

# MINUTES

OF THE

## THIRTY-SECOND ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

### Northern New Salem Association of Old Regular Baptist of Jesus Christ



In Session Assembled With

### Little Ida Church

### August 4, 5, 6, 1989

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**Letter of Condolence  
to  
Our Sister Associations**

We, the Philadelphia Association would like to express our deepest sympathy on the passing of your dear brothers, sisters and friends.

It is our prayer that we would show more love and kindness toward each other and the world, that they may know that there is reality in serving the true and living God.

May Brotherly love continue

The Clerks: Brother Paul E. Morrison  
Brother Lowell Adkins

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**Dedication to the memory  
of the Late Elders,  
Brothers and Sisters of the  
Northern New Salem Association**

We wish to express our deepest sympathy in the loss of our dear love ones that has departed since our last setting. In loving memories, we dedicate this the thirty-second Annual Session of the Northern New Salem Association to their memory and the memory of the late Eld. Virgil Wicker. We expect to see our love ones in a happier, brighter world above. Our skies are dark today, but the sunshine will come tomorrow, when we shall see them again, to part no never.

Your servant,  
Bro. Newsome — Clerk

# PROCEEDINGS

Of The  
Thirty-Second Annual Session of the  
Northern New Salem Association of Old Regular Baptist  
The Church of Jesus Christ

August 4, 5, 6, 1989

## Friday Session, August 4, 1989

Arriving from distances far and near were pilgrims, both young and old, to attend the 32nd Annual Session of this blessed old association. Seeing each other, receiving a warm handshake, friendly smiles and words of kindness. Soon caused one to forget the many miles one had traveled to be among God's people.

As they lifted their voices high in singing the inspiring songs of Zion in honor and praise to our Heavenly Father, an humble servant to wit Eld. Danny Adams was preparing to come forward and introduced the services. Very humble in spirit he began to lead us about Zion, considering her palaces. Begging all to love one another, and let another generation tell of his goodness to another generation. That all the world may know of his salvation. In the meekness of the spirit Bro. Adams led us in prayer.

Eld. Paris Tackitt, approaching the stand with much fear to deliver the introductory sermon. Soon was blessed to preach from the 2nd chapter of Isaiah, 5th verse. "O house of Jacob, come ye, and let us walk in the light of the Lord." Begging all to prepare themselves, for a great flood was coming on the earth. As in the days of Noah. Let's walk in the light. Speak well of each other, love one another and the world will know that you are my disciples.

After delivery of the introductory sermon, Eld. Roy Caudill, Moderator, invited those who were not delegates to assemble at the tent, provided for the preaching services, and those who were delegates to remain in the house to conduct the business of the Northern New Salem Association, this the 32nd Annual Session.

After assembling in the house and one of Zion's songs being sung, Eld. Frank O'Quinn — Union, was called on to make remarks, which were very warm and inspiring. Prayer by same.

Eld. Roy Caudill, Moderator, came forward and announced that the thirty-second Annual-Session of the Northern New Salem Association was now in working order.

## Friday, August 4, 1989

1. The Moderator called for the letter from the churches that compose the Northern New Salem Association to be handed into the Clerk, on motion by Eld. Buford Brock, second by Eld. Forest Osborne. The letter from the Little Ida Church was read by the Clerk. A motion was made by Eld. James Branham, second by Eld. Bart Potter to receive 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. The following Elders were appointed to take the vote: Elder Edwin Hay, Bro. Paul Morrison and Bro. Elzie Reed.  
Officers elected:  
Moderator ..... Eld. Roy Caudill  
Assistant Moderator ..... Eld. Paris Tackitt  
Clerk ..... Eld. Hillard Newsome  
Assistant Clerk ..... Eld. C. W. Turner  
(a) Noted by the Association concerning our finance committee and was moved and seconded that our finance committee be appointed at the same time of the election of officers. The committee appointed consisted of Elders Ray Hamilton, Ralph Caudill and Hiram Adkins.
3. On motion of Eld. Ray Hamilton, second by Eld. Hendricks Hampton the Moderator was authorized to make all temporary appointments.
4. On motion by Eld. Ray Hamilton, second by Eld. Larry Newsome, reading of the Constitution and Articles of Faith were omitted by the same motion the Clerk was asked to read the Rules of Decorum.
5. Called for legally organized churches of our same faith and order desiring to join our union and none responded.
6. Called for Associations of our same faith and order desiring to continue a Godly correspondence and the following responded by letter and delegate.  
(a) **New Salem** - Represented by the following delegates: Pete Hensley, Woody Pack, Jimmy Waddles, Don Adkins, Hiram Adkins, Hurschel Hamilton, Roger Hicks, Talmage Hicks, Bill Hicks, C. B. Smith and Calvin Burke. Letter in the hands of Eld. Woody Pack. A motion was made by Eld. Forest Osborne, second by Bro. Henry Hobson to receive their letter and seat the delegates with us in council. They were given the righthand of fellowship.  
(b) **Union** - Represented by the following delegates: Arvid Blevins, Earl Hill, Bill Thompson, Carl Ousley, Edward Estep, Charles Tackitt,

Palmar Hamilton, Rollin Hollins, Sollie Miller, Jr., Clyde Blankenship, Frank O'Quinn, Bill Ison, Bill Dunbar, Hagger Tuttle, Jessie Vires, Jean Johnson and Marvin Hall. Letter in the hands of Eld. Frank O'Quinn. A motion was made by Eld. Ralph Caudill, second by Eld. Bart Potter to receive their letter and seat the delegates with us in council. They were given the righthand of fellowship.

- (c) **Philadelphia** - Represented by the following delegates: Paul Morrison, Doug Colgrove, Harlan Barney, Luther H. Ramey, Jr., Lowell Adkins and Bobby Baker. Letter in the hands of Bro. Lowell Adkins. A motion was made by Eld. Johnnie Newsome, second by Eld. Forest Osborne to receive their letter and seat the delegates with us in council. They were given the righthand of fellowship.
  - (d) **Sardis** - Represented by the following delegates: Edwin Hay, Maynard Hay, Hobart Hamilton, Jackson Holbrooks, Gary Holbrooks, Emmerson Jarrell. Letter in the hands of Eld. Edwin Hay. A motion was made by Eld. Donal Gibson, second by Eld. Robert Wallen to receive their letter and seat the delegates with us in council. They were given the righthand of fellowship.
  - (e) **Old Friendship** - Represented by the following delegates: Lacy Justice, Eddie Cooper, Elzie Reed and Leonard Coleman. A motion was made by Eld. Buford Brock, second by Eld. Ray Hamilton to receive their letter and seat the delegates with us in council. They were given the righthand of fellowship.
7. The Moderator appointed a committee consisting of the delegates from the Little Ida 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) Hobart Hamilton - Sardis, (2) Earl Lawson - . Saturday morning — Elders: (1) Lacy Justice - Old Friendship, (2) Frank O'Quinn - Union; (3) Edwin Hay - Sardis, (4) Hershell Hamilton - (5) Hiram Adkins both of New Salem.
8. Called for transient ministers and members of our same faith and order and the following responded: Doug McCarty, Mike Slone, Ellis Banks, Hargis Tuttle, Stoney Blackburn, David Slone, Glenn Maddix, John Paul Hamilton, Earl Hill, Kelby Deel, Lonnie Mounts, Sam Franks, Bill Dunbar, Franklin Holt, C. W. Turner, Hillard Newsome, Danny Hamilton, Hayes Chaffins, Eddie Slone, Claude Dixon and Morris Wicker.
9. A motion was made by Eld. Robert Wallen second by Eld. Hendricks Hampton that we the Northern New Salem Association correspond by letter and delegate with the following associations and the Clerk prepare the letters to said associations: (a) New Salem, (b) Union, (c) Philadelphia, (d) Sardis and (e) 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 2 p.m. Friday evening.
  - (a) On motion by Eld. Larry Newsome, second by Eld. Ray Hamilton, the Association adjourned until 9 a.m. Saturday morning, August 5, 1989.
  - (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 (1) Eld. Hobart Hamilton, and (2) Eld. Earl Lawson.

## Saturday, August 5, 1989

The delegates met pursuant to adjournment Friday evening at the house to continue the work of the Association. As a lite mist was falling outside, inside the Little Ida Church, voices were lifted high. Singing the inspring songs of Zion, giving God praise, glory and honor for all his goodness. In a very meek and humble spirit Eld. Woody Pack - New Salem, introduced the services, led in prayer, that surely our Heavenly Father was pleased with.

1. Called the roll of delegates and marked the absentees.
2. The Bill of Arrangements was read by the Clerk. Eld. Johnnie Bently made a motion, second by Eld. Part Potter to receive the Bill of Arrangements and discharge the committee.
3. The Circular Letter written by Elder Donel Gibson for our 1989 Session was read by him. A motion was made by Eld. Robert Wallen, second by Eld. Buddy W. Carty to receive the letter and have it printed in our 1989 minutes. By the same motion, Eld. Danny Hamilton was chosen to write a Circular Letter, subject to approval at our 1989 session.
4. The finance committee appointed Friday. Item 2a consisting of Elders: Ray Hamilton, Ralph Caudill and Hiram Adkins gave their report as follows:

1989 Church contributions .....	\$4,452.00
1988 Picture contributions .....	382.00
Other contributions .....	501.00
<b>Total money received for 1989 .....</b>	<b>\$5,335.00</b>

A motion was made by Bro. Leonard Robinson, second by Eld. Jim Curry to accept the report of the finance committee and discharge them of their duties.

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

### Treasurer Report

Total money on hand August 1, 1988 .....	\$1,625.60
1988 Church contributions .....	4,385.00
1988 Picture contributions .....	687.50
Other contributions .....	0
<b>Total money on hand August 7, 1988 .....</b>	<b>\$6,698.10</b>

#### 1988 Expenses

Printer's fee .....	\$5,816.00
Secretary's fee .....	200.00
Safe deposit box rental .....	40.00
Postage U.P.S. freight .....	257.07
Supplies .....	6.64
<b>Total expenses for 1988 .....</b>	<b>\$6,319.71</b>
Total money on hand Aug. 7, 1988 .....	\$6,698.10
Less 1988 expenses .....	6,319.71
	<u>\$ 378.39</u>
Plus interest on Savings Account .....	23.17
<b>Balance August 1, 1989 .....</b>	<b>\$ 401.56</b>
Plus money received for 1989 .....	\$5,335.00
<b>Total money on hand August 6, 1989 .....</b>	<b>\$5,736.56</b>

6. A motion was made by Eld. Buford Brock, second by Eld. Larry Newsome to accept the treasurer's report. By the same motion Eld. Hillard Newsome was appointed recording secretary. He is to have 4,500 copies of the current minutes printed and distributed among the churches according to their contributions. The secretary is to receive \$200.00 for his services. Printer's fee is to appear on the front cover.
7. Eld. Buddy W. Carty made a motion, second by Eld. Bart Potter that obituaries of deceased members and friends of the Northern New Salem Association be printed in the current minutes. They are to be typewritten and double spaced. A charge of \$12.00 for pictures was approved by the delegates.
8. The following ministers were chosen by the committee to preach Saturday evening and Sunday. Saturday evening: Elders: (1) Arvid Blevins - Union, (2) Russell Hicks, (3) Hillard Newsome - both of Northern New Salem. Sunday morning: Elders: (1) Estill Hamilton - Union, (2) Roger Hicks, (3) Woody Pack - both of New Salem and (4) Roy Caudill, - Northern New Salem.

9. Called on the Elders to report the Union meetings and Associations attended for the year 1988 and 1989. Eld. Buddy W. Carty made a motion, second by Eld. Bart Potter to receive the report of the Elders given and excuse them of their failures and admonish them to try harder in the future.
10. In compliance with item #9 of Friday's work, we correspond with the following associations.
  - (a) **New Salem** — When convened with the host churches. To be held at the Association Building, Minnie, Floyd County, Ky. Beginning on Friday before the fourth Saturday in September 1989 and continuing the two following days. Delegates to attend: Roy Caudill, Paris Tackitt, Ballard Brown, Ray Hamilton, James Branham, Johnnie Newsome, David Slone, Sam Franks, C. W. Turner, Hillard Newsome, Rich Griffith, Ralph Caudill and Jerry Runyon. Letter in the hands of Eld. Hillard Newsome.
  - (b) **Union** — When convened with the host churches. To be held at the Fairgrounds, Wise, Wise County, Va. Beginning on Friday before the third Saturday in September 1989 and continuing the two following days. Delegates to attend: Roy Caudill, Paris Tackitt, Johnnie Newsome, Bart Potter, Doug McCarty, Terry Hall, Matt Slone, Woodrow Thacker, David Slone, Ezra Thornsby, Johnnie Bentley, Earnest Thornsby and Rich Griffith. Letter in the hands of Eld. Paris Tackitt.
  - (c) **Philadelphia** — When convened with the Friendship Church at the Association Building, Worthington, Ky. Beginning on Friday before the 2nd Saturday in August 1989 and continuing the two following days. Delegates to attend: Buford Brock, Roy Caudill, Kilby Deel, Johnnie Newsome, Sam Franks and Paris Tackitt. Letter in the hands of Eld. Roy Caudill.
  - (d) **Sardis** — When convened with the Southern Home Church, Sparr, Florida (near Ocala). Beginning on Friday before the 2nd Saturday in September 1989 and continuing the two following days. Delegates to attend: Roy Caudill, Paris Tackitt, Johnnie Newsome, Forest Osborne and Bart Potter. Letter in the hands of Eld. Paris Tackitt.
  - (e) **Old Friendship** — When convened with the Mary Lou Church, Paynesville, W. Va. Beginning on Friday before the fourth Saturday in August 1989 and continuing the two following days. Delegates to attend: Buford Brock, Roy Caudill, Paris Tackitt, Johnnie Newsome, Sam Franks, Raymond Stapleton, and Joshua Hicks. Letter in the hands of Eld. Johnnie Newsome.
11. On motion by Bro. Webb Hopkins, second by Eld. James Curry the request of the Little Flock Church was granted. Requesting the printing of

how we obtained our Constitution, Articles of Faith, Rules of Decorum or of the Rules and Orders of our Mother, the New Salem Association.

The following taken from the record of the Northern New Salem Association, when organized on the 19th day of October 1957.

"By unanimous voice this Association agreed to adopt the Articles of Faith, Rules of Decorum, and the Constitution of our mother the New Salem Association. Also all rules and orders governing her body."

12. Upon request by the delegates from the Little Angel church, it was agreed by them to take their request back concerning lettering back to the Indian Bottom Association.

A motion was made by Eld. Buddy W. Carty, second by Eld. Joshua Hicks to abide by the motion in our 1986 minutes, item 11 of Saturdays work for one more year concerning the Indian Bottom Association. As our mother the New Salem Association is labouring with the Indian Bottom Association.

