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

It's again we pause to remember and dedicate this 49th Annual Session of the Northern New Salem Association to the honor and memory of our beloved Elders, brothers and sisters, who have expired since our last assemblage.

Our condolence is with you, and our prayer is that you may find comfort in their precious memories of days passed. As we wait in hope of that blessed reunion, in which we shall join their company in a land of perfect peace and joy.

To the Little Zion Church in the loss of Elder Clarence Owens, the Little Rebecca Church in the loss of Elder Monroe Hicks, and to the Family of Love Church in the loss of Elder Rufus Slone. May the meek and humble life they lived, the good advice and council they gave strengthen you in all your tomorrows. Their labor is finished, their memories live forever.

Respectfully
Bro. Newsome
Bro. Elkins — Clerks

By a kind word each day try and touch the life of someone, for Christ touched ours by His life.
Bro. Newsome



Officers: (Left to right) Eld. Buddy W. Carty, Moderator; Eld. Ray Hamilton, Asst. Mod., Eld. Hillard Newsome, Clerk; Bro. Dennis Elkins, Asst. Clerk.

PIERCE AND EVEDITH COOK

Pierce Cook was born February 18, 1922 in Topmost, Kentucky, and departed this life on November 22, 2005 at Medina Hospital in Medina, Ohio after a long battle with leukemia. He was the son of the late William Cook and Virgie (Mullins) Cook. Evedith (Gibson) Cook was born December 24, 1925 in Kite, Kentucky, and departed this life September 10, 2005 in Medina, Ohio after a long illness. She was the daughter of the late Pal and Maggie (Strong) Gibson.



Pierce and Evedith Cook

They were married on January 8, 1942 and they spent 63 blessed years together until her death September 10, 2005. To this union was born seven sons: Daral (Sueanne), Freddie (Angie), Charles (Kathy), Barkley (Becky), Cecil (Lorie), Kenny (Cathy), and Greg (Lisa) and one daughter: Sharon Huddleston (Jim). Brother Pierce and Evedith also had one daughter, Anna Faye Cook, who preceded them in death. They also had 24 grandchildren and 29 great-grandchildren who survive. Brother Pierce is also survived by one brother, Leeland (Glena), and one sister, Samantha King. Evedith is also survived by four brothers: Willis, Paul, Bobby and Carl Gibson; and one sister, Verna Moore. They also leave to mourn their loss a host of friends and relatives. In addition to his parents and their daughter, Anna Faye, Brother Pierce was preceded in death by four brothers: Rufus, Mack, Luther, and Enon. In addition to her parents and daughter, Anna Faye, Evedith was preceded in death by her sister, Melanie.

Brother Pierce received the wonderful gift of Salvation and joined the Pleasant View Old Regular Baptist Church at Litchfield, Ohio on July 17, 1994, and was baptized on August 7, 1994 by Elders Larry Newsome and Hargis Tuttle. He remained a faithful member as long as he was able to attend. He loved to hear good preaching and singing, and enjoyed each time we visited him and sang and had prayer with him. We always felt the precious love of Jesus Christ in Brother Pierce whenever we visited him. Although Evedith never joined the church, she believed she had made things right between her and God and I felt that witness when I visited her.

Brother Pierce and Evedith had lived in Brunswick, Ohio for many years. Brother Pierce had to go into the hospital about every 3 weeks to receive blood transfusions due to his leukemia for several years. Despite his medical problems, Brother Pierce remained a quiet loving man. Evedith was also very ill for a long time having difficulty breathing and having to be on oxygen. The Cook family is a great tribute to Brother Pierce and Evedith. I was always so pleased that the family continued to take such good care of Brother Pierce and Evedith over the many months that they both were very sick. The kindness and caring that each of you has given to your blessed parents will not go unnoticed in the eyes of God, and will continue to be a blessing to you throughout the remainder of your lives, as you remember all the good times you shared with Mom and Dad.

Brother Pierce worked as an inspector for the Ford Motor Company, in Brookpart, Ohio, for 34 years until his retirement. He loved going to church, spending time with his brothers and sisters in Christ, and spending time with his family. He also enjoyed pitching horseshoes with the family. Evedith's enjoyment in life was taking care of Brother Pierce, her home and her children. She enjoyed growing flowers, gardening, canning, and cooking.

Brother Pierce and Evedith's pain and suffering are now over and they now rest in Paradise where all is peace, happiness and joy. Their faith has become reality and they await that beautiful morning when Jesus will call all of His children home. They sleep now but when the trumpet sounds in that glorious resurrection morning, they will wake up to receive a glorified body like unto Jesus' most glorious body and be carried away to Heaven to dwell forever and ever. To all of you, you will have to face death just like Brother Pierce and Evedith have. The question that you need to ask yourselves is, "Am I ready to meet Jesus?" If you don't feel in your heart that you're ready, please don't put off what's important. Seek Jesus with your whole heart, soul, mind and

strength. There is no promise of tomorrow, so you must seek him while you have life and opportunity. Tomorrow may be too late! Jesus is ready and willing to forgive, but it is your free choice. You must choose yourself where you will spend eternity. Please choose Jesus.

Written by their brother in Christ, Brother Dennis Elkins

FLOSSIE (O'QUIN) DEEL

One line of an old song of Zion says, "Angels hover around my bed and waft my spirit home." We didn't see the angels, but Mom did. She asked us, "Who are those people sitting at the table dressed so pretty? I want to go in there where they are." So many times we've heard her say, "I want to go where Jesus is, I'm going to Heaven, and Jesus is coming to get me — He told me he was." I believe these "people", were angels sent by God. With all my heart, I believe, on Sunday, March 26, 2006, about 11:20 AM, angels from heaven visited my home and carried our Mom's soul away to where she is now; resting under the altar of God.



Flossie (O'Quin) Deel

Our Mother, Flossie (O'Quin) Deel was born on August 4, 1915, in Vicey, (Buchanan County) VA, the second daughter of Albert and Elizabeth (Deel) O'Quin. Being blessed with a long and fulfilling life, she stay on Earth was 90 years, seven months, three weeks and one day. She married our Dad, William P. Deel, on April 11, 1934. To this union were born nine children: four sons and five daughters. Heart broken and mourning our loss are: Albert (Lorena) Deel, Kilby (Judith) Deel, Alfred (Patricia) Deel, all of Delaware, OH; and Patrick Deel of Marysville, OH; five daughters: Floria (Hans) Grote of Delaware, OH; Julia Doubek of Hanover Park, IL; Marida (Jack) Elliott of Rancho Bernardo, CA; Margaret Deel of Marysville, OH; Darlene (Dennis) Nielsen of Long Grove, IL; 21 grandchildren; 40 great-grandchildren; 15 great-great-grandchildren; three nieces; two nephews.

Mom was preceded in death by her husband, Elder William P. Deel in 1983; a son-in-law, Robert Doubek, resting in Rib Lake, WI; a great-grandson, Jessie Allen Deel, Jr.; a great-great-granddaughter, Leanne Faulkner; one sister, Princy (O'Quin) Owens; half-brothers and half-sisters.

Mom often told how she would steel away from her mother and children to find some lonely spot near by the garden to pray. And how the Lord answered her cry and sent her home to the Russell Prater Church, the fourth weekend in October, 1948. In 1956, she along with our Dad came in the arm to organize the Little Ruth Church and in 1983 she moved her membership to the Family of Love Church. Mom has been at home in the Old Regular Baptist Church, and a good and faithful member for 57 years until, Sunday when the Lord took her to a better home.

Sister Flossie was an old fashioned Sister in the Lord. She needed not to wear a badge nor with her mouth to say what she was, because her appearance and the life she lived spoke out very loud and clear as to whom she served.

I'm sure I wouldn't need to tell her children nor grandchildren that it would be safe to follow in her footsteps; if they want to go to heaven. She loved you all the same. The light of Christ led her through the troubles and hardships of this life looking for a life beyond this veil of tears.

I can just see her beautiful arms reaching out to show her love to people. Now, Jesus reached out his arms and has taken her home to rest from her labors until he shall come in a cloud of glory to get her, Brother Patrick and God's children to come home together. What a glorious day that will be!

While she rests from her labor, we will carry the cross until He reaches out His arms for us.

To the family and Family of Love Church: This is our loss but Heaven's gain.

Until we meet again on Heaven's Bright Shore.

Written by her son, Patrick Deel and Elder Buddy W. Carty

ROXIE J. DIALS

Roxie J. Dials (Adams) was born October 22, 1922 to Joanna and Jim Adams in McClure, KY. She was the second oldest of 8 children. Life was hard for all of them back then. Roxie grew up and married Chester Dials on January 14, 1940. She had two daughters: Brenda and Linda. They struggled for years in KY as Chester worked for the coal mines and Roxie raised a garden, canning food for the winters, took care of the livestock, all other chores around a farm. She kept a clean house, was a wonderful cook, and took excellent care of her daughters. She moved to Columbus, OH in the 50's where they both worked for and retired from the Federal Glass Company. She loved to quilt, knit, garden, sit and talk with friends and family, and feed people. Any time you stopped by to visit her, she insisted on running into the kitchen to



Roxie J. Dials

whip up something to eat. I've never seen anyone that could throw together a comfort meal like she could. She has always been an honest, moral, loving, caring and God fearing woman. If she gave you her word about something, you could count on it. If she borrowed a dollar, or an egg from you, she would repay you. She never forgot the people that were good to her, and if you did something for her, she would repay you in some way, whether it was a meal or peanut butter candy. She was a hard worker until the end of her life; the year she passed away she had a garden growing in her back yard that she could see from her bedroom window. She was an independent, strong willed woman who did not want to be a burden to anyone.

On Saturday, September 17, 2005, God came and took my wonderful mother Roxie to heaven to be with him and my father and sister and to save her from the awful disease of cancer. She was preceded in death by my wonderful sister Brenda Bailey, and my loving father, Chester, her loving husband for 55 years. This year has been a real struggle for me. My mother was my rock, she kept me grounded and focused on the things that are important in life, God, family and friends. Mom was well prepared for her journey to heaven; she had given her life to God several years ago and was a member of the Little Angel Old Regular Baptist Church. I remember the day she was baptized at Wilburn and Brenda Nichols backyard pool. That was a happy and proud day for my mother. The church was a very important part of my mother's life, and there she had many wonderful and caring friends.

Left behind to mourn her passing is daughter: Linda Sibole-Dials; grandchildren: Tabatha Newman, Shane Sobole, Brandon May, Trina Bailey; great-grandchildren: Stevie and Kevin Newman, Shanda and Taylor Sibole, Christopher and Asbury; brothers: Herbert, Paul and John Adams; sister: Evenelle Martin; many nieces and nephews.

There will never be another Roxie Dials. She was one of a kind, and I am so proud to have had her in my life. She is gone but not forgotten, she will live forever in my heart.

With Many Loving Memories, Daughter Linda Sibole-Davis

ELDER WOODROW DYE

It is with much sadness and a broken heart that I will try to write this obituary of our beloved father, Woodrow Dye.

In the hills of Eastern KY at Island Creek, Pike County, KY on October 21, 1916 a little baby born was born to the late Lawrence and Alifair Gayheart Dye. Dad was preceded in death by his five brothers and two sisters: Kennel Dye, Bill Dye, Jack Dye, John Dye, Hayes, Dye, Emma Moore, and Hester Dye. His surviving brother is Kelly Dye and sister Julie Caudill.

When dad was about ten years old he and his brothers, sisters, father and mother walked from Island Creek, KY to Spewing Camp, KY. This is where dad grew up to a handsome manhood.

Dad was raised a poor person and had to start working at a very early age. First, dad got jobs hoeing corn from daylight to dark for other farmers at twenty-five cents a day. In the year of 1936 he was chosen into the Civilian Conservation Corp where all his money went home (except five dollars) to support his mom and dad's family.

After a year in the three C's, dad came home. One day while walking up Spewing Creek there were three young women ahead of him. One of these girls caught dad's eye. He told me it was the way she was walking. This woman became our mother. Her name is Monnie Brown Dye. They were married on July 17, 1937. Dad and mom loved each other very much and to this union was born ten children: twins, Nancy Ann and Joann Dye (deceased), Tilton Dye (deceased), Milton Dye of Columbus, OH; Andy Dye, Prestonsburg, KY; Litten "Jimmy" Dye, Price, KY; Ricky Dye, Magnolia, TX; Freda Goines, Printer, KY; Gleda Johnson, Printer, KY; Lucy Reynolds, Printer, KY. These children gave mom and dad 19 grandchildren and 28 great-grandchildren. These children were dad's life. He loved children and referred to them as God's little angels. Dad expressed his love to them by giving them money, which in turn, they hugged him and smiled for him. Dad knew that our children are what we live for. He did not and would not make differences in his children, but when certain ones came around, I would question that; for example when the babies came to visit.

