the faithful believers of the old Regular Baptist faith. Awaking to a lovely morning to witness the dawn of a new day and feel the gentle breeze that cools the air of early morning, cause one to whisper a prayer of thanks, for being able to be alive and numbered among the living.

Lifting their voices high in singing praise unto the Lord, cause one to soon forget our tedious journey here from our several places of habitation.

Brother Newsome - Clerk

First on the stand was Elder Hillard Newsome from the Northern New Salem Association. He begged the young people to seek the Lord in the days of their youth. For the children of God to let their light shine, let their desires be known unto the Lord. Look to the Creator, than more to the creature, and give God all the glory and honor. Prayer by same.

Elder C.W. Turner - Assistant Clerk

Approaching the stand in a very humble spirit was Elder Jimmy Hall - New Salem Association. He was soon blessed to preach of a river that runs with pure water, where everything lives. A sinner needs only one drink of this pure water, to let the world know that they have drunk from the river of life. He preached that Christ was a rock in a weary land, lilly of the valley, the bright and morning star. To wear a crown in glory, you must bear the cross here.

Our third witness was Elder Paris C. Tackitt, Nothern New Salem Association. Reminding us that everyday is a blessing, just to be alive and so much to be thankful for. The lamb of God was slain for the sins of the whole world. Man should build his house on a sure foundation, and that foundation was Christ.

Our beloved moderator, Elder Roy Caudill, was our last witness for the day. Begging the congregation to cast their nets on the right side and come and dine with the Lord. Quoting the words of the Apostle Paul, "We should be willing to die for the cause of Christ."

Bringing to close this the twenty-sixth session of this beloved old Association in hopes of meeting again next year. Singing one of Zion's songs and giving each other a handshake in token of our love, we soon departed for our journey home. Leaving with sweet memories and a prayer of thankfulness for a wonderful and peaceful Association.

Dismission was called by Elder Paul Adkins.

Your humble servant,
Elder Hillard Newsome, Clerk

We, the officers, delegates, members and many friends of the Northern New Salem Association, wish to expres to you the Little Rebecca Church and everyone that laboured so hard to care for us. Being one in your number and the hospitality you showed us, leaves a lasting impression with us that you love and you care. May the blessings of the Lord be bountiful in your midst and may his love and goodness always remain with you and yours. You were well organized and equipped to serve the weary and hungry. The food was of the highest quality, your smiles warm. We love and we are grateful for you.

May the sunshine of God's love continue to bless our dear ones in Campers Village. Was so good to have you in our number for a few days. pray your stay was a pleasant one, your journey home safe and enjoyable, and you can journey our way again. Thanks again for being here and all the help you gave. We love you much.

Humbly yours,
Brother Newsome - Clerk

CIRCULAR LETTER BY ELDER ROBERT WALLEN

Dear Brothers and Sisters of the Northern New Salem Association:

Last year the delegates chose me to write a circular letter for your approval or rejection. This has been a burden I never thought I would have. I have thought of many things I would like to write about. I have laid in my bed and tried to imagine a letter, but that is what the devil wants me to do. I will try to be a bold soldier and let God's will be done, for I feel there is too much imagination now, too much nature, too many pats on the back. My Brethern, I love all men. I don't need pats on the back. But let's all join together and unite. Let's all join the old time way and let God's will be done. He said, "Draw neigh to me and I will draw neigh to you." Brethern, our children whom we love so much are watching and listening. Any differences between brothers is a reason for not going to church. When our children hear and see thing go on they say I am just as good as they are. I don't need to go to church. But brothers, remember, God is not the author of confusion but of love and peace. I know there are many doctrines among us, doctrine that causes confusion. Listen close to what you hear from the stand. Just because you think a lot of a brother doesn't mean he is going to preach the gospel. Or just because you wish to push your own way over some doesn't mean you are pleasing God, for God is a jealous God, and royal people are serving him. So as many of you have been put over a church please you can work without hurting each other. You are not compelled to put any one in the stand. If you have a brother come advocate doctrine the Bible will not backup, leave him sit, but treat him with all the courtesy and kindness you can because he is also a creation of God. Our Children that are out in the world are the creation of God, and are watching and listening to you.

My brethern, I get all worked up and lose sleep when I hear bad doctrine preached from the pulpit. For my children are listening to it, and I am not afraid to rebuke the same as long as God gives me his spirit, for I understand open rebuke is better than secret love.

Brothers, I believe in prayer and advise the church to pray even to have a good meeting. We must pray and be humble and let God's will be done. And when it comes time to elect officers let the brothers and sisters pray to let God put in a man to lead the church. Some will say I will work for a certain brother but that is not the will of God. Please don't campaign for an office among God's people. Let God choose a man that is not afraid to die. Let God's people pray with faith and God will give the brother and sisters a mind for a leader. A moderator of a church or association should live in fear of Him who saved his soul, not man. Because we as natural people make mistakes. We look for our own satisfaction. My brethern, we the ministers of God have no personal life as other men might look at it. But our lives are in God looking for God's will to be done. Walking in fear of making mistakes not wanting our way but the Lord's way. My brethern, too many men are trying to run the church and be boss, my brethern, we have no bosses in the Old Regular Baptist. But a leader that directs out of heart and mind from on high. But instead of running the church we are placed here to lead the people that God has saved by his blood. And if we be a humble servant God will exalt us and then we can lead his people. Just be a humble servant and let God direct and lead you, you will go right. Let God make the decisions you know the Bible teaches us if we wish to know anything ask and you shall receive. A deacon I know the church chooses but if we pray with faith God will give us deacons after his own heart and they will serve the church with fear.

Some say there is no dress code in the Old Regular Baptist, but my Brother let us remember one thing: there is no dress code but instruction to God's people on how to walk, how to dress, and how to behave in God's house. One thing is for sure no matter what you or I say the Bible which is the word of truth says what it means and means what it says. There are too many brethern trying to interpet the Bible and I believe that is where our trouble comes from. Too many moderators lean on himself instead of God. Too many moderators are afraid of losing their job. Too many are willing to look over and try to forgive sin. Which only God can do. For we can forgive trespass but not sin. The moderator is the eye of the church and should know the difference between a trespass and a sin. Some will say we are supposed to forgive sin the first time. My brethern, if a man or woman has been forgiven there will not be a first time to forgive them for. Some moderators know that things are going on that should not be and turn their backs on it for if they try to stop it they would lose their job. My brethern, I did not come in to change things in Old Regular Baptist but came because I felt God had forgiven me and I love her ways and if any brother wants to change it, why doesn't he just go on away and leave us alone. We were doing well before they came in and will do well after they leave.

I pray God for love to continue in the Old Regular Baptist Church and it will if we will let God's will be done. Maybe I repeat myself but brethern we are here just one time and a short time at that. I don't mean this to be a sermon but it is the feeling of my heart.

Jesus said I am the vine you are the branches and my Father is the husband-man, let's ask the husband-man concerning all things. If we wish to prosper naturally and spiritually, sometimes we think we are not prospering enough even in the church but God will add to the church daily as he sees fit.

All my love,
Elder Robert Wallen

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 in 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, 2nd Tim. 3:16

ARTICLE 3. We believe in the doctrine of election by grace. "For by grace are ye saved through Faith."

Acts 15:11, Titus 2:11

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. 3:6, 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 Tim. 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 Tim. 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. 3:13-16, John 1:31-33, Rom. 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.

Matt. 26:26-29, Mark 14:22-25, Luke 22:20, John 13:7-8, 1st Tim. 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. 15:51-53, Luke 24:46

ARTICLE 10. We believe that no minister has a right to administer the ordinances and commands of the gospel, except such as are regular baptised, and that by immersion by a legal administrator of the gospel, and has come under the hands of a regular chosen presbytery of the church and ordained thereby.

Acts 13:2-3, Romans 1:6, Titus 1:5-9

ARTICLE 11. We believe it is the duty of all church members to contribute money for defraying all resonable expenses of the church, never forgetting the poor, according to their several abilities.

Acts 11:29, Romans 15:26, 1st Cor. 16:1-2

ARTICLE 12. We believe that every doctrine that goes to encourage, or indulge people in their sins, or cause them to settle down on anything short of saving faith in Christ for salvation, is erroneous, and such doctrine will be rejected by us.

Matt. 16:12, Acts 8: 16-21, Romans 16:17-18, Eph. 4:14-15, Gal. 1:8-10

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 us a Godly discipline, according to the rules of the gospel.

Acts 2:42, 1st John 1:3

ARTICLE 14. We believe that Jesus Christ is the head of the church, and the government thereof is upon His shoulders.

Isaiah 9:6-7, Ch. 22:21-22, Luke 1:33

ARTICLE 15. None of the 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 1984 APRIL

HOUSE OF PRAYER — First Saturday and Sunday in April. Baxter Osborne, Roger Hicks, Woody Pack, Jimmy Fields, Elwood Cornett, B.J. Mosley, Jr. Communion Time — First Saturday and Sunday in June.

PLEASANT VIEW — First Saturday and Sunday in April. Burl Stevens, Covis Tackett, Earl Lawson, Baxter Osborne, Bill Collins, Ralph Caudill. Communion Time — First Saturday and Sunday in May.

ROSE OF SHARON — Second Saturday and Sunday in April. Anthony Hamilton, James Brahnham, Birchel Mosley, Jr., Jimmie Waddles, Hobard Hamilton, Okie Kent, Johnie Newsome, Buddy Carty. Communion Time — Second Saturday and Sunday in May.

LITTLE JEWELL — Fourth Saturday and Sunday in April. Ivan Amburgey, Ershel Huff, James Fields, Robert Haney, Garland Mullins, Tennis Sturgill. Communion Time — Fourth Saturday and Sunday in June.

MAY

ANTIOCH — First Saturday and Sunday in May. Charles Newsome, Junior Ruggles, Hiram Adkins, Eddie Tackett, Ted Robinson, Buddy Carty, Jimmy Hall (Old Beaver). Communion Time — First Saturday and Sunday in October.

LITTLE IDA — First Saturday and Sunday in May. Baxter Osborne, Robert Haney, Urshel Huff, Woodrow Pack, Zee Holbrook, Johnnie Newsome, Jay Mitchel. Communion Time — First Saturday and Sunday in June.

MAGGIE'S HOME — First Saturday and Sunday in May. Hiram Adkins, Sam Franks, Baxter Osborne, David Slone, Ted Robinson, Don Blake Little. Communion Time — First Saturday and Sunday in July.

LITTLE MEMORY — Second Saturday and Sunday in May. Ermel Ison, Ivan Amburgey, Ralph Caudill, Stoney Blackburn, Elwood Cornett and Moderator. Communion Time — Second Saturday and Sunday in June.

LITTLE RUTH — Second Saturday and Sunday in May. David Slone, James Branham, Kenny Robinson, Teddy Robinson, Joshua Hicks, Ray Hamilton. Communion Time — Second Saturday and Sunday in June.

LITTLE ZION — Second Saturday and Sunday in May. Carson Wright, James Tackett, Danny Adams, Jene Johnson, Edgar Little, Ron Scott. Communion Time — Second Saturday and Sunday in June.

LILLY OF THE VALLEY — Third Saturday and Sunday in May. John Newsome, Kennis Robinson, Jimmie Hall, Don Park, Zee Holbrook, Birbage Howell, Offie Bartley. Communion Time — Third Saturday and Sunday in June.

LITTLE CHILDREN'S HOME — Third Saturday and Sunday in May. Bill Dunbar, Ron Scott, Doug McCarty, Ralph Caudill, Hillard Newsome, Paul Adkins, Buddy Carty, Hendricks Hampton. Communion Time — Third Saturday and Sunday in July.

MACEDONIA — Third Saturday and Sunday in May. Alex Collier, Stoney Blackburn, Baxter Osborne, Hayes Chaffin, Ellis Amburgey. Communion Time — Third Saturday and Sunday in June.

MORNING STAR — Third Saturday and Sunday in May. Ivan Amburgey, Alex Collier, Jimmy Fields, Elwood Cornet, Squire Watts, Earl Lawson. Communion Time — Third Saturday and Sunday in June.

JUNE

LITTLE BETHEL — First Saturday and Sunday in June. Teddy Robinson, Elisha Branham, Johnnie Bentley, Jimmie Hall, Bill Collins, Birtchel Mosley, Jr., Earl Lawson. Communion Time — First Saturday and Sunday in July.

LITTLE FLOSSIE — First Saturday and Sunday in June. Doug McCarty, David Slone, Jimmie Hall, Don Gibson, Buddy Carty, Roy Caudill, Buford Brock, Buck Tuttle. Communion Time — Second Saturday and Sunday in July.