13. The Pilgrims Home Church delegates agreed to take their request back concerning receiving double married into the Church. As they were satisfied with the advice given to the Little Flock Church in item 11 of the current minutes.
14. A motion was made by Eld. Buford Brock, second by Eld. James Curry to grant the request from the Little Flossie Church, requesting the changing of their Union and Communion meeting time.
15. Eld. Harold Senters made a motion, second by Eld. Ray Hamilton to grant the Antioch Church request. Requesting that we the Northern New Salem Association purchase a fireproof safety box to keep our permanent record books in.
16. On motion by Eld. Bart Potter, second by Eld. Hendricks Hampton the request from the Pleasant View Church was granted. Requesting the name of J. E. Tolliver be removed from the list of ordained ministers, for failing to comply with orders of the church.
17. Bro. Dan Thornsby made a motion, second by Eld. James Curry to grant the request of the Pleasant View Church, Litchfield, Ohio, the privilege of hosting the 1990 session of the Northern New Salem Association.
18. By a secret vote of the delegates present, Eld. Russell Hicks was chosen to preach the introductory sermon at our 1990 session and Eld. Johnnie Newsome is to be his alternate.
19. On motion by Eld. Buford Brock, second by Eld. Donal Gibson reading of the current minutes were omitted.

20. Eld. Ray Hamilton made a motion, second by Eld. Larry Newsome that the clerk prepare a note of Condolence to our Sister Associations and also to our beloved Association.

21. On motion by Eld. Johnnie Bentley, second by Bro. Dan Thornsbury it was agreed that we the Northern New Salem Association adjourn until the time and place mentioned in item #17 of the current minutes.

Elder Roger Hicks - New Salem Association, was called on to make remarks. He was blessed to gather corn from the mountain top, draw water from the everlasting fountain. Which gave strength to God's people and satisfied their thirst for a drink of life's pure water. Eld. Hicks was blessed to offer a very warm and uplifting prayer.

Done and signed by order of the Association.

Eld. Roy Caudill .....Moderator  
Eld. Paris Tackitt .....Assistant Moderator  
Eld. Hillard Newsome .....Clerk  
Eld. C. W. Turner .....Assistant Clerk

Speaking on behalf of the Northern New Salem Association, I am without words to express to you precious ones in the north land, our love and appreciation for your kindness, consideration and hospitality shown to one and all. Your doors swung open on hinges of love, inviting the weary traveler to stop by for a spell, rest awhile, enjoy our food, prepared for you, with hands of love.

Bless you children for the helping hands, smiles and all the long hours of labor you gave to help the Little Ida Church. May the love and blessings of the Lord always remain with the precious ones from the Rose of Sharon, Morning Star, Little Zion and Ypsilanti churches who gave so much of your goodness in our time of need. We love you all, everyone, everybody.

Wasn't many living in Campers Village, but those who did was good to see you, we appreciate all you did and please stop visit with us at Pleasant View, August 1990.

Your humble servant, Bro. Newsome — Clerk

## Sabbath Morning, August 7, 1989

Arising early to the dawn of a new day, and to see the sunrise of an early morning was oh! so pleasant. Yet assembling together in the sanctuary of the Little Ida Church, to worship the God of our salvation, was joy unspeakable. As the voices of the congregation began to sing the songs of Zion, one soon forgot the many miles one had to travel to their earthly home here. Yet their hopes for a brighter tomorrow were oh! so secured in the Love of our Father.

Services for the day were introduced by Eld. Estill Hamilton - Union, Prayer by same.

Second on the stand was Eld. Buford Brock, Northern New Salem.

Third Eld. Woody Pack - New Salem; Fourth Eld. Paris Tackitt - Northern New Salem.

Our beloved moderator, Eld. Roy Caudill, offered a very warm and uplifting prayer. Thanking God for this grand old association and begging him to go with one and all as we took the parting hand.

Bless you, Love you,  
Bro. Newsome — Clerk

## Circular Letter 1989

Dear Brothers and Sisters that compose the Northern New Salem Association, by much surprise at our last year's association in 1988, I was chosen to write a circular letter for your approval or be rejected by you. Knowing this I have much fear, but most of all, I fear God, knowing that man sometimes will try to write something to please man.

For as Apostle Paul had put it well, I have no confidence in the flesh. Sitting here hoping and praying that God with His hand will write in my mind what He wants me to write. Knowing if He will, I will not write anything new to you, but that which you have already heard, whether spoken by the Prophets or the Apostles of Jesus Christ Himself.

First of all I would like to remind you that a man is not justified by works, but by faith, for by Grace you are saved thru faith. I would like to remind you that there is a work that we must have before we can enter into Heaven, without it you can not be saved. For it is written in Matthew 7:21, 22, 23; "Not everyone that saith unto Me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the Kingdom of Heaven, but he that doeth the will of My Father which is in Heaven. Many will say to Me in that day Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Thy name? And in Thy name have cast our devils? And in Thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them. I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity."

So then our first works is cleanse your hands you sinners, Purify your hearts you double-minded, be afflicted and call upon the Lord who will forgive you of your sins and will write your name in the Lamb's Book of Life and sin will never have dominion over you ever again. Even though we do many wrongs in our stay here on earth there will never be another sin charged to the inner man again. The soul is set free from the law of sin and death, and made alive in Christ Jesus our Lord forever.

Now concerning love, you know I need not to tell you that you should love one another, for in this the whole law is fulfilled, that as Christ has loved us, love one another. "What is love?" Brothers and Sisters, he that love one another will forgive one another, not with the mouth, but with the heart. Haven't you read or heard what our Lord has said, If you don't forgive your brother or sister their trespasses, He will not forgive you of yours and you very well know we have many of them.

We read in John 15:12-17; "This is My commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you." — (John 15:12). "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends." (John 15:13). "Henceforth I call you not servants; for the servant knoweth not what his lord doeth; but I have called you friends; for all things that I have heard of my Father I have made known unto you." (John 15:15). "Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, He may give it to you." (John 15:16). "These things I command you, that ye love one another." (John 15:17).

"Ye have heard that it hath been said, Thou shalt love thy neighbour, and hate thine enemy. (Matthew 5:43). But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you:" (Matthew 5:44). "That ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven: for He maketh His sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust. (Matthew 5:45). For if ye love them which love you, what reward have ye? do not even the publicans the same?" (Matthew 5:46) "And if ye salute your brethren only, what do ye more than others? do not even the publicans so?" (Matthews 5:47). "Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect." (Matthews 5:48).

I have wondered much lately, why do we have so much trouble and I feel God has given me the answer, it's because we are not of one mind, one will say this and another says that. Have you not heard what Apostle Paul said to us? Let everything you do, be of one mind and one accord in so doing this, you will be at peace with one another.

"What is Peace?" My Brothers and Sisters, peace is freedom, to be free from all things. You must have peace in the soul and with yourself and with one another. Most of all, with God, for in this all fear is cast out and the foundation for it all is love. Love cast out all fear and even doubts that sometimes arise.

Sitting here thinking in myself, no one made me serve the Lord. I do that which I want to do. I love to serve the Lord, He is more than a friend. When I am worried, He comforts me. When I am hunger, He comes and feeds me. When I am in the valley, He comes and lifts me out and refreshes my soul and lets me know that Heaven is mine once again here on earth. When things are so gloomy sometimes, when I do wrong, like a good Father and Mother He chastens me, Who could ask for more. My Brothers and Sisters if someone has to make you serve the Lord, I would worry about you. Though we do many wrongs, it's with much sorrow and even tears that we are not perfect here on earth, but weep not, for the time will come when we will be perfect, when this flesh has put on immortality and this natural puts on spiritual and this man puts on a long white robe and a crown of Glory, then it will be brought to pass the old saying "Free at last, Free at last, Thank God Almighty, We are free at last" to live with our Lord forever and ever.

Written By your most unworthy servant,  
Elder Donel D. Gibson

# CONSTITUTION

## OF THE

### NORTHERN NEW 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 them 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 deviates 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 the Holy Ghost, and these three are one, equal in power, essence and glory.

*Isaiah 45:5, 1st Cor. 8:6, 1st John 5:7*

**ARTICLE 2.** We believe the scriptures of the Old and New Testaments of the 1611 Authorized King James version of the Bible 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, Romans 6-4, Eph. 4:5*

**ARTICLE 8.** We believe that the Lord's Supper is the command of the Saviour, and that by the use of unleavened bread and fruit of the vine and feet-washing should be kept up until His second coming, by His believers.

*Matt. 26:26-29, Mar 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 reasonable expenses of the church, never forgetting the poor, according to their several abilities.

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

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

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

**ARTICLE 11.** The names of the members of the Association shall be enrolled by the Clerk and called as often as the Moderator 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 MINISTERS CALLED FOR THE YEAR 1990**

### **April**

**PLEASANT VIEW** — First in May. Frank Newsome, Bill Campbell, Spurl Mullins, Estil Hamilton, Covis Tackett, Hobert Bates.

**ROSE OF SHARON** — Second in April. Jr. Mosley, Hobart Hamilton, Woody Pack, Sam Franks, Hillard Newsome, Scott Hamilton.

### **May**

**MAGGIE'S HOME** — First in May. Danny Adams, Squire Hamilton, Edwin Hay, Hiram Adkins, Russel Hicks.

**LITTLE IDA** — First in May. Earl Lawson, Urshel Huff, Woody Pack, Teddy Robinson, Scott Hamilton, Roy Caudill, Monroe Jones.

**LITTLE FLOSSIE** — First in May. Doug McCarty, Buddy Carty, Don Gibson, Roy Caudill, Buford Brock, Karrel Addington, Joshua Hicks, Danny Adams.

**ANTIOCH** — First in May. Ismael Hall, Gary Compton, Hargis Tuttle, Danny Carty, Terry Hall, Paul Vance, Doug McCarty, Mike Slone.

**LITTLE RUTH** — Second in May. James Branham, Mike Slone, Kenny Robinson, Delmer Williams, Squire Hamilton, Karrel Addington.

**LITTLE ZION** — Second in May. Ray Hamilton, Karrel Addington, Ralph Caudill, Orvid Blevins, Larry Newsom, Buford Brock.

**LILY OF THE VALLEY** — Third in May. Johnny Newsome, Orville Hamilton, Estill Hamilton, Kenny Robinson, Hobart Justice, Karrel Addington, Roy Caudill, Charles Newsome, Hargus Tuttle, Rich Griffith.

**LITTLE CHILDREN'S HOME** — Third in May. Bill Dunbar, Ron Scott, Larry Newsome, Hendricks Hampton, Danny Adams, C.W. Turner.

**MORNING STAR** — Third in May. Ray Hamilton, Birtchel Mosley, Jr., Johnny Newsome, Buddy Carty, Hobert Hamilton.

**MACEDONIA** — Third in May. Roy Caudill, Kidd Adkins, Junior Ruggles, Offie Bartley, Harold Senters, Paul Boggs.

## June

**MT. ZION** — First in June. Delemer Williams, Earl Lawson, Carl Addkins, Johnnie Newsom, Kenny Robinson.

**LITTLE BETHEL** — First in June. Paris Tackett, John Paul Hamilton, Karrel Addington, Arvid Blevins, Danny Adams, Earl Lawson.

**LITTLE POLLY** — Second in June. Hillard Newsome, Karrel Addington, James Branham, Buddy Carty, Danney Carty, Danney Adams.

**LITTLE PILGRIM'S HOME** — Second in June. Buck Tuttle, Edwin Hay, Johnny Bentley, Johnny Newsome, Danny Adams, Ralph Caudill, Karrel Addington, Russell Hicks.

**LITTLE FAMILY** — Second in June. Hargis Tuttle, Ked Adkins, Danny Carty, Billy Miller, Danny Adams, Wayne Turner, James Watts.

**LITTLE REBECCA** — Third in June. Edwin Hay, Danny Adams, Hillard Newsom, Karrel Addington, Earl Lawson, Terry Hall.

**LITTLE EDNA** — Fourth in June. Covis Tackett, Karrel Addington, Palmer Hamilton, Frank Harvey, Buddy W. Carty, Edwin Hay, Earl Lawson.

**MT. OLIVET** — Fourth in June. Ralph Caudill, Glenn Maddox, Larry Newsome, Henry Little.

**FAMILY OF LOVE** — Fourth in June. Leonard Napier, Karrel Addington, Woody Pack, Edwin Hay, Junior Ruggles, Hillard Newsome, Wayne Turner.

## July

**LITTLE FLOCK** — Third in July. Ivory Sowards, Rich Griffith, Mike Cambell, Roy Caudill, Hendrick Hampton, Feldon Ruggles, Junior Mosley.

**LITTLE ANGEL** — Fourth in July. Hiram Adkins, Baxter Osborne, Jimmy Dye, James Branham, Junior Mosley, Woody Pack, Bill Tackett,

## August

**TRUE VINE** — Third in August. Dorse Adkins, James Gannon, Webster Bartley, Carl Addington, James Branham.

## MEMORIAL MEETINGS

**Little Rebecca** — Third in August 1990. Buddy Carty, Ralph Caudill, Wayne Turner, Hargis Tuttle, Donel Gibson.

**Maggie's Home** — First in June. Palmer Hamilton, Woodrow Pack, Earl Lawson, David Slone, Irwin Breeding, Rich Griffith.

**Little Polly** — Second in September.

**Mt. Zion** — First in September. Newton Vanderpool, Moses Griffith, Savel Combs, Claude Ousley and Asst. Moderator.

**Little Flock** — Third in June. Leonard Napier, Hobert Hamilton, Hiram Adkins, Danny Adams, Russel Hicks, Earl Lawson, Ray Hamilton.

The Marcum's Memorial service is the fifth Sunday in July, 1990. Brothers called are Paris Tackitt, Ivory Sowards, Russell Hicks, Mike Campbell, Junior Ruggles, Willis Tolliver.

**Little Ruth** — Second in July. Kenny Robinson, Amos Williams, Joshua Hicks, Claude Ousley.

**Little Edna** — Fourth in August 1990. Jessie Pack, Squire Hamilton, Mike Slone, Kennis Robinson, Larry Newsome.

The Ergel Hobbs Memorial is the fourth Sunday in October 1989. David Slone, Kenney Robinson, Birbage Howell.

**Little Ida** — First in July. Buford Brock, Karrell Addington, Spurl Mullins, Danny Adams, Johnny Newsome.

**Little Flossie** — First in September.

**Little Zion** — Second in August. Earl Hill, Clifford Maynard, Bill Dunbar, Ronald Scott, Charles Newsome.

**Little Pilgrim's Home** — Second in August. All Old Regular Baptist Ministers.

**Mt. Olivet** — Fourth in August. Charles Newsome, Danny Adams, Estil Hamilton, Ron Scott, Hobert Hamilton.

The Ousley Family Memorial is the fourth in May — Claude Ousley, Earl Lawson, Danny Carty, Birbage Howell Jr., Egar Little.

**Pleasant View** — First in June. Evan Hamilton, David Slone, Charlie Tackett, Alex Collier.

**Little Family** — Second in October 1989. Hillard Newsome, Ralph Caudill, Buddy Carty, Willis Tolliver.

**Little Angel** — Fourth in March. Earl Lawson, Woodrow Dye, C.W. Turner, Maynard Ratliff, Hillard Newsome, Jeff Dillon.

**Antioch** — First in June. Edwin Hay, Roy Caudill, Hershell Hamilton, Squire Hamilton.

**Rose of Sharon** — Second in October 1989. Danny Carty, Birbage Howell Jr., James Branham, Wendell Hamilton, Ron Hicks.