Dad was a retired coal miner and a dues payer to the United Mine Workers Local 5899 until his death.

There came a time when dad became worried about the welfare of his soul. In 1950 he gave his hand to the Pilgrim Rest church, feeling the Lord had spoke peace to his soul. Dad was a member for 56 years. On March 2, 1953 he was ordained to the ministry. He had been moderator of Robinson Creek church and Little Nancy church, as well as, assistant moderator of his home church. Dad was also a serving trustee of the New Salem Association until his death. Dad loved the Old Regular Baptist and was willing to defend her standards whenever or wherever the need arose.

So in my closing remark I desire to say to my brothers and sisters and dad's grandchildren, you can see him again. The way is there; the way is Jesus Christ. He is the door to eternal life beyond this old cruel world of death, pain, cancer, heartache, and troubles. Yes, our loss is Heaven's gain.



Elder Woodrow Dye

His eldest son, Milton Dye

ELDER RICHARD GRIFFITH

IN MEMORY OF ELDER RICHARD GRIFFITH "THE OLD TIME WAY"

*Have you ever listened to an "old time" preacher,
One who has been called from God to be a healer and a teacher?
He tells of riches beyond our wildest imagination,
He preaches of terror, fire, and damnation.
He may start out slow, humble and meek,
Then end with a sermon that will bring you to your feet.
God calls some to preach his gospel, and others to teach,
So to the heart of mankind he may someday reach.
Some may be blessed with the "laying on" of hands,
Yes, this is real, for God had well laid plans.
Jesus told his disciples to go and do as He had done,
Preaching to all that will hear, and healing some.*

*Only those who give both body and soul,
Will He cleanse of sin and completely make whole.
A little girl once at death's door lay,
An "old time" preacher, (Bro. Rich) was called; he came right away.
In silent words that only God could hear,
He prayed for the life of the one that I hold so dear.
Thank you dear God for hearing his plea,
Brother Rich said, "give God the credit, not to me."
So, if you have faith in the "old time" way,
Give your soul to Jesus; don't delay!
Written by Sister Joyce Conaway Cole*



Elder Richard Griffith

BRO. ELDON DELANO HALL

"The Lord giveth and the Lord taketh away; blessed be the name of the Lord."

On April 7, 1967, the Lord loaned a dear son to the late Bro. Harlos Hall and Sis. Wanda Hall of Elyria, Ohio. He joined a family of one brother, Tim; and two sisters, Vanessa (Mrs. Wayne Martin) and Sabrina Russell. Many aunts, uncles, and cousins, and a very special niece, Melissa Martin, who came into his life and whom he dearly loved, will miss him greatly.

Eldon was the grandson of the late Elder Jerry and Sis. Tora (Amburgey) Hall and the late Bro. Edd and Sis. Mallie Allen.

He graduated from Elyria High School in 1985, and he worked for Lorain Community Hospital in Lorain, Ohio, for the past 19 years until cancer took control of his body in January 2006. Unfortunately, God often needs to use tragic events to get our attention.

On May 2, 1998, Eldon's dad died, and Eldon began to stay close by his mom to take care of her. He would take her shopping and do what he could. She had him for 39 years and still called him "her baby." There is no one like a mother to her boy!

Eldon called me his "second mom" and there was no price limit on the gifts he bought for me and others down through the years.

One day my phone rang, and he asked me to meet him in private at a restaurant. Three hours passed, and through tears and pain Eldon said, "I always heard your sins will find you out, and mine have. It hurts me to talk to you, but I am so miserable." He talked about his childhood, of growing up, and of his personal life of sin. No child is perfect; neither are we parents.

Eldon told me that day, "Sis. Marge, I promise you and God, if He will forgive me, I will be saved, someday."

I told him he had to be serious from the heart to be born again; to become a child of God is



Bro. Eldon Delano Hall

about having a personal relationship with God. It is "by grace through faith" that one is saved, "not of works." I told him many scriptures about salvation that day. We parted in tears.

Time passed; the sad news came of his cancer, and he was sent to Cleveland Clinic. We went to see him, but he was so ill and looked near death. He asked Tim if he could speak to me alone.

He told me how close he and Tim had become through his sickness. He told me how Tim and Maryl had taken him and his mom into their home. What a great 24/7 nurse Maryl was to him, so caring and doing so much for him!

He also wanted to talk about his past; he was so scared, so afraid of dying; he knew where his soul would go. He wished he could live his life over. He even asked if I would stay with him all night. He said, "I know you can't save my soul, but I have seen your prayers answered."

I told him, "In my heart I feel you will be saved."

He told me, "I will never stop asking God to save me." I left so broken-hearted, so sad.

On Thursday night, January 26, 2006, the phone rang. I was praying for Eldon to get through. I told the one I was speaking with that Eldon may be saved right then. I got a beep, and it was Eldon rejoicing and thanking God for saving his soul. He said, "You knew it! I know you did! For fifteen minutes I have tried to call you. Now I can call you Sister Mom."

That night Bro. Eldon began to live; it was the first day of the rest of his life for all of eternity. All I could think was "Fly to heaven, white-winged angels, take the news up there tonight." A soul has been born again. Thank you Lord, for his salvation.

He told me, "I have never felt like this before; I can't explain my feelings." The nurse came in and told him he'd have to go to the psych ward. He told her, "No," and smiled, "For the first time in my life I am in my right mind."

The Lord blessed Bro. Eldon to come to Pleasant View Church on April 2, 2006, to publicly profess his faith in Jesus Christ and to follow the Lord in baptism, representing death to his old life of sin, and resurrection to walk in newness of life. He was baptized by long-time friend, Elder Stoney Blackburn, an uncle Elder Conley Daniels and a dear deacon Bro. Dennis Elkins.

Two weeks ago we went to Tim's house to see Bro. Eldon. He smiled so big, and I held his hand; we talked of the past, the good times we'd had. He said, "Sis. Marge, you have always been there for me; you never stopped showing your love for me. I love you very much, and I will be waiting for you in Heaven." His last words to me were such an assurance! Thank you, Lord, that he was no longer afraid of dying!

On July 1, 2006, a band of angels came to take Bro. Eldon home. To Bro. Eldon's family, trust in God at all times and pour out your hearts to Him. His is your refuge. (Psalm 62:5-8). No matter what the circumstances, God is always good!

The family would like to thank all the friends and church family, his relatives and all the ministers, and anyone who helped in any way during Bro. Eldon's illness and during the funeral. Thanks also to the Blackburn Duke Funeral Home who will deliver his body to the River Road Cemetery in LaGrange to await the resurrection. Eldon was heaven born and heaven bound! Don't grieve over his short life or what could have been, but rejoice that his name is written down in the Lamb's Book of Life.

To all the family, focus on the loved ones you still have. Sleep peacefully, Sis. Wanda, for God is always awake. He will take care of you.

Written at Eldon's request by Marjorie Slone Gibson,
a long-time friend and Sister in Christ. Love to you all.

It is with a saddened heart but a joyful spirit that we say good-bye to our brother Eldon who passed away on July 1, 2006. The Lord blessed him with the Truth of His Word, so that Eldon may enter the kingdom of heaven. Each of us will miss him and grieve for the loss of Eldon in our own way, but rejoice in the understanding that we will be with our brother again someday. Eldon was born on April 7, 1967, in Elyria, Ohio.

He worked for Lorain Community Hospital for past 19 years. His best friends were his co-workers of whom he talked very lovingly, and he said how very much he missed going to work every day just to see them smile and laugh. Eldon joined the Pleasant View Church on April 2, 2006, at which time he surrendered his life to the Lord to use him as a testimony for others.

Eldon is survived by his mother, Wanda Hall, to whom he had devoted his life to take care of her and make her happy; his sisters: Vanessa (Mrs. Wayne Martin) and Sabrina Russell; his brother Tim and sister-in-law Maryl; and nieces Melissa Martin, Lynn Martin, Lora Martin, Amanda Hammel, Michelle Hammel Nhok, Tessa Hammel, Jimmie Hammel. He was preceded in death by his father Harlos Hall in 1998. Even though Eldon never married and had no children of his own, he took his niece Melissa into his heart and loved her as a father loved his daughter.

Eldon was diagnosed with cancer in January 2006, but by that time it had already spread heavily throughout his body. Instead of feeling sorry for himself, he chose to comfort his co-workers, friends, and family by giving us the emotional strength that he lacked in physical strength. He brought our family much closer with his kind and loving heart. In closing we thank you, Lord, for sharing Eldon Hall with us for 39 years. He has touched so many lives, and everyone is blessed to say, "we knew him."

Open your arms, dear Lord, for we are giving You a very precious son, brother, and friend. Take him home and comfort us as only You can. In Your Son, Jesus Christ's name, Amen.

Written at Eldon's request by Maryl Hammel (Mrs. Tim) Hall

I AM FREE

*Don't grieve for me, for now I am free
I'm following the path God laid for me
I took His hand when I heard Him call
I turned my back and left it all
I could not stay for another day
To laugh, to love, to work or play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way
I found that peace at close of day
If somehow my parting has left a void
Then fill it with remembered joy
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
Oh yes, these things I too will miss.
Be not burdened with times of sorrow
I wish you sunshine for all your tomorrows.
My life's been full, I've savored so much,*

*Good friends, good times
My loved ones touch.
Perhaps my time seemed all too brief;
Please don't lengthen it now
with undue grief
Lift up your hearts and share with me,
God wanted me now;
He has set me free.*

This poem was requested by Eldon Hall. Months before his passing he sat with his brother Tim and made his arrangements. Eldon was ready for what God had planned for him. He stated several times, "I am not giving up, I am just getting prepared" as always he did what would be the easiest for his family. So now his family says to him, "go home sweet brother, for God is calling you."

ELDER MONROE HICKS

"I see the Lord." These are a few of the last words Brother Monroe spoke. Here is a man who lived to be 89 years old and experienced many things during his life, yet that one sentence sums up his whole life! Yes, he married, had children, grandchildren, a job, and homes, but he's leaving all that behind. What is he taking with him? The Lord. Brother Monroe could hardly stand on his feeble legs but one day while sitting on the sofa with Mom, he stood straight up like a young man and said, "I see the Lord." Then he sat down and quietly thought about what he had just seen. A few moments later he stood straight up again and said, "I see the Lord." Mother holding his hand, wisely said "Monroe, the Lord is with you." Monroe was making his way to the grave when our Lord let him see Him.

In Acts 7:55-59 someone else saw the Lord. Stephen was being gnashed upon with the council's teeth and the Bible says, "But he, being full of the Holy Ghost, looked up steadfastly into



Elder Monroe Hicks

Heaven, and saw the Glory of God and JESUS standing on the right hand of God, and said, Behold, I see the Heavens opened, and the Son of Man standing on the right hand of God. And they stoned Stephen calling upon God, and saying, Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." Similar to Stephen, life was taking its last assault on Brother Monroe's little frail body. Death was creeping up on him when God let him see his Son. What encouragement!! What a testimony for his children and what a Loving Father we have who encourages us with his Spirit when we need him most!

When Brother Monroe entered the stand to fulfill his duty as an Elder, Love was on his mind. The Lord blessed him to preach and live Love! I can just see him hold those little crooked and feeble arms out and hear him saying, "I love E-V-E-R-Y-B-O-D-Y, and Jesus Loves you too!" He loved his wife who he would hardly let out of his sight. He would always say "Mom, come sit with me and hold my hand." There they were just like two little newlyweds leaning on one another and holding hands. He loved his family. He loved little children and like to give candy to them at his home church, The Little Rebecca in Plymouth, Ohio. He loved the church was moderator of the Ancient Old Regular Baptist Church in Arizona for many years receiving gracious travelers like Brother Hiram Adkins, Brother Wayne Turner, Brother Bob Justice and many more that tried to help keep the church alive in that part of the vineyard. He loved feeding the birds. Every year he wanted all the bird feeders readied for the birds to feed so he and Mom could watch them feed from their window. And most of all I think he Loved being Loved!! Now I'm sure he Loves the PEACE that God has given him.