MT. ZION — First Saturday and Sunday in June. Roy Caudill, Hendrick Hamilton, Buddy Carty, Savel Combs, Bill Collins, Amos Williams, Virgil Wicker, Moderator and assistant moderator. Communion Time — First Saturday and Sunday in July.

LITTLE FAMILY — Second Saturday and Sunday in June. Paul Adkins, Buford Brock, Billy Miller, Birtchel Mosley, Buck Tuttle. Communion Time — Second Saturday and Sunday in July.

LITTLE PILGRIM'S HOME — Second Saturday and Sunday in June. Aaron Boyd, Walter Parker, Teddy Robinson, Marvin Hunter, Squire Hamilton, Buck Tuttle, Clifford Bradley. Communion Time — Second Saturday and Sunday in July.

LITTLE POLLY — Second Saturday and Sunday in June. Earl Lawson, Doug McCarty, James Branham, Hobart Justice, Zee Holbrook. Communion Time — Second Saturday and Sunday in June.

LITTLE REBECCA — Third Saturday and Sunday in June. Earl Lawson, Teddy Robinson, David Slone, Paris Tackitt, Delmer Williams, Jimmy Hall. Communion Time — Third Saturday and Sunday in July.

FAMILY OF LOVE — Fourth Saturday and Sunday in June. Woody Pack, Teddy Robinson, Hillard Newsome, Paul Adkins, Birtchel Mosley, Jr., Ray Hamilton, Paris Tackitt. Communion Time — Fourth Saturday and Sunday in July.

LITTLE EDNA — Fourth Saturday and Sunday in June. Bill R. Collins, Ray Hamilton, Jessie Pack, Teddy Robinson, Frank Harvey, Covis Tackett. Communion Time — Fourth Saturday and Sunday in July.

MT. OLIVET — Fourth Saturday and Sunday in June. Ellis Amburgey, Larry Newsome, Zee Holbrook, Danny Adams, Clarence Owens, Estil Hamilton. Communion Time — Fourth Saturday and Sunday in July.

JULY

LITTLE FLOCK — Third Saturday and Sunday in July. Rich Griffith, Hillard Newsome, Paul Adkins, John Paul Hamilton, Hendricks Hampton, Buddy Carty, Roy Caudill, Ray Hamilton, Virgil Wicker. Communion Time — Third Saturday and Sunday in August.

LITTLE ANGEL — Fourth Saturday and Sunday in July. Woody Pack, Jimmy Hall, Jr. Rudgles, Woodrow Dye, Baxter Osborne, Ivory Sowards, James Branham. Communion Time — Fourth Saturday and Sunday in August.

SEPTEMBER

TRUE VINE — Third Saturday and Sunday in September. Teddy Robinson, Buddy W. Carty, Claude Ousley, Bill Collins, James Branham, Ron Scott. Communion Time — Third Saturday and Sunday in September.

MEMORIAL MEETINGS

LITTLE REBECCA — Third Saturday and Sunday in August. All ordained authorities welcome.

LITTLE JEWELL — Fourth Saturday and Sunday in October. Stoney Blackburn, Ivan Amburgey, Ralph Caudill, Forest Osborne, Baxter Osborne.

MAGGIE'S HOME — First Saturday and Sunday in June. Luther Conn, but all Old Regular Baptist preachers welcome.

LITTLE POLLY — Second Saturday and Sunday in August. All deceased. Everyone invited.

MT. ZION — First Saturday and Sunday in September. All ordained ministers invited.

LITTLE FLOCK — Third Saturday and Sunday in June. Feldon Ruggles, Jr., Ivory Sowards, Wendall Hamilton, Hiram Adkins.

MARCUM MEMORIAL — July 1, 1984. Sam Franks, Ivory Sowards, Paris Tackett, Joshua Hicks, Anthony Hamilton, Mike Campbell, Earl Newsome, Chester Newsome.

LITTLE RUTH — Second Saturday and Sunday in July. Kenny Robinson, Claude Ousley, Maynard Ratliff, Amos Williams, Bill Collins.

LITTLE MEMORY — Second Saturday and Sunday in August. Forest Osborne, Carlos Little, Ron Scott, Paris Tackett.

LITTLE EDNA — Fourth Saturday and Sunday in August.

LITTLE IDA — First Saturday and Sunday in July. Covis Tackett, Karrel Addington, Ray Hamilton, Whipple Reynolds, Buford Brock.

LITTLE FLOSSIE — First Saturday and Sunday in August.

LITTLE ZION — Second Saturday and Sunday in August. Clifford Maynard, Alex Collier, Thurman Akers, Karol Addington, Ralph Caudill, Covis Tackett.

LITTLE PILGRIM'S HOME — Second Saturday and Sunday in August.

MT. OLIVET — Fourth Saturday and Sunday in August. Charles Newsome, Danny Adams.

PLEASANT VIEW — First Saturday and Sunday in June. Woody Pack, Ellis Amburgey, Junior Mosley, Johnny Newsome.

LITTLE FAMILY — Second Saturday and Sunday in October. Buddy Wayne Carty, Jimmie Dale Sanders, Paris Tackett, Hillard Newsome.

LITTLE ANGEL — Fourth Saturday and Sunday in March. Paul Adkins, Hillard Newsome, C.W. Turner, Buddy Carty, Hiram Adkins.

ANTIOCH — First Saturday and Sunday in June. Edwin Hay, Roy Caudill.

ROSE OF SHARON — Second Saturday and Sunday in October. Ted Robinson, Clarence Owens, Mike Campbell, David Slone, Steve Robinson, Elisha Branham, Sam Franks.

LILLY OF THE VALLEY — First Saturday and Sunday in July.

LITTLE CHILDREN'S HOME — Third Saturday and Sunday in September. Larry Hankins, Billy Miller, James Branham.

MORNING STAR — Third Saturday and Sunday in July. Ralph Caudill, Karrell Addington, Glenn Maddox, Baxter Osborne.

LITTLE BETHEL — First Saturday and Sunday in September.

FAMILY OF LOVE — Fourth Saturday and Sunday in August. Clifford Colley, Savel Combs, Johnnie Newsome, Buck Tuttle.

HOUSE OF PRAYER — First Saturday and Sunday in November. Baxter Osborne, J.C. Tackett, Stoney Blackburn, Danny Adams.

MACEDONIA — Third Saturday and Sunday in October.

TRUE VINE — None listed.

CHURCH ADDRESSES AND MODERATORS

| | | |
|------------------------------|---|--------------------|
| Little Rebecca | Henry Road, Plymouth, Ohio | Claude Ousley |
| Little Jewell | 207 Wheatley, Ashland, Ky. | Baxter Osborne |
| Maggie's Home | Dundas, Ohio | Paris C. Tackitt |
| Little Polly | 19545 Homer Road, Marshall Mich. | Richard Griffith |
| Mt. Zion | McGuffy, Ohio | Maynard Ratliff |
| Little Flock | Route 1, Ray, Ohio | Anthony Hamilton |
| Little Ruth | Route 3, Marengo, Ohio | Maynard Ratliff |
| Little Memory | Sunman, Ind. | Baxter Osborne |
| Little Edna | 5160 Bond Ave., Lorain, Ohio | Walter Parker |
| Little Ida | 4060 Drennen Street, Ecorse, Mich. | Walter Mullins |
| Little Flossie | Lisbon, Ind. | Richard Griffith |
| Little Zion | 53181 Romeo Plank Road, Romeo, Mich. | |
| Little Pilgrim's Home | Highway 224, Ruggles, Ohio | Robert Wallen |
| Mt. Olivet | Route 1, Stockbridge, Mich. | Richard Griffith |
| Pleasant View | 3589 Beat Road, Litchfield, Ohio | Alex Collier |
| Little Family | S.R. 744 1 mi. West of Jacksonburg, Jacksonburg, Ohio | Roy Caudill |
| Little Angel | 5733 Saltgaber Road, Columbus, Ohio | Hiram Adkins |
| Antioch | 1017 Barricks Road, Louisville, Ky. | Paul Adkins |
| Rose of Sharon | 3744 Carlton Rockwood Rd., Monroe, Mich. | Ray Hamilton |
| Lilly of the Valley | Geneva, Ohio | Chester Newsome |
| Little Children's Home | Laurel, Ind. | Roy Caudill |
| Morning Star | 44441 Clay Road, Belleville, Mich. | Covis Tackett |
| Little Bethel | State Road 228, Greensprings, Oh. | James Branham |
| Family of Love | Wyandotte, Oh. | Buddy W. Carty |
| House of Prayer | Dayton, Oh. | Melvin Watts |
| Macedonia | Grahn, Ky. | Burl Stevens |
| True Vine | Canal Fulton, Oh. | Kennis L. Robinson |

1983 DELEGATES TO THE NORTHERN NEW SALEM ASSOCIATION

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| Little Rebecca | Savel Combs, Amos Williams, Landis Beverly |
| Little Jewell | Carlos Little, James Pope, Baxter Osborne |
| Maggie's Home | Don Mullins, John Mullins, Harrison Runyon |
| Little Polly | Rich Griffith, Andy Damron, James Pole |
| Mt. Zion | Raleigh Ousley, Rufus Slone, Marvin Hunter |
| Little Flock | Hank Forgey, Joshua Hicks, Sams Franks |
| Little Ruth | Webb Hopkins, Dempsey Deel, Adran Counts |
| Little Memory | Bill Ison, Ronnie Miller, Bruce Fields |
| Little Edna | David Slone, Woodrow Thacker, Elmer Edwards |
| Little Ida | Bill Dunbar, Ron Scott, Ralph Caudill |
| Little Flossie | Birchel Mosley, Jr., Virgil Wicker, Morris Wicker |
| Little Zion | Clarence Owens, Eugene Robinette, Otto Newsome |
| Little Pilgrim's Home | Frank Harvey, Robert Wallen, Jackie Hunter |
| Mt. Olivet | Carl Ousley, Charles Newsome, Elmer Adams |
| Pleasant View | Alex Collier, Stoney Blackburn, J.E. Tolliver |
| Little Family | Hendricks Hampton, Alvin Dales, Earnie Tuttle |
| Little Angel | Harold Senters, Ballard Brown, Floyd Stanley |
| Antioch | Paul Adkins, Claude Dixon, Darrell Parks |
| Rose of Sharon | Ray Hamilton, Doug McCarty, Johnie Bentley |
| Lilly of the Valley | Squire Hamilton, Conley Daniels, Danny Newsome |
| Little Children's Home | Zee Holbrook, Buford Brock, Henry Hobson |
| Morning Star | Gillis Hamilton, Covis Tackett, Danny Adams |
| Little Bethel | James Branham, Buck Tuttle, David Maynard |
| Family of Love | Buddy W. Carty, Donel Gibson, Ed Hunt |
| House of Prayer | Melvin Watts, Ellis Amburgey, Albert Osborne |
| Macedonia | Earnest Middleton, Orvil Blevins, Burl Stevens |
| True Vine | Mack Adkins, Paul Hilton, Leonard Robinson |

STATISTICAL TABLE

| CHURCHES | RECEIVED BY BAPTISM | RECEIVED BY LETTER | RECOMMENDATION | RESTORED | DISMISSED BY LETTER | EXCLUDED | DECEASED | TOTAL MEMBERSHIP | MEETING TIME | CONTRIBUTIONS |
|-------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|----------------|----------|---------------------|-----------|-----------|------------------|--------------|----------------|
| Little Rebecca | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 74 | 3 | \$200 |
| Little Jewell | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 9 | 0 | 0 | 55 | 4 | 100 |
| Maggie's Home | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 49 | 1 | 125 |
| Little Polly | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 26 | 2 | 50 |
| Mt. Zion | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 15 | 1 | 60 |
| Little Flock | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 36 | 3 | 100 |
| Little Ruth | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 1 | 17 | 2 | 100 |
| Little Memory | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 30 | 2 | 100 |
| Little Edna | 2 | 11 | 0 | 0 | 15 | 2 | 0 | 32 | 4 | 100 |
| Little Ida | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 2 | 3 | 91 | 1 | 240 |
| Little Flossie | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 5 | 0 | 25 | 1 | 150 |
| Little Zion | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 59 | 2 | 150 |
| Little Pilgrim's Home | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 28 | 2 | 85 |
| Mt. Olivet | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 19 | 4 | 75 |
| Pleasant View | 6 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 13 | 3 | 0 | 96 | 1 | 200 |
| Little Family | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 34 | 2 | 110 |
| Little Angel | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 50 | 4 | 225 |
| Antioch | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 1 | 42 | 1 | 200 |
| Rose of Sharon | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 1 | 32 | 2 | 175 |
| Lilly of the Valley | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 27 | 3 | 50 |
| Little Children's Home | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 16 | 3 | 100 |
| Morning Star | 9 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 5 | 0 | 65 | 3 | 200 |
| Little Bethel | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 25 | 1 | 100 |
| Family of Love | 1 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 31 | 4 | 100 |
| House of Prayer | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 76 | 1 | 150 |
| Macedonia | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 57 | 3 | 100 |
| True Vine | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 13 | 3 | 50 |
| Church Contributions for 1983 | | | | | | | | | | \$3,395 |
| Picture Money - 1983 | | | | | | | | | | 360 |
| Other Contributions | | | | | | | | | | 10 |
| GRAND TOTAL | 46 | 39 | 0 | 1 | 61 | 36 | 19 | 1120 | | \$3,765 |

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OBITUARIES

BROTHER HUBERT BLEVINS

By the request of a dear sister in Christ, Sister Molly Jackson, I will try to write a few words about her beloved father and our dear brother in Christ, to wit:

Brother Hubert Blevins, who departed this life on June 28, 1983 about 1:00 P.M. in Kings Daughters Hospital at Ashland, Ky. Brother Hubert was born March 28, 1909 in Beetle, Ky., a son of the late James Monroe Blevins and Ella Graham Blevins. His stay here on earth was 74 years and 3 months.