**Lily of the Valley** — Third in July. Larry Newsome, Mike Slone, Danny Adams, Willis Little, David Slone, Frank Harvey.

**Little Children's Home** — Third in September 1990. Ralph Caudill, Billy Miller, Larry Hankins.

**Morning Star** — Third in July. Scott Hamilton, Birbage Howell Jr., Robert Haney, Hargis Tuttle, Larry Hankins.

The Elmer Adams Memorial is the 1st Sunday in July (July 1st). Johnny Newsome, Danny Carty, Buddy Carty, Earl Lawson, Covis Tackett.

**Little Bethel** — First in September 1990. Elisha Branham, Doug McCarty, Johnnie Bentley.

**Family of Love** — Fourth in October. Danny Adams, Ralph Caudill, Russell Hicks, Earl Lawson.

The Egar Hunt Memorial is the Fourth in August. Buddy Carty, Danny Carty, Donel Gibson.

**Macedonia** — Third in October. Buddy Carty, Orban May, Clifford Coley, Virgil Fields, Willis Tolliver, Paul Boggs.

**True Vine** — Third in July. Offie Bartley, Bart Potter, Jerry Runyon, Joshua Hicks, Buddy Carty.

1989  
**DELEGATES  
 TO THE  
 NORTHERN NEW SALEM ASSOCIATION**

Little Rebecca .....Malcolm Branham, Coley Wicker, Dan Thornsberry  
 Maggie's Home .....Johnny Newsome, Jerry Runyon, Harrison Runyon  
 Little Polly .....Rich Griffith, Earl Lawson, James Poe  
 Mt. Zion .....Arthur Steples, Rufus Slone, E. B. Hicks  
 Little Flock .....Joshua Hicks, Mike Fortner, Don Lawson  
 Little Ruth .....Kenneth Mullins, James Curry, Adron Counts  
 Little Edna .....Elmer Edwards, Charles Hamilton, Woodrow Thacker  
 Little Ida .....Ralph Caudill, Ron Scott, Edward Alley  
 Little Flossie .....Birtchel Mosley, Jr., Russell Hicks, Larry Dixon  
 Little Zion .....Clarence Owens, Ermon Smiley, Glyn Maddox  
 Little Pilgrim's Home .....Robert Wallen, Eddie Wallen, Jackie Hunter  
 Mt. Olivet .....Don Little, Willis Little, Charles Newsome  
 Pleasant View .....Matt Slone, Larry Newsome, Ezra Thornsberry  
 Little Family .....Hendrix Hampton, Earnie Tuttle, Jerome Watts  
 Little Angel .....Forest Osborne, Harold Senters, Ballard Brown  
 Antioch .....Milford Prater, Doug Bailey, Darrell Parks  
 Rose of Sharon .....Ray Hamilton, Junior Hall, Johnie Bentley  
 Lily of the Valley ...Scott Hamilton, Birbage Howell Jr., Doug Johnson  
 Little Children's Home .....Buford Brock, Mike Hiatt, Henry Hobson  
 Morning Star .....Cicel Adkins, Bill Blevins, Randall Parks  
 Little Bethel .....Ernest Owens, James Branham, Hally Tuttle  
 Family of Love .....Reed Triplett, Donel Gibson, Buddy W. Carty  
 Macedonia .....Marvin Potter, Jacob Seagraves  
 True Vine .....Bart Potter, Leonard Robinson, Webb Hopkins

# CHURCH ADDRESSES AND MODERATORS

Church	Address	City, State	Moderator
Little Rebecca	Henry Road	Plymouth, Ohio	Buddy W. Carty
Maggie's Home		Dundas, Ohio	Paris Tackitt
Little Polly	19545 Homer Road	Marshall, Mich.	Richard Griffith
Mt. Zion		McGuffey, Ohio	Amos Williams
Little Flock	Route 1	Ray, Ohio	Joshua Hicks
Little Ruth	Route 3	Marengo, Ohio	Maynard Ratliff
Little Edna	5160 Bond Avenue	Lorain, Ohio	David Slone
Little Ida	4060 Drennen Street	Ecorse, Mich.	Ralph Caudill
Little Flossie		Lisbon, Ind.	Richard Griffith
Little Zion	63181 Romeo Plank Road	Romeo, Mich.	Glyn Maddox
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	Larry Newsome
Little Family	S.R. 744, 1 mile west of	Jacksonburg, Ohio	Roy Caudill
Little Angel	5733 Saltgaber Road	Columbus, Ohio	Hiram Adkins
Antioch	10817 Barricks Road	Louisville, Ky.	Ellis Banks
Rose of Sharon	5665 Carolton-Rockwood	S. Rockwood, Mich.	Ray Hamilton
Lily of the Valley		Geneva, Ohio	Squire Hamilton
Little Children's Home		Laurel, Ind.	Roy Caudill
Morning Star	44441 Clay Road	Belleville, Mich.	Covis Tackett
Little Bethel	S.R. 228	Greensprings, Ohio	James Branham
Family of Love		Wyandotte, Ohio	Buddy W. Carty
Macedonia		Grahn, Ky.	Burl Sturgill
True Vine	7992 Cleveland Mass Road	Clinton, Ohio	Kennis L. Robinson

## ORDAINED MINISTERS

### Little Rebecca

Elder Lon Beverly	45 Bell St., Plymouth, OH 44865	(419) 687-9501
Elder Danny Carty	38 Taft St., Shelby, OH 44875	(419) 347-2615
Elder Jay H. Mitchell	67 Shelby Ave., Shelby, OH 44875	(419) 347-5582
Elder Claude Ousley	22 Maple St., Shelby, OH 44875	(419) 347-1217
Elder Mike Slone	80 Bell St., Plymouth, OH 44865	(419) 687-0945
Elder Faris Tuttle	Rt. 2, Shiloh, OH 44878	(419) 896-3569
Elder Wriile Tuttle	Rt. 2, Willard, OH 44890	(419) 935-0872

### Maggie's Home

Elder Don Mullins	Box 189 Rt. 1, Hamden, OH 45634	(614) 596-4946
Elder Johnny Newsome	237 Railroad St., Cardington, OH 43315	(419) 864-3513
Elder Harrison Runyon	Burr Oak Blvd., Box 89, Nelsonville, OH 45764	(614) 753-1024
Elder Jerry Runyon	Rt. 4, S.R. 143, Pomery, OH 45769	(614) 992-2687
Elder Paris Tackett	344 3rd St., Beaver, OH 45613	(614) 226-6343

### Little Polly

Elder Richard Griffith	19545 Homer Rd., Marshall, Mich. 49068	(616) 781-7771
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### Mt. Zion

Elder Rufus Slone	224 Defiance St., St. Mary's, OH	(419) 394-5146
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### Little Flock

Elder Hank Forgey	1443 Centerville Rd., Thurman, OH 45685	682-6533
Elder Mike Fortner	2476 Center Point Rd., Oak Hill, OH 45656	(614) 682-6236
Elder Sam Franks	Rt. 2, Box 209, Vinton, OH 45686	(614) 388-9009
Elder Joshua Hicks	Rt. 6, Royalton Rd., Lancaster, OH 43130	(614) 969-2988
Elder Okie Kent	032 Hall-Davis Rd., Thurman, OH 45685	(614) 682-6676
Elder Don Lawson	204 2nd St., Box 47, Pleasantville, OH 43148	(614) 468-2203
Elder Raymond Stapleton	Rt. 1, Box 67 Co. Rd. 8, Ewington, OH 45686	(614) 669-5055

### Little Ruth

Elder James Curry	8930 Strine Rd., Ashley, OH 43003	(614) 747-2032
Elder Maynard Ratliff	PO Box 14, Fulton, OH 43321	(419) 864-2162
Elder Bill Staten	Rt. 1, Co. Rd. 208, Marengo, OH 43334	(419) 253-5906
Elder Newton Vanderpool	142 Sandusky St., Plymouth, OH 44865	(419) 687-5061
Elder Amos Williams	150 Riley St., Newark, OH 43055	(614) 344-1073

### Little Edna

Elder Elmer Edwards	888 Cooper Foster Park Rd., Amherst, OH 44001	(216) 988-5875
Elder Hobart Justice	455 Summer St., Sheffield Village, OH 44054	(216) 277-9547
Elder Denver Meade	953 Warwick Dr., Sheffield, OH 44054	(216) 949-6048
Elder Jessie Pack	12620 Grimsly Ave. Cleveland, OH 44135	(216) 251-1825
Elder David Slone	5128 Orchard St., Lorain, OH 44055	(216) 233-5580

### Little Ida

Elder Herman Belcher	59 Oak St. River Rouge, MI 48218	(313) 841-7514
Elder Ralph Caudill	1594 Wilson St. Lincoln Pk., MI 48146	(313) 381-3710
Elder Billy Miller	672 Cora, Wyandotte, MI 48192	(313) 283-0208
Elder Arthur Mitchell	1712 Electric, Wyandotte, MI 48192	(313) 283-2423
Elder Ron Scott	1146 E. Kalama, Madison Heights, MI 48071	(313) 547-1063

### Little Flossie

Elder Russell Hicks	Rt. 3, Wolcottville, IN 46795	(219) 854-2413
Elder Birtchel Mosley, Jr.	2001 E. Dowling St., Kendallville, IN 46755	(219) 347-2220
Elder Morris Wicker	Rt. 1, Rome City, IN 46784	(219) 347-3961

### Little Zion

Elder Morris Bryant	2964 S. Summer Rd., Imlay City, MI 48444	(313) 796-2462
Elder Larry Hankins	463 W. Brickley, Hazel Park, MI 48030	(313) 399-0130
Elder Glyn Maddox	HC 72, Box 311, Johannesburg, MI 49751	(517) 786-3192
Elder Clarence Owens	33632 Cheryl, Mt. Clemens, MI 48043	(313) 791-2135

### Little Pilgrim's Home

Elder Danny C. Hamilton	367 Twp. Rd., 1031, Nova, OH 44859	(419) 652-2485
Elder Robert Wallen	123 Main Street, Rochester, OH 44090	(216) 647-4052

### Mt. Olivet

Elder Danny R. Adams	6436 Troy St., Taylor, MI 48180	(313) 292-8759
Elder Willis Little	4541 Grace St., Wayne, MI 48184	(313) 728-4486
Elder Charles Newsome	3232 S. Vassar Rd., Burton, MI 48519	(313) 744-3855

### Pleasant View

Elder Stoney Blackburn	15 Sycamore Dr., Bldg. 15, Apt. G. Norwalk, OH 44857	(419) 663-5418
Elder Hayse Chaffins	17616 Rt. 301, LaGrange, OH 44050	(216) 355-8461
Elder Larry Newsome	2216 Brownhelm Sta. Rd., Vermillion, OH 44089	(216) 967-5877
Elder Matt Slone	5426 Lake Rd., Sheffield Lake, OH 44054	(216) 949-5174
Elder Hargis Tuttle	705 N. Abbe Rd., Elyria, OH 44035	(216) 365-5643

### Little Family

Elder Roy Caudill	6143 Paulin Dr., Middletown, OH 45042	(513) 423-2381
Elder Hendricks Hampton	40 Deardoff Rd., Franklin, OH 45005	(513) 746-7533

### Little Angel

Elder Milton Dye	3737 Abney Rd., Columbus, OH 43207	(614) 491-9456
Elder Forest Osborne	3425 Kitzmiller Rd., New Albany, OH 43054	(614) 855-7955
Elder Harold Senters	4048 Colby St., Columbus, OH 43227	(614) 239-0057

### Antioch

Elder Ellis Banks	Rt. 3, Box 557, Greenbriar Rd. Mt. Washington, KY 40047	(502) 538-7283
Elder Hillard Newsome	3520 Fincastle Rd., Louisville, KY 40213	(502) 452-1197
Elder C. W. Turner	Rt. 5, Box 316A, Shelbyville, KY 40065	(502) 834-7608

## Rose of Sharon

Elder Karrel Addington	4236 Dexter-Ann Arbor Rd., Ann Arbor, MI 48103	(313) 665-8351
Elder Johnie Bentley	3218 22nd, Wyandotte, MI 48192	(313) 283-2983
Elder Clark Damron	60 Stoner, River Rouge, MI 48218	(313) 841-7137
Elder Jeff Dillon	7939 Adair, Richmond, MI 48062	(313) 329-4368
Elder Ishmel Hall, Jr.	37315 Bendix, Wayne, MI 48184	(313) 729-5477
Elder Terry Hall	138 Leroy, River Rouge, MI 48218	(None)
Elder John Paul Hamilton	627 Orchard, Wyandotte, MI 48192	(313) 283-4879
Elder Ray Hamilton	18610 Toledo Rd., Wyandotte, MI 48192	(313) 282-2343
Elder Doug McCarty	9822 Woodland Ct., Ypsilanti, MI 48197	(313) 483-9877
Elder Whipple Reynolds	7700 Gleason Rd., #39, Knoxville, TN 37919	(615) 691-5664

## Lily of the Valley

Elder Conley Daniels	3624 W. 114th St., Cleveland, OH 44111	(216) 251-0709
Elder Evan Hamilton	5733 Washington Ave., Ashtabula, OH 44004	(216) 992-4621
Elder Scott Hamilton	5408 Stark Ave., Ashtabula, OH 44004	(216) 998-0137
Elder Squire Hamilton	4431 Maple St., Perry OH 44081	(216) 259-3036
Elder Birbage Howell, Jr.	Rt. 1, Plymouth, OH 44865	(419) 896-2337
Junior Jent	9560 Lake Shore Blvd. Menton, Ohio 44060	(216) 352-0432
Elder Chester Newsome	5908 Ogdon Ave., Ashtabula, OH 44004	(216) 992-5640

## Little Children's Home

Elder Buford Brock	1494 N. 50 East, Danville, IN 46122	(317) 745-5228
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## Morning Star

Elder Conley Calhoun	48500 Hull Road, Belleville, MI 48111	(313) 699-7978
Elder Covis Tackett	4309 11th Street, Ecorse, MI 48229	(313) 382-7628

### Little Bethel

Elder James Branham	4157 Limerick Rd., Clyde, OH 43410	(419) 547-8286
Elder Lester Hall	2744 Co. Rd. 306, Vickery, OH 43464	(419) 684-9601
Elder Frank Harvey	Box 181, Greenspring, OH 44836	(419) 639-2557

### Family of Love

Elder Clifford Bradly	18003 SH 231, Rt. 1, Nevada, OH 44849	None
Elder Buddy W. Carty	160 Trux St., Plymouth, OH 44865	(419) 687-7431
Elder Donel Gibson	Box 84, New Haven, OH 44850	(419) 935-4165
Elder Hardwick H. Ratliff	178 Patten St., Marion, OH 43302	(614) 382-0798

### Macedonia

Elder Jacob Seagraves	Rt. 5, Box 180, Olive Hill, KY 41164	(606) 286-4095
Elder Darvin Sturgill	Box J, Olive Hill, KY 41164	(606) 286-4611

### True Vine

Elder Steve Borders	770 Wooster Rd. N., Barberton, OH 44203	(216) 745-7377
Elder Bart Potter	964 Huntington, Medina, OH 44256	(216) 723-4479
Elder Kennis L. Robinson	1947 Tonawanda Ave., Akron, OH 44305	(216) 794-8821

# STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	Received By Baptism	Received By Letter	Recommendation	Restored	Dismissed By Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Total Membership	Meeting Time	Contributions	Communion Time
Little Rebecca	1	0	0	2	1	0	0	59	3-M	\$300.00	July
Maggie's Home	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	41	1-M	125.00	July
Little Polly	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	27	2-E	125.00	June
Mt. Zion	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	1-M	75.00	July
Little Flock	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	36	3-M	200.00	Aug.
Little Ruth	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	24	2-M	100.00	June
Little Edna	2	1	0	0	0	0	1	21	4-M	100.00	July
Little Ida	3	0	0	0	1	1	0	98	1-E	400.00	June
Little Flossie	2	2	0	0	0	1	1	40	1-E	200.00	June
Little Zion	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	43	2-M	150.00	June
Little Pilgrim's Home	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	22	2-M	125.00	July
Mt. Olivet	0	0	0	0	3	1	0	19	4-M	150.00	July
Pleasant View	2	1	0	0	2	8	1	83	1-E	300.00	May
Little Family	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	26	2-E	200.00	July
Little Angel	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	55	4-E	250.00	Aug.
Antioch	2	0	0	0	0	1	1	42	1-E	275.00	Oct.
Rose of Sharon	2	1	0	0	1	0	1	42	2-M	250.00	May
Lily of the Valley	1	1	0	0	2	0	0	24	3-E	200.00	June
Little Children's Home	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	14	3-E	100.00	July
Morning Star	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	38	3-M	227.00	June
Little Bethel	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	21	1-M	100.00	July
Family of Love	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	29	4-E	200.00	July
Macedonia	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	49	3-E	100.00	June
True Vine	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	18	3-M	200.00	Sept.
Church Contributions for 1989										\$4,452.00	
Picture Contributions for 1989										382.00	
Other Contributions										501.00	
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>882</b>		<b>\$5,335.00</b>	

\*M: Saturday morning services  
E: Saturday evening services

# CLERKS AND THEIR ADDRESSES

Church	Clerk	Address	City, State	Telephone
Little Rebecca	Danny Carty	38 Taft St.	Shelby, OH 44875	(419) 347-2615
Maggie's Home	Harrison Runyon	Burr Oak Blvd., Box 89	Nelsonville, OH 45764	(614) 753-1024
Little Polly	Tom Vanzandt	11346 Willwood Dr.	Marshall, MI 49068	(616) 781-8191
Mt. Zion	Raleigh Ousley	3329 S.R. 30	Ada, OH 45810	(419) 326-7274
Little Flock	Hank Forgey	1443 Centerville Rd.	Thurman, OH 45685	(614) 682-6533
Little Ruth	Adran Counts	3645 TWP Rd. 26	Cardington, OH 43315	(419) 946-1197
Little Edna	Elmer Edwards	888 Cooper Foster Pk. Rd.	Amherst, OH 44001	(216) 988-5875
Little Ida	John Johnson	1309 Wilson	Lincoln Park, MI 48146	(313) 381-3142
Little Flossie	Morris Wicker	Rt. 1	Rome City, IN 46784	(219) 347-3961
Little Zion	Eugene Robinette	5490 Hearst	Utica, MI 48087	(313) 731-7419
Little Pilgrim's Home	Danny Hamilton	367 TWP Rd. 1031	Nova, OH 44859	(419) 652-2485
Mt. Olivet	Danny Adams	6436 Troy St.	Taylor, MI 48180	(313) 292-8759
Pleasant View	Eldon Hall	928 Livermore Ln.	Elyria, OH 44035	(216) 365-3459
Little Family	Coleman Fields	7946 Lowe Dr.	Franklin, OH 45005	(513) 746-8829
Little Angel	Forest Osborne	3425 Kitmilller Rd.	New Albany, OH 43054	(614) 855-7955
Antioch	Hillard Newsome	3520 Fincastle Rd.	Louisville, KY 40213	(502) 452-1197
Rose of Sharon	Johnie Bentley	3218 22nd St.	Wyandotte, MI 48192	(313) 283-2983
Lily of the Valley	Roger D. Newsome	Box 2238	Ashtabula, OH 44004	(216) 997-6194
Little Children's Home	James D. Wagner	17201 Stone Ck. Rd.	Laurel, IN 47024	(317) 698-2316
Morning Star	Charles Blevins	4940 Moore	Wayne, MI 48184	(313) 729-8313
Little Bethel	Ernest Owens	343 Jackson St.	Fremont, OH 43420	(419) 334-4344
Family of Love	Perry C. Williams	545 Mark St.	Marion, OH 43302	(614) 383-4494
Macedonia	Darvin Sturgill	P. O. Box J	Olive Hill, KY 41164	(606) 286-4075
True Vine	Webb Hopkins	Rt. 1, Box 307	Talmadge, OH 44270	(216) 633-3799

## OBITUARIES

### Avenell (Collins) Absher

Psalms 34:32

*"The Lord redeemeth the soul, of His Servants and none of them that trust in Him shall be desolate."*

Sister Avenell Absher was born into this life August 23, 1941 to the late Elder Willie Collins and Sis. Rachel (Tuttle) Collins. Was married to Bro. Roy Absher Aug. 28, 1987. They spent one year and nine months together. She was one of 13 children. Living are: Sis. Helen Faye Isaacs, Sis. Doris Jones,



Sis. Ruth Ramey and Sis. Jean Baker of near Plymouth, Ohio. Melva Brewer and Juanita Hodges of Florida. Two brothers, Br. Amos Collins of Sheffield Lake, Ohio and Bill Collins of Sheffield Lake. Deceased are: Samuel, Junior and Lucille Moore.

She was blessed to have two sons, Br. Terry Ratliff and daughter-in-law Sis. Shannon Ratliff of Willard, Ohio and Roger at home in Willard. Three daughters are: Mrs. Steve (Teresa) Nesome of New Haven, Ohio, Mrs. Herald (Melissa) Hamilton and Tama Jones of Willard. She had three grand-children.

She was employed at MidWest in Willard, Ohio near her home for 11 years. She worked hard to raise her five children. She had looked forward to seeing Roger graduate, and was pleased to see Br. Terry in church as a member of the Pleasant View Church in Litchfield, Ohio. She was very concerned about her five children, being saved and wanted that more than anything that she could have given them.

The Doctors discovered she had cancer in Dec. 1988 and he gave her about six months to live. She got concerned about her soul being saved, knowing in her heart, time was running out for her. In Jan. 1989, she said, the Lord has cleansed my soul from all sin. Her husband, Br. Roy had belonged to the church, since Jan. 1988 and they enjoyed the Lord together for a very short time. The death angel called her HOME on Wednesday May 31st, 1989 about 9:00, just after she had eaten her breakfast. On Tuesday evening, before she died, when she had spent three nights in the hospital, she told her family, she was going to die and she ask her husband to not go to work that morning. She was rejoicing and telling them, "she was going to live with Jesus."

On Tuesday evening, Br. Mike Slone went to their home and had prayer, as he usually did, when he came home on leave from service. She looked forward to his visits. She loved the Little Rebecca church, and as long as

she was able, she worked hard, in the Fund-Raisers, they held. Many times, she would take items to the shop, to sell for the church.

The Maple Grove Cemetary in New Haven, Ohio will hold her body, until that great resurrection day. Children, and family, who do not know God in the pardon and remission of sin, please! I beg of you, to repent and be born again. Keep unity in the family, be good to each other, love one another, as Mother would want you all five to do. Respect and be good to Br. Roy, he was good to your Mother, and loved her.

The family extends their THANKS to Elder Larry Newsome, Little Rebecca Church and to each and all, in behalf of their Mother and Sister of the Collins family. God Bless each and all of you. Written by request of the family, since I have known Avenell since about 1955, I watched her grown up and have been with and around the family for many years. Go to God for all your needs, for only He has the answers, to any problem. Let Him be first in your life.

"Joy cometh in the Morning".  
Sister Marjorie Slone

## Richard G. Adams

Richard G. Adams 61 of 3080 Blue Bush Rd., Monroe, Michigan was born November 20, 1927 in Hazard, Kentucky and raised at Dry Fork, Letcher County, Kentucky. He was the son of William Riley and Marlie Ison. Richard met and married Eulah F. McIntosh on October 2, 1947 in Detroit, Michigan. In 1970 they moved to Monroe, Michigan and made their home there until his death on June 19, 1989. Richard was employed by General Motors Hydromatic in Toledo, Ohio.

Richard is survived by his loving wife; two sons, Daniel G. of Joppa, MD and Donald J. of Whitmore Lake, MI; two daughters,

Mrs. John (Patricia L.) Tongusi of Brighton, MI and Mrs. Stanley (Pamela J.) Nelson of Southfield, MI; three brothers, William Ray of Taylor, MI, Paul of Nicholasville, KY and Dean of Kingsport, TN; two sisters, Mrs. Gale (Doris Ann) Ison of Cumberland, KY and Rose Collins of Richmond, KY. He also leaves 9 grandchildren to mourn his passing. Richard loved his grandchildren very much.



Richard had been sick for three years with leukemia, but he bore his sickness well. While he was in the hospital in Detroit he realized that he was sick spiritually as well as naturally. He prayed for a long time, and finally he surrendered his whole life to God and God forgave him of all his sins, and caused him to say that he was not afraid to die. He said that he wanted to live long enough to get out of the hospital and be a part of The Rose of Sharon Church. On April 23rd he gave his hand to become a member of the Church and was baptized the following Sunday by Elder John Paul Hamilton and Elder Danny Adams.

Brother Richard did not live long after joining the Church, but he enjoyed every minute of it. Brother Richard was the first member to join the Church since we moved into our new building and he was the first corpse to be laid out there. Brother Richard will be greatly missed by his family and friends. He will also be missed by his Church. There is much more that could be said, but we feel that our loss is Heaven's gain.

Written by  
Elder Ray Hamilton

## Thomas Adkins

With the help of the Lord, I'll try to write the obituary of my dear father "Thomas Jefferson Adkins". To all those who loved him "Poppie".

Poppie was born March 19, 1907 to the late George and Elizabeth Adkins in Pikeville, KY. Poppie departed this life January 29, 1989 at the Mercy Hospital in Portsmouth, Ohio.

On November 29, 1927, Poppie married Viola Justice. To this union were born 15 children. Three sons preceded him in death; Bobby Lee, Oattie Lee, and Clifton Jr.

Left to mourn his loss is his wife of 61 years, Viola. Five sons; John from Tuscaloosa, Alabama; Roy from Belleville, Michigan; Garry from Boonesville, Mississippi; and Denver from Lincoln Park, Michigan; and Jeffery from Rarden, Ohio. Seven daughters; Glessie Burke & Bessie Leedy from Blue Creek, Ohio; Reet Justice from Pikeville, Kentucky; Ethel Riddle from Peebles, Ohio; Wilma Roden from Southgate, Michigan; Karen Elliott from Lincoln Park, Michigan; and Clena Maynard from Portsmouth, Ohio.



Also left to mourn his loss are two brothers; Hi from Beattyville, Kentucky & Lit from Pikeville, Kentucky, and one sister Hazel Justice from Pikeville, Kentucky.

Poppie also leaves behind 32 grandchildren and 17 great grandchildren, plus many others who loved him dearly including six son-in-laws, and four daughter-in-laws.

Poppie was a member of the Primitive Baptist Church for many years. There were many a time he went to church when he needed to be home in bed. Lord how he loved the song "Precious Memories." All our memories of Poppie are precious. There was never a time when you would go to visit him that both Poppie & Mommie would meet you at the door with a smile on their face and their arms reached out to you. Poppie wanted to feed anyone who came to see them. Their table was always set with love enough to be shared with anyone who came to see them.

My prayer is for all of you who loved Poppie, is to turn your life over to Jesus. Put it all in the hands of our Lord and if it's his will we will all be together again one day.

Written by his daughter  
Karen Elliott

## Woodrow Akers

It is with much sadness and heaviness of heart that we will try, by the help of God, to write an obituary of our dear dad and husband. To wit: Woodrow (Woodie) Akers.

Dad was born April 21, 1917 to Farley and Ora Akers of Dana, Kentucky. He departed this life March 1, 1989 making his stay on earth 71 years 10 months and 8 days.

Dad met and married Lillian Smiley Akers on Dec. 20, 1939 and unto this union was born 9 children, 3 preceded him in death (Oralie, Roy and Sandra). Surviving children are Gordon of Capac, MI; Elizabeth Carpenter and Sarah Boyd of Marlette, MI; Rickie of Romeo, MI; Rosalie Conn of Washington, MI; Gerald of Almont, MI. The Lord blessed him with 20 grandchildren and 3 Great-grandchildren. He left 5 brothers, Simon and Clinton of Dana, Ky.; Brice of Lexington, Ky.; John "J.B." of Harrodsburg, Ky. and Avery. Two



(2) sisters Marie Conn of Dana, Ky.; and Magdalyn Stalnakor of Zanesville, Ohio. And a host of friends and relatives to mourn his loss.

Dad professed a hope in the Lord and joined the Old Regular Baptist Church and was Baptized Dec. 9, 1967 by Elders Roy Hudson and Glyn Maddox. He placed his membership at the Little Zion Church of Romeo where he remained a good and faithful member until his death. The Little Zion Church saw that Dad was a special person and they set him aside to be a Deacon. He was ordained on Dec. 9, 1972. He served the Little Zion Church faithful the remainder of his life. He loved God, the Church and his brothers and sisters very much and it pleased him to serve the Church.

Dad was a loving and caring Father. He worked hard all his life to provide a living for his family. Dad didn't have alot of material possession but he had something that he wanted all his children to get, he had Jesus. He knew he couldn't save a one of his children but he sure could point them to one who could. Children if you want to see Dad again and haven't made peace with God, I beg you to do so today. Dad would tell you that he chose the best part and so should you. We have lost a husband and Dad but God has gained another flower for his garden.

Written by a broken hearted wife,  
Lillian and family

## Haymond Amburgey

With the help of God, I will try to write an obituary of a dear brother in the Lord, Haymond Amburgey.

He was the son of Monroe and Decie (Collins) Amburgey. He was born September 2, 1915 and died July 29, 1989 making his stay on this earth 73 years.

In early life, he met and married Ina Hammonds. To this union no children were born. God gave them just over 50 happy years together.

Bro. Haymond served his country in World War II, did a good job, and was wounded, but was glad he had served his country and was honorably discharged.



In 1981, he repented of his sins and was born again and joined the army of God and fought a good fight of faith until July 29, 1989 when God called for him to come home, said son you have suffered enough — enter into the joys of the Lord. He joined the Little Family Church in 1981 and was a strong defender of the Old Regular Baptist Faith and always wanted a clean church.

He leaves to mourn his passing a loving wife, who stood by him and waited on his every need. He also leaves two brothers, Wiley Amburgey and Monroe Amburgey; two sisters, Cindy Hammonds and Verda Franklin, a host of nieces and nephews, and brothers and sisters of the Little Family and Little Children's Home Churches.

I thank God that Bro. Jent took him and Sis Ina to the doctors and to church; also, Benny and Charlotte have been so good to them. I pray God's blessings on all of them.