Brother Monroe was a humble little ole man who worked as a security guard for 20 years to provide for his family. He didn't sit on a throne in a king's palace, he held no high office with any business, but the Lord sustained him. Matthew 6:30 says, "Wherefore, if God so clothe the field, which today is, and tomorrow is cast into the oven, shall he not much more clothe you, O ye of little faith?" He didn't worry about having money or great possessions, but God provided for this little child since his birth on January 7, 1917 to Joseph and Maude (Bailey) Hicks at Hippo, KY. He was the faithful husband of Bureda (Bentley-Hicks) and father of 3 surviving sons: Jim, Roger, and Delbert, all from Arizona; and one daughter: Treva Hudson of Arizona. Numerous stepchildren, grandchildren, one brother and two sisters also survive him. Two daughters preceded him in death: Rowena Hallaway and Exelee Davidson.

Mother would like to express her deep appreciation to everyone who called, brought food, or came by to comfort her and Monroe during their time of need. May not one single kind gesture go unpaid!

I've already told you Brother Monroe took the Lord with him to the grave. What are you taking with you? We would all do well to run a survey and ask God how we stand with him. Coffins come in all sizes and somewhere there is one for you. The Bible says "Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man."

Written by his stepdaughter and sister in the Lord, Sis. Gert Elliott

MYRTLE MAE HOPSON

Writing my mother's obituary is one of the hardest things I have ever tried to do. I took care of her for so many years after my Dad Garfield Hopson passed away. Dad and Mom joined the Old Regular Baptist Church April 4th, 1942 and was baptized by Brother Jake Gibson at the Sweet Home Church at Elkhorn City, KY, who also married them when Dad was 22 and Mom was 20. She held on to the Altar until she passed away. Mom was 97 making her stay here on earth 97 years, 5 months and 15 days.

Her sickness became so severe that I could no longer take care of her. The Hospital couldn't keep her any longer because of her insurance, so they put her in a nursing center which was close to me and I could visit her as often as I could and look out for her needs. She



Myrtle Mae Hopson

was born April 17th, 1908 to Alex Gibson and Sally Bartley Gibson. She was one of 12 children; 4 boys: Charley Hamilton, James Hamilton, Lilburn Gibson, Alex Gibson, Jr.; and 8 girls: Sarah Jane Gibson Bartley, Essie Gibson Stafford, Maxie Gibson Spraddling, Thelma Gibson Hawkins, Alpha Omega Gibson Owens, Sadie Alice Gibson, Verna Gibson Stacy, Opal Gibson Moore, and Mom, Myrtle Mae Gibson Bartley Hopson made 12 girls. All preceded her in death except 2: Thelma Hawkins of Shelby, OH and Verna Stacy of Means, KY. Mom had 2 daughters, 1 by her first marriage, Rosie Marie Bartley (Hester) Kiser Belcher who preceded her in death. She gave her 10 grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren, 21 great-great-grandchildren and 2 great-great-great grandchildren. One of the grandsons Roger Belcher also preceded her in death. Jennie Kiser Adkins Golden was the oldest and she helped as best she could with the other children when her mother came down with cancer.

Noble Hopson Bartley Campbell, she gave her 4 grandchildren; Donna Lynn Hartley, Lystel Vaughn Bartley, John Garfield Bartley, and Terry Debra Bartley Nelson. Those children gave her 14 grandchildren, 17 great-great-grandchildren, 1 step-great-granddaughter, and 4 step-great-great-grandchildren. She also left behind to mourn her in death her son-in-law, Leo Campbell who loved her very much.

The most precious treasure that I have of mom is her song book and you knew it was hers because she had her name and address wrote more than once and then stamped her name and address in it several times and she put an X at all of her favorite songs. She sure did love to sing her Old Regular Baptist Songs, even though she was sick as she was she still tried to sing. I feel the Lord was with Mom right up to her last breath, then he took her on home to be with him and my Dad.

Dad and Mom took her brother's son, James Gibson when he was 8 months old and raised him until he was 18 and he went on his own. He also preceded her in death. Dad and Mom would take in any one that needed a place to stay, they were just that kind of people. Mom was my Cross and I carried it the best I could. I miss you Mom!

Written by her daughter Noble Campell

EDGELE RAY JONES

It is fond memories and a sad heart that I write this memorial for my Father, Edgele Ray Jones who passed away at his home in Saybrook, Ohio on August 31, 2002.

Dad was born on September 5, 1930 in McDowell, Kentucky. He was the oldest of the five children of Everett and Wilma (Hopkins) Jones. He had two brothers, Carlos and Donald, and two sisters, Vivian and Ernestine. The family moved to Ashtabula, Ohio in 1942 where he met and married the love of his life, Loretta Distelrath who preceded him in death in 1991. Together they had nine children. Six daughters: Jane, Barbara, Wilma, Donna, Patricia and Leslie; and three sons: Edgele Jr., Randy and Brian. He worked for M.C. Robinson Co., a concrete company, until he suffered a back injury 1972. He enjoyed fishing and coon hunting with his good friends, William Reynolds and Dempsey Hamilton and was a past president of the Ashtabula Coon Hunters Association in Jefferson, Ohio. He joined the Lily of the Valley Old Regular Baptist Church in Geneva, Ohio in 1976.



Edgele Ray Jones

Dad always enjoyed traveling back to his home town of McDowell to visit family and friends. He had lifelong friendships and strong ties that even being miles apart could not weaken. On his frequent visits home he also enjoyed going to sister churches and spending time getting to know the members.

My Father's greatest joy in life was his 19 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren. He loved spending time with them and they all enjoyed his antics and his sense of humor. It was common event to walk in the door of his home and hear one or more of his grandchildren squealing with laughter at their "Papaw" as he told an outrageous story or made a silly face. His grandchildren kept him young and encouraged him to play with them (not that it took much encouragement).

Even when illness struck him, my father loved life and lived it to the fullest. He fought a hard battle until the very end. He was surrounded by family and friends throughout his life and in his last days. He will be sadly missed by all who knew and loved him and will remain forever in our hearts. He lives on in the memories of all of his loved ones.

Written by his son Randy Jones

LONNIE BURKE KING

We'll try to write an obituary of our beloved mother Lonnie Burke King. She was born on October 21, 1919 to the parents of Susan Hall Burke and Daniel Boone Burke. She was the 7th and last child to this family. Her dad had passed on to his heavenly reward prior to mom's death. Her siblings are: Delphia Burke, Silas Burke (Goldie), Stella Holbrook (Bill), Charles Edward Burke (Thelma), John Burke (Hattie), Hassell Burke (Mildred). As of this writing all the above mentioned have preceded her in death except her sister Stella.

Mom joined our dad in their life's journey on July 20, 1940 when her grandfather Scott Burke conducted the wedding ceremony on Frozen Creek of Jacks Creek, KY. Into this union came 8 children and 2 step-daughters: Doris Papazian (Vern), Georgene Newsome (Clarence), Wanda Lee Sowards (Jim), Beulah Ann Hall (Hubert), John Edward King (Linda), Hattie Faye Johnson (Elwood), Mary Alice Cole (Russ), Dennis Ray King, Gary Wayne King (Tammy). There are 20 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren. Mom was preceded in death by husband Lloyd King, son Lloyd Wayne King, son-in-law Chuck Curry, daughter-in-law Angie King and four grandchildren.



Lonnie Burke King

On a cool Friday morning shortly after 5:00 a.m. on October 24, 1958 the death angel visited our home as 7 little children, ages 2 thru 17, stood around the bed with their 39-year-old mother. Mom was left the difficult task of carrying on alone. On January 14, 2006 a little after 3:00 p.m. the death angel visited our home again at the Whitesburg Hospital while Dennis was at mom's bedside. As much as Dennis wanted to keep the death angel away and as much as we wanted to do the same for Dad it was time for mom to reap her reward of her long service to her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Mom made her greatest commitment in life on June 11, 1955 when she gave her life to Jesus and her hand to the Rebecca Church. She was baptized on July 9, 1955 at the mouth waters of Arnold Fork by Elders Eppie Holbrook and Mark Burke. She stayed true to her faith for over 50 years in the Rebecca Church.

Mom suffered with poor health the last six years of her life. She was confined to the nursing home at Letcher Manor in Whitesburg the last three years of her life. We wish to extend thanks to the many people who cared for her comfort, visited, and prayed for mom during her long illness.

Mom enjoyed her family visiting with her but when they couldn't visit a telephone call would do. She especially enjoyed hearing that we had been going to church.

Written by her loving family

SHIRLEY JEAN (BLACKBURN) MILLIGAN

It is with great sadness in my heart and tears in my eyes, I will try with the help of the Lord to write the obituary of a precious angel on earth, our mother.

Shirley Jean (Blackburn) Milligan was born on December 31, 1941 in Pikeville, Kentucky to Sherwood and Quellie Blackburn both of whom preceded her in death. She moved to Ohio and that is where she married James Bunk Milligan on August 16, 1958. To this union were born five children. Three boys, James, Robert and Bobby Milligan whom preceded her in death. Two daughters: Mary Marie Carothers and Quellie Jean Hartloff.



Shirley Jean (Blackburn) Milligan

She went home to be with Jesus on April 14, 2006, making her stay here on earth 64 years. In addition to her parents and three sons, she was preceded in death by her husband, James Milligan, one sister, Gladia Marie Hale, and two brothers, Bruce and Lon Blackburn.

She married Kenneth Bailey on February 14, 2002, though their time was short. She loved him and he took care of her until her death.

She loved her children and her grandchildren very much and would anything for them. She leaves behind one brother, John Carl Blackburn; several nieces and nephews, two daughters and four grandchildren: James Ray Carothers, Billy Joe and Sarah Carothers, Christopher Avery Carothers, and Bre-anna Michelle Carothers; two great-grandchildren: Zachary Bunk Carothers and Austyn Layne Carothers. She will be missed by all that knew her. She always made everyone she met feel like they were a part of the family and they all loved her.

She was a member of the Old Regular Baptist Church Little Melrose in Melrose, FL. She loved the church and all of her brothers and sisters there, but most important is she loved the Lord.

Written by her daughters. With love we will miss you. Until we meet again in heaven

MOTHERS PRAYER

*Sleep Well Dearest Mother For you have served us With
your hands And loved us with Your heart,*

*And we shall be surrounded by your goodness
For the rest of our days Sleep in peace, Dearest Mother*

JOHN WM. MITCHELL

With much sadness and loving memories, we'll try, with the help of our Lord, to write the obituary of such a loving, caring man, John Wm. Mitchell (Dommer to many of us). John was born November 29, 1922 to the late Harmon and Fronie Mitchell in McDowell, KY. Also deceased are four sisters and one brother.

In 1943 John joined the army. There he proudly served his country for three years. Five weeks after his discharge on April 26, 1946 John married his friend, the love of his life, Leone Elliott. To this union four children were born and left to mourn his loss: Onus (deceased wife Barb), Rodney (Tammy), Jennifer (Lynn) Chernesky (Joseph), and Priscilla Antonini (Sam). Also left to mourn are his grandchildren: Robin, Brian, Angela, Lisa, Cindy, Aaron, Jimmy and John. And his great-grandchildren: Kyle, Krista, Cassie, Daniel and Calynn. Also left to mourn are thirteen brothers and sisters and many nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

In 1962 John joined the Little Ida Old Regular Baptist Church in Ecorse, Michigan, where he continued as a faithful member. In 1964 John was ordained as a deacon of the church, and a wonderful deacon he was. John loved serving his Lord. He loved his church and he loved his family.

I don't think I ever saw John without the beautiful smile on his face. He was always so happy, he never raised his voice, or had anything bad to say about anyone, but he did always have a hug and a handshake for all he met. John loved life.

John was a soldier in the army on 1943. He served his country for three years. When he came home he took off his uniform and retired it. But in 1964 John another army and he became a soldier once again; this time serving his Lord. This is one armor that was never removed. A good and faithful servant. He fought a good fight, he kept his faith, his battle won.

Children, family and friends, you too can join this army. If you ever want to see your daddy or grandpa again, just call on Jesus. He's the friend you never had. He'll be with you always and he'll never guide you wrong.

With loving memories we celebrate the life of our loved one, our friend. We're sad this day, I know, but thanks be to Jesus one day we too can go where our loved one has gone. So rest on friend, your journey in heaven has just begun.