At the young age of 29 he felt the need of a Savior and sought and found peace for his soul. He joined the Mt. Chapel United Baptist Church and was a faithful and devoted member for 45 years. He was a faithful deacon and was always about his Heavenly Father's business, always filling his seat and seeing to the needs of the church.

He was preceded in death by his parents and three children. Surviving are his dear wife of 52 years, Naomi Porter Blevins, a member of the Mt. Chapel Church, five sons: Merc R. and James T. of Grayson, Ky., Willis E., Billy J. and Charles H., of Wayne, Mich., five daughters, Sister Molly Jackson, of Grayson, a member of the Little Jewel Church at Ashland, Ky., Mary Pennington, of Farmington, Mich., Dora Purdy of Dearborn Heights, Mich., Regina Pennington, of Webbville, Ky., and Starr Manuel of Cold Water, Miss.

Also four brothers and two sisters: Emmet and Charles of Grayson, Claud of Ashland, Ky., Estill of Gallipolis, Ohio, Mrs. Hazel Wright of Sandy Hook, Ky., and Mrs. Elsie Kenny of Gallipolis, Ohio, 36 grandchildren, 16 great grandchildren and a large host of other relatives and many, many friends who mourn his passing.

Bro. Hubert was stricken with this dreadful disease, cancer, about a year ago and the doctors gave him a short time; but due to the prayers of his family and many churches he was able to get out and attend church for about six months, then he began to slowly fade away.

Through our dear Sister Molly we became very close to him and grew to love him and Sister Blevins very dearly. He was very patient during all of his illness, never complaining. We often visited him during his illness and when we told him goodbye he always said, "If I don't see you here, I'll see you up yonder."

Sister Molly, we have both lost fathers and mothers and we know how you feel and how you miss him and Sister Blevins, we can't know how you feel but we know you have a blessed hope of seeing him again.

To his children: you who don't know daddy's God, Look back and remember how he faced death: Happy to leave a world of pain and sorrow and enter a land of peace and rest. How happy mother and Sister Molly would feel to hear you say you were ready to meet him.



*Just look what he traded for a mansion.
Just look what he left here behind.
Just look who was standing to greet him
When he entered that sweet Paradise.
For he left behind all his sorrows.
And he left behind all his cares.
He traded them all for a mansion,
That Jesus went back to prepare.*

Written in his memory by request of Sister Molly
By Sister Dorothy

BROTHER WOODROW BURKE

With the help of God, I will try to write the obituary of Brother Woodrow Burke.

He was born to Wiley and Floytilla Burke, August 4, 1925. He passed from his earthly home February 23, 1983, making his stay here 57 years 6 months and 19 days. Early in life Woodrow met and married Veedas Cook. Four children were born into this union, one preceded him in death. Survived by his wonderful wife, Veedas and the surviving children include, Gwinda Sue of Bevinsville, Ky., Dean of Bevinsville, Ky., and Jack Price of Melvin, Ky., and three grandchildren.

Brother Woodrow joined the old regular Baptist church at the Little Rock Church, Halo, Ky. He served as their treasurer. I feel Brother Woodrow was a wonderful treasurer, and has now gone to heaven to wait for us.

Veedas, I know without a doubt Brother Woodrow would want me to tell you and the children that Daddy is at rest now and I want you all to come and be with him. So fall out with sin and get ready to meet Jesus. He is coming after us all. Be ready. I missed Brother Woodrow at the Old Beaver Association this year. Sadly missed by family and friends.

Written by request of the family
Brother Urice Burke

ELIZABETH CALHOUN

We write this with loving memories of our mother (and grandmother), Elizabeth Calhoun. She was born April 10, 1898 on Long Fork, and passed away June 1, 1983 at the home of her daughter, Lorine Little, making her stay here on earth 85 years, 1 month and 21 days. She bore two children - Conley Calhoun of Belleville, Mi. and Lorine Little of Virgie, Ky. Mom turned her life over to the Lord in September, 1964, and was baptised into the Enterprise Old Regular Baptist Church, where she was a faithful member as long as she was able to go.

To mourn her passing are 10 grandchildren, and 8 great grandchildren. Also she has 5 sisters - Nancy Tackett, Mountain Manor Nursing Home of Prestonburg, Rosie Tackett of Virgie, Arzella Fields, Julie Fields both of Mansfield, Oh. and Maggie Compton of Jonancy, and one brother Enoch Calhoun of Studentsville, Oh. and a host of friends and relatives. Mother is gone but her memories will live forever.



Written by her loving granddaughter
Coleen Little

ELDER R. Z. CASTLE

In loving memory I write this obituary of my dear and loving father, Elder R. Z. Castle, son of the late Elder Arnold Castle. He was born June 22, 1913 in Johnson County, Ky. He departed this life on August 3, 1982 at the age of 69 years. He was a member of the Baptist Church for 40 years, and assistant Moderator of Macedonia Church at Grahn, Ky. He left here two daughters, Myrtle Bo-cook and Evelyn Reffitt,



both of Ashland, Ky. Three sons, Larry, Henry and Joe, all of Toledo, Ohio. One step-son, Grant Wyre of West Va., two step-daughters, Linda Wheeler of Lexington, Ky., and Ann Dotson of West Virginia. He has 21 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren. Three brothers, Bill, Clarence and Arnold Jr., all of Columbus, Ohio. Three sisters, Vina Mae Vanhoose of Springfield, Ohio, Iva Seagraves and Mary Lee

Roar both of Ashland, Ky. His Dear Beloved wife, Nixola Barker Castle, whom he married July 9, 1969. Nick was good to Dad and I'm sure God gave her the strength to carry through the last year of Dad's life. Nick, all the family loves and appreciates you for all the love, care and devotion you gave Dad. He was married to the late Edna Sloan Castle.

Sadly missed by all
Daughter, Evelyn Reffitt

JOAN CAUDILL

With the help of God I will try to write a short obituary of my daughter-in-law Joan Caudill. She was the daughter of Bennie Manning. She was born November 12, 1949, passed away February 7, 1983, making her stay on earth 33 years, 2 months and 26 days.

Almost 15 years ago she met and married Larry Caudill, son of Elder Roy Caudill and Bessie Caudill. The writer married them. She kept her wedding vows until death separated them. Joan leaves to mourn her passing, her mother; step-father; 4 brothers, Jesse Baker, Dwight Baker, Mike Baker and Chris Baker; and her broken-hearted husband, Larry Caudill; and her Grandma. She also leaves 16 nieces and nephews to mourn her passing. Also her father and mother-in-law and Larry's 3 brothers and 2 sisters, the brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law on both sides of the family. Joan's special nieces Tammy, Christie and Nikki, nephews Tony and Brian plus many cousins, aunts, uncles and friends, to mourn her passing.

Joan was in a coma 13 days before she passed away. I visited her before she went into a coma. I told her I was praying for her. She said "I need it". No one knows what happened before she went into the coma. But God was right there and all we can say is she fell into the hands of a just and merciful God, who will do all men right.

Now I want to say to all her family on both sides, if you haven't made it right with God - please start today. Tomorrow may be too late. Just a word to Jesse and Bev., may God Bless you both, you have been so good to Larry; also Pat and Barb. They have stood by and helped so much. May God Bless all of you are my prayers. I hope and pray that I can meet everyone that's in here today around the throne of God, when this life is over. Now there are just two places to go when you leave this world, one is Heaven. You can repent and be born again and go there, or you can live and die in sin and go down to Hell and the lake of fire. Which will you choose? I hope you will choose Jesus and go to Heaven.



Written by:
Elder Roy Caudill

MAGGIE COLLINS

Maggie Collins, age 59, died July 27, 1982. She was born January 19, 1923 at Floyd County, Kentucky. She was a member of the Pilgrim Rest Church in Kentucky, before moving to Willard in 1954; she was a member for some time.

She was never married but I know she lived a good life, because she was one of God's children. She always enjoyed going to church even though she couldn't understand what they were saying, I believe she was one in God's eyes. She was preceded in death by one brother. Maggie and Mom were always close and always went to church together. I will close but I just want to say rest on Sister Maggie until we can meet each other again.



Written by,
Her sister Kay Bird

IDA MAE CONLEY

It is with both sadness and joy, and at the request of a dear niece, that I will write a summary of the life and home going to a precious sister, Ida Mae Conley, born January 21, 1916. With sadness, because her only child, Eva Armstrong, son-in-law Bill, three grandchildren, Cindy Gale, William, and Angela, two sisters, one brother, along with other relatives and many friends miss her earthly presence. At the time of her heavenly call she had also been blessed with two great grandchildren, Michael and Amy, who had known her long enough to sense her love for them. Another little one, Brian, has arrived since her passing but he has a lot to look forward to by meeting her in Heaven.



Jesus said, "In my Father's house are many mansions." With joy, I can write that all can meet her in that eternal home. We are sure to find her there rejoicing around the throne of God in that land of endless day.

Ida Mae was united in marriage to Malcom (Malk) Conley, February 28, 1931. She and Malk made their living by dairy farming; yet they were never too busy to take

time out from their many duties to visit with and listen to their friends. Their neighborly kindness always made it easy for others to make a pathway to their door.

Several years ago my sister, Ida Mae, accepted Christ as her Saviour and joined the Old Regular Baptist Church. She was a faithful member of Maggie's Home Church where she loved to assemble with her brothers and sisters in Christ.

Two infant sons preceded her in death. Then her beloved husband's call came September 25, 1974. After his home going, she made her earthly home, until her death, with her daughter Eva and her son-in-law Bill. She was truly at home with them for they made every effort to cause her to feel that way. She was mindful of the welfare and happiness of her loved ones. They in turn felt the same toward her. They cared for her every need with love and kindness. They always made it possible for her to be in church every time her health permitted.

Ida's God-given wisdom for counseling was always a source of strength and encouragement for anyone who came to her. Her gentle nature and patience made it easy for them to do so. Her outward life was a reflection of the inward life which gave evidence that she sat at the feet of Jesus.

During the times I and others were with her, she voiced the fact that she loved the Lord and did not fear death. She believed the words of the Apostle Paul in Philippians 1:21, "For me to live is Christ, to die is gain."

Her heavenly call from the portals of Glory came May 23, 1982. At that moment it was evident that she could again join with the Apostle Paul in these words from II Timothy 4:7-8 and say from the depth of her soul, "I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith; Henceforth, there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love His appearing."

Lovingly written by her sister, Ella Griffith
in cooperation with her daughter, Eva Grace
Armstrong

IN REMEMBRANCE OF JOHNNIE COOK

It is with many lovely memories that I'll try to write an obituary of my darling son Johnnie Cook. He was born February 14, 1932 and passed away on April 6, 1982. He was the son of George Cook and Hulda Cook. In early life he met and married Katherine Lawson; and unto this union was born six kids, three boys and three girls whom he loved dearly to mourn his loss. He also leaves six sisters and five brothers to mourn his loss as well as a host of friends. Johnnie worked twenty-six years for the CCC Company in the state of Ohio in the heat and the cold. In the year of seventy-eight he was stricken with that awful disease pulmonary fibrosis. I was by his bedside for three weeks. He would say to me, "Mama, don't worry over me for I think the Lord has saved my soul." He said he had been praying and that he had a better home to go to. Sleep on, Son. Mother will soon be with you in a better world I hope.

Written by his broken-hearted mother Hulda Cook
and sister Nettie Hall

ELDER WILLIAM PATRICK DEEL

By the help of the good Lord, we will try to write the obituary of a good husband and a wonderful father. Elder William Patrick Deel was born May 16, 1916, deceased May 29, 1983, making his stay on earth 67 years and 13 days.