I want to say to Sis. Ina: lean on the loving arm of God. It won't be long until you can see Bro. Haymond in a better land. This good Brother loved to go to church so good. I want to say to Wiley and Monroe: if you haven't made peace with God, turn before it is too late and meet all your family in heaven some sweet day.

May God bless you all are my prayers,  
Written by Elder Roy Caudill

## Sarah Barker

Willis Barker and Sarah Knipp Barker were married for over 62 years. They had 12 children (5 deceased as infants), 25 grandchildren, 41 great grandchildren, and 1 great great grandchild.

I always remember the welcome everyone received when they visited them. They never seemed too busy for company; always insisting on fixing a meal and even asking you to stay the night. I guess she was the first person to take me to church and maybe that's the reason I accepted Christ at a later time in my life. She loved the church and enjoyed having dinners for her Brothers and Sisters in Christ. She was a Christian for many, many years; never attending a movie, carnival or even a hairdresser. Her home, family and church were what was important to her.

I can remember just what her starched apron smelled like when I was a little girl and slept on her lap or the sound of the crackle of her starched sheets years ago. There was always peace and quiet at their house — no argu-



ing or strife — only good memories for me. I guess that's why we have memories — to carry us until we meet again.

*"I am the resurrection, and the life; he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live; And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die."* John 11:25-26

Sarah Knipp Barker (February 21, 1901-July 10, 1989)

Willis Barker (November 8, 1897-March 24, 1982)

Written by: Renata Fuller Sexton, Granddaughter

## Raymond Bolen

With God's help I will write the obituary of my dear friend and brother in Christ, Raymond Bolen. He was born March 11, 1916 and departed this life March 14, 1989. He was the son of the late Nancy (Conley) Bolen and Reece Bolen of Garrett, Kentucky.

Brother Raymond has left behind his wife, Norsie; two sons, Elmer Ray of Sulphur Springs, Ohio, and Harold of Attica, Ohio; one daughter, Adeline Hedden of Cary, North Carolina; and a host of grandchildren. He is also survived by two brothers, Robert Bolen of Garrett, Kentucky, and Andy Bolen of Ft. Pierce, Florida; three sisters, Unia Bolen of Garrett, Kentucky, Geraldine Ramey of LaGrange, Indiana, and Maxine Gibson of Willard, Ohio. I feel that their loss was Heaven's gain. He was preceded in death by one son, two brothers, and one sister.

Brother Raymond worked hard to provide for his family and was a retired coal miner.

When I visited him in the Willard Hospital, he told me the doctors had informed him that he had lung cancer and did not have long to live. His main topic of conversation during my visits was about the Lord. He said there was nothing standing between him and God and when the call comes he was ready to go home to be with the Lord.

I have heard members of his family talk of hearing him pray, and ask for God's forgiveness. I believe God heard and answered his prayers. He told me one thing he wanted to do before he left this world was to be baptized in the water at Pleasant View Church. Sometimes circumstances and poor health will hinder all of us. Brother Raymond was never able to join the church or be baptized, but he was a good witness for the Lord through his conversation.



Brother Raymond's body will continue to sleep in the Maple Grove Cemetary at New Haven, Ohio until our Lord himself will descend from heaven with a shout and the voice of an archangel. His body that is asleep will hear and awake with a resurrected, glorified, and perfect body, like our Lord's body, to be reunited with his soul that the Lord is bringing with him. Lung Cancer took Brother Raymond from this world but I feel that he is now in a world that has no cancer or any other sickness.

I would like to say to all of Brother Raymond's family who do not know the Lord in pardon and remission of your sins, Brother Raymond can't come here again to be with you, but if you will forsake your wicked ways and unrighteous thoughts, and return unto the Lord, our God will abundantly pardon you. You can go where he is and the family will never have to say goodbye to one another again.

Written by his friend and Brother in Christ  
Elder Hayes Chaffins

### Bertha L. (Ramsey) Burke

Bertha L. (Ramsey) Burke was born January 3, 1921, the daughter of Neb and Elizabeth (Osborne) Ramsey. The mother of three children of which were two sons, Collidge Michael Burke of Springfield, Ohio and Kenneth Randel Burke of Fairfield, Ohio; one daughter, Dawn Rita Rider of Springfield, Ohio. She was the grandmother of 12 and the great-grandmother of 9 children.

She had been sick for a few years with cancer, but her suffering is over, just resting from her labor, waiting for the great morning to enter into

the Heavenly Home, not made by man. I am waiting for the morning when this little hope that I have had for a little over 38 years will become real. But I won't love her any better than any other sister. The Lord has been good to me, I got to keep her here for 43 years, 10 months, and 2 days.

I have heard her say many time, I will be satisfied when the Lord's will is done, not my will. She sent for the preachers to come and sing and pray with her.

Honey it is lonely without you, but I wouldn't want you back in the pain you were in.

Written by her heartbroken husband, and Brother Paris Tackitt  
Calvin C. Burke



## Hassel Case

I Timothy 6:11, 12: *"But thou, O man of God, flee those things; and follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness." "Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, where unto thou art also called and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses."*

With precious memories, we will write the obituary of our loving husband and father, Hassel Case. He was born at Honaker, Kentucky May 15, 1918. The son of Morgan and Polly Jane Case. On December 17, 1938 he was married to Hazel Marie Collins and to this union was born 8 children;

4 boys: Hershel, Queensland, Australia, Lloyd and Bill, Cartersville, Georgia and Bobby, Ashland, Ohio. 4 daughters: Bonnie Ruggles, North Fairfield, Ohio, Reeda Case, Fremont, Ohio, Deborah Fernekees, New London, Ohio and Deanna Kay who preceded him in death on August 12, 1951. The survivors also include 17 Grandchildren, 6 Great-Grandchildren, 3 brothers; Jim Case, McDowell, Kentucky, Andrew Case, Martin, Kentucky, Hursel Case, New London, Ohio; 2 sisters; Lizzie Hall, Betsy Layne, Kentucky, Dollie Branham, Willard, Ohio. Dad is best remembered for his honesty, love and kindness and no way could any of us forget his friendly nature shown to all. He never met a stranger! Dad was always a perfectionist and tried to complete any job that was started. Daddy loved the Old Regular Baptist Church especially his home church "Little Pilgrims Home" Ruggles, Ohio. He was so glad to give his time for the Lord in doing work at the church to make it more comfortable for others.

Dad joined the Little Pilgrims Home Church on May 15, 1983, was baptized July 10 by Brother Robert Wallen and Brother Frank Harvey. He was ordained as a Deacon on September 8, 1984.

He loved all of his brothers and sisters in the Lord and spoke of them often, and enjoyed their visits. Although as he told Brother Robert, "Don't worry about me there is other people that need you to visit them more."

We loved Dad dearly and he knew that. "His family would take care of him," he would say. He told us so many times how he loved us and we all know that he did, that is why our memories are precious.

Dad is in heaven, that is where he told us he wanted to go as he lay in his hospital bed. We know we can see Dad all we have to do is believe in John 3:16.

Written by his loving wife, Hazel and Children



## Jessie Allen Deel, Jr.

Jessie Allen Deel, Jr., son of Tami and Jessie Allen Deel, Sr. of Galion, died Sunday (July 1, 1989) at Morrow County Hospital.

He is survived also by three sisters, Stephanie, Christy, and Sarah, all at home; paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Kilby Deel, 440 Vernon Ave.; maternal grandmother, Mary Jo Jones of 118 Union St.; maternal grandfather, Ron Collier of 199 Ohio 203.

Little Jessie will not have to go through the sorrow and pain. He is going home to Heaven, to be with Jesus. I have said, I wish that I could have died when I was born. I want to go to Heaven. Children get ready for there is a Heaven and Hell. Choose today where you want to go, so we all can see Little Jessie. Oh, how we wish we could see him grow up and be able to hold him in our arms.



Written by his Grandpa,  
Kilby Deel

## Elva Elliott

*Psalm 143:8. Cause me to hear thy loving kindness in the morning; for in thee do I trust; cause me to show the way wherein I should walk; for I lift up my soul unto thee.*

We will try in littleness to compile an obituary of Elva Elliott. Elva was born June 25, 1929 to Harmon and Fronie Mitchell in the mountains of Floyd County, Kentucky, being one of twenty-one children. Three of the family, and father and mother preceded her in death. Elva passed away June 12, 1989 in the early hour of dawn in her home in Florida, making her stay here fifty-nine years, eleven months and twelve days. She had suffered from cancer, the dreadful disease so common among us today. Early in life, Elva met and married Homer Elliott, no children were born into this union. Elva and Homer moved to Florida from Michigan in the early 1970's.



They were blessed to thirty-nine years together before Homer was killed in an automobile accident one year and nine months ago.

Leaving to mourn a great host of nieces and nephews and friends. Brothers and sisters are to wit: John W. Mitchell of Lincoln Park, Michigan, Delpha Elliott and Arthur Mitchell of Wyandotte, Michigan, Juda Barton, William J. Mitchell and Lark Mitchell of Taylor, Michigan, Harmon Mitchell Jr. and Elsie Hamilton of Romulus, Michigan, Ola Mitchell of Allen Park, Michigan, Thurman Mitchell and Lawrence Mitchell of Chicago, Illinois, Alpha Hamilton of Cooksville, Tennessee, Ernest Mitchell, Loretta Sue Newman, Barbara Mitchell and Mary Stone of McDowell, Kentucky, Foster Mitchell, Phillip Eugene Mitchell and Brenda Page of Grethel, Kentucky.

Many friends and neighbors will also miss Elva, especially Erlene Coward, a longtime neighbor and retired nurse, and Dick Depore who stood by so faithfully in the last moments of her needs. Surely God will reward them in their human kindness toward Elva. Her soft spoken and gentle voice will be missed by all who loved her so much. In her last hours she said she was praying, we serve a God who hears our cries, and answers in our hour of need. No doubt Elva heard that voice of loving kindness in that early morning hour. God sent that angel and called her, she is free from all cares, resting in peace until that great day arrives for God's children. God called home one of the flowers in a large bouquet of brothers and sisters.

To the family, pray on, let this large family be together again in a land that is eternal. At the end of life is a wonderful land that God has promised for all who will serve him. May God bless each of you with his love in your hour of sorrow. Keep in your hearts the thought of meeting again, in a land that knows no sorrows, only peace and joy.

We pray God's peace will abide in your soul and fond memories of Elva will linger in your hearts.

Our prayers to all of you,  
Bro. Ralph and Sister Leona Caudill

## Oma Katherine Griffith

I will try to express the thoughts and feeling, the heaviness of heart, the sweet memories, and the tears of the family of Oma Griffith, if GOD will allow in the name of sweet JESUS.

Oma Katherine (Conley) Griffith, 70, of 13753 N. Drive S. Tekonsha, died Wednesday, Sept. 21, 1988, at home after a lengthy illness. She was born in Morgan County, Ky., and came to Tekonsha in 1954. She attended the Little Polly church of Jesus Christ of Old Regular Baptist Faith and Order.

Surviving are her husband, Richard Griffith; daughters, Mrs. Elbert (Nadine) Castle of Mason, Mrs. Thomas (Faye) VanZandt of Marshall and Mrs. Cletus (Barbara)

Pritchard of Tekonsha. Sons, Dave, Arnold, Jerry, Henry and Larry Griffith, all of Tekonsha, and Bob Griffith of Independence, Mo.; 17 grandchildren; 3 step grandchildren; 1 great grandchild; 2 step great grandchildren; a stepmother, Mae Conley of Ohio; brothers, Buddy and Ara Conley of Ohio; a sister, Rossaline of Ky.; and 2 half brothers, Charles Conley of Ohio, and Jimmie Conley of Ky. 2 sons, Randall and James Griffith and a stepson Rayful Griffith, preceded her in death.

The family still mourns the passing of their mother, wife, grandmother, mother-in-law, and most of all a sweet friend. She was these things and more. She was a light to all who knew her. She was kind and gentle, hard working, and ever so humble, sweet natured, and patient. She treated her in-laws as her own children. She loved going to church, or even just being where the Good word was spoken, or a song of Zion was being sung. If Bro. Rich headed for his car to go to church, or just to visit someone, she was right there at his side. Her hardest time came when she could no longer go to church. She would gently rebuke you if you talked about someone. She never gave her hand to the church, maybe the affliction of Alzheimers overtook her first, only God knows. But we are convinced that she made her peace with God a few years ago, and is in a better land. The affliction tried to destroy her mind and imprison her in a world by herself, but God would not allow that. Right to the very end she could greet us with a smile, or a touch.

The Lord was always on her mind, many times when asked how she was doing, she would answer I'm just waiting for the Lord to come and take me home. When the Bros. and sisters from the church would visit, sometimes they would sing a song of Zion, or hold prayer, it never failed to bring a smile, and often many tears of joy to her eyes. She and Bro. Rich raised a large family, working long and hard because she loved them so much. I am a witness that her children, and the families of her children did everything



possible to return that love. Many of them gave up their own personal lives to take care of their mother, often around the clock, seven days a week, for weeks on end. I never once heard any of them say it was their duty, but rather I do what I do for my mother because I love her. But they did not need to speak for the love they showed was very evident. And even though Oma was bedfast, she was always kind and loving, and never had a cross word for anyone, no matter how bad she felt.

Now the family has many fond memories of their mother so why do they still mourn her? Maybe because for several months many of them almost lived at her bedside. When you love someone the way this family loved her it takes a long time for the sadness to go away. But each day that passes it gets a little easier, but we will never stop missing her, and her memory will never fade away, we won't let it. We thank God for his tender mercy, her suffering has ended and she is in a better land. We thank the friends who were there for us, and a special thanks to those at the Stone Coal church, your kindness will not be forgotten. And a very special thanks to Brother Earl Lawson, Brother Raymond Lawson, Brother Morris Wicker, and Brother Jerry Manns, and Brother Danny Adams for going that extra mile with us.

Brother Thomas VanZandt  
Her Son-in-law

## Ergel Hobbs

*"For 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."* (2 TIM 4:6-8)

So the case may be with a beloved saint of God, husband and Dad. Brother Ergel was born to George and Ada (Kindricks) Hobbs February 9th, 1915 in Pike Co. Kentucky. He loved and married Gertrude (Blackburn) Hobbs April 2nd, 1942, and to this union was born eight children. Glenn Hobbs of Lorain, Ohio, Tildrine Hobbs preceded him in death. Clifton, Clayton, Carl and Sylvia (Hobbs) Cole all



of Lorain Ohio, Florence Price of Willard, Ohio and Kathy Sue Slone of Plymouth, Ohio. Also left to mourn his loss is 15 grandchildren, one sister and five brothers numerous in-laws and friends. Dad was a tender-hearted humble man, whose heart was full of love, for those around him, and it was this love, though a poor man himself moved him to donate a little piece of land on which the Little Edna Church is built. He soon thereafter realized his need for a Savior and understood he could not recover himself from the fallen state he was in by nature, after feeling the Lord had forgiven him, he joined the church in 1959 and was baptized by Elder Walter Parker.