John Wm. Mitchell

Your loving family

*When tomorrow starts without me, and I'm not there to see;
If the sun should rise and find your eyes all filled with tears for me.
I wish so much you wouldn't cry the way you did today,
While thinking of the many things, we didn't get to say,
I know how much you love me, as much as I love you.
And each time that you think of me, I know you'll miss me too;
But when tomorrow starts without me, please try to understand;
That an angel came and called my name,
and took me by the hand.*

*And said my place was ready in heaven far above,
And that I have to leave behind all those I dearly love.
But as I turned to walk away, a tear fell from my eye,
For all my life, I'd always thought, I didn't want to die.
I had so much to live for, so much yet to do.
It seemed almost impossible, that I was leaving you.
The good ones and the bad, I thought of all the love we shared.
And all the fun we had.*

*If I could relive yesterday, just even for a while,
I'd say good-bye and kiss you and maybe see you smile,*

*But then I fully realized that this could never be,
For emptiness and memories would take the place of me,
And when I walked through heaven's gates, I felt so much at home.
When God looked down and smiled at me
from his great golden throne,
He said "This is eternity, and all I've promised you."
Today for life on earth is past, but here it starts anew.
I promise no tomorrow, but today will always last.
And since each day's the same way
there's no longing for the past.
But you have been so faithful, so trusting and so true.
Though there were times you did some things,
you knew you shouldn't do.
But you have been forgiven and now at last you're free,
So won't you take my hand and share my life with me?
So when tomorrow starts without me,
don't think we're far apart,
For every time you think of me, I'm right here in your heart.*

LILLIE MOUNTS

With deep sadness and broken hearts filled with great love and many beautiful memories of our loving and precious sweet Mother, and with the Lord's guidance, we write this obituary of our dear and wonderful Mother, Lillie Mounts. She was the daughter of Wiley and Vina Arnett and was born March 3, 1919. She was preceded in death by her husband, Lonnie, Mom and Dad, three brothers, three sisters, and one grandson, Danny. She is survived by four loving stepchildren, Dennis, Reatha, Carlos, and James, and two loving daughters, Linda and Audrey.



Lillie Mounts

She met and married Brother Lonnie Mounts in January of 1945. Mother and Daddy spent fifty-six happy years together. They went far and near to Church as long as they were able. They enjoyed and loved singing the Old Songs of Zion. It filled their hearts with great Joy.

Mother joined the Frozen Creek Church in 1946. She lived a faithful and humble Christian life and was a great believer in Prayer. As I sit here tonight, many loving and precious memories fills my mind and heart of how when I was blessed to go home to see sweet Mother and Daddy and visit them. Mother and I would sit up late some nights talking about the Goodness of God. She would talk about how much she loved the Lord and how she believed that we should pray a lot and take things to God in Prayer and have Faith believing that He will answer as it pleases Him.

On Sunday morning, March 5, 2006 as Johnie and I were traveling down to Ohio to the Little Bethel Church, I got the sad phone call that sweet Mother was dying. My heart once again was so sad and broken. At the Pikeville Medical Center around noon time on that day our Blessed Mother joyfully heard the Loving Master's voice say, "Come on home my child to the beautiful heavenly home that I promised you long ago. In you I am well pleased, well done thy good and faithful servant, enter into the joys of the Lord."

We are thankful to everyone for all the sweet thoughts, the loving prayers, the kindness and support, the food and the many beautiful cards and flowers. Many thanks and deep appreciation to one and all who visited with Mother during her illness. May God richly bless you all.

Written by: Linda & Audrey

KAROL D. MULLINS

Karol D. Mullins, 67, of Marysville, Ohio, left this home for a better home in heaven on Thursday, December 22, 2005, at her residence with her husband and family at her side following a courageous battle against cancer.

Mrs. Mullins died on her 48th wedding anniversary and her husband was faithfully by her side throughout her illness until angels came to take her home.

A loving homemaker, she was a devoted wife, mother and grandmother. She was baptized into Christ on the victorious day of June 23, 1973 and was a faithful member of the Little Angel Church of the Old Regular Baptist Church in Columbus, near Groveport. Karol was devoted to the Lord and considered her son and grandchildren her earthly blessings. She took great comfort in the passage from John 14:1, 2: In My Father's house are many mansions . . . I go to prepare a place for you that where I am, there ye may be also."



Karol D. Mullins

She was born March 15, 1938 in Canada, KY, to Charles Vernon and Darlene Blackburn Crigger. She was preceded in death by her father.

Along with her mother, who survives in Sidney, KY, she is survived by her devoted husband of 48 years, Arnold Mullins, to whom she was married on December 22, 1957 in Canada, KY, by Elder Charlie Johnson; a son, Craig (Elizabeth) Mullins of Marysville; two grandsons, Jacob Arnold and James Michael Mullins; two sisters, Beulah (Bennie) Slone of Woodstock, GA and Kathy (Woody) Larder of Sidney, KY; many nieces, nephews, cousins and her church family.

Services were held Monday, December 26, 2005 at 6 p.m. at the Little Angel Church, 5733 Saltzgaber Road, Columbus. Brothers Charles Edwards officiated. Friends called from 4 p.m. until the time of service at the church. Memorial contributions may be made to the Union County Cancer Society in care of Mannasmith Funeral Home, 621 W. 5th Street, Marysville, Ohio 43040 who is serving the family.

Friends called beginning at 6 p.m. Tuesday, December 27, 2005 at Rogers Funeral Home, Belfry, KY, where a service was held at 7 p.m. A service was also held on Wednesday, December 28, 2005 at 11 a.m. at the Dix Fork Old Regular Baptist Church with burial following at the Morris-Mullins Cemetery near Sidney, KY.

Written by her family

GOLDA MURPHY

Psalm 63:6-7: *When I remember thee upon my bed, and meditate on thee in the night watches. Because thou has been my help, therefore in the shadow of thy wings will I rejoice.*

With God's guidance, we will try to compile an obituary of our Sister in Christ, Golda Murphy.

Golda was born one of 12 children in Pike County, Kentucky to Andrew Jackson and Katie (Elsik) Osborne on July 28, 1909. Mother, father, brothers and sisters preceded her in death. Golda quietly left her earthly body on February 13, 2006 at the Applewood Nursing Home in Trenton, Michigan, making her stay here on earth 96 years, 6 months, and 16 days. Her soul went back to the Giver of Life, our Redeemer, Jesus Christ. Little did anyone know that Goldie would live to a gracious age of 96 years!



Golda Murphy

In early life Goldie met and married Orviller Little. To this union, God granted 5 children to wit: Tanzel Little of Lincoln Park, MI; Marie Roland (deceased); Terry Gilland of Brownstown, MI; Ancle Little of Virgie, KY; and Irene Frye of Trenton, MI. Orville passed away early in life. She worked as a waitress in a restaurant after coming to Michigan.

She later married George Murphy, who also passed before her. At George's funeral, Goldie asked to join the Little Ida Church saying that God had forgiven her, and she wanted to go to heaven to be with George. She was baptized in November 1986. She was a faithful servant indeed and was at church until her body got weak with age.

She leaves to mourn a great loss of a mother, her children: Tanzel, Terry, Ancle, and Irene; 16 grandchildren, 32 great grandchildren, 39 great-great-grandchildren, and 2 great-great-great grandchildren, as well as a host of family and friends. She was a loss to the church people also.

Goldie would see a stranger come into the church and would ask who they were. She'd say, "Why I know them! They are my kinfolks." We always kidded her saying she was kin to everyone in Pike County.

Her rest from her labor has come. She is resting in peace from her life here awaiting the redemption of the soul. She'd want us to all of you to come and be with her in her new home in heaven, a glorious place, a land of joy, peace, and love.

God bless her generation left behind. She spoke with love of all of you.

Your unworthy servants, Brother Ralph and Sister Leona Caudill

SISTER RHODA HICKS OUSLEY

Today I will try to write an obituary of our dear beautiful, sweet mother, Rhoda Hicks Ousley. Mom passed away on March 7, 2006. Mom was born on January 19, 1917 in Pyramid, Kentucky to the late Georgie and Amanda Bailey Hicks. Mom celebrated her 89th birthday at the nursing home. She was not able to get out of bed but we all went over to be with her. She loved her birthdays. We are so fortunate to have had a wonderful mom all those years. Mom worked hard all her life to raise all of us children.



Sister Rhoda Hicks Ousley

In 1935 Mom married John Ousley blessing them with 42 years of life together. Dad passed away in September of 1977, leaving Mom to carry on. Together they had 6 children: Eleanor Haering, Frank Ousley, Claude Ousley, Thelma Krupa O'Neil, Glenna Hamer, and Clarence Ousley. 18 grandchildren, 31 great-grandchildren, and 4 great-great-grandchildren whom she loved so very dearly. Mom was the oldest of 6 brothers and sisters: Eb Hicks, Clarence Hicks, Bertha Hicks, Reba Phillips, Ezra Hicks, James Hicks, Chester Hicks and Roger Hicks. Preceding her ind death besides her parents and husband are 2 sons-in-law, Frank Krupa and Kenneth Hamer; 2 brothers, James Hicks and Chester Hicks; also 1 sister, Reba Phillips.

Mom became a member of the Old Regular Baptist Church having joined at the Philadelphia church in Kentucky in June of 1947. After moving to Ohio in 1952 shortly afterwards they brought their letters to the Little Rebecca Church in Plymouth, Ohio. Mom and Dad loved the Old Regular Baptist and they served the Lord faithfully. They would travel to different places to worship. There was never any foolishness in our homes. Dad and Mom worked very hard to raise us children and to always live right and believe in the Lord.

During her past 8 months, Mom lived at Hillside Acres Nursing Home in Willard, Ohio. She never complained about anything. Always a smile on her face and so happy to see everyone. She loved everyone including the staff at the nursing home. And they all loved her by the wonderful care they gave her. Up to the end, Mom was still trying to teach us how to cook, making her favorite gingerbread recipes and dumplings that the grandkids loved. And also to follow the Lord's way. She loved all the church peoples visits and whenever the Brothers would come to see her she would always say, "sing me a song and have a little prayer before you leave." I don't think there was ever a day that she didn't have someone with her.

Mom will be sorely missed. She had us all around her bed on Sunday night and told us, "Children I'm going home." The Lord was coming for her and she was going with daddy and her family. She had a wonderful home she was going to and for us not to cry, but it's so hard, as the tears run down our faces. She asked us to get right with the Lord and join her in that beautiful place. We were all blessed to be with her on the Tuesday morning when she took her last breath and looked up toward heaven. We miss you Mom, but we know your pain and suffering is over. Rest on Mom. Hopefully we will see you again in that beautiful home that you have gone on to. We know you were tired of suffering and was ready to go home to be without pain. We miss you so much. The old homeplace is not the same without you. We love you and miss you so much.

Your loving family, written by her daughter, Thelma

ELDER CLARENCE OWENS

John 8:35: *If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed.*"

This is one of the many scriptures that can be used to tell people just what Brother Clarence Owens was all about. He truly lived the life of a man that God had set free.

With pen in hand, sadness in heart, but joy in my soul, I will try, by the divine help of an all loving God to write an obituary of a bold soldier for Christ: to wit Elder Clarence C. (Carson) Owens.

I feel far too inadequate to attempt this task but honored that Sister Eunice, his beloved companion would ask me to help her write about such a wonderful person.



Elder Clarence Owens

Brother Clarence was born May 19, 1917 to the parents of William C. and Maggie V. (Presley) Owens, in the town of Vicey, Virginia. He was the last of the family that included 6 brothers and 5 sisters. His brothers were Claude, Garland, Walter, Carl, Clyde, and Sidney. His sisters were Belvia Raines, Majory Loovey, Mae Woods, Eurnice Raines, and Bertha Owens (infant). I remember when his sister Eunice passed, Brother Clarence said "Now I am the last one."

February 20, 1937 was a very special day for Brother Clarence. For on that day he married that special someone, the love of his life, Eunice Compton. They were married for 69 years and sister Eunice said "He was never lacking in words to say, I love you." God blessed them with a family of one son Clarence R. (Roger), wife Lois Owens, two daughters: Jean Finch, and Norma Lee Owens. They all loved and respected their parents and blessed them with seven grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

Brother Clarence was a hard worker and a good provided for his family. He labored seven years in the coal mines of Virginia before relocating his family to Michigan. He then went to work at Dodge truck in Warren for 13 years before retiring from the Centerline Public School district as a custodian after 24 years of service. I believe Brother Clarence was a strong believer in providing for his family.

He enjoyed life. He loved the outdoors where he could hunt, fish and do things that brought much joy to him and Sister Eunice. For twenty some years he and Brother Eugene Robinette would get together to hunt and fish. When Brother Gene passed away it saddened him for he had enjoyed their time together. But the greatest love of his life was his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. He joined the Little Zion Church on July 10, 1966 and was baptized by Elders Roy Hudson and Covis Tackett. He was a very lively Brother, often heard shouting and clapping his hands in praises to his Lord. God had a work for Brother Clarence and that was to preach His word. Brother Clarence was ordained as an Elder on October 11, 1969. He served the church as its assistant moderator for 19 plus years. I heard Brother Glynn say that "Brother Clarence and Sister Eunice were always traveling with Brother Glyn and Sister Dot. Usually when you saw one couple you were almost certain to see the other. They had much love for each other and loved their time together.