He was the son of Willoughby and Marida C. Deel. Preceding him in death are his father, two brothers and one sister.

Patrick married Flossie Oquin on April 11, 1934, making our lives together 49 years. To our union was born 9 children - 4 boys and 5 girls. Boys are Albert D., Kilby, James A. and Patrick, all of Delaware, Ohio. Girls are Floria E. Grote, Columbus, Ohio, Julia Doubek, Marida Janulaitis, Margaret Deel and Darlene Nielsen of Illinois.

Patrick joined the Russell Prater Church of the Old Regular Baptist in March, 1949, and was baptised in the following month. He lived a faithful member. In the year 1953, we moved to Delaware, Ohio. Soon after we brought our letters to the Little Rebecca Church, so they could form an arm to organize the Little Ruth Church. On August 11, 1956, the Little Ruth Church was organized. On that same day, he was ordained as deacon. He served the office of a deacon faithfully and humbly. Patrick felt his calling to the ministry and answered that calling in 1959. He was ordained to the full function of the Gospel on September 10, 1960. He preached the Gospel for 24 years until his death.

Patrick served as Moderator or Assistant Moderator of the following churches: Little Ruth, Little Alvie, Little Ellen, Mt. Zion and Family of Love. During this time we lived in Chicago, Illinois, for about 9 years where he worked. Even though we traveled far we tried to make it to the Little Ruth Church at church time to fill his seat. He always wanted to fill his Union Meetings, that he was called in, as long as he was able to go. The doctors retired him in 1974. He had high blood pressure, lungs and heart trouble and other things, but he went to church as long as he could. At times, when it didn't look like he could go, he still wanted to go, he would say, "I won't feel any better by staying home." I feel he will be missed by all the good brothers, sisters and many friends throughout the Old Regular Baptist Family.

Daddy's never ending patience, faith in the good Lord will always be in our memories. The time he got up to preach at Family of Love Church, his body was so weak, he couldn't stand long. Oh, how sweet the words he spoke that day. They were so wonderful and the good Lord blessed him to pray a good humble prayer. The support and guidance that he gave us will be long remembered in years to come. We miss you, Daddy. Oh, how I miss my dear husband. Our lives won't be the same, but we will have to go on without him. We feel Daddy is gone to a beautiful home. His suffering and worries are over. I feel it won't be long for me to stay here in this troublesome world until I can go and be with him, in that beautiful home, where there won't be any more pain and sorrow.

He leaves his wife, his mother, 9 children, 21 grandchildren, 6 great grandchildren. Also, he is survived by 8 sisters, 3 brothers and a host of friends and



relations to mourn his loss. We feel our loss is heaven's gain.

We have two sons who have confessed a hope in Christ. So dear children, those of you who have not yet made peace with the good Lord, now is the time to get ready. So you can be with your Daddy in that glorious home.

There is so much more I could say about my dear husband, but I feel he has preached his own funeral by the life he lived. I want to thank each and everyone that was so mindful of us in our time of trouble. You showed us so great kindness. I want to say to the brothers and sisters don't forget us in your prayer, we need them so bad.

Written by his lonely Wife and children

Memorial to be preached at Family of Love Church, Wyandotte, Ohio, the odd weekend in June, 1984. Elders called: Clifford Colley, Claude Ousley, Buddy Wayne Carty and Roy Caudill. Each and everyone are invited to come.

KIRK FRASURE

It is with much sorrow that I try in my weakness to write the obituary of a dear Brother in Christ to wit, Kirk Frasure. Born in Floyd Co., Ky., on November 11, 1904. Deceased this life on January 21, 1983, at his home in Louisville, Kentucky. God Blessed Brother Frasure to live upon His good earth 78 years, 2 months and 11 days, bringing much joy and sunshine to those he walked with here along life's pathway.

He was the son of the late John and Polly Johnson Frasure. On December 24, 1925, he taken by the hand a fair young lady of his native Floyd County, Rebecca Adkins. These two shared life's heartaches and disappointments, along with it's joys, pleasures and happiness for over 48 years, until Sister Rebecca ceased this life on May 28, 1973. God gave them a little boy, Timothy, and a little girl, Alva Jean.

With the love, guidance and counsel of a Christian father and mother they grew up to be good citizens of Jefferson County.

He leaves to mourn his loss, 1 son Timothy Frasure and 1 daughter Alva Jean Harrison both of Louisville, Ky.; 3 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren; also, one sister, Bell Adkins of Augusta, Ga. Brother Frasure came to Jefferson County in 1945 from the lovely hills of eastern Kentucky to find employment. He was retired from the Kosmosdale Cement Company of Louisville, Kentucky.

On August 1st, Saturday, 1930, Brother Frasure gave his hand to become a member of the Philadelphia Church of Old Regular Baptist, New Salem Association. He was baptized by the hands of the late Elders Alex Allen and M. C. Wright. Here he remained a faithful member until he came in the arm to organize the Antioch Old Regular Baptist Church, Louisville, Ky., in July 1966. Here he was faithful to fill his seat and to be of help to the church in any way he could. He served faithful as a Deacon and was always concerned with the welfare of his Brothers and Sisters.



We the members of the Antioch Church will miss the fellowship, advice and counsel of this our dear Brother. Let's strive to love one another and let our light shine, as we feel Brother Frasure did.

Surely Brother Ed Adkins will be blessed somewhere along life's pathway for taking his time to pick up Brother Frasure and bring him to church in his later days. May God bless you with a special blessing Brother Ed for being so concerned.

In his later days Brother Frasure became very lonely and depressed with the conditions of the world. He never wanted to be a burden to anyone, a very independent man. Oft-times he expressed to me a desire of going on to be with Sister Frasure.

We are not to ask, "Why Dear Lord?" only live in hope of meeting him again, where we can understand all things better. Let's not grieve as those who have no hope, but let us thank God for the many happy days we spent with him here. Live in hope of the happy morning of the resurrection when we can meet Brother Frasure again.

To you his loved ones, my prayer is that you will lean upon the Lord, who is a very special friend in the time of trouble, and wait for time to heal the heartaches. Remember we sow in tears, we shall reap in joy.

Sleep on Brother Frasure and we hope to meet you again some sweet day, where no one will be lonely or disturbed in mind and we will understand all things better.

Your humble servant,
Brother Hillard Newsome

BROTHER DAN GIBSON

"I Love Thy Church, Oh God," was the last song, by request, that was sung over Brother Dan Gibson. He had been laid to rest in the family cemetery at Vest, Kentucky.

Brother Dan was born May 29, 1884 and died May 30, 1983 making his stay on earth 99 years and 1 day. He was the son of Buck and Sally (Grigsby) Gibson. He married Margarette Gibson August 10, 1910 and to this union were born 5 children. One daughter preceded him in death; her name was Lillie Wallen. Three daughters, Ida Ousley of Ressler, Indiana, Sophie Slone of Ligonier, Ind., Flossie Tuttle of Miland, Ind., one son Earl Gibson, of Stroh, Ind. His wife also preceded him in death.

On August 19, 1949 he married Angeline Ritchie, she also preceded him in death.

Brother Dan joined the Old Regular Baptist Church in 1923 at Upper Ball, Ky. He was an Elder worthy of double honor. He moderated several churches and one was the New Home Church where my mother took me when I was a child. I never forgot Brother Dan after I left the mountains; and one day there he was - visiting the Little Flossie Church of Lisbon, Ind. I told him who I was, being so many years since I had



seen him, and both of us rejoiced.

He later came to live with his son and daughter-in-law, Earl and Cathaleen, and Brother Dan and I had some wonderful visits. He visited my home and my children loved him. He told them of the old days. He told me many things and about going to the associations and church meetings that he had been in.

He stood and preached in the Little Flossie Church when he was 97 years old, and I think people were amazed at the way the Lord blessed him, his voice carrying out loud, and he hung his cane on the pulpit. God blessed him with wisdom and he taught and fought for the old way to what he felt was right, through his long years of life.

Brother Dan was also a friend who fought for the rights of the people and started the movement to keep strip miners from tearing up the land.

The Gibson children should be thankful to have been blessed with such a wonderful father and I thank God I knew him.

He spent the last Easter weekend that was spent in Indiana with my family and the Little Flossie Church.

Brother Dan made the coffin he was buried in and he is resting in Jesus' care and just like the song he requested, he loved the church.

Brother Dan will surely be missed.

Written by request and in hopes of seeing him again
Mildred Mosley

JAMES GIVENS

It is with a sad heart I will try to write the obituary, of my loving husband; James A. Givens. He was born August 24, 1912 to Jessie and Artilda Givens in Iola, Illinois. They both had preceded him in death; also one grandson, making his stay here on earth 70 years, 3 months and 1 day.

In 1940 he went into the U.S. Navy; he served 6 years in World War II. On September 14, 1946 we were married, and lived a happy 36 years together until death parted us on Thanksgiving Day 1982. We were blessed with 4 children, 1 son: Donald R., 3 daughters: Betty L. Price, Joyce Ann Spencer, and Denise Brewer all of Fairborn, Ohio.

He had open heart surgery in June of 1981; then in June 1982 he took lung cancer. He lived 4 months after his lung surgery. I was sitting by his bedside the day before he died. He opened his eyes and looked up at me and smiled so pretty; then he closed his eyes back, never to look at me again.

I feel with all my heart he is resting with Jesus. He loved to go to church, although he never did join the church. He would tell us he was ready to die when the Lord was ready to take him.



He believed in the Old Regular Baptist Church. I believe with all my heart he made peace with God long before his sickness struck him. That was a sad Thanksgiving Day for all of us, but a happy one for him for he went home to be with the Lord and his Mom and Dad.

He leaves to mourn his loss his wife Melba, 4 children, 2 brothers: Lester of Fairborn, Ohio; and Albert of Iola, Illinois; 7 grandchildren; and a host of friends.

I hope all our children will see daddy in heaven, but the time is running short and some of them aren't making any preparation toward seeing their daddy again. I hope they don't put it off too long. We hated so bad to give him up.

The days are so long and the nights are so lonely for me; but we feel our loss on earth is heaven's gain. I feel that I am ready to meet him again when the Lord calls me.

Written by his Lonesome Wife:
Melba Givens

*You are sleeping oh so peacefully
While the birds sing at dawn,
When I awake and you're not with me
Then I realize you are gone.*

*You are at rest in the shadow
of God's love that flows so deep,
I realize my Darling
You're not dead, you're just asleep.*

*When God calls all his children
I'll meet you on that Golden Shore,
We will be so happy Darling
Where we'll never part no more.*

*Oh the hours are so lonesome
and I have to walk alone,
but our Lord will stand beside me
He always has been since you're gone.*

*You will awake some bright morning
In that blessed shining shore,
and I'll be with you my Darling
Where no sorrow can come no more.*

*Until then just sleep on honey
In the grave so cold and deep,
You're happy now in Heaven
You're not dead, You're just asleep.*

ELBERT GRIFFITH

This beautiful July morning, I pray the Lord will guide my mind and be with me for my heart is so sad and lonely.

Dad was born Nov. 4, 1904 to Bill and Dolly Noble Griffith at Breathitt County, Kentucky. Our sister, Nancy Jones, found our dad dead at his home January 22, 1983, making his stay on this earth 78 years, 3 months, and 18 days.

Dad and Mom, Rosie Nolen Griffith, were married August 18, 1927 at Pyramid, Kentucky. To this happy union they were blessed with 20 children. The Lord called ten little babies back home to live with him.

Our oldest brother, Melvin Griffith, 2 brothers Bill, Jim Griffith. Two sisters Eveline, Nancy Wireman and 2 nephews and 2 nieces and one son-in-law Julaion McKee have gone to their new homes.

Dad and Christina had 3 sons and one daughter, Angela Marie Murrell at Garrett, Kentucky. Arnold, Douglas and Jerry are with Chris yet.

Our sweet Dad was a retired coal miner. Blessed Lord, he sure worked hard to keep food on the table, and clothes on our bodies.

Dad had his membership in the Old Regular Baptist Church. His name was never moved from Brash Creek. He loved all God's children. I have heard dad say many times, when he would get so worried about the families that he had a feeling God would call for him soon. He told me not to worry for God showed him I was on my way to Heaven.

I would like to say to the people and all dad's loved ones that haven't made peace with God, you will have to be born again, by the blood of Jesus and drink from the fountain, and walk that narrow road, that leads up to Heaven. You must come the same way our dad and I did come. One God, One Lord, One Faith and one Baptism if you want to see dad and all our loved ones again.

I could sit all day and write about our sweet beloved dad - but it isn't necessary. I want to thank each and every one that stood by us in our times of sorrows. I will remember you all in my prayers.