His love for his brothers and sisters and church was manifested by the life he lived before them. He was not ashamed to be called an Old Regular Baptist for his hope was in Jesus Christ both sure and steadfast and unremovable and it was this hope that maketh not ashamed because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the HOLY GHOST. He bore his pain with patience over ten years and the wife he married did exactly as the Bible said by living in subjection to her husband and lived to see 1 Peter 3rd chapter, vs. 1 & 2 become reality. Though unable many times to take care of herself she found the strength she needed in Christ Jesus and waited on Daddy hand and foot. Psalms 18:32: "It is God that girdeth me with strength and maketh my way perfect." Though a family acquainted with poverty we believe that Mom and Dad were rich in treasures. Matthew 6:20-21: "But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, whether neither moth nor dust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break in nor steal; For where your treasure is there will your heart be also." We feel Daddy is with those treasures now. He will not have tubes going into his stomach around the altar of God to feed him, he will eat of that perfect love. He will not whey and groan under the afflictions of the flesh.

I dreamed of Daddy walking and being well again just before he died. I feel he is well again, he just went home with a friend, he has departed with Christ which Apostle Paul said is far better. So we say sleep on Daddy for on that resurrection morn, we believe you will awake with a body liken to Christ most glorified body and then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written death is swallowed up in victory, O DEATH, WHERE IS THY STING? O GRAVE WHERE IS THY VICTORY? Brother Ergel entered eternal life November 8, 1988. The family would like to thank all who visited during his illness and especially thank Brother Forrest Garretson who was always there with a helping hand, may God bless you and reward you for all that you have done.

Written by Elder and Mrs. Michael Slone  
(son-in-law/daughter) and loving daughter Florence

## Roy Holbrook

Roy Holbrook was born November 10, 1919 and deceased May 31, 1989. He was the son of the late Israel Holbrook and Linda Holbrook Holbrook.

Brother Roy was never married. He is survived by one brother, Wayne Holbrook, and two sisters, Sister Goldie Stevens, with whom he made his home, and Mable Stevens.

I was present at the Macedonia Church August 16, 1958 when Brother Roy gave his hand and told the church that the Lord had saved his soul and he wanted to be baptized into the fellowship of the church, after which we went to the water, and Brother Roy was baptized by Elder R. Z. Castle.

Brother Roy was a faithful member and filled his seat as long as his health would permit. God did not require Brother Roy to be a leader or minister, only to let his light shine; and many times I have heard him shout the praises of God.

There are so many good things that could be said about Brother Roy that one would have to have known him to understand what I mean, so in closing, I feel that I can truthfully say that Brother Roy isn't here anymore. He has gone away with his friend and Saviour.

Written by Elder Hezekiah Osburn at the request of Sister Goldie Stevens.



## Edgar Hunt

Edgar Hunt, our dear Dad and Papa, we are writing this with a heavy heart and with our Sweet Saviour's help. We all loved him very much and we had the pleasure of having him 78 years, 3 months and 20 days.

Dad left us to be with the Lord and Mom on July 2, 1989. We know it's a joyous time for Dad and Mom, but it's a sad day for us because we will miss him dearly, but we know it's a celebration in heaven.

Dad was born March 13, 1911 to the late Tom and Annis Steele Hunt in Floyd County, Ky. On October 14, 1936 he married Pearl Tackett who preceded him in death. Surviving are four sons; Ralph and John Hunt of Prospect, Ohio and Tommy and Windell Hunt of Marion, Ohio. Two daughters; Mrs. Leo (Margaret) Gilliam of Marion, Ohio and Mrs. Malcolm (Sue) McCloud of Prospect, Ohio. A brother, Milt Hunt of Ocala, Florida and a sister, Mrs. Jossie Blanton of Norwalk, Ohio. He has 17 grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren and a host of relatives and friends. Two brothers and two sisters are deceased; also a son and daughter.

Dad was a member of The Family of Love Church in Wyandot. He was baptized and became a member on April 23, 1979. He became a deacon of the Church November 1979.

We all loved to go up to Dad's. It was a wonderful meeting place for all the family. We enjoyed our fellowship together. Dad was the bond that kept the family close. Dad loved everyone and everyone loved Dad. He loved his church too. A lot of times he went to church when he wasn't able to go, but he loved worshipping with his brothers and sisters in the church. Looking back over the years we can now see the patience and understanding Dad had with each and everyone of us.

Dad's memorial will be preached on the fourth weekend of August, 1990. Brothers called: James Brannam, Danny Carty, Buddy Carty, Donald Gibson.



Written from our hearts,  
His loving family.

## Jack David Mays

With the help of the Lord and as a request from my granddaughter, I will try to write an obituary of my son-in-law, Jack Mays. He was born July 5, 1958 and died in a car wreck July 4, 1986, making his stay here on earth 27 years, 11 months, 29 days. He was born in Wellston, Ohio, the son of Ruth Seaton of Columbus, OH and late Melvin Mays Sr.

He was survived by his wife, Dianna Baker Mays and step-daughter, Bobbie Jo Perry of McArthur, OH. He had a hard life as a boy since he and his four younger brothers were all put in a children's home in McArthur and that's where he was raised. He was a kind hearted person and would do anything he could for you. He loved Bobbie Jo and treated her just like his own daughter. She loved him very much. Diana and Bobbie Jo has some good memories about him.

Written by his Mother-in-law,  
Lenoris Baker

### In Memory of my Step-Dad Jack Mays

Sometimes the tears  
They flood my eyes  
Daddy didn't give me  
Time to say good-bye

I was his step-child  
He loved me like his own,  
I always watched the door  
Waiting for him to come home.

He was placed in an orphan's home,  
He wasn't raised by a mom or dad  
Sometimes when I looked at him,  
His eyes would be so sad.

My daddy drove his car too fast  
He never put a seat belt on,  
He didn't know when he drove that car  
That it would be his last.

Yes, my Daddy wrecked his car  
One day before his birthday, he died,  
I can't help but feel his pain,  
Way down deep inside.

Daddy always loved my mommy  
We had some happy years  
She always stood beside him  
Through the good times and the tears.

Daddy, a million times I've needed you,  
I guess I always will.  
In life, I loved you so much  
In death I love you still

Written by Bobbie Jo Perry  
age 10  
with the help of her grandmother,  
Lenoris Baker

## Wayne McCarty

It is with a heavy heart that we attempt to write the obituary of our husband and father, Wayne McCarty. With God's help, we will try.

He was born on February 25, 1911, to the late Paris and Alvira McKensie McCarty, and departed this life on February 2, 1989. He married Daisy Harris on June 25, 1929, and she survives. To this union was born twelve children, eight of whom are left to mourn. They are Emogene Cooley and Phyllis Waddles of Prestonsburg, KY, Faye Moscript of Weeksbury, KY,



Ronnie McCarty of Columbus, OH, Jerome McCarty of Brighton, MI, Christine Bailey, Judy Preston, and Doug McCarty of Ypsilanti, MI. Also surviving are 26 grandchildren, 26 great grandchildren, and 2 great-great grandchildren. He is also survived by three brothers — Lenzie, Manford, and Paris McCarty Jr., and one sister — Mary Howard, and numerous nieces and nephews — many of whom he advised and counseled as a father.

He worked in the coal mines for forty-two years before he retired with Black Lung. Wayne repented and gave himself to the Lord about 1939 and was called to the ministry not long after that. He was ordained at The Low Gap Church, Paint Union Association, on December 4, 1947. He brought his letter to The Clear Creek Church, New Hope Association, on June 4, 1951, and was a dedicated servant until the day he died.

We are thankful to the Lord that he blessed us with such a patient, humble and loving husband, father, grandfather, and friend. He bore his illness the same way that he lived his life — humbly, patiently, and with no complaints. He told his son, Doug, that he felt unworthy of the care and love his children gave him. Anyone who knew him and the life he lived, and the light he left, knows there was no one more worthy and we could not possibly have given him the love, care, and honor that he deserved. His main concern was that the children take care of their Mother, which was like him, to think of someone else, even in his affliction.

We have lost a great man, who, the family, the Church, and his friends will sadly miss. But, we know our loss is heaven's gain and Daddy will suffer no more.

Written with the help of Daisy and Children  
by daughter-in-law, Peggy McCarty

## Harmon Mitchell

With fond memories I will write a obituary of my grandfather, Harmon Mitchell. Grandpa was borned June 27, 1900 and departed this life October 26, 1987.

Early in life he first married Fronie Martin in the year of 1919. Unto this union were born nine children: Goldie Tackett, John W. Mitchell, Dell Elliott, Alpha Hamilton, Elva Elliott, Earnest Mitchell, Arthur Mitchell, Judy Barton and Therman Mitchell. Then he later met and married Frankie Elliott on May 16, 1938. Unto this union were born 13 children: Elsie Hamilton, Mary Stone, William J. Mitchell, Lawrence Mitchell, Foster Mitchell, Lark Mitchell, Loretta Sue Newman, Phillip Mitchell, Harmon Mitchell, Jr., Brenda Paige, Barbara Ann Mitchell, Betty Mitchell and Larry Mitchell. He also raised two stepchildren, Ola B. Mitchell and Magalene Horn.

Papaw loved all his family very much. His second wife, Frankie, and two children Larry and Betty Mitchell, preceded him in death.

Grandpa belonged to the Little Rosa Church for 25 years. He loved the Little Rosa Church very much and was a faithful member until death. He leaves one brother, Elder Jay H. Mitchell to mourn his loss.

Papaw also leaves 67 grandchildren, 78 great-grandchildren, and 14 great great grandchildren to mourn his loss.

Papaw was loved by all who knew him. He was a loving father and a wonderful grandfather. There would always be plenty of food on the table whenever the family would come home for a visit.

To his children and grandchildren who have not made peace with God, if you want to see Dad and Papaw again, start seeking that man called Jesus. He has promised to save. You just have to desire him, he will come into your life.

Written By His Granddaughter  
Linda Mitchell Hall

*Note: Since the time I wrote this obituary one of papaw's daughters passed away. Elva Elliott died at her home in Florida, on June 12, 1989.*

A treasure was added to heaven  
today,  
When the death angel called Pop-  
pie home to stay.  
The stones he has left will shine as  
pure gold;  
The walk of his life has already  
been told.

I loved Him so much,  
God only knows,  
He loved all his family;  
And He was ready to go.  
This was for certain;  
Because He always told us so.

If you want to see papaw,  
Start seeking today.  
For Our Saviour King Jesus;  
Has promised to save.

Written by two grandchildren,  
Linda Mitchell Hall  
Mark Anthony Mitchell

## Effie Moore

It would be impossible for me to write the words that a dear Mother, Sister and Grandmother deserves to be said about her without the help of the Lord. I know that I can do nothing, but with him all things are possible. So with his help, I hope he will give me the right words to say.

Sister Effie Moore was born September 30, 1902 at Garner, Ky., and passed on to that beautiful land called Heaven on January 24, 1989, making her stay on earth 86 years, 3 months, and 24 days. She was the daughter of the late Ike Thacker and Polly Ann Watts. Sister Effie married the late Grover Moore on October 1, 1932. She is survived by five children, Janice



Banks, Ellen Pigman, Georgia Bazell, Bernice Baker, and Buford Moore. Also one son, deceased, Adrian Moore. She is also survived by two daughters-in-law, Mary Moore and Dorothy Moore, and one son-in-law, Clyde Bazell, and two sisters, Eva Smith & Dorothy Johnson. Sister Effie also leaves a host of friends, relatives and church members to mourn her passing.

She was known as "Mommy" to all that knew her, and when we would go to her home, she would always welcome us at the door with a warm welcome smile on her face. But sometime Monday night or Tuesday morning an angel came to her in her sleep and said to her, "It is time for you to go home." I know we will miss her very much, but I believe God loved her enough to take her home, and I believe she is at rest.

On June the 4th Sunday in June, 1969, Sister Effie gave her hand to become a member of the Little Angel Church, and was baptized the 4th Saturday in July, and she lived a faithful member until God saw fit to call her home.

You children and grandchildren known the life this dear Mother and Grandmother lived. Now the question is, Will the circle be unbroken, as it is up to you if you want to meet Mommy again.

Elder Forest Osborne

## Ella Mullins

By the help of the Lord, I will try to write a short obituary of my Mother, Ella Mullins. She was a native of Knott County, and was born May 23, 1909, and deceased this life March 1, 1989. She was the daughter of the late Solomon and Nealie (Madden) Mullins, who preceded her in death also, one brother Rex Mullins and one sister, Prudie Kelly and one grandson, Darrell Wayne Perks.

She leaves to mourn her passing, two sons, Jimmy Darrell Parks of Louisville, KY, and Robert Von Kelly of Georgetown, IND and five grandchildren, who loved her very much.

Mommy lived in Louisville, KY for the past thirteen years, and went to church with us when she could. In May of 1985, Mommy gave her hand and was Baptized, she became a member of the Antioch Old Regular Baptist Church of the Northern Newsalem Association. She was Baptized in June of 1985.

Mommy was almost blind before she died, but she loved her church, and all of her friends. Although she could not see to well, she could recognize her Brothers and Sisters by the sound of their walk when they come to see her.

Because of health problems, Mommy spent the last two and one-half years of her life at Parkway Medical Center, in Louisville. The last words that she spoke, she told her family that she was going home to be with Jesus.

We will miss Mommy, but our loss is surely Heaven's gain. We wish to thank all the members, and friends of the Antioch Church, who went to see her, and who called, or sent her cards. We will always remember her friends and their families from Knott County, who came to be with her. We pray that some day we will meet Mommy in that Good Land That Knows No Sickness Or Pain.

Written by her son and brother in hope,  
Brother Jimmy Darrell Parks



## Josie King Noble

It is with much sadness that I write this obituary of Josie King Noble. Josie was born November 1, 1905 to Harry King and Alice Lawson King. She passed away April 10, 1989, making her stay here, eighty-three years and five months. Josie met and married Alex Noble July 20, 1921 when she was just a young girl of sixteen. They had thirty-eight years together before Alex died from a heart attack June 23, 1959. To this union was born two sons, Adam Noble and Ance Noble, both preceded her in death. She also has a sister, Bessie Tuttle and a brother, Henry King who preceded her in death.



Left to mourn her passing are half-sisters Daisy Freeze, Kaye and Wilda and several nieces and nephews, also her grandchildren Ance Edward Noble and Renea Michelle Noble, daughter-in-law Glenda Noble of Southgate, Michigan. Grandson Donald Ray Noble of Ashtabula, Ohio. Donald's twin sister Donna Kay Noble also preceded her in death June 14, 1974 from Leukemia.

Josie was baptized in 1941 and was a faithful member of the Old Regular Baptist Church for 48 years. She attended faithfully until she became ill and was placed in the Salyersville Nursing Home, where she was living until she passed away.

She will be missed very much by her family and friends, but hopefully we will all see her again. She is at peace now.

Written by her Daughter-in-law  
Glenda Noble

## Wilma Ousley

It is with a deep sadness in my heart that I will attempt to write the obituary of my beloved Mother, Wilma Ousley.

Mom was born March 9, 1932, and passed away May 26, 1988. I believe with all of my heart and soul that Mom has gone on to that beautiful home awaiting, which she spoke of often. She was a very loving person, so gentle and understanding.