Brother Clarence had a stroke in 1999 which slowed him down about attending church. The last few years he hadn't been able to go to church as it effected his memory and his muscles when walking. Through it all, he never forgot Jesus. He always had a smile for you and never got angry. You could tell he had the love of God in his soul, even when he couldn't talk. He bore his sickness with patience.

Sister Eunice said about their life after the stroke. "Our daughter Jean invited us to live with her. It must have been arranged by God, as it has been wonderful living by her. She has been so pleasant and kind to us — never an unkind word. I hope God will reward her in Heaven for being so good to us. We try to do the same to her."

"Clarence and I thought of how blessed we were to have such a loving family. Over the years our son Roger and his wife Lois and their children; and daughter Norma and her children; and daughter Jean and her children have shown their love in so many ways. We loved them all."

The Little Zion Church has lost a very dear member for another bold soldier has died at his post. He wanted to warn men and women about the dangers of living in sin. Which he did as God would bless him. But his favorite sermons were always about the pleasures of heaven and its beauties. I never saw him decline when called to preach. No matter how frail he was he would make the attempt. In this natural life he loved the taste of banana pudding, but when that sweet spirit began to bubble up and overflow nothing could compare to it.

We were blessed to visit Brother Clarence on the Sunday before he passed away, and have a service for him. I believe it was of God because it was the last Sunday he would spend on this old earth. His daughter Jean was so well pleased that we came and showed our love for her dad and mom, she remarked to me later how wonderful it was not knowing it would be the last time. We didn't know if he was able to hear us or not but when Sister Eunice wiggled his foot to see, he stuck his tongue out just like you'd expect him to.

I'll try to bring this to a close but it would be very easy to write a book about Elder Brother Clarence Owens. I didn't say good-bye as I viewed him for the last time in this life; only farewell for a little while till we meet again in the goodly land called Heaven.

Written by his wife Eunice Owens and Elder Rick Akers

ELD. RUFUS SLONE

Rufus passed away at the age of 66 at his residence on Saturday, May 13, 2006, with his family by his side.

Rufus was born June 21, 1939 to Pierce and Tina Slone at Pippa Passes, Kentucky. Both parents preceded him in death.

He is survived by his spouse, Janice; a son, Terry; daughter-in-law, Marilou and granddaughter, Olivia. Four sisters: Lassie Slone, Artis Slone, Violet Francis and Fredia Schmezla and a host of nieces and nephews also survive. Two Brothers, Benton and Bo Slone and one sister, Fannie Smith preceded him in death.

Rufus had a very pleasant and humble personality and touched many lives by the life he lived. He was a great inspiration to all those around him, especially during his illness. His faith and trust in God never wavered. His prayer was that God's will be done. His heart's desire was to lead others to Christ.

An ordained minister, Rufus served as Assistant Moderator at the Family of Love Church at Wyandotte, Ohio, until his illness prevented him from attending church as he would have liked. He was very dedicated to his church and maintained his faith and trust in God to the end.

It was his desire to remain at home during his illness and to have his family and friends near. It really touched him to know that so many people loved him and his family and were so willing and ready to do whatever they could to help. The Hospice care he received was excellent and greatly appreciated by Rufus and his family.

Rufus will be missed by all who knew and loved him, but his memory will live on. He talked many times about the mansion he had waiting in Heaven. He is now at rest where neither illness nor pain will ever touch his body again. During the last weeks and months he was so ill, he was looking forward to going home to be with the Lord. Our loss is Heaven's gain.

We will meet again someday where there will be no parting.

Written by Janice Slone



Elder Rufus Slone

GRAND REUNION

*When it comes my time to leave
The Lord will take my hand.
He'll lead me thru death's valley
Into that Heavenly land.
I'll be welcomed inside the door
By friends and loved ones dear.
Those who have gone on before
For whom I had shed tears.
I will see Mother and Daddy
Oh, what a reunion grand.
We'll see each other at our best
And shake each other's hand.
Oh, what rejoicing there will be
What joy will be in store*

*When my loved ones I will meet
Never to part no more.
I know you'll grieve for me
Because of the love you feel
But when your grieving is complete,
Rejoice, for Heaven is real.
Make your preparations now
To meet me in that great land.
Ask God to forgive your sin,
Salvation sure is grand.*
Written by Janice Bentley-Slone
December 11, 2003
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GOLDIE HOWARD STEWART

It is with a sad and broken heart, I will try to write the obituary of my sister, Goldie Howard Stewart. She was the daughter of the late Elder Earl and Emma Reed Howard. She had five brothers, all deceased. Isador of Estill, Kentucky, Norman of Dema, Kentucky, Burton and Raymond of Mousie, Kentucky and Dillard of Martin, Kentucky. She had four sisters, Eldred Allen of Fairborn, Ohio, Ima Jean Morris of Indiana, Allene Nichols of Franklin, Ohio, all deceased. Still living, Donna Brown of Kettering, Ohio.

She was born in Garrett, Kentucky (Floyd County) on December 14, 1931 and entered into rest on February 25, 2006.

She met and married Howard Stewart of Wayland, Kentucky. They raised their children in Cleveland, Ohio. She was the mother of six children: Cathy Perry, Donna Chisim, Howard Stewart, Jr., Douglas Stewart, Susan Diaz and the late Debra Stewart all of Cleveland, Ohio. She was the grandmother of 12 and had 12 great-grandchildren.

She was a member of the Ball Branch Regular Baptist Church of Mousie, Kentucky.

Children, I say this to you with the love of God in my heart. Be good to each other and love each other. If you ever want to see mom again you have to make it right with God.

Your Sister, Donna Brown



Goldie Howard Stewart

BRO. DANIEL THORNSBERRY

Daniel Thornsberry age 68 of Plymouth Street, Plymouth, Ohio passed away Monday, October 24, 2005 at the Med Central Hospital in Shelby. He was born March 21, 1937 in Knott County, Kentucky to the late Joe and Patsy (Tuttle) Thornsberry and had been a Willard/Plymouth area resident since age 13. Brother Dan was a retired employee from General Motors Company in Ontario after 31 years of service. He was a member of the Little Rebecca Old Regular Baptist Church in Plymouth and enjoyed camping and fishing.

He is survived by his wife, Wanda (Morgan) Thornsberry, whom he married July 25, 1958; five daughters and four sons-in-law: Patty Walters of Westland, MI; Peggy and Calvin Tuttle of Westland, MI; Linda and Gary Reno of Plymouth, OH; Vickie and John Stima of Shelby, OH; and Wendy and Brad Seel of Willard, OH; ten grandchildren; three brothers: Howard Thornsberry of Wakeman, OH; Alvin Thornsberry of Sebring, FL; Mander Thornsberry of Willard,



Bro. Daniel Thornsberry

OH; two sisters: Mavis Tackett of Newnan, GA and Mabel Shephard of Shelby, OH; nieces and nephews and other relatives. His parents preceded him in death.

When I was asked to write this obituary, I knew the first thing I had to do was seek a quiet place and ask the Good Lord to help me once again. For I feel I met a man called Jesus over six years ago that has led and guided me throughout those years, teaching me by His goodness that I am nothing without Him, but with Him all things are possible. With tears now filling my eyes, I will attempt to fulfill this request.

I got to know Brother Dan when I was just a small boy growing up around the Little Rebecca Church. As with the other members of this little band of humble servants of God, Brother Dan was a light to me. He came to the rescue of my family on more than one occasion. When my brother, Mike was killed in an auto accident, Brother Dan went to the funeral home to identify Mike. He did this to save mom and dad the grief of facing such a task. Soon after, Plymouth was hit with a blizzard and we found ourselves without heat or electricity. Once again Brother Dan came to our rescue, as he not only came and got us, but also opened up his home for us to stay in until the storm was over. As much as those stories tell about the goodness of this man, I have an even better one to share.

I'll never forget a time when as a young man, I went out to the Little Rebecca Church to help Brother Dan work on a lawn mower. I was at a point in my life where I knew I was heading for destruction. I had a huge void down in my soul and was trying to fill it with things of this world. As Brother Dan and I worked together that day, I felt a peace inside me that came from just being around such a wonderful child of God. Even though I didn't change the direction of my life immediately, I believe another seed was sown in my heart.

Brother Dan was an "Old Regular Baptist" from head to toe. When I did eventually call on the Lord and felt the Lord heard my cries and told me to go home to my friends, I knew that the Old Regular Baptists had the only home for me. When I returned to the Little Rebecca Church, I was overjoyed to find the same sound and feeling still there that I had abandoned as a young man. There is no doubt in my mind that God used Brother Dan and his firm love for the Church as an instrument in helping keep this blessed old way together.

Dear Wanda and family, my thoughts now go to you. I would love to paint you a pretty picture of Brother Dan's life, but I don't feel I have to. He already did that by the way he lived his life before you. Each time he smiled, hugged, warned, or prayed for you, he was lightly brushing the most beautiful picture for you to not only admire but to follow. What a wonderful father, friend, and husband he was. How was he all of these things? Because several years ago he placed his hand in the hand of the most precious Savior we could ever know.

Children and friends of my generation, I feel Brother Dan would want me to beg you to step and think about where your lives are headed. Not only is heaven worth it all, but you are missing out on the most precious gift of your lifetime. Getting to walk with these mothers and fathers in the Church is the most joy I have ever had here in this world. Not until you have the love of God applied to your soul will you be able to experience what I am telling you.

Last month (on our Saturday meeting time) when the minutes of our Northern New Salem Association came out, I was so saddened when I opened it and began to read the obituaries. I couldn't help but notice three of them in particular. These were the obituaries of such great soldiers as Brother Wayne Turner, Brother Roy Collins, and Brother Reed Triplett. I sat silently, but my heart was broken as I thought, "Oh Lord, how can we continue to go on with so many of these little humble pilgrims outstripping us and going home?" I believe the Lord sent me an answer the next day. As I was driving away from church, I got about a mile away and I began turning onto another road. Suddenly three of the prettiest little butterflies came flying towards me. They were dancing in flight as they flew in formation right up to my windshield. A peace came over me, as I felt the Lord speak to me and say, "Those three you are missing are at peace like you have never known, but

you will join them some sweet day." I never spoke a word, but in my heart all I could say was "Thank You Dear Lord!"

Now, to the brothers and sisters of the little church. I know we are mourning, but I feel Brother Dan has reached the mountaintop and is resting from his labors. I can almost hear him saying, "Oh Lord, what a beautiful sight to behold! March on little children, arm in arm; press on to the mark of the high calling; Jesus said He would never leave us and He would never forsake us; blessed be the name of the Lord. I'll see you all soon on the other side. Until then, continue on rejoicing in the good old fashioned way."

With love and humbleness, Brother Marty Carty

ELIZA WALLEN

With a sad and broken heart we will try to write the obituary of our grandmother Eliza Wallen. She was born in Dock, Kentucky to Scorch and Nancy Slone Shepherd on February 10, 1909. Left this earth January 1, 2006, making her stay here on this earth 96 years, 10 months, and 20 days.

She married Ernest Wallen on March 28, 1928 in Floyd County, Kentucky. To this union was born 3 children: Robert and Mary Wallen, Roxie and Gene Nicholes, both of Rochester, Ohio; one sister, Sally Williams of Shelby, Ohio survive her. Her son Joe Wallen, sisters Margaret Poole, Ellen Richardson, Ada Case; brothers, Riley, Joe and Jasper Shepherd, 4 grandchildren: Diane Wallen, Joanne Hunter, Kathy Olstead, and John Herrick, and great-great-granddaughter Angel Mare Wallace preceded her in death.



Eliza Wallen

Mam as we called her when we were growing up enjoyed her children and grandchildren very much. She looked forward to seeing them whenever possible. She loved to hear about what was going on in their lives. She also enjoyed visiting with the brothers and sisters of the church and the many friends who would come to visit with her in the nursing home.

She joined the Little Pilgrim Home Church September 9, 1962. She was a faithful member. She went to church as long as she was able. She will be greatly missed by all her family and friends.

Sadly written by her granddaughters, Roxie Hamilton and Sue Prelipp

JOE E. WALLEN

This obituary is of Joe E. Wallen of New London, Ohio, formerly of Rochester, Ohio. Joe died at Metrohealth Center in Cleveland, Ohio, January 26, 2004 after a long illness.