This is to dad's granddaughter Barbara Ferrell, Garrett, Ky. Honey forgive me for not remembering your name in brother Melvin's obituary, to Uncle Bob and Aunt Frankie Wireman I want to thank you both for visiting dad in the last year of his life, he sure was so happy.

This is in remembrance of dad's grandson who we loved so much: John Lee Griffith died at his home June 29, 1983 make his stay on this earth 16 years and 29 days.

Sleep on John Lee, I believe you are at rest now, for you had so much love to give, and the people sure loved you. God only knows why you left us so soon.

Dad this to you - I will keep praying for all our loved ones and the sinners of the world. I love you so much dad, but I thank the Lord your pains and sorrows all are over now.



To Christina - just keep praying for all our loved ones, and I will keep praying for all your loved ones, I know your home is lonely now, but dad's spirit can always be with us, thank the Lord.

I will close by saying I love every soul in this world. God is all love and there is nothing in my heart but pure love.

Written by his sister in hope,
Daughter Mary Madgalene Moore

CORA GUNTER

By the help of God I will try to write a short obituary of Cora Gunter. She was born February 1, 1907, deceased this life January 7, 1983, making her stay on this earth 75 years, 11 months and 7 days. She was the daughter of Andrew and Lizzie Davidson. There were nine born into this family. Seven boys and two girls. Four of the boys preceded her in death, leaving 3 brothers and 1 sister still living. Also her Dad and Mother

have passed away. Cora first married Joe Meadow, who preceded her in death. Then she met and married Edward Gunter who passed on in December, 1972 and was buried on Christmas Day. Cora and Ed have no children. But, Ed has two children living - Cora's step-children. I believe Cora loved Lucille as if she was her own daughter. I first met Ed and Cora in 1954. We lived neighbors for 14½ years. I don't believe I ever met any nicer people on this earth. They were as close as any couple I ever knew. But after Ed passed on it seemed to leave Cora so lonely. But I thank God Ed told me before he died that God had forgiven him of all his sins and he had a better home awaiting. Also, Cora told me the same thing that God had forgiven her of many sins. She told me how she had prayed to God to forgive her and He had heard her cries. So with the many sweet talks we had together about God, I feel with all my heart I will meet Cora some sweet day. Now I want to say a few words to Jess and Frances. They were so good to take care of Cora in all her sickness. May God Bless you both and may you both turn to God before it's too late. Jess, you and the rest of your brothers and sister can still answer your mother's prayers by turning to God and meet mother in Heaven some sweet day. Ed and Cora helped to build the Little Family Church house at Jacksonburg, Ohio. I have pastored that church for almost 27 years. They loved the church so good. I feel this world has been made a better place to live since Ed & Cora passed this way. May God Bless all of this family is my prayer.

Written by
Elder Roy Caudill



EDNA HALL

By a request of the family, I will try and write a short obituary of a dear sister in the Lord, Sister Edna Hall.

Sister Hall was born October 18, 1908, in Grayson, Kentucky, to the late Dee and Minnie Kitchen. She departed this life April 6, 1983, at Doctor's Hospital, making her stay on this earth 74 years, 5 months and 18 days.

She was married to the late Mitchell Hall on January 14, 1925. To this union was born 2 children: Betty Stanley and Edward Hall, both of Columbus, Ohio. She leaves to mourn her passing, her two children, Betty and Edward and 7 grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren, one sister, Martha Cornell of Carter County, Kentucky, the brothers and sisters in the church and a host of friends. Sister Hall had 3 brothers, Mason, Herb and Albert, all deceased.

Sister Hall joined the Pine Grove Church of Old Regular Baptist in Lookout, Ky., at a very early age of life. Later, she moved her letter to the New Salem Church where Brother Hall was a member. On July 26, 1969, Brother Hall and Sister Hall brought their letters to the Little Angel Church. He was ordained a deacon May 23, 1970. They both lived faithful lives and were strong pillars of the church, until their deaths. Ma Hall was always the first person to help with the needs of the church and others in need. She always had a cheerful smile and kind words for all.

We loved her as a sister in the church and as a mother to all of us, and we feel the life she lived left a light shining for all her neighbors and friends to live by. And, if they will follow that light, it will lead them to everlasting peace.

Elder Forest Osborne

HETTIE HALL

It is with much sadness and a broken heart that I try to write an obituary of my darling daughter, Hettie Cook Hall. Hettie was born April 18, 1923, and died October 20, 1982. She was the daughter of George Cook and Hulda Johnson Cook. In early life she was married to Lum Hall and to this union was born two sons, Garland and Cardell. Cardell preceded her in death at an early age.

She was sick for many years and not able to go to church when she wanted to. When we took her to Lexington Hospital where she stayed two weeks she would not eat and was in a coma most of the time. She told her sister Linda she was not going to go back to her home, she had a better home to go to and pointed upward. She said there were no poor people up there. Then when we brought her home from Lexington to try to take care of her we kept her home for 3 days. She went back into a coma and we took her to Prestonburg Hospital. She stayed there for two weeks and did not get any better. We had to put her in a nursing home because she still couldn't



eat and stayed asleep most of the time. Sometimes when she did wake up she would talk to us. She told her sister Ettie and Alifair that she didn't feel there was anything against her.

Hettie and Lum moved in with Alifair Cook who was Lum's sister. I want to thank Lum and Alifair for being so good to wait on her and take care of her for so many years. She leaves her husband, son, five brothers, five sisters and two grandsons to mourn her loss.

Written by her broken-hearted mother
Hulda Cook

PAUL Z. HOWARD

Paul was born March 18, 1960 to the union of Anna Lou and Andy Howard and departed this life September 18, 1982 making his stay on this earth 22 years and 6 months. He was born in West Union, Ohio, but grew up around the Hebron area.

He was a graduate of Watkins Memorial High School and Licking County Joint Vocational School and at the age of 20 married Loretta K. Forgey. Along with his wife and parents, he also leaves 2 sisters Shelby and Rhonda at home and 1 half-brother Issac Russell of Hillsboro. He also leaves a maternal grandfather Perry E. Issac and a host of aunts and uncles to mourn his loss.

Paul was such a serious person and lived a full and happy life. We will miss you more than words can say. We hope and pray that someday we will all be able to walk with you again. Your smile will never leave our hearts and the joy and love you gave will be with us forever. Mom, Dad, Shelby and Rhonda will always remember you, Paul.



Written by a
Broken-Hearted Family

ROY HUDSON

Roy Hudson was born May 4, 1905, and deceased this life July 11, 1983, making his stay here on earth 78 years, 2 months, and 7 days.

He was the son of the late Andy and Deliah Tackett Hudson. On December 25, 1925, he married Arkansas Burke Hudson. To this union was born 8 children. One daughter, Beatrice, preceded him in death. Left to mourn his death are one son and six daughters: Solomon Hudson of Almont, Michigan; Lois Tackett of Virgie, Kentucky; Lealy Ratliff of Robinson Creek, Kentucky; Lora Johnson of Pontiac, Michigan; Violet Elliott of Detroit, Michigan; Brenda Burke of Lincoln Park, Michigan; Ann Michel of Wyandotte, Michigan.



Three brothers: Sollie Hudson of Virgie, Kentucky; Sid Hudson of Lincoln Park, Michigan; and Jimmy Hudson in the armed service.

Three sisters: Nora Dotson, Michigan; Edna Burke, Virgie, Kentucky; Helatha Holbrook, Johns Creek, Kentucky.

One sister, Maude Tackett, and one brother, Oakie Hudson, preceded him in death.

Brother Roy was a kind, loving and gentle man. Sister Kansas has lost a part of her life that can never be replaced. The children have lost the most kind, loving father a child could ever know. The Old Regular Baptist have lost a great rock, a strong contender for the faith, and one of the greatest peace makers we have ever known.

Thirty-seven years ago Brother Roy pitched his tent toward Canaan's Land and never looked back, neither did he look to the left or the right, but pressed on like a true soldier. Surely God was with this little frail boy as he struggled through this desert land. Many times he would answer the call when he could hardly raise from the chair. Brother Roy often preached about an operation he had undergone when the doctors gave him very little chance. He said during the operation a great golden pipeline came down from heaven and Jesus was on the other end. Jesus said grab hold of the pipeline and hold on you'll be fine. He said he held on to that pipeline and never let go until the operation was over.

Twenty some years ago God sent him to the state of Michigan. An uncultivated vineyard was waiting there, a place where the Little Zion Church would be. Brother Roy spent his last years working in this little vineyard and God blessed him wonderfully. With the great love God had born his soul with, he began to draw young people to the Little Zion Church and loved every member there. The young members all called him Papaw and he was always there when they needed him. Due to his illness he missed this year's Communion, the second in June. Brother Roy said that was the longest and most lonesome day of his life. He might not have been there, but his heart and prayers were with you. Even during the last days of his life, he talked of getting well enough to make one more trip to the Little Zion Church.

I hope you children will never forget Daddy's prayers and counsel, the way he lived and died. He loved all of you children and Jesus loves you too. He said to tell you children to love Jesus and to take care of Mommy, I've done all I can do now and I hope you come and see me in my new home.

Last night I saw Brother Roy in a vision and he turned with that beautiful smile he always had and said well Brother Jimmy I made it.

Written by his broken-hearted family
and Elder Jimmy Hall

SAMUEL F. LEWIS

With a sad and aching heart, I will try to write the obituary of my husband, Samuel F. Lewis.

Born on May 21, 1901, in Pineville, Ky. Departed this life on October 2, 1982, at the age of 81 years, 4½ months. On September 20, 1920, he married Minta Russell. To this union was born 10 children. Elmer Lewis, Clearwater, Fl.; Juanita Lewis, at home; J.C. Lewis, Hamilton, Oh.; Loretta Vogel, Lawrenceburg, In., Lois Craft, Crawfordville, In.; Jean Feller, Lawrenceburg, In.; Robert Lewis, Lawrenceburg, Ind.; Opal Schevier, West Palm Beach, Fl.; Frank Lewis, Long Beach, Ca.; and Wanda Hebel, Lawrenceburg, In. He also leaves 21 grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren. They will always have fond memories of their Grandpa Lewis.

Brother Sam joined the Old Regular Baptist Church many years ago. His membership was at the Little Memory Church at the time of his death. He read the Bible and was a faithful church member.

Brother Sam loved his family and his door was always open to welcome his friends with open arms and a big smile on his face. We always enjoyed going to church to get together with our Brothers and Sisters. "Daddy" and I have traveled many miles together going to the Associations and attending church in many towns and cities, and talking about the Lord and singing songs.

Sleep on Daddy and rest in peace with God, till we all meet again in the house of our Lord. No one will ever know how lonely we are without you.

Written by a broken-hearted wife
Minta Lewis



LUCILLE MOORE

By the help of the Lord, for he holds all power, I will try to write an obituary of our beloved wife, mother and sister, Mrs. Lucille Moore. The Lord reached down his hand and picked one of his most precious flowers, to go home and rest from all her suffering, heartaches and sorrows. She was taken from us by the dreadful disease, cancer. But, Oh! On that day when Jesus leaves the throne she won't be sick, she will be made whole again, when her body and soul reunites in the midway of the air.

Lucille was born June 12, 1928 to the late Elder Willie Collins and Rachael (Tuttle) Collins. Lucille deceased this life August 25, 1982, making her stay on this earth 54 years. She was united in marriage to Grover Moore. To this union was born one son, Troy Lee Moore, Tiro, Ohio. She had one granddaughter, Shannon Louise Moore who loved her dearly.

Also to mourn her loss was her dear, blessed mother, Rachel Collins of North Fairfield, Ohio. Two brothers Amos Collins of Sheffield Lake, Ohio and Billy James Collins of Plymouth, Ohio. Eight sisters, Juanita Hodges of Tampa, Florida, Melva Brewer of Willard, Ohio, Helen Issac of Plymouth, Ohio, and Gwendora Cheshier of Dallas, Texas, and a whole host of other relatives and friends who will miss her so. She was preceded in death by her daddy Elder Willie Collins and two brothers Junior and Samuel Collins.

Lucille joined the Pilgrim Rest Church of the Old Regular Baptist in March of 1945 at Price, Kentucky. She was 17 years old, being a faithful member of 36 years. She moved her letter to the Little Rebecca Church in Plymouth, Ohio.

We know that our loss is surely heaven's gain. But we will all miss her for we loved her so much. We feel that she gave us all good counsel and she talked all the time of heaven. She begged the Lord while she was so sick just to take her on home where she wouldn't have to suffer anymore. She didn't want to worry the family anymore than she thought was necessary. There will always be an empty space in our hearts and minds that she will hold so dearly.