She was married to Dad, Virgil Ousley on January 26, 1952 and unto this union was born nine children: three sons and three daughters living. Two sons died in infancy, Johnny Ray and Larry. Virgil Ousley Jr. died at the age of 29. Richard, James, and Micheal are all of Leslie. Daughters are: Virginia Gawron, Pleasant Lake; Janet Rice, Onondaga; Shirley Hablitzel, Mason.

Mom also leaves ten grandchildren and Daddy to morn a great loss. Trisha, Josh, Chad, Jason, and Shawn Ousley; Greg and Lori Rice; Sherrie, Shelia, and Jennifer Hablitzel. All miss their "Maw-Maw."

Mommy came from a large family of fifteen children born to Kellie and Birdie Bailey: Lona, Perlie, Sigle, Maggie, Effort, and Wilma (Mom) are dead. Living are: Lora Vanderpool, Mary Marshall, Elizabeth Lindsey, Ruby Hall, Irene Howard, Oma Mays, Beatrice Kramer, Edith Sawyer, and Kellie Bailey Jr.

It is very hard to go through this world without the wisdom and security of a Mother's love. A Mother's love is so precious and wonderful, and it is missed so when they are gone. Give your Mother love while you can and accept that love when it is given, because that love is what memories are made of.

Mom, even though you are gone now, you will always be in our thoughts, and in our hearts. You can not come to visit us now, and how I miss the visits. We will have to try and walk the right path to meet you someday, and someday we can have that beautiful reunion that you spoke of. And then we will never part and be sad again.

Written by Your Broken Hearted Daughter,  
Shirley A. Hablitzel



## Shawn Sawyers

With a sad and aching heart and the help of God, I will try to write an obituary of my Darling Beloved Son Shawn Sawyers. He was Born July 25, 1954 and departed this life November 10, 1988 making his stay on earth 34 years 3 months and 14 days.



The death angel came so sudden I will never get over losing my Darling Son. He was my only child.

He leaves a Mother and Son Shane and a host of friends and relatives to mourn his absence.

Shawn like his Dad, loved helping others. He would bring total strangers to his house and feed them. We had just lost his Dad 6 months before.

I believe with all my heart Shawn and Mac, are together with Jesus in the garden of Paradise. Because I seen them together in a dream. They didn't speak any words to me, but they both were smiling and looked so happy it was like they were saying hurry and come on home. So I do believe I will see them again.

I would like to say to Shawn's little son and all his friends. Jesus stands at the door knocking if you will just let him come in. Oh Shawn, how I miss you so. Sometimes I get so very low, but when I think I can't bear it any longer My God steps in.

My darling son you had not time for last farewells, or even to say good by.

You were gone before we knew it and we often wonder why. So you just sleep on my baby. Mom is just waiting for the day I can join you and dad in that Holy Land.

Written by His Broken Hearted Mother  
Ora Sawyers

## Kenny Ray Slone

It is with much sadness but precious memories that we write this obituary of Kenny Ray Slone.

Kenny was born August 19, 1968 and died November 12, 1986 in an automobile accident.

Leaving behind to mourn his loss are his father Kenneth Slone, his mother Ann Slone, one brother Walter D. Slone, paternal grandmother Bernie Slone, and maternal grandmother Eunice Parker. He also leaves many relatives and friends and a very special girl friend.

Kenny lived a short 18 years but during that time he gave so much and his very presence meant so much to the people around him but most of all he gave them a strong love. His beautiful brown eyes still shine in our memory full of love he had in his heart. What we miss most of all is not having Kenny there to love us and for us to love him in return.

It seems that right when Kenny reached the age where cares and troubles of this life would begin to start the good Lord did as one of the old writers wrote when he said "hide me in the grave until thy wrath be past." He hid him where troubles, wars, and bomb threats wouldn't bother him.

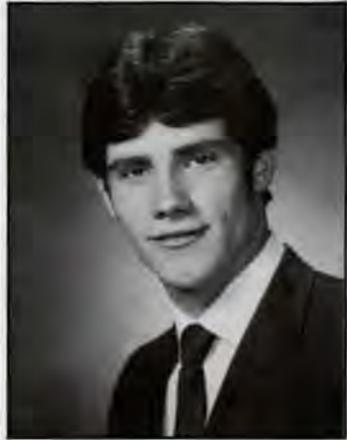
Kenny loved to hunt and many memories remain with me of the trips. I've gone back to where he hunted and in thinking so much about him it seems he would almost say "I wouldn't trade you places." Kenny has crossed the river we all must cross and while we still dread the sting of death he can rest in the paradise of God. But there is a reunion time a coming when all tears will be wiped dry and as the song says, "what a reunion there'll be."

So to his many friends just remember there is a better day coming when we can walk down streets of gold, dwell where there'll be no separation and can finally say, "I'm satisfied." Won't that day be worth it all.

Some of the family have had dreams about Kenny. One of the dreams saw him on the back of a train and it was leaving and he was laughing while it was leaving. One of the old writers spoke of a train and I believe it was a glory bound train, one that won't be delayed. It'll be there when the trumpet sounds and those old graves have to give up.

November 12 will always be a day of sadness and the emptiness we feel doesn't seem to go away with the passage of time. We won't be able to see Kenny again on this earth but he will always be with us. He'll be in our memories and in our hearts. His smile and his eyes shall never be forgotten because our mind will always carry his picture.

All I can say to those who share in the loss is that the sun doesn't stay hidden forever. We shall see Kenny again and together we shall dwell in the



House of the Lord forever. That thought is what keeps you going when you can't stop the pain or tears.

Thank you good Lord for giving Kenny to us for 18 years to love and share. Kenny you sleep until God calls for us and we will go home together. I'll hear you when you come down the streets. We love you Kenny.

Your Uncle Ted Parker and your cousin Angela Strand

## Henry R. Stewart

With a sad and lonely heart and the help of God, I will try and write an obituary of my beloved grand-pa, Henry R. Stewart. He was born September 7, 1897 and deceased this life, September 9, 1988. Making his stay here on earth, 91 years and 2 days. He was born at Longfork, KY to Bob and Mary Mullins Stewart. He was married to Eura Wright Stewart, and to this union was born 4 children. Living are Della Hamilton of Jenkins, KY and Bob Stewart of Taylor, MI. Two daughters, Bertie Mullins and Lillie Morris preceded him in death, as well as his wife, Eura. Also preceding him in death were three grandchildren, Danny Jo Morris,



Crayton Hamilton and Eddie Ray Mullins, and one great-great grandchild, Clinton Vitatoe. In 1970, he married Pansy Coleman whom he leaves to mourn his loss. He leaves 12 grandchildren, 35 great-grandchildren and 17 great-great grandchildren. He also leaves 2 brothers, Jack and Daniel and three sisters, Myrtle, Mindy and Nannie.

He joined the Old Regular Baptist Church around 1950 at Jenkins, KY and later moved his letter to Maggie's Home at Dundas, OH. He always filled his seat when he was able to come. He left a vacant spot and will be missed by all his brothers and sisters as well as a host of friends and relatives. He was a stick in the building at Maggie's Home Church that can never be replaced, but his memory lingers on.

For all his family that doesn't know Jesus, he left a light hanging in the window, he fought a good fight, his battle is won. If you ever expect to see him again, you'll have to go down that same road that he went. Jesus is standing at the door, but you'll have to get in shape to let him in.

Written by his granddaughter, Sister Lenoris Baker

Grandpa was a person whom everyone loved  
He walked a straight life, and was spoke well of.

God was always with, through the bad times and the good.  
This I try to remember, as everyone should.

When life's pathway was rough and rocky,  
And it seemed more than he could bear.  
He had a blessed Friend to guide him.  
I believe God was always there.  
His hands were calloused and wrinkled.  
His body was twisted from pain.  
He was poor while raising his family.  
I think, in the end, Heaven he gained.  
His body would ache from weariness  
And the tears would sometimes flow.  
He'd say, "Has everyone forgot about me,

It's lonely in a nursing home you know."  
I stood by his bedside, he held on to my hand,  
I felt he was joining that bright angel band.  
I think he could hear those Golden Bells ring  
Because he spoke and wanted me to sing.  
He had said "Put me beside my daughter in the end.  
Put on my tombstone, Gone Away with a Friend".

## Dorsie Tackett

God called her name on July 10, 1989. At the age of eighty-eight a sainted Mother passed from earth to Glory.

Mom, Dorsie Tackett was born October 7, 1900 to the late Charlie and Matilda Mullins and the widow of the late Grover Cleveland Tackett.

She was a member of the Caney Creek Old Regular Baptist Church, for forty three years, a church she loved so much and spoke of so often. Her dependency on Jesus made it easy for her to teach her children morals founded on the word of God.

Mom and Dad were blessed with nine children. Four of whom preceded her in death, Charles, Elmer, Lum Hillard and James Emmit. Those surviving Mom's passing are, Carl, Aroll, Hatler, Erma and I, twenty-nine grandchildren, several great and great great grandchildren, one brother and three sisters.

Mom had been a resident of Caney Creek most of her adult life. In 1953 Mom, Aroll, Hatler and I moved to Harold's Branch. There a home of love was established and a welcome carpet of kindness was rolled out for all. She stayed there until 1981. When she became ill and couldn't manage alone Gillis and I brought her to Michigan, where she remained until death. From the latter part of September 1984 her permanent home was with her daughter Erma in Allen Park.

Mom was hospitalized with congestive heart failure in June of 1989. I knew her name would soon be called. A touch of sadness gripped my heart. As I looked at her, there was no doubt in my mind she was waiting to enter The Gates of Heaven. I said "Mom You Are God's Little Angel," an illuminating smile covered her face.



It is my sincere belief that God sent special angels for Mom. I believe those angels were Daddy, her Sons and her Mom and Dad, those of whom she spoke so often and had written about so many times in poem and song.

Mom is now with her angels and happy in her heaven. She is free from the cantankerous ways of the world, sorrow and pain. A lingering void shall remain in my heart forever but the memories she left couldn't be any better. I heard her pray. I knew her life and I shared her love.

One of Mom's request, made several years ago was fulfilled when her remains were taken back to her home church. There she had been sanctified in God's love, encircled in his holy spirit and submerged in baptism. May God bless that church for their kindness and support.

As Mom was carried to her final resting place, the summer sun drenched me with a warmth from Heaven. I knew that warmth was like a tiny ray of Mom's love and I didn't feel alone. Her memories will always be a masterpiece in my life and they will leave an imprint in the steps I take tomorrow.

Written by  
Garnett F. Hamilton

## Gracie Tackett

By the Grace of God and with precious memories, I am writing this obituary of a mother who was greatly loved, and who now is greatly missed. Gracie Tackett was born into this earthly life on March 14, 1908 and entered into eternal life on August 9, 1987, having reached the age of 79. She was born one of ten children to William Buck Tackett and Malissa (Casebolt) Tackett at Wales, KY.

Gracie was united in Holy Matrimony to Murphy Tackett on July 16, 1927 by Elder Cline Tackett; a marriage that was to continue for 60 years and 3 weeks until God called her home. God blessed their marriage with five children (3 sons and 2 daughters). One daughter, Eulah Dean, departed this life in early infancy.

I remember so many times when Mom would make special sacrifices of things she wanted or needed that us children might have a little extra. She was a very loving and caring person. She was a faithful wife and a wonderful mother. Mom was always up early in the morning to make breakfast for Dad before he went to work, and usually spent late hours at night making sure us children had clean clothes for school the next day.



I remember well the first song that my Mom taught me. "Jesus left His Home in Glory," to the last song we ever sang together, "Great High Mountain." I'm sure Mom has reached the top of that mountain now, and that the beautiful fountain is no longer hidden from her. Mom's absence has left a great void in all our lives. Dad is alone for now, but is awaiting the day when they can be reunited, and all the children are missing a most important part of their lives.

Mom and Dad had been preparing to join the Enterprise Old Regular Baptist Church, but that time was not to be. Mom wasn't afraid to die because she was ready to be with God. She just didn't want to leave us behind. I was holding Mom's hand when she went into eternity, and I know the whole family still has the opportunity to be with her again one day, if their lives are right with Christ.

Many were left behind to mourn Mom's leaving: her husband, Murphy Tackett, Virgie, KY; four children: Audrey Tackett, Barberton, OH; Foster Tackett, Bowling Green, KY; Anna Mae Tackett, River Rouge, MI; and Danny Tackett, Taylor, MI. She also left behind one brother, Edgar Tackett, and one sister, Lexie Tackett, both of Andrews, IN; 8 grandchildren, 4 great grandchildren, and many other family members, friends, and loved ones.

I am writing this final memorial at my Dad's request, but by the strength of my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. I'll finish with the last words that I spoke to my mother, "I love you Mom and I'll see you in the morning."

Written by her youngest son,  
Rev. Danny F. Tackett

## Mahala Tackett

It is with much sadness but very fond and precious memories that I will try, with the help of my Lord, to write the obituary of my dear sister, Mahala Tackett.

She was born on September 23, 1915, one of fifteen children born to the late Willard and Martha (Damron) Tackett of Indian Creek, Pike County, KY. God called her home September 26, 1988, making her stay here on God's footstool 73 years and 3 days.

Mahala joined the church on September 14, 1985. Her membership was at the Samaria Church, Teaberry, KY.



She was married to Berry Tackett on July 11, 1942; unto this union God blessed her with three children (1 daughter and 2 sons). Berry and her daughter preceded her in death.

She leaves to mourn her loss two sons, Sterling (Porkey) Tackett, Teaberry, KY; Jimmy W. Tackett, Pikeville, KY; 3 grandchildren, Stanley, Lavonda, and Berry Tackett; five step-children, Paul Tackett, John B. Tackett, Margie Kiser, Opal Reynolds — all of Beaver, KY, and Olga Hamilton, Teaberry, KY; 4 brothers, Tavis Tackett, Thomas C. Tackett — both of Dearborn, MI, Amos Tackett, Wilmington, N.C., Tivis Tackett, Camarillo, CA; two sisters, Helen Batson and Eva Glo Patterson — both of Lincoln Park, MI.

Mahala always had a smile and kind word for everyone. She will be missed by all who knew her.

Mahala was a caring and loving sister, a widow indeed in the Lord, who loved to be with the brothers and sisters at church. She was able to attend church until God sent that angel to take her to that rest that only He can grant us. She put her light on the candlestick so that her family might see the joys of serving the Lord.

In closing this obituary, I will say to her Dear Ones that she left behind: If you want to meet her again, you must repent of your sins and be born again.

Written by her sister,  
Eva Glo Patterson

## Pearl Tackett

Pearl Tackett, age 85 years 9 months and 7 days, of Route #2, Vinton, Ohio died Tuesday June 13, 1989 at 6:00 p.m. at Scenic Hills Nursing Center. She had been in failing health for several years.

Born Sept. 6, 1903 in Pike County, Kentucky. She was the daughter of the late Willard and Virginia (Elswick) Tackett. She married Milton Tackett in Pike County, Kentucky on Oct. 23, 1919. He preceded her in death on July 21, 1955.

Survivors include sons — Freel of Rt. #1, Bidwell, OH; Maryland of Baltimore, MD; Sterling of Sunbury, OH; Lester and Mont of Pike County, KY; and Clester of Gallipolis, OH. Daughters include Vesta Parsons of Columbus, OH and Beatrice Hamilton of Wyandotte, MI. Two sons and two daughters preceded her in death.