He was born March 18, 1931 in Floyd County, Kentucky, to Ernest and Eliza Shepherd Wallen. Joe retired from Sterling Foundry in Wellington, Ohio after 38 years of service. He enjoyed fishing and gardening. He is survived by his wife Athaline Evans Wallen whom he married June 22, 1950; his mother-in-law, Bonnie Herrick of New London, Beulah and David Smith of Rochester, Louise and Dan Radcliff of Kearny, Arizona, Brenda and Bob Knotts of Elyria, OH, and Judy and Dennis Mittelstady of Fremont; one son Daniel of Newport, Michigan. 18 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; one brother and sister-in-law, Robert and Mary Wallen of Rochester, Ohio; and one sister and brother-in-law Roxie and Eugene Nichols of Rochester.

He will be greatly missed by his family.

OBITUARIES

FRIENDS OF THE N.N.S.A.

FRANCES (MCSURLEY) ALLEY

With a sad and broken heart, I'll try with the help of our Lord, to write the obituary of our dear friend and loved one, Frances Alley.

Born July 18, 1938 in Drift, KY to the late Charles and Emma McSurley, Frances left this world on April 9, 2006 at home after losing her battle with cancer. Besides her parents preceding her in death is her husband Revis Alley, whom also lost his life to cancer on March 29, 2001.

Left to mourn her loss are three sons: Michael and wife Freda of Trenton; Greg and wife Tonia of Gibraltar; and R.J. and wife Jimmie of Detroit; and her nine grandchildren: Jason, Melissa, Bryan, Natasha, Brandon, Elizabeth, Derek, David, and Megan. Frances also left behind three sisters: Helen Spears of Cowcreek, KY; Narretta Howell of Tippecanoe, IN; and Ruby Bates of Detroit, MI; and her one brother Charles McSurley of Kingsburg, IN.

Frances loved her Lord. She had the faith and trust that when her last breath was gone that her God would take her home where she will suffer no more. On April 9 the Lord answered Frances' prayer, knowing she had suffered long enough and her prayer was to take her home to be with her God in heaven and to be reunited with her husband where they will never part again. Through her pain and suffering, she never lost her faith and she was such a beautiful person. Frances had a smile and hug for everyone and we will all miss her dearly. Just remember God only takes the best. Frances was a beautiful flower that our Lord picked for His garden.

A family's love is like a flower garden in our hearts, it grows and the flowers all bloom. As seasons come and go our memories grow and among the prettiest flowers are the memories of our loved ones that have gone on ahead of us, and how much they are loved and missed. Always remember in our garden of special memories, time shared with our loved ones are some of the most beautiful flowers of all and they will be with us always.

So if you ever want to see your loved ones again and go to the garden where your loved ones now grow, give your heart to Jesus, have faith in only Him and you too can go where your loved ones go.

God Bless You All, Sis. Karen Elliott



Frances (McSurley) Alley

JANICE BACK

Janice was born in Knott County, Kentucky on January 2, 1947. She was the first of six children and Ellie (Creech) Richie. Two brothers and a sister died as infants leaving Janice and two brothers, Roger and Larry to grow to adults. The family moved to Middletown, Ohio late in 1954 where Janice attended school and graduated from the Madison Local Schools in 1965. Janice had lived in the Middletown area all of her life, since the family moved here in 1954. Janice attended the Little Family Old Regular Baptist Church in Jacksonsburg, Ohio.

Janice died Wednesday morning, February 22, 2006 after a long struggle with cancer and associated problems. She was first diagnosed with breast cancer in 1992 and after a long illness, recovered only to contract throat cancer in 2005. Her death was the result of complications from the throat cancer.



Janice Back

She was preceded in death by her three infant siblings, her father, Lloyd in 1977, and her mother, Ellie in 2000. Janice leaves behind her husband of 30 years, James Douglas Back; one daughter, Linda Ball of Monroe; one granddaughter, Holly; four stepchildren: David, Tim, Pam, and Jerry; several step-grandchildren whom she loved as her own; two brothers: Roger Richie and Larry Richie, both of Carlisle, Ohio; several aunts and uncles, and a host of nieces and nephews.

Janice was laid to rest February 25, 2006 at the Woodhill Cemetery in Franklin, Ohio and she will be sadly missed by all.

GLEN HOBBS

It is with a sad and aching heart we will try to write this obituary of my loving husband and father. He was born in Pike County, Kentucky on January 2, 1943 to Ergel and Gertrude Hobbs, who preceded him in death along with his brothers Clayton and Tylden.

He is survived by his wife Florence Hobbs who he married on December 1, 1962 and to this union was born one son, Larry Glen Hobbs, daughter-in-law Christine and one grandson Kevin. He had two brothers, Clifton and Carl Edwards. He also had three sisters, Silva Jean, Florence Eleanor and Kathy Sue. He had a host of nephews and nieces and lots of friends who will miss him dearly.

Glen dearly loved his brothers, sisters, brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law. He loved to go to church and we often went with brother Hobert and sister Sarah. Glen would stand in the door waiting for Brother Hobert on Sunday morning. He was a good husband and father. He was so sick, but he wanted to hold on until his son came home from Washington. They had a few good days together at the end and they will be good memories to hold on to. He loved his son with all his heart.

He loved the song "I am a Winner Either Way" and told me one day he was looking up and he said "this sure is a beautiful place." Glen was a "Winner Either Way". The doctors told him when he first discovered the cancer and said that he had about six months to live, but the Lord gave him two years so that he could go to church and serve the Lord. We want to thank God for all our precious memories. He would be so happy when the brothers and sisters came to see him. We will miss him every day and we believe our loss is Heaven's gain. Revelation 14:13 "Then I heard a voice from Heaven saying to me, Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on." Yes, says the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors, and their works to follow them.

The family would like to thank all who came and visited with Glen and his family during his sickness and departing from this life and all who have bestowed acts of kindness upon them. God Bless You All.

Written by his sad and broken-hearted wife, Florence.



Glen Hobbs

TIMOTHY DEAN HOLBROOK

With much love, many precious memories, and the help of the good Lord, we will try to write an obituary of our precious son, Timothy Dean Holbrook. He was born July 2, 1971 in Connersville, Indiana, the son of Elder Zee and Joyce Burke Holbrook. He was the youngest of 6 children. He left this life to be with the Lord September 27, 2005, making his stay here on earth 34 years, 2 months, and 25 days.



Timothy Dean Holbrook

He is survived by his parents, 1 brother and sister-in-law, Randy and Flossie Holbrook; 4 sisters and 3 brothers-in-law: Sheila Garrett, Gene and Sharon Sizemore, Tim and Sherry Wooley, and Floyd and Renee Gabbard; seven nieces and seven nephews. One nephew preceded him in death, Timmy James Y. Gabbard.

Timmy lived at home with us all his life. He went to church with us all his life as long as he was able, never complaining. He would go to Little Ida Church in Michigan and Pleasantview in Ohio. We remember one time when we went on Timmy's 4th birthday to Little Ida Church and Bro. Walter Mullins picked him up and sat him on the podium and had the church sing happy birthday to him. We will never forget that special day. Timmy never saw a stranger. He loved everyone he met and never hesitated to tell them or show them. Timmy loved his nieces and nephews so much he was more of a big brother than uncle to them. He also enjoyed his african grey parrot named Polly. He was a huge fan of Tony Stewart, enjoyed wood working, playing video and computer games. He loved to fish, collect beanie babies, photography and his cats. Timmy had his last birthday at home and what a birthday he had. He had lots of family and friends. He was so happy that day to see all the love he was shown.

Timmy was diagnosed with a brain tumor at age 8 and underwent surgery and treatment. In July 2004 he was again diagnosed with a form of cancer called sarcoma and again underwent surgery. On May 27, 2005 we were told the cancer had returned and he had only 3 months to live. Timmy suffered severe pain with patience and strength. He told us he was not afraid to die, but he would miss knowing what we were doing here on earth. Timmy held up his hands to let us know where he was going while we were singing to him. He loved to go to church and the associations. Also to sing and read the Bible. He would ask us questions about heaven. We believe with all our hearts that Timmy is with Jesus where there is no more pain. We love and miss you so much Timmy and pray that someday we will all see you again where the circle will never be broken.

Written by your broken-hearted Daddy, Mother, & Family

ANN HUDSON LETWINSK

Ann was born October 25, 1945 in Pike County, Kentucky, in the town of Virgie. She departed this life January 21, 2006. She was the daughter of the late Elder Roy Hudson and his wife Arkansas Hudson, who still resides at Robinson Creek, Kentucky.

Ann moved to Michigan at an early age with her parents. She married and had two daughters Lori Ann Roush (Skip), Terry Lynn Decominda (Tom). She leaves behind besides her daughters, three grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, her mother Arkansas Hudson; one brother, Soloman Hudson; four sisters: Lois Tackett, Lealy Ratliff, Lora Johnson, Brenda Burke. Her sister and her husband Brenda and Jerry was always there to help her any way they could. She considered them her best friends. Whatever she needed they were there to help her.



Ann Hudson Letwinsk

She worked and raised her two daughters. They were her life. She was diagnosed with lung cancer in April 2005. The treatments were hard on her body, and didn't seem to help. She called

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Reprinted Items from the 1964, 1970, 1980 and 2003 Minutes of the Northern New Salem Association

Year 1964 – Item 15: By move and second the association agreed to answer the request from several churches touching upon the question of sisters cutting their hair, using make-up, etc. As follows: It is the duty of every moderator of every church to exercise strict disciplinary action toward the violation of established practices. To insist on strict compliance with what sayeth the scripture concerning a woman of righteousness. Mark them that would creep in the assembly just to destroy the peace and salvation of the church.

Year 1970 – Item 17: The request from the Little Ruth Church "Asking for advise on how should a minister who has been excluded from preaching with sects and orders contrary to Regular Baptist principles can be received back into the fellowship of a Regular Baptist Church." We as an advisory council say to all our churches that you may restore such one upon strict examination, BUT not to return to them their credentials until they have been reexamined by legal presbytery.

Year 1980 – Item 12: By a motion and second, the request from the Little Rebecca Church was granted to correct Item #13 of our 1979 minutes to read as follows:

We, the Little Rebecca Church of Old Regular Baptist of Jesus Christ having met at our regular meeting time being found in full love and fellowship of all members present agreed unanimously to send the following request to the Northern New Salem Association when convened with the Little Ida Church on Friday before the first Saturday in August 1979. "We, the Little Rebecca Church request the Northern New Salem Association to adopt a resolution against members of our churches belong to secret orders such as Masons, Odd Fellows or any other related worldly organization that is an offense to our sister association as well as our own brethren". This question has produced friction far too long in our union and we feel it is contrary to our fundamental Christian beliefs and our church principles as we are not to be a part of a wordly kingdom. And farther that we advise all of our churches having such members to rid themselves of any members that refuses to disassociate themselves from such organizations. (And not preach with any preacher that belongs to a secret organization.)

Year 2003 – Item 15: A motion was made by Eld. Larry Newsome, second by Eld. Harrison Runyon that we as an adviser and counselor answer the request of the Pleasant View, Eternal Rose and True Vine churches concerning Item #17 of our 2002 Minutes. The following will replace Item #17: "We say to our churches to advise their ministers to refrain from taking any part in the services of churches not in correspondence with the Northern New Salem Association. This means preaching or baptizing members into their fellowship. If this is violated the minister will be silenced for a period of time, satisfactory to his home church. Under no circumstance will this be less than twelve (12) months for the first offense, and if this should happen a second time he would automatically be excluded.

Concerning funerals: If a family wants a minister of the Old Regular Baptist faith to participate in a funeral service where another church minister (not of our correspondence) is going to take part or be used in part of the services. This is acceptable as long as the Regular Baptist minister separates the services by song, prayer and dismissal called. See Item #17 of our 1970 Minutes. This advice is to be printed in our Minutes until future action is taken

PROCEEDINGS

Of The
Forty-Ninth Annual Session of the
Northern New Salem Association of Old Regular Baptist
The Church of Jesus Christ
August 4, 5, 6, 2006

Friday Session

It was such a pleasant morning, a gift of our Heavenly Father. Not a cloud in the far away distant sky, a sky so bright and clear. Yet there were greetings of happiness and joy exchanged among the pilgrims that had journeyed countless miles on the tedious highways and byways to attend this 49th Annual Session. Counting it a blessing to be here. As they begin to blend their voices together in making a joyful noise unto the Lord by singing the inspiring songs of Zion. One soon forgot the many miles one had traveled to be one in the number of this great army.