They said, for I wasn't there, that she had a smile on her face just before she went from this place and I believe with all my heart that she saw the beauties of heaven and went to sleep in the arms of Jesus. She had prayed so many times for it to happen that way and I feel God heard her prayers.

Well, children, if you ever want to see her again and to be able to look upon heaven as she did you will have to get right with the Lord, repent and be born again. Gone from this earth is a precious sister. Her smiles and loving voice will never greet us in this world anymore. I am living in that hope that on that morning I will meet her on that happy shore.

We would like to thank, at this time, all our good friends and the preachers we called upon so much in our time of need and for being patient with us all. The Lord will surely give you great blessing and for Avenelle and her daughter-in-law Shirley, for taking care of her and stood by her in her hours of suffering. Thanks again all of you that were so good and kind during her death and illness.



God is so good I thank him for Lucille and her faith. I could go on and on telling her good deeds and what her life meant to us all but, it would take a book.

To know Him is to love Him.

Written by her broken-hearted sisters
Jean Baker and Ruth Dyer

Sister Lucille's memorial will be held at the Little Rebecca Church on the odd Saturday and Sunday in October, everyone is welcome.

CRISSIE MULLINS

It is with much sadness but very fond and precious memories I will try to write an obituary of my dear mother, Crissie Mullins.

She was born April 11, 1900 in Ashcamp, Ky., the daughter of Richard and Winnie Potter. She married Silas Mullins Nov. 21, 1918 who preceded her in death June 4, 1948. To this union five children were born, two sons, Shelton Mullins, Fairborn, Ohio; and Marvin Mullins, Galena, Ohio; three daughters, Fay McKinster, Columbus, Ohio; Mrs. Carroll (Glechia) Counts, Marengo, Ohio; and Mrs. Maynard (Naomi) Ratliff, Fulton, Ohio, who survives, as well as ten grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. She is also survived by a brother, Woodrow Potter, Elkhorn City, Ky.; three sisters, Dosia Powers, Oakwood, Va.; Mrs. Snoda Sanders, Elkhorn City, Ky.; and Mrs. Stella Moore, Waynesboro, Ky. There were nine brothers and sisters who preceded her in death. All her family and a host of friends are left to mourn her loss.



Mom was a faithful member of the Old Regular Baptist Church for almost forty-eight years. She loved to go and enjoyed it so much. She was also a very devoted mother and the love she showed her family was unbelievable. If we could all follow in her footsteps it would be a great honor to her memory.

In my heart I feel Mom is at rest with Jesus and she won't have to suffer anymore. Our loss is heaven's gain.

Written by her daughter,
Naomi Ratliff

VANGIE NEWSOME

It is with much sadness in our hearts that we attempt to write the Obituary of our dear Mother, Vangie Newsome. Mother was born at Heartley, Kentucky, May 18, 1898. She was the daughter of the late Andrew McCray and Tafitha Meade McCray.

Mother passed away May 21, 1983, making her stay here on earth 85 years and 3 days. Mother was married to our father, Tavis Newsome, on March 4, 1916. To this union was born six children, four sons, and two daughters.

Mom was preceded in her death by our father Tavis in December 1943. One passing son, Edward preceded mom's passing in August 1969. Mother is survived by three sons, Millard of Melvin, Kentucky; Raymond of Orlando, Florida; and Ballard of Taylor, Michigan.

Also, Mother is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Grethel Mullins of Melvin, Kentucky and Mrs. Grace Branham of Bypro, Kentucky. One brother Sanford McCray; one half brother, Ellis McCray; and one sister, Pearl Dunlevy; and one half sister, Sadie McDanill. She is also survived by 22 grandchildren and a host of great-grandchildren.

Mother joined the Old Regular Baptist Church at the Jopa Church, in Melvin, Kentucky, in the year of 1945 and was baptised by Elder Jerry Hall Senior and Elder Jessie Osborn. Mother loved the old church very much and had many hours of joy for 38 years of her life.

The last years of mom's life she had her membership at the Rose of Sharon Church in South Rockwood, Michigan. When the Rose of Sharon Church was organized in December, 1965, mother was blessed to choose the name of the Church.

Mother is missed very much by her children and all who knew her. The children have lost a mother, the Old Church has lost a very dear sister, but Heaven has gained an Angel.

The Bible has said, "Where is he whom my soul loveth. He has gone down into the Garden to feast among the spices and to gather flowers." The Lord has gathered Mother, a flower among flowers, into his everlasting Garden where she shall never fade away.

I say unto the other children, and mother's friends and relatives, like David of Old said, when his son died, they can't come back to us, but by the love and grace of God we can go where she has gone.

Sweet is the sleep of the Saints of God and they do rest from their labor. So sleep on Mother free from the toils and cares of this life. I trust we shall meet again in a land, where parting shall come no more.



Written by her son, Ballard Newsome and
his Wife, Bonnie

NANCY ANN REYNOLDS

It is with much weakness that I try to write the obituary of our dear mother, Nancy Ann Reynolds. Mom was born in Letcher County at Arminta, Kentucky on April 24, 1897 to Woolery and Polly Fuller Campbell. She departed this life on March 5, 1983, making her stay upon this earth 85 years, 10 months and 9 days.

Mom grew up mostly in Knott County at Mallie, Kentucky where she married our daddy, Issac (Ike) Reynolds. To this union was born twelve children: nine girls and three boys. Papa and his two infant daughters preceded her in death. Left to mourn her passing are seven daughters: Velma Taylor of Dayton, Ohio; Clovia Lowe of Rising Sun, Indiana; Mary Jane Combs of Jacksonville, Florida; Floys Short of



Sunman, Indiana; Ruby Reynolds of Connersville, Indiana; Maxine Sparkman of Dayton, Ohio and Betty Miller of Vandalia, Ohio; three sons: Paul of Dayton, Ohio; T.J. of Mallie, Kentucky and Charles of Connersville, Indiana; two sisters: Kate Burton of Vicco, Kentucky and Lola Clark of Celina, Ohio; one brother: Marion Campbell of Dayton, Ohio; 24 grandchildren; 36 great-grandchildren; 3 great-great grandchildren; and a host of relatives and friends.

Mom had made her home with me for the last thirteen years. She left so many memories here which makes it hard for me to accept the fact that she is gone and will not return again. Though we already miss her, we would not want her back to suffer again.

Mom never attached herself to the church, but she was a strong believer in the Old Regular Baptist. She attended many times when she was not able. She loved to hear the singing and would often ask me to sing at home for her. I am not much of a singer, but what I sang sounded good to her. She told her children many times that there was nothing in her way.

Mom worked hard all her life but never complained. Papa died in 1944 leaving her with several children to raise (the baby was only 2½ years old. With the help of the Welfare Department and the labor of her own sweet hands, she kept the family together. I have heard my brother say that he had to wear plenty of patches in growing up but that he never went hungry. Though times were hard for her, she always had enough food to feed not only her son, but also those who stopped by to visit.

In the fall of 1982 Mom spent eight weeks in the hospital. She had to have a leg amputated and was confined to a wheelchair. We thought this would be the end for her, but God saw fit to let us keep her a little longer. My sister Betty and her husband helped me to care for Mom after she was released from the hospital.

Five months later she had to return to the hospital only to live for eight more days. I thank God that she did not have to suffer long.

So on that lonely Saturday afternoon we saw the most beautiful flower of this land wither little by little until it was gone. But we are not worried for we feel assured that it was planted in that Beautiful Garden to live forever more.

Written by her broken-hearted daughter,
Floys Short

MARY ELLEN CLEINGER STILTNER

With great sadness and a broken heart and by the help of the Lord, I will try to write this obituary of a sainted Mother, sister Mary Ellen Cleinger Stiltner. She was born March 23, 1898 to Silas Didame Clevinger and deceased this life the 29th day of December 1982, making her stay here on earth 84 years, 7 months and 6 days.

Sister Mary married Enoch Stiltner at the age of 16. To this union was born nine children, three of whom preceded her in death. Her husband also preceded her in death May 20, 1965. Her six surviving children are Melba Harman, Jim Stiltner, and Jack Stiltner, all of Clyde, Ohio; Weltha Young, Sue Lockhart, of Maxie, Virginia; and also a grandson Clarence Young, whom she raised and loved as her own. She also leaves two half sisters and one half brother, Alice Rife, of Stacy Virginia, Julie Ann Stiltner and Claude Clevinger, of Green Cove Springs, Florida, 23 grandchildren and 22 great grandchildren.



She joined the Old Regular Baptist Church November 12, 1949 and was baptised by Elder Johnny Clevinger, and Elder Elmer Church, she took her membership at the Bull Creek Church and lived a devoted member and filled her seat regularly while living here. After she moved to Clyde, Ohio, she went to Little Bethel Church, and others regularly, but refused to move her membership from her home Church.

Grandma, to us, was the best grandma of all. She tried always to teach us right from wrong. She told us so many times she wasn't afraid to die. I feel she was prepared to leave us for a home the good Lord has for her. She was always so loving and gentle with us and I feel the good Lord took her that way, with love and gentleness. Each of her children and grandchildren were special to her. She never made a difference in us. We all loved her very much and we're going to miss her more than words can ever express.

Mother met a man called Jesus and she went to him praying and begging for his sweet mercy and I believe that God spoke peace to her soul, and on December 29, Jesus called and said, "Mother you have suffered enough, come Home where no more troubles nor pain, but all will be peace and joy forever more."

Written by her granddaughters
Cathy Duty, Marie Mullins, and
Brother Johnnie Bowman

This part written by her daughter Nell Harman:

Mommy was a kind and gentle woman who never had any enemies that I know of. I didn't get to be with mom in her last hour, but I know she has gone to be with God, for her life and love told me so.

Though I didn't get to say good-bye to mom in person, last night as I couldn't sleep, I went to the door and noticed a star in the sky. As I looked at the star it grew bigger and brighter than the rest. It twinkled as if mom was saying from the throne of God, "I will never be very far away from my family." Just look up and see me.

Though my sisters, brothers and I grieve, I know Mom is at peace. Her weak legs are as 16 again; her eyes are bright and need no glasses; her peace and rest is a young infant. Though my heart is breaking I know she is happy, so rest on Mom. I look forward to seeing her someday in Heaven.

Your loving daughter,
Nell Harman

MRS. CHOLE BESSIE JUDE STEVENS

Mrs. Chole Bessie Jude Stevens, wife of B. B. Stevens and the daughter of the late John Jude and Kizzie Bowen Jude. She was born October 8, 1914 and departed this life March 27, 1983. She was a member of the Baptist Church for 40 years. Also surviving are three step-sons, C.L., W.D., and Burley B. Stevens Jr. all of Ashland. One brother, Raymond Ray Jude of Yeager, West Virginia, one sister, Gertrude Harris of Freeburn, Kentucky and 11 grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild.



Sadly missed by:
Husband, B.B. Stevens and relatives

VIRGIE STUMBO

Virgie Stumbo, so often called Virg, was born in New Boston, Ohio, to the late Elder Aaron Pack and Nova Crisp Pack on March 23, 1924. She passed from this life on June 23, 1983. She was the eldest of 13 children. There are four who have preceded her in death. There are five brothers: Johnny Pack of Drift, Kentucky; Woodrow Pack of McDowell, Kentucky; Allen Pack of Pataskala, Ohio; Eugene Pack of Columbus, Ohio; Sherman Pack of Pataskala, Ohio. She also has three sisters: Eva Mullins of Reynoldsburg, Ohio; Anna Robinson of Columbus, Ohio; and Rebecca P. Hamilton of McDowell, Kentucky.

Virgie was more than a sister to the eight that are still surviving, she was a mother. She seemed to always have some comical happening that she would tell about that had happened to each of us while she was helping us to grow up. She could remember special things that always made our hearts glad. We all treasure the fact that "Virg" was there along the way. I want to take the privilege to say to my seven brothers and sisters that Virgie's death was a victory death in that she died in Jesus Christ and death was a blessing because she will live eternally with the Lord.

Virgie was joined in marriage to Joe E. Shannon in 1946 who preceded her in death and to this union was born two daughters, Nova Adkins of Reynoldsburg, Ohio and Dotty Lawson of Drift, Kentucky. In 1968, Virgie was married to G.L. (Dank) Stumbo of Cleveland, Ohio, formerly from McDowell, Kentucky. She has to remember her in love, four grandchildren and two step-daughters: Sue Stumbo Pack of Hueysville, Kentucky and Phyllis Stumbo Gould of Indiana, and seven step-grandchildren. Not only these but many relatives and friends will miss her because of the joy and the attitude that she so many times expressed about how she would live each day at a time. She often proclaimed to me with determination, "I'll live all that I can until I die" and that she did. With all of her many illnesses she still had a zeal to live and bring a little joy to those she met.