She is survived by numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Pearl



is also survived by two brothers and three sisters and one half-sister. Three brothers, one half-brother and one half-sister are deceased.

Mamaw, as she was known by her grandchildren and most of her children and in-laws, did not formerly attach herself to any church, but she was a follower of The Old Regular Baptist Faith. Many years ago she said she felt with all her heart that God had forgiven her of her sins and when this life was over she would have a home in Heaven. This is very comforting to all of the family to realize that she fell asleep in the arms of Jesus.

Final resting place will be at Mount Tabor Cemetary at Vinton, Ohio.

Written by the Family

### Edith Kinney Robinson Thacker

With the help of the Lord I will try to write the obituary of a dear friend and sister in Christ, Edith Kinney Robinson Thacker. I've prayed so hard for the Lord to give me the right words for this obituary of Sister Edith. She was one of the most beautiful people I have ever known. She did what the Lord told Joshua. She left a beautiful stone for everyone to remember after she crossed over Jordon. When the Lord took her, he took a beautiful flower for his garden. I have so many memories of her that is beautiful. She left a host of relatives and friends to grieve her loss. Edith was born July 3, 1938 and left



this life July 13, 1988. She belonged to the Ratliff Old Regular Baptist Church in Kentucky for eleven (11) years. She was preceded in death by her first husband, Arthur G. Robinson and daughter, Patricia Bevins. She leaves to mourn her passing her beloved husband, Harvey Thacker, her son Ken Robinson, and her two step children Rodney Thacker and Judy Boyles, six grandchildren, mother Lizzie Kinney, Sisters Gladys Justice, Betty Bowersock, Gelois Robinson, and brothers Ralph Kinney, Billy Kinney and Bennie Kinney. Edith loved the True Vine Church in Clinton, Ohio. She helped the church in every way she could. She was always thinking of someone else. She was always there for everyone who needed her, and she will be greatly missed by everyone. There is not a day that goes by that I don't think of her in someway and miss her. I loved her very much, and someday I hope to see her again across Jordon. Edith praised the Lord till the day she died. I only wish everyone could be as humble as Sister Edith. I could say so much more about her that is in my heart, but it would take a book and it's not needful because anyone who knew her was touched by her love. She loved her children and grandchildren so very much. They had such a wonderful mother and grandmother to pattern their life after. If I could sum up sister

Edith in one word, that word would have been the word love. She had so much to give and she gave it away freely.

Written by a friend and sister in Christ  
with all her love, Sister Ethel Robinson.  
We all love and miss you Edith

### Woodrow Thacker Jr.

It is with a deeply, saddened heart for the family that I try to fulfill the request, with the help of the Lord, to write a short obituary of Woodrow Thacker Jr. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. (Gracie) Thacker, born March 13, 1956; deceased this life on March 27, 1989, making his stay on earth a short life span of 33 years and 14 days. He was born in Pikeville, Kentucky and came to Lorain, Ohio, as a child, to spend his remaining life.

He was united in marriage about 10 years ago to Sue. To this union was born two sons, Joseph Daniel and Christopher Lee. Survivors left to mourn the loss of Woody, included his brother Danny Lee Thacker of Elyria, Ohio; two sisters, Mrs. Mark (Jeanell) Hayslett of



Grafton, Ohio, and Karen Thacker of Elyria, Ohio, maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Dan (Stella) Slone of Lorain, Ohio, and a host of friends.

Woody as most of his friends called him, was a tender-hearted, pleasant, likeable person always helping others. He had the type of personality that didn't want to hurt anyone. Even though I didn't see Woody much after his marriage, when I went to the Cleveland Clinic to visit him, it was obvious that he still had that loving care for others. Woody and Sue and my son, attended high school together. After high school he was employed as a stationary engineer for the Ford Motor Company.

All the good words about Woody will not adequately describe the fond memories his wife, children, mother and father, have about him although Jesus knew him better than anyone. His wife, Sue, I know misses having Woody around during the lonely hours and to help advise the children. The two sons will miss that natural father guidance during their growing years.

Woody's mother told of having a dream before his death. She saw her deceased grandfather and aunt and felt that our loss on earth is Heaven's gain. In my farewell words to the family I pray that the good Lord will watch, direct, net you all together with his love especially Woody's two young sons, Joseph and Christopher.

When the boys are older and read this obituary Woody would want them to look to Jesus for guidance and direction in serving a true and living God. Thanks be to God who give us victory through our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, that in heaven there will be no pain, sorrow and death.

Written by Elder David Slone  
by request of the family

### Ellia Tuttle Thornsberry

It is with much sadness of heart that I will try, with the help of the Lord, to write the obituary of my mother, Ellia Tuttle Thornsberry. Mom was born March 23, 1926 in Knott County, Kentucky, to Joe Elliott and Florence Tuttle and died November 20, 1988 at the Grant Hospital in Columbus, Ohio. Making her pilgrimage her on earth 62 years, 7 months, and 27 days.



Mom was united in marriage September 14, 1942 to Kanawha Thornsberry and to this union they were blessed with 4 children. Venus Ray (who preceded her in death); Johnny Glenn of Waverly, Ohio; Karen Sue of South Charleston, Ohio; Linda Kay of Midland, North Carolina.

Mom was preceded in death by her devoted husband, oldest son, father, mother, and brother Lester Tuttle, brother Lawrence Tuttle, sister Lula Francis, sister Elizabeth Carter and sister Emily Slone, and 5 brothers and sisters who died in infancy.

Mom is survived by her 3 children, 1 sister, Eva Thornsberry of Springfield, Ohio and her most precious grandchildren: Eric, Matthew, Vicki, Crystal, and Kanawha Thornsberry; Jeff, Jimmy, Jerry and Beverly Gullett; Rebecca and Tracy Wagner. She is also survived by several nieces and nephews that turned to her for comfort in their hours of need, as well as a host of friends and neighbors.

Mom joined the Little Ettie Church at Beaver, Ohio on August 11, 1956 and was a good and faithful member until her death. Mom was always concerned about the upbuilding of the church and in keeping of the good old time practices that have always been a light, not only to her children and friends, but to the whole world. Mom was always asking us to learn the old

songs of Zion. Two particular songs stand out in my memory, The Model Church, and There Was A Little Family That Lived Up In Bethany.

Mom was always ready to help others whether they belonged to the church or not. She was a good counselor and was always ready to help out those in need, whether it be through trying times, sickness, or death, she was always there. Mom and Dad taught us children right from wrong and showed us by the life they lived that there was a heaven to gain and a hell to shun. I am thankful that I was blessed to walk with her for a few years in the good old time way. There are many fond memories of the many trips we took together to the different churches and of the times I heard her praise our God. The best memory Mom left me was of the hope she had (that hope being Jesus Christ the Lord). By Mom's fruits (for by their fruits ye shall know them) we who knew her can feel she was a child of God.

In closing, I would like to say to the Little Ettie Church, we have lost a good member and we will miss her greatly, but our loss is heaven's gain. So let us walk in the good old time way, in the newness of life and let our lives be an example to our children and friends and to the world. For Christ said, while I am in the world, I am the light of the world, but I go away and ye are the light of the world.

Written by her son and fellow servant,  
Brother Johnny Thornsberry

### Elder Virgil Wicker

It is with a feeling of sadness and great loss, by the help of God I attempt to write an obituary of my dear brother and traveling companion, in the gospel, Elder Virgil Wicker. Please understand that with the little wisdom I possess it would be impossible for me to put in words a fitting testimony for such a grand brother as this.

Brother Virgil was born September 9, 1917 and departed this life April 18, 1989, making his stay on earth 71 years 7 months and 9 days. Brother Virgil was the son of Lace and Minnie Wicker of Knott County, Kentucky. They both along with 4 brothers proceeded him in death. He was married to Ellen Green on May 10, 1940. His wife, Ellen survives and also 5 children. The surviving children are: Bufford, of Garrett, Kentucky, Virgil Glenn (Bud) of Brimfield, Indiana, Morton, of Ligonier, Indiana, Dani Black and Racine Smith both of Kendallville, Indiana. He also lost one child in infancy. He also has 14 grandchildren and 20 great grandchildren, two brothers, Carlton



and Aven both of Kendallville, and 3 sisters, Grace, of Albion, IN, Ocie, of Lackey, Kentucky, and Audry of Ray, Ohio left to mourn his passing.

The words of King David "Today a prince and a great man has fallen in Israel" is fitting in the fall of this great soldier. Brother Virgil joined the Old Regular Baptist Church at the Ivy Point Church in Garner, Kentucky in 1956 and was baptized by the late Elders Mitchell Chaffins and Cephas Mosley. His son, Bud, was on the creek bank when he came out of the water and though he was only 14 years old he remembers his dad emerging from the cold waters, praising God and saying "I'm not cold." Though the child did not understand at the time he and his sisters and brothers have witnessed the life and testimony of what that day really began for their Dad. I have heard him many times in our travels, refer to the Little Woodland, near Albion, Indiana, where he went in to with a heavy burden, thinking that he would die a natural death begging God for mercy on his soul. He did not die a natural death that day but his soul died dead to the love of sin and he was made alive in Jesus. When he came from that lonesome grove of trees he was like the lame man when Jesus healed him and he came leaping and praising God. I heard him say so many times, "when I came to myself I was saying things I never said before." God had made the transformation and raised him from a dead state to a lively hope in Christ Jesus that kept him all these years and led him across Jordon on Tuesday evening. Soon after joining the church he moved his membership to what is now the Little Zion Church in McGuffey, Ohio. He felt his calling to the ministry in 1956 and began to preach the gospel. He was faithful to his calling, never seeming to let tiredness of his body or the cares of the world effect his zeal in going and doing his duty. He moved his membership to the Little Flossie Church in the early sixties, and here he remained a faithful and dedicated member until God called him home.

Brother Virgil was a wonderful husband and father to his wife and children. His great concern, as we traveled along was for the welfare of the souls of his children and sinner people everywhere. Although he loved with an intense and undying love he was never willing to compromise his unfaltering convictions to please anyone. Dani told me that many times she would think he was rough on her in his teaching her but that when she would start home she would realize that daddy was right. When the kids got sick they know that daddy's God was the only one that never failed and was always there.

Many years, as we traveled I could see his body was failing but the spirit, that inward principal, got stronger as he got nearer home. I know his children, wife, and friends have a severe loss and sense of emptiness to cope with, and the church will have an empty seat on the end where he sat that can never be filled, but when the great trumpet sounds in the morning, God, who raised up Jesus from the tomb, will call to the grave and he will come forth to the invitation "Awake ye nations that dwell in the dust and come forth to everlasting joy and bliss."

So children, and friends today if you expect to meet him again, fall out with sin and follow the path he left. He piled up stones for a marker as he passed swiftly through. It won't be hard to tell where his path was. Long after his body molds back to the dust those stones will be evident. He

preached his own funeral as he passed swiftly through this land. So farewell, a little while, my brother. I'll see you soon again where we'll sing aloud together around the throne of our God and your lungs will be clear again. I love you so very much.

Your brother and companion in the Gospel of Christ  
Elder Birtchel Mosley, Jr.

## Mildred Yates

I'll try to write an obituary of my sister Mildred Yates (Ramey). She was born to Charley and Emma Jean (Adkins) Ramey on May 6, 1927, and she died on Jan. 4, 1989. Making her stay on earth 61 years, 7 months and 29 days. She joined the Little Angle Church in Grove Port, Ohio on Dec. 31, 1988. She was never able to be baptized to this union.

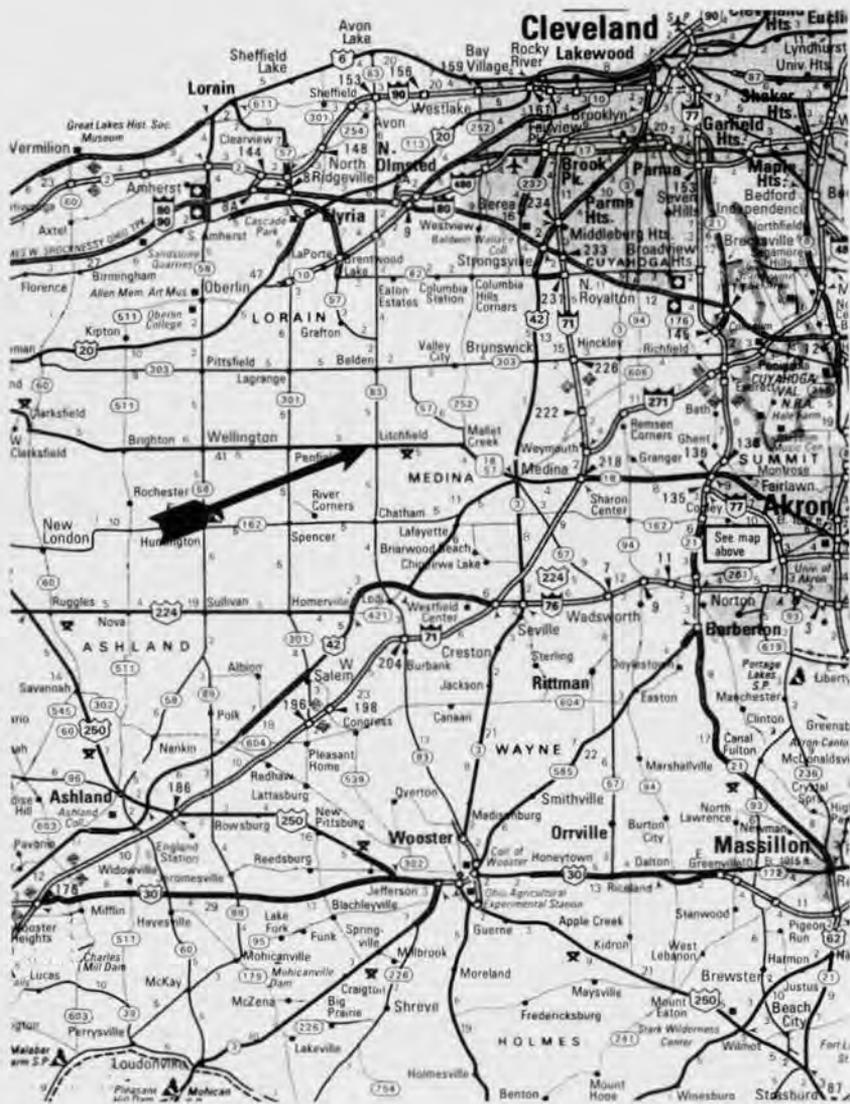
She leaves to mourn her loss, 1 son, Kenneth L. Yates. 2 daughters, Shelia Braden and Teresa R. Yates both of Pataskala, Ohio. 5 grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren. 4 sisters Ruth F. Davis, Eva Ramey, Adeline (Dolly) Bey of Columbus, Ohio, and Verda R. Muench of Shelby, N. Carolina. 2 brothers, Raymond W. Ramey of Springfield, Ohio and Alvin Ramey of Bertoud, Colo., and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

I miss her so much, no one knows but God. We went places together and enjoyed so many things. I know she was so happy when we could get out. Rest in peace. Hope to meet you, mom, dad and our brother Willis someday.



In memorial of my beloved sister, Mildred Yates  
your sister Eva Ramey

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