Alternate Eld. Buford Brock in much weakness and humbleness approached the stand to begin to tell of the goodness of the Lord. Advising all to look to Him for their strength, for He is the only one that can cause one to feel strong. An humble and uplifting prayer was offered by Eld. Roy Caudill.

Being chosen by the delegates at our 2005 session to preach the Introductory Sermon for this year. Eld. Hobart Justice, an old soldier in this army for many years, one who has weathered many a storm, was soon lifted up by the holy spirit to preach about the church — the Lambs wife. Some glorious day God would gather His children home. It's there we shall live forever, in His presence, giving Him a perfect praise. He preached that it was time for men and women to repent.

Those who were not delegates were asked to remain at the pavilion where the preaching would be conducted. The delegates were advised to assemble in the sanctuary of the Pleasant View Church where the business of the Association would begin. The following Elders were chosen to preach at the place arranged. Elders: (1) Ira Adkins-Philadelphia; (2) Danny Hurley-Old Friendship; (3) James Tackett-New Salem; (4) Danny Belcher-Union; and (5) Richard Staton-Sardis.

After gathering in the house and one of Zion's songs were sung, Eld. Tommy Dials, Moderator of Sardis Association was called on to make remarks and led in prayer.

Our beloved Moderator, Buddy W. Carty, announced that the 49th Annual Session of the Northern New Salem Association was now in working order.

Friday, August 4, 2006

1. The Moderator called for the letters from the churches that compose the Northern New Salem Association to be handed in to the Clerk. On motion by Bro. Mike Hiatt, second by Eld. Doug McCarty, the letter from the Pleasant View Church was read by the Clerk. A motion was made by Eld. John Elkins, second by Eld. Elmer Elkins 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 year. The following Elders were appointed to take the vote: Elders: Tommy Dials, David Lester and Murl Caudill. Officers elected:
Moderator Eld. Buddy W. Carty
Assistant Moderator Eld. Ray Hamilton
Clerk Eld. Hillard Newsome

- Assistant Clerk Bro. Dennis Elkins
- (a) Noted by the Association concerning our finance committee and was moved and second that our finance committee be appointed at the same time of the election of officers. The committee appointed: Elders: Chester Cochran, Teddy Honaker and Hobart Hamilton. Bro. Kenny Looney made a motion, second by Eld. Doug McCarty to receive the report of the committee appointed and discharge them of their duties.
3. By a motion made by Bro. Kenny Looney, second by Eld. Doug McCarty, the Moderator was authorized to make all temporary appointments.
 4. On motion by Eld. John M. Elkins, second by Bro. Ernie Owens, reading of the Constitution, Articles of Faith and Rules of Decorum were omitted.
 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: Squire Hamilton, Carlos Akers, Reevis Carrol, Jimmy Dye, Freedy Kidd, James Waddles, Chuck Hall, Autie Puckett Jr., Travis Bentley, Coy Combs, Glenn Frasure, Deffort Thornsberry, Glenn Bentley, Kermit Wright, John B. Hamilton, Milton Dye, Clyde Lewis, Teddy Honaker, Danny Crawford, Ted Burke, David Maynard, Don Vanderpool, Thomas Ray Hamilton and James Tackett. Letter in the hands of Eld. Kermit Wright. A motion was made by Elder Doug McCarty, second by Elder Tom VanZant to receive their letter and seat the delegates with us in council by the right hand of fellowship
 - (b) **Union** — Represented by the following delegates: Danny Belcher, Bobby Johnson, Gene Johnson, Gary Sanders, Floyd Jude, Estill Hamilton, Earl Hill, Earl Dean Yates, Robert Clay, Lloyd Brown, Bill Elkins, Homer Compton, Bill Ison, Danny Adams and Danny Robinett. Letter in the hands of Eld. Gene Johnson. A motion was made by Bro. Kilby Deel, second by Bro. Ken Looney to receive their letter and seat the delegates with us in council by the right hand of fellowship.
 - (c) **Philadelphia** — Represented by the following delegates: Wayne Caudill, Lowell Adkins, Ira Adkins Jr., Gary Adkins, Paul D. Moore, Harlan Barney, Curt Seagraves, Jacob Seagraves, Luther Ramey and Willis Tolliver. Letter in the hands of Bro. Paul David Moore. A motion was made by Eld. Lowell Mullins, second by Eld. Hargis Tuttle, to receive their letter and seat the delegates with us in council by the right hand of fellowship.
 - (d) **Sardis** — Represented by the following delegates: Chester Cochran, Hobart Hamilton, Thomas J. Dials, Richard Staton, Marion Duncan and Charles Jarrell. Letter in the hands of Eld. Thomas J. Dials. A motion was made by Eld. Danny Carty, second by Bro. Arnold Mullins to receive their letter and seat the delegates with us in council by the right hand of fellowship.
 - (e) **Old Friendship** — Represented by the following delegates: David F. Lester, George Thomason, Danny L. Hurley, Junior Coleman, Danny C. Justus, James D. Stacy, Monroe Matney, Dewey Matney, Doug Reed and Shird Mullins. Letter in the hands of Bro. Junior Coleman. A motion was made by Eld. Larry Newsome, second by Eld. Billy Miller to receive their letter and seat the delegates with us in council by the right hand of fellowship.
 - (f) **Old Indian Bottom** — Represented by the following delegates: Murl F. Caudill, Arnold Whitaker, Aaron Whitaker Jr., Haston Whitaker, Paul Back and Doug Bailey. Letter in the hands of Eld. Arnold Whitaker. A motion was made by Bro. Mike Hiatt, second by Eld. Bill Blevins to receive their letter and seat the delegates with us in council by the right hand of fellowship.

7. The Moderator appointed a committee consisting of the delegates from the Pleasant View 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) Charles Jarrell-Sardis; (2) Lloyd "Popeye" Brown-Union; and (3) Squire Hamilton-New Salem. Saturday morning Elders: (1) Cletis Hall-Union; (2) Hobart Hamilton-Sardis; (3) Haston Whitaker-Old Indian Bottom; (4) Gary Blevins-Philadelphia; and (5) Jimmy Dye-New Salem.
8. Called for transient ministers and members of our same faith and order and the following responded: none.
9. A motion was made by Eld. Johnny Bentley, second by Eld. Don Mullins that we the Northern New Salem Association correspond by letter and delegate with the following Associations and the Clerk prepare the letters to our sister Associations: (a) New Salem; (b) Union; (c) Philadelphia; (d) Sardis; (e) Old Friendship and (f) Old Indian Bottom.
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 2:30 P.M. Friday evening. Eld. Danny Carty made a motion, second by Bro. Milford Prater to accept the committee appointed.
 - (a) Eld. Scott Hamilton made a motion, second by Eld. John Elkins that we the Northern New Salem Association adjourn until 9 a.m. Saturday morning, August 5, 2006.
 - (b) The committee met pursuant to adjournment Friday noon and completed its work on the Bill of Arrangements. The services for the evening were introduced by (1) Eld. Charles Jarrell-Sardis; (2) Lloyd "Popeye" Brown-Union; and (3) Eld. Squire Hamilton-New Salem.

Saturday, August 5, 2006

Met pursuant to adjournment this, the second day of three of the Northern New Salem Association. Again God has blessed us with another lovely morning, a morning different from all others. The congregation were just as lovely, common people. Looking to the Lord and giving Him thanks for all His many blessings. The sanctuary of the Pleasant View Church was filled to capacity, and by singing the inspiring songs of Zion, melody was made in their hearts. Among much rejoicing, Elder Richard Staton of the Sardis Association sang, "Drop of Blood". Prayer was offered by your unworthy servant, Elder Hillard Newsome.

1. Called the roll of delegates and marked the absentees.
2. The Bill of Arrangements was read by the Clerk. A motion was made by Eld. Scott Hamilton, second by Bro. Mike Hiatt to receive the Bill of Arrangements and discharge the committee.
3. The Circular Letter written by Eld. Matt Slone for our 2006 session was read by Elder Kennis Robinson. A motion was made by Eld. Ralph Caudill, second by Eld. Larry Newsome to receive the letter and have it printed in our 2006 Minutes.
4. The finance committee appointed Friday, Item 2a, consisting of Elders: Chester Cochran, Hobart Hamilton and Teddy Honaker, reported as follows:

2006 Church contributions	\$6,705.00
2006 Money for Pictures	640.00
Other contributions	<u>1,000.00</u>
Total money received for 2006	\$8,345.00

A motion was made by Bro. James Hall, second by Eld. Billy Miller to accept the report of the Finance Committee and discharge them of their duties.

5. The Moderator called for the Treasurer, Elder Hillard Newsome to give his report as follows:

Treasurer's Report

A. Balance as of August 5, 2005	\$5,652.99
2005 Church contributions	6,405.00
2005 Picture money	765.00
Other contributions	-0-
Total money on hand as of August 7, 2005.	\$12,822.99

Expenses for 2005

B.	
Printer's Fee	\$6,767.00
Secretary's Fee	200.00
Postage, U.P.S. Freight	494.19
Supplies and Flowers	108.00
Other	-0-
Total Expenses for 2005	\$7,569.19
Total of A	\$12,822.99
Less Total of B	7,569.19
Balance	5,253.80
Plus Interest Earned	22.24
Adjusted Bank Balance July 26, 2006	598.26
Balance August 4, 2006	\$5,874.30
Plus money received for 2006	8,345.00
Total money on hand August 6, 2006	\$14,219.30

Money sent by the Sister churches of the Northern New Salem Association to the Pleasant View Church in helping host the 2006 Session \$9,100.00

6. Eld. John Elkins made a motion, second by Bro. Ernie Owens to receive the Treasurer's Report. By the same motion Eld. Hillard Newsome was appointed recording secretary. He is to have 3,360 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. Bro. Kenny Looney made a motion, second by Bro. Arnold Mullins to have obituaries of deceased members and friends of the Northern New Salem Association printed in the current minutes. They are to be typewritten and double spaced. A charge of \$20.00 for pictures is to be submitted along with obituaries to be printed.
 - (a) Eld. Doug McCarty made a motion, second by Eld. Larry Newsome, that the Clerk is authorized to send flowers on the death of the officers of our corresponding associations.
8. The following ministers were chosen to preach Saturday evening and Sunday morning. Saturday evening: (1) Eld. Gene Johnson-Union; (2) Eld. Loyd Brown-Union; (3) Eld. Elisha Branham-New Salem; (4) Eld. Estill Hamilton and (5) Eld. Danny Belcher-both of Union. Elders chosen for Sunday morning: Lloyd Brown, Dennis Elkins, Ray Hamilton, Buddy W. Carty. By a vote of the delegates, Elder Robert Wallen was chosen to preach the Introductory Sermon, Elder Hargis Tuttle to be his alternate, and Elder Eddie Wallen to write the Circular Letter for our 50th Annual Session.
9. On motion by Eld. Karrel Addington, second by Eld. Bill Blevins, the report of the Elders attending Union Meetings and Associations for the year 2005 and 2006 were omitted.
10. In compliance with Item #9 of Friday's work, we the Northern New Salem Association agreed to correspond by letter and delegate 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 2006 and continuing the two following days. Delegates to attend: Basil Elliott, Scott Hamilton, Ernest Owens, Conley Daniels, Karrell Addington, I.V. Hud-

son, Duane Graves, Claude Hale, Raymond Gayheart, Don Mullins, Buddy W. Carty, John M. Elkins. Letter in the hands of Eld. Buddy W. Carty.

- (b) **Union** — When convened with the host churches. To be held at the Association Building, Ashcamp, Pike County, KY. Beginning on Friday before the third Saturday in September 2006 and continuing the two following days. Delegates to attend: Ernest Owens, Arvid Blevins, Matt Slone, Buddy W. Carty, Karrel Addington, I.V. Hudson, Kenny Looney, John M. Elkins. Letter in the hands of Eld. Karrel Addington.
 - (c) **Philadelphia** — When convened with the Friendship Church. Beginning on Friday before the second Saturday in August 2006 and continuing the two following days. Delegates to attend: Doug McCarty, Basil Elliott, Ray Hamilton, Billy Miller, Buddy W. Carty, Dennis Elkins, Mark Baker, Bill Blevins, Karrell Addington, I.V. Hudson, Larry Newsome. Letter in the hands of Elder Billy Miller.
 - (d) **Sardis** — When convened with the host churches at the Association Building, Varney, Pike County, KY. Beginning on Friday before the second Saturday in September 2006 and continuing the two following days. Delegates to attend: Arvid Blevins, Ray Hamilton, Buddy W. Carty, Larry Newsome, Dennis Elkins, John M. Elkins, Claude Hale. Letter in the hands of Eld. Arvid Blevins.
 - (e) **Old Friendship** — When convened with the Little Zion Church, Panther, W.VA. Beginning on Friday before the fourth Saturday in August 2006 and continuing the two following days. Delegates to attend: John M. Elkins, Buddy W. Carty, Scott Hamilton, Ray Hamilton. Letter in the hands of Eld. Scott Hamilton.
 - (f) **Old Indian Bottom** — When convened with the host churches at the Association Building at the Mallet Fork Church, Pinetop, KY. Beginning on Friday before the first Saturday in September 2006 and continuing the two following days. Delegates to attend: Paul Moore, Conley Daniels, Buddy W. Carty, Roy Caudill. Letter in the hands of Eld. Roy Caudill.
- 11. The request from the Little Zion Church was read concerning changing the month in which they hold their Union meeting to May, their Communion to June, and their Memorial meeting to July. Said request was taken back to the delegates as the time for their Union meeting, Communion and Memorial meeting will appear elsewhere in the current minutes.
 - 12. The requests to host the 2007 association from the Little Rebecca Church, the Little Angel Church and the request by Little Flock to co-host with Little Angel were read. A motion was made by Eld. Johnny Bentley, second by Bro. Bill Smith to grant the request of the Little Angel Church the honor of hosting the 2007 setting of this blessed old association.
 - 13. Eld. John Elkins made a motion, second by Eld. Hargis Tuttle, to forego the reading of the current minutes.
 - 14. A motion was made by Eld. Johnny Bentley, second by Eld. Doug McCarty to adjourn to the place and time mentioned in Item #12 of Saturday's work in the current minutes.

The 49th Session was closed with a humble and uplifting prayer and dismissal by Elder Willis Tolliver of the Philadelphia Association.

Done and signed by order of the Association.

	Moderator
	Ass't. Moderator
	Clerk
	Ass't Clerk

Sunday Morning, August 6, 2006

God continued to smile on the congregation of faithful believers as they gathered at the Pleasant View Church to worship Him in spirit and in truth. The glorious sound of singing hymns of praises filled the air as the congregation greeted each other in love, with handshakes and hugs.

After singing praises to the King, Brother Dennis Elkins, our Assistant Clerk came to the stand to introduce the services. With an humble heart, full of love for Jesus Christ, the brothers and sisters, and for the many friends, both saint and sinner, God blessed him to declare the name of Jesus to be the only way from earth to Glory. To the redeemed, Jesus said, "That ye love one another, as I have loved you," John 15:12. To the sinner, believe in Jesus, repent and be born again.

After a humble, spirit filled prayer by Elder Hobert Justice, Elder Lloyd "Popeye" Brown came forward and was blessed to tell of the love of God's children that he had felt in this part of the vineyard. He warned that we have no promise of tomorrow. He spoke of his desire to see Jesus for himself and to throw his arms around him, giving him thanks for his wonderful blessings.

Third, was Elder Ray Hamilton, our beloved Assistant Moderator, who said that, "Some men's sins are open beforehand, going before to judgment, and some they do follow." I Tim. 5:24. God blessed him to tell the congregation that once God forgives your sins, you may remember them, but God will not. "And their sins and iniquities will I remember no more." Heb. 10:17. He warned that every sin must be given account of, either in this world or the world to come. He told the preaching brethren that the Bible says that, "He that loveth father or mother more than me . . . he that loveth son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me." Matt. 10:37, so sometimes they will have to make unpopular decisions at home to go and do God's work. He asked the congregation what they were holding on to and reminded them that it doesn't have to be something big. Anything you put between you and God is sin.

Our beloved Moderator, Elder Buddy W. Carty came forward to close out this 49th session of our grand old association. The scripture God put on his mind was "Lo (Behold) I come, in the volume of the book it is written of me, to do thy will, O God." He taketh away the first, that He may establish the second." Heb. 10:7-9. He preached that the best thing is to be honest with God and with yourself and realize that we're not able to do the job without God's help. God chose the weak to confound the mighty. Just like Moses, He didn't call us because we were strong or intelligent, but He chose us according to His will and He will provide us what we need if we'll depend on Him. Jesus came to fulfill the law, and grace began, because although the law was perfect, it could not forgive sin. We have security in that part that has been sealed, we're an heir of heaven and can't be lost. He said he would never leave us nor forsake us. Jesus said, "And I give them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand. My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand. John 10:28-9.

A dismissal prayer was offered by Elder Larry Newsome, giving God thanks for a wonderful association, and for all the blessings Jesus gives us.

The Pleasant View church would like to thank all of the sisters from our sister churches who came to help, and also a very special thanks to our friends who labored so hard before, during and after the association to help us make the brothers, sisters and friends feel welcome and loved.

To those who resided in Campers' Village, we hope you enjoyed your visit and we hope God will keep you safe on the road and bring you safely to the Little Angel Church in Columbus where our 50th session will be held. Thanks so much for \$385.00, the kind token of appreciation you left behind for the Pleasant View Church.

Your humble servants, Bro. Hillard Newsome, Bro. Dennis Elkins

Circular Letter by Elder Matt Slone

Dear Brothers and Sisters of the Northern New Salem Association of the Old Regular Baptist.

It is a great honor to be the delegate asked to write the Circular Letter for the Forty-ninth annual session of the Northern New Salem Association.

After many hours of prayer, and asking God for the knowledge to write this letter, I sit down to try to write this letter and hope that this letter will help someone to know God. The scriptures say, faith comes by hearing and hearing comes by the word of God in pardon and remission of sin. The scriptures say, faith comes by hearing and hearing comes by the word of God. I hope at least one person hears me.

My faith came to me in the year 1980. After many years of following the wrong path, I was led by the spirit of God. The Bible reads "There is one body and one spirit — just as you were called — one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and one Father of all." I started praying from the heart. Jesus heard my cry one cold morning in my kitchen. I fell down on my hands and knees begging Jesus to save my ever dying soul. He came into my heart and did what no man could, he took out that stone heart and gave me a heart of love! I was baptized shortly after that it was the best day of my life. God had saved my soul!!!! So children you must repent, be born again and give your heart and soul to God.!!

The Bible tells of "The Parable of the Ten Virgins". Then shall the kingdom of heaven be likened unto ten virgins, which took their lamps, and went forth to meet the bridegroom. And five of them were wise, and five were foolish. They that were foolish took their lamps, and took no oil with them; But the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps. While the bridegroom tarried, they all slept. And at midnight there was a cry made, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him. Then all those virgins arose, and trimmed their lamps. And the foolish said unto the wise, Give us of your oil; for our lamps are gone out. But the wise answered, saying, Not so; lest there be not enough for us and you; but go ye rather to them that sell. And buy yourselves. And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came; and they that were ready went in with him to the marriage; and the door was shut. Afterward came also the other virgins, saying, Lord, Lord, open to us. But He answered and said, "Verily I say unto you not. Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor hour wherein the son of man cometh. So keep your lamps full of oil and be ready for God."

Children, no one can get in to heaven but you. My father was a Baptist minister and a very good man, but mom and dad can't get you to heaven, you must do that yourself. You must give your heart and soul to God and repent your sins. I know I have a home in heaven waiting for me (a beautiful mansion). Children, I want you to join me there! Jesus loves you, Jesus is love. So men and women don't be ashamed to tell the world you are living for Jesus! He wasn't ashamed to own you. To my brothers and sisters, be good to one another!! Don't try to judge one another. Jesus will do that. Look over each others faults and be ready to forgive! Jesus is always ready to forgive us! Children, keep Jesus in your heart and mind at all times not just when you are in trouble. Remember he is always there for you!

God has a plan for all of us. After becoming an Ordained Minister and preaching the word of God all over in many Old Regular Baptist churches, my speech was impaired by a stroke. This did not change my love for God or hinder my spirit. Some listened some didn't. But God never stopped listening. This illness has never stopped me from spreading the word of God. I preach whenever I can and talk to all that will listen. I want everyone to know what God can do in their lives. I may not always be what we ask for, but God always gives us what we need. He has a plan for us all. So children never let a disability or illness hinder your spirit for God. Don't focus on your weaknesses; focus on your God! Love one another as God loves us. In heaven there are no sickness, no illnesses and no more suffering. You will shed this earthly coat and get a long white robe. I know I am ready for my robe, are you?

Your brother in Christ, Elder Matt Slone

**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 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 money con-

tributed 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 Savior 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 Savior, and that by the use of unleavened bread and fruit of the vine and feet-washing should be kept up until His second coming, by His believers.

Matt. 26:26-29, Mark 14:22-25, Luke 22:20, John 13:7-8, 1st Tim. 5:9-10

ARTICLE 9. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, both of the just and unjust, and that the joys of the righteous, and the punishment of the wicked shall be eternal.

John 5:28-29, 1st Cor. 15:51-53, Luke 24:46

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

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

ARTICLE 11. We believe that 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 up 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, 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 rise 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 reprovved by the Association as they think proper.

2006 DELEGATES TO THE NORTHERN NEW SALEM ASSOCIATION

Church	Delegates
Little Rebecca	Danny Carty, Nick Hansen, Ivan King
Maggie's Home	Don Mullins, Claud Hale, Duane Graves
Little Flock	Sam Franks, Raymond Stapleton, Don Lawson
Little Ruth	Bill Smith, Arnold Mullins, Adran Counts
Little Edna	Elmer Edwards, Denver Meade, Kenneth Anderson
Little Ida	Ralph Caudill, Billy Miller, Steven Miller
Little Flossie	Larry Dixon, Tom VanZandt, Harvey Tuttle
Little Zion	Jeff Dillon, Matt Maddox, Gerald Akers
Little Pilgrim's Home	Danny C. Hamilton, James Hall, Darrell Hall
Mt. Olive	William B. Holbrook
Pleasant View	Larry Newsome, Alex Collier, Donel D. Gibson
Little Family	Jerome Watts, Jr., Earnie Tuttle, Roy Caudill
Little Angel	Wilburn Nichols, James Pack, Jaime Tickle
Antioch	Karrel Addington, Scott Little, Milford Prater
Rose of Sharon	Johnie Bentley, Otto Collins, Ralph Manuel
Lily of the Valley	Vern Music, Scott Hamilton, Junior Jent
Little Children's Home	Mike Hiatt, Buford Brock
Morning Star	Bill Blevins, Charles Blevins, Willis Little
Little Bethel	Bill Back, Glenn Conley, Ernest Owens
Family of Love	Delmas Hall, Kenny Looney, Earnest Martin
Macedonia	Harrison Runyon, Ernest Middleton, Paul Moore
True Vine	Kennis L. Robinson, Bob Williams, Terry Ratliff
Little Melrose	Mark Baker, John M. Elkins, Doug McCarty
Eternal Rose	Hargis Tuttle, Raymond Gayheart, Kilby Deel
Little Ellen	Lowell Mullins, Jimmy Sowards, Cletis Easterling

UNION MEETINGS AND MINISTERS CALLED FOR THE YEAR 2006-2007

NOVEMBER – 2006

LITTLE MELROSE - First in November (2006). Roy Caudill, Ray Hamilton, Johnie Bentley, Paul Boggs, Murl Caudill, Arnold Whitaker, Scott Hamilton, Squire C. Hamilton.

APRIL

ANTIOCH - First in April. Teddy Honaker, Barry Lucas, Paul Matthews, Chuckie Hall, Billy Miller, James Tackett (Enterprise).

PLEASANT VIEW - First in April starts at 5:00 P.M. on Saturday. Roger Hicks, Curtis Hall, Tennis Sturgill, Jeff Dillon.

ETERNAL ROSE - Second in April. Larry Newsome, Bill Blevins, Charles Duke, Joe Gibson.

ROSE OF SHARON - Second in April. Eddie Wallen, Richard Staten, Hobert Hamilton, Doug McCarty, James Branham, Billy Blevins, Mike Justice, Sam Franks.

MAY

LITTLE FLOSSIE - First in May. Buford Brock, Roy Caudill, Clyde Lewis, Scott Hamilton, Raymond Stapleton, Buddy W. Carty, Milton Dye.

LITTLE IDA - First in May. Hobert Justice, Willis Tolliver, Gary Blevins, Floyd Jude, Gary Young.

MAGGIE'S HOME - First in May. Scott Hamilton, Danny Carty, Squire C. Hamilton, Eddie Wallen, James Tackett, Enterprise