Virgie joined the Pleasant View Old Regular Baptist Church of Litchfield, Ohio, to where she made a visit in May of this year. She knew this would probably be her last trip to this church that she loved so well. She practically mentioned daily how she missed being with her brothers and sisters in the Lord that she loved dearly.

So with closing words, that have just begun to touch upon a life that has left an image in people's minds that even time can't take away, I would like to state that her love for life will be carried on in each of us that loved her dearly and all of those who know Jesus will spend eternity with Virgie.



Written by
Rebecca, her sister

DELLA RUNYON

With much sadness in my heart, I will try to write an obituary of my mother-in-law, Della Runyon, born August 21, 1912. She departed from this life October 16, 1982, making her stay here on earth 70 years, 1 month and 20 days.

She was the daughter of Ida and George Adkins. She met and married Nick Runyon on November 19, 1933. Unto this union was born 9 children. One preceded her



in death, Ida Louise Garner. Surviving is her husband Nick and 8 children: Albert Jr. Runyon, Vinton, Ohio; Harrison Runyon, Nelsonville, Ohio; Jerry Runyon, Middlesport, Ohio; Daniel Runyon, Wilksville, Ohio; David Runyon, Albany, Ohio; Juanita Runyon, Glouster, Ohio; Garnet Sue Calvin, Corning, Ohio; Donald R. Runyon, Glouster, Ohio. She was blessed with 31 grandchildren, of which one preceded her in death. She had 7 great-grandchildren to mourn her passing.

She was visiting relatives in West Virginia, when she passed away. I had talked with her two nights before her death, and she said she was having a wonderful time visiting her and Nick's family. They were on their way home the morning of October 16, when she said she couldn't breathe. They did all they could for her, but it was the Lord's will that she leave us. So long as she could talk she was praying to the Lord. We believe that she is in heaven waiting for her family to join her.

She is sadly missed and loved by her family and friends.

Written by her daughter-in-law
Vannessa Runyon

LIZZIE THORNSBERRY

In my weakness I will try to write an obituary of a Sister and Mother to us all of the "Regular Baptist family", Lizzie Jane Thornsberry. One that will be long remembered by all that knew her both "Saint and Sinner".

Lizzie was born July 1, 1905, and passed away August 18, 1982, making her stay on earth 77 years, 1 month and 18 days. She married John "Mart" Thornsberry in 1924 and they were blessed with eight children. Her husband Mart and their one infant son Luther preceded her in death, leaving six daughters and one son to mourn her loss; Delma Issac of Wakeman, Ohio, Thelma Thornsberry of Shelby, Ohio, Imilee Amburgey of Puncheon, Ky., Ivilean Brown of Plymouth, Ohio, Sarah Thornsberry of Shelby, Ohio. She also

leaves 14 grandchildren, 6 great-grandchildren, 1 brother, Merdie Hall of Puncheon, Kentucky, 3 sisters, Nora Thornsberry, Alma Hall, and Helen Hall. Preceding her in death was her father and mother Tommie T. Hall and Sarah Evelyn Hall and one brother Granville Hall.

She left a good example for the young sisters to follow. It would be good for them to pass it on to the generations to come. To the world she was a light they could look at and say she is an Old Regular Baptist. She loved the old church, she loved the order because 26 years ago she was born of the love of God and adopted into the Heavenly family, and obeyed God's command. She let her light so shine before the world that they could see her good works and glorify her father, which is in Heaven.

Even though Sister Lizzie enjoyed and loved the things of Heaven, she was not exempted from the pain and suffering here in this world. She was blessed to raise and enjoy a fine family. I have never met a more respected, honest, and hard working family. They loved their mother very much. In the last few years of her life as that terrible disease, cancer, weakened her body and brought her closer to the grave, they never turned their back on her, but stood by her, watched her suffer, to the end.

Children, as I write this I know not what you heart is with the Lord. Let me say as Mother would, "Don't let your soul be lost." Mother is gone to Heaven. That is where you will have to go if you see her again. As she was breathing her last breath, I was wondering what is she experiencing now? How I would have loved to have visioned the Angel that came after her. The first thought I had after her breath was gone was, "there'll be no more pain". We found where she wrote in the Bible this verse. "It matters not how long we live but how."

Written by her brother and sister in the Lord,
who loved her very much
Brother Buddy and Sister Carlene Carty



ALLIE TRIPLET

By the help of the good Lord we will try to write this obituary of our dear mother. I believe God sent his angel and took her to a beautiful home in glory.

She was the daughter of James and Martha Collins. They passed away several years ago. Mom was born December 25, 1904, making her stay on earth 77 years and 9 months. She was married to Dillard Collins. To this union was born 2 children, 1 son and 1 daughter who has died. Mom joined the Pilgrim Rest Church and then she met and married Harry King. To this union was born 2 daughters. She has 6 grand children and 6 great-grandchildren who are all still living, except one who is deceased. Mom always was so good to people who came to visit her when she wasn't able to go to church. I believe Mom lived a happy life. She prayed so many times for God to take her home to be with the angels.

Mom is gone to rest; but rest on because someday we will be together again. Mom passed away on September 26, 1982.

Written by,
Her daughter Kay Bird



CURTIS TRIPLET

Brother Curtis Triplett was born in Knott County, Kentucky, February 7, 1912 and departed this life June 9, 1983. He was the son of Zack and Elaza Martin Triplett who preceded him in death.

He married Minnie Wicker February 3, 1932. To this union five daughters were born.

Brother Curt leaves to mourn his passing his loving wife Minnie of Crestline, Ohio; five daughters: Doris Collins of Crestline, Ohio; Janice Mahon of Jackson, Mich.; Rochella Horsman of Lexington, Ohio; Rosella Leety of Denver, Colo.; and Flossie Kaple of Dover, Ohio; 16 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren; five sisters: Edith Justice of Galion, Ohio; Mauda Corder of Ray, Ohio; Margaret Farar of Palmetto, Fla.; Mary Wiczuk of Palmetto, Fla.; and Lucille Marlow of St.

Clair, Mich.; five brothers: Savalis of Wabash, Ind.; Reed of Tiro, Ohio; Creed of



Detroit, Mich.; and also many nieces, nephews and friends.

Besides his parents he was preceded in death by six brothers, Mitchell, Lacey, William, Lee, Otis, Dave and Freddie, one sister Girlie Warrens.

Brother Curt joined the Old Regular Baptist Church the 2nd Sunday in April 1973 and remained a true and faithful member. He was a retired employee of the Shelby Depot. He will be missed by all who knew him.

"A beautiful flower was picked today, to bloom forever in our Master's bouquet."

Written by brother-in-law and brother in the Church
Elliot Corder

SOL TACKETT, JR.

It is with a sad and broken heart that I try to write this obituary. I pray that God will guide me through it. Seems like there has been a lot of obituaries to write lately and it gets harder and lonelier. This is hard because he was not only our brother, but a very special person, friend, father and helper.

Sol Tackett Jr. was born December 15, 1932, deceased May 21, 1983, making his stay on earth 50 years, 5 months and 6 days. He was the son of Sol and Annie (Osborne) Tackett. His mother, father and two brothers (Earl and Bob) preceded him in death. He leaves to mourn his loss, but heaven's gain, his wife Joyce; one daughter, Linda Laurel; 5 sons Larry, Wendell, Buddy, Rick and Mike, all of Belleville, Mi.; one step-daughter Dierce Gilliam of Vanceburg, Ky.; and 2 step-sons, Wesley Manning of Taylor and Lynn Manning of Belleville; 2 brothers, James of Wayne and Clarence of River Rouge; 5 sisters, Catherine, Bertha, Margie, Mae, and Mary, all of Belleville; and many nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, friends and relatives. He loved all his children and step children dearly. I believe he and Dierce were as close as any father and daughter could be. She lived close to him and spent more time with him.

I feel that Brother Junior was a light to all that knew him. He always had a smile and was always trying to help someone. Aunt Dolly was one of his special aunts. She went to church with him a lot. And Joe was one of his special uncles. When he went to Melvin he would spend a night with him.

His wife said he was never a person to waste time. He would get up earlier on his day off than he would when he had to be on the job, and would work around the place. He always sang as he worked.

Just before Brother Junior went to have open heart surgery, he asked to speak to Brother Clarence alone. He told him that there was nothing standing in his way.



That he had been longing to see mommy for a long time. That the surgery could go either way. That he was ready to die. We will all miss him so very much. As I said before, he was very special to us all. And I want to say to all who read this and to his children and family, I believe Brother Junior is waiting for us. And there is only one way from earth to heaven and that is repentance of your sins, something everyone can do if they want to.

Written by his loving sister
Margie Burke

NORMAN QUENTIN TURNER

Norman Quentin Turner, born Sept. 27, 1932, at Bulan (Perry County) Kentucky to Wayne and Malinda Caudill Turner, passed from this life to a home that I believe is of eternal rest, at 4:07 AM January 31st, 1983.

He leaves to mourn his loss his mother Malinda of Louisville, Ky., one brother Coeburn Wayne of Shelbyville, Ky., one sister Lillian Lucille of Louisville, Ky., one brother-in-law John Cheney, one sister-in-law Lois Jean Turner, 7 nephews and 2 nieces, and many friends and relatives.

Norman served several years through the Korean War while in the Army and then later in the Marines. He was a member of the Disabled American Veterans, Highland Post #89 and a member of Philip Swigert Masonic Lodge #218.

From the time Norman was in Korea he claimed a hope in Christ and on one occasion wrote a letter home from a foxhole that he was in that listed names of his buddies that had requested that the church he believed in pray for them. Daddy took the letter to church (Little Dove Old Regular Baptist) and what a meeting they had that day. Norman might not have lived as close as he could but neither do any of us live as close as we should. Norman was not physically able to attend church as we do, he was so afraid of not being able to get enough air or that his coughing might offend someone. But he was blessed with a little wisdom and more understanding than most, of the Holy Scriptures that we hold so dear. The biggest part of his conversation was about the Goodness and Mercy of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Norman lived alone at the Sycamore Terrace apartments in Shelbyville, Ky. where he had several friends, none of which belonged to the Old Baptist but he let everyone know that the Old Regular Baptist was his belief.

Before Norman became disable he worked as a Chef in many of the finer restaurants in Louisville but for the past 10 years suffered with a severe respiratory condition (emphesema) that overworked his heart to the point that heart failure resulted. Everyone who knew him will surely miss him but I believe he is at rest with



the Lord. God promises that we will not suffer more than we can stand and a few days before Norman passed away he told me that God promised him that he would not smother to death but that his heart would be the cause of his death and that it would be easy. "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord . . ."

The Bible teaches that the body returns to the dust as it was and the Spirit unto God who gave it. When the last trumpet sounds the body will be reunited with the spirit, in the air, to form a most glorious body, liken unto His glorious body and if one has died in Christ will be raised in Christ and taken home with Him to dwell forevermore.

I know that Norman's last request would be that everyone that names the name of the Lord depart from iniquity and that every sinner repent and be born again.

*Norman fought in the Korean War and came out alive,
Thanks be to the Lord
Norman fought with Satan and Sin and came out alive,
Thanks be to the Lord
Norman fought with life and the world and came out (through death) alive
forevermore.
Thanks be to the Lord.*

It was Norman's desire to be laid to rest at the feet of Dad in the family plot in Riverside Cemetery, Hazard, Ky.

Written by his mother and brother
Malinda and Elder C.W. Turner

EMMA (M) VANCE

With the help of the Lord we will try to write the obituary of our beloved mother-in-law, Emma Amburgey Vance. Emma was born March 10, 1918, and departed this life July 8, 1983.

She was the daughter of John J. and Mary Amburgey, step-daughter of Levi Page, all of whom have preceded her in death.

At the age of 16 Emma met and married Arnold (Tank) Vance who has also preceded her in death.

Of this union were born 6 children, 5 daughters and 1 son. Malta Pack of Cleveland, Ohio; Janice Harris of Huntington, Indiana; Joyce Ann Hall of Kite, Kentucky; Inez Houser of Andrews, Indiana, Doffey Vance of Cleveland, Ohio; and Sandra Kay Hurley of Kite, Kentucky. Emma had 13 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren.

She was the sister of Tory Hall of Drift, Kentucky; Della Newsome of Melvin,



Kentucky, Delphia Vance of Jackscreek, Kentucky, Matt and Nancy Page of Kite, Kentucky.

Emma had had two heart attacks and had been afflicted for 18 years. Through all her suffering she never complained and still had time for her children. She told her children she believed she had a better home to go to.

She leaves to mourn her loss a host of friends both here and in Ohio, where she had made her home the last few years. She will surely be missed by all who knew her.

Written by son-in-law Elder Jesse Pack and
Daughter-in-law JoAnn Vance

P.S. Many nights I would hear Em and check her room to see if she was ok only to find her on her knees praying. I'd quietly close the door once again satisfied that she was ok. Now only five days after she had been taken away from us, her son found a note in her handwriting, which she left behind, I'm sure, to help us in our grief. It said, there's nothing coming up that me and the Lord can't handle. We feel that she and the Lord had it all worked out.

JoAnn Vance

ARNOLD (TANK) VANCE

With the help of the Lord, I will try to write an obituary of my Dad Tank Vance.

Daddy was born October 29, 1914, and left this life and Mom and us children August 10, 1965. He was the son of the late John W. Vance and Sarah (Honeycutt) Vance. He met and married Emma (Amburgey). To this union was born 6 children, 5 daughters and one son all left with their mother to mourn his loss.

Daddy had been sick for several years, and had gone to Arizona for his health, staying there a number of years. He got worse and wanted to come home to Kentucky before he died. He lived to



get to McDowell Hospital in McDowell, Kentucky. Then he left this life and family all behind. He wanted to see Maw his mother to tell her he loved her and that he brought the Lord home with him. He told us all the Lord had forgiven him his sins.

Dad has two brothers left, Leslie Vance of Dupont, Indiana and Doffey Vance, of Bevinville, Kentucky. Three sister, Thelma Anderson, Mae Caudill, and Nola Perry all of Topmost, Kentucky. Besides his mother whom he loved and missed so bad he left so many friends from far and near whom he loved so dearly. The years have gone slowly by since dad left us, but the pain and loneliness is as new as the day he left. But oh what a consolation it is to believe with all your heart, that our loss is heaven's gain. That he'll never suffer and have difficulty breathing anymore.

Written by his daughter who loved and misses him so much, Malta Pack

CLINTON WESLEY VITITOE

With a lump in my throat and a tear in my eye I will write about an angel who left my arms too soon.

Clinton Wesley Vititoe was born July 22, 1982 and departed this life January 22, 1983. Besides his parents he is survived by his sister Amanda Dawn. Maternal grandparents are Donald and Betty Barnett. Maternal great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. John Mullins, all of Route 1, Hamden, Ohio.

He was a son anyone would have been proud to have because he was so special. Clinton was born with several birth defects, water on the brain, cleft lip and cleft palate, seizures which weakened his heart, and he was severely hand-capped.

For six months Clinton suffered and cried until God took his pain away. At that time I didn't care about what Clinton would have wanted, I was selfish and wanted to keep him. But God knew that he suffered more than we could ever imagine. As time went on I realized that I could learn to live without him knowing that he is happy and resting in God's arms. For his happiness means more to me than my own feelings.

I hope someday to see you Bubby "Shouting on That Heavenly Shore."



Sadly missed by his parents
Clifford and Donna Vititoe
Sister Amanda

Death of an Angel

*We have done all we can do Clinton,
for someone as dear as you.
Daddy and I planted grass today,
upon the grave where below you lay.
Your tombstone is in place upon the hill,
where life seems so peaceful and still.
I can't explain to sissy why God called you away,
she asked about you each passing day.
For six months you suffered and cried,
the tears in our eyes we could not hide.
Many doctors told us that we were wrong,
to let you live for that long.
Life is for God to take away,
not for someone else to say.
Rest my angel till judgement day,
when God calls his children home to stay.*

Written by his Mother

ELSIE WALLEN

Psalms 95:7. For He is our God, and we are the people of His pasture, and the sheep of His hand.

With deep sorrow, we will try through God's infinite mercies to write the obituary of our beloved sister, Elsie Wallen. One of 11 children, Elsie was born November 6, 1910 to the late Willie and Jane Mullins of Myra, Kentucky. Mother, father, 4 brothers, and one sister preceded her in death. On December 24, 1929, Elsie married Robert Lloyd Wallen, and to this union God granted 4 children: Joy Beverly of Trenton, MI; Kathleen Beverly of Nashville, TN; Virginia Vandenburg of Riverview, MI; and Robert Lloyd Wallen, Jr. of Wyandotte, MI. Elsie departed this life April 20, 1983, after a brief stay in the hospital, making her stay here on God's



footstool 72 years, 5 months and 13 days. She suffered many afflictions in this life, but God sent that angel and called her to that home she spoke of so often.

She leaves to mourn her husband of 53 years, her children, 15 grandchildren, 7 great-grandchildren, 2 brothers: Sylvester Mullins of Riverview, MI, and General Mullins of Haysi, VA, 3 sisters: Nona Mullins of Odessa, FL, Maxie Akers of Trenton, MI, and Emma Tackett of Ravenna, OH, and a host of friends and loved ones to mourn their loss.

In her early years, Elsie saw her need of a Savior, and on the second Sunday of October 1939 she was baptised into the Pilgrim Rest Church of Old Regular Baptist, by the late Elder Ballard Baker. Later, she brought her membership to the Little Ida Church of Ecorse, MI, where she was a faithful member at the time of her death. She filled her seat faithfully and spoke with love in her heart for all who came through the doors of the church. A soft spoken sister, one could hear her quietly praising God, and saying she was waiting for a better home. She is now resting in peace, her afflictions gone in this life, awaiting the redemption of the noble resurrection.

This writer will remember with fond memories a dear sister in Christ, her walks of this life a light to all that knew her. Children, treasure the sweet memories of a dear mother who loved and prayed for you and the life she led before you all. Take heed to God's commandments, walk in the way, that you may be united in heaven beyond this vale of tears.

To Lloyd her dear husband, you have many fond memories to remember of your life here together, treasure them, ready yourself to meet her again on the other side of the river.

Your servants in Christ,
Brother Ralph and Sister Leona Caudill

ERNEST WALLLEN

I will try by the help of the Lord to write an obituary of my dad, Ernest Wallen. He was born January 27, 1908, in Brethitt County, Kentucky. He departed this life May 20, 1983, making his stay here on earth 75 years, 4 months, and 4 days.

He leaves to mourn his death his wife Elisa Shepherd Wallen, who he married on March 27, 1928. They were married for 55 years. To this union were born two sons Robert and Joe both of Rochester, and one daughter Roxie Collins also of Rochester. He is also survived by 4 sisters, Amanda Valdiz of Silvas, Calif., Fanny Robinson, of Liberty Mills, Ind., Lilly Miller of Ind., and Levena Smith of Michigan. He is also survived by 15 grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren. All mourn his death.



He was preceded in death by his parents, Robert and Arzella Wallen, one sister Susie Crisp, and one brother James Wallen, and one granddaughter, Diane Wallen.

Dad joined The Little Pilgrim Home Church on September 9, 1962. He was baptised by Elder Willie Collins and Elder Robert Hunter. He loved all his brothers and sisters of the church. He filled his seat as long as he was able. I would like to say to his children and grandchildren that repentance is required at the hands of every man and woman. Dad went through that travel many years ago and is at rest with Jesus now. If you want to see Dad again, make things right with Jesus and join that Heavenly Band. Let's all walk the Golden Street together singing the praises of God.

Written by a broken-hearted son
Elder Robert Wallen

DOROTHY THORNSBERRY WATTS

By the help of the good Lord I will try to write an obituary of one who was loved so much by many friends and relatives. Written words are meaningless as an obituary because I believe one writes their own obituary by the life they live and surely if anyone tried to write about Dorothy they would need several volumes to hold all the words that need to be written.

Dorothy was born to Julius and Virginia (Amburgey) Young on February 6, 1906, at Bath, Kentucky. Showing the goodness of her heart, at an early age, in 1928, she met a widowed man by the name of Whitt Thornsberry who had a young daughter named Ethel. Whitt and Dorothy were married in that year and to this union were born three sons: Julius W. of Jasper, Ind.; Roger Russell of Hindman, Ky.; and David of Batesville, Ind.; three daughters: Bethel Seals of Littcarr, Ky.; Melvina Bentley Slone of Hazard, Ky.; and Lois Jean Turner of Shelbyville, Kentucky. One daughter Geneva and step-daughter Ethel Vance preceded her in death.



In 1956 the Lord called and Whitt left this world of toil and trouble (after several years of illness) to what we believe to be a land of peace and happiness. A few years later Dorothy became acquainted with the Old Church where she met and married Rich Smith and both served as deacons of the New Home Church until Rich passed away. Dorothy later met and married Nelson Smith of Buckhorn, Ky., but the death angel came once more and claimed Nelson. Dorothy had been a person who needed someone to take care of. She was so good to take care of her father in the last years of his life when he should have been in a nursing home. Dorothy was always there to visit and care for the sick. When any of the neighbors were sick or needed comforting Dorothy was there. At the time of her death she was married to Ivan Watts of Garner, Ky.

Dorothy had one brother who preceded her in death, Lafayette Young. Seven sisters survive to mourn the loss: Rachel Collins and Ethel Collins of Batesville, Ind., Bethel Fields, Alta Amburgey and Devada Durham of Florida, Diance Asher of Texas and Betty Combs of Sassafras, Ky. Dorothy was blessed to have 31 grandchildren, 38 great-grandchildren and 1 great-great-grandchild.

The Lord had blessed Dorothy with good health until a few days before her death when she experienced difficulties with her heart. I don't believe there was anyone more active than she at 77 years of age. You should have seen the big garden she had and how clean it was kept. But the Lord has another garden for her to view. He has a set time for each of us, some may be alive when the final end of all comes, but there is no promise of tomorrow.

I believe Dorothy is at rest at the feet of Jesus waiting for that last trumpet to sound when the body will be reunited with the soul where we'll meet Him in the cloud to go home to be with Him forevermore.

Dorothy traded her little house by the side of the road for a mansion in heaven. Children if you ever expect to see that land where Granny's going, you'll have to get prepared while here on earth. I believe her last advice would be to seek Jesus while you are young and He can still be found.

Blessed be the name of the Lord and may He watch and keep us until that final day comes when we will see Him for ourselves and not another. Let everything that has breath praise the Lord.

Written by a loving son-in-law
Elder Coeburn W. Turner

BOB G. BENTLEY

*God moves in a mysterious way,
His wonders to perform,
He plants His footsteps upon the sea,
And Rides upon the storm.
Judge not the Lord by feeble sense,
But trust Him for His grace,
Behind a frowning Providence
He hides a smiling face.*

We do not always understand the high ways of our God. But we do know that He is a good, all wise and all powerful God and that He does all things well. He has His ways in the Armies of the Heavens, and among the inhabitants of the earth and none can stay His hand. He speaks and it is done, He guides all those who trust and believe in Him along what may seem a rugged pathway, but into one which leads to green pastures, beside clear still waters. He gives us wisdom and knowledge to travel where He leads.

Our darling husband, and father and son, Bob Gene Bentley was born November 19, 1932, in Lothair, Perry County, Kentucky, in the home of John (Buster) and Eula Mae Cuddy Bentley. The Bentleys later moved to Millstone in Letcher County, Kentucky, where Bob grew into manhood.

On Millstone he had a little neighbor girl Dottie Kiser who he met when he was eight and she was six, he decided then when he grew to be a man he would make her his wife.

Time passed, as time has a way of doing, his little Dottie had grown up and went away to college, Bob went away to the Army, during the Korean War, both came back to Millstone, grown into manhood and womanhood and voiced their love for each other. On July 4, 1955, they stood up before a man of God, Elder Elbert Bentley, in the home of her parents and said their marriage vows. And these childhood sweethearts kept these marriage vows until death separated them when Bob crossed the last river on February 23, 1983, at age 50, into that land, where we feel he shall never grow old or weary.

To this union was born four children: Ronald Bentley, their first born, Jeannie Annette Mason, Jessica Dawn, and Robert Kevin, who, with his beloved Dottie, and one granddaughter, Kimberly Sue, survive him. Also surviving him are his invalid



father, his mother, one brother, Bill Bentley, of Millstone, two sisters, Charlene McElroy, also Millstone, Bernice Noble of Cleveland, Ohio, a host of relatives and friends.

Bob became ill with a heart attack in May 1981 and was never well again. He was able to go to church and loved going to the Antioch Regular Baptist Church and lately went as often as he was able to go. Bob and his mother-in-law, who loved him as her own son, had some wonderful talks about the Lord. Bob told many people he was praying, and we believe that God never turns away a praying and penant heart. Brother Hillard Newsome tells us that he had a dream about Bob. He dreamed that Bob was looking well and said to him, "Things have changed at our house, me and Dottie are praying." We feel that both prayed and will be reunited again around the throne.

So, we say to our beloved Bob, whom we feel has gone down into the valley to gather lillies, "Sleep on, and we shall see you again on that great homecoming day."

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,

Elder Baxter Osborne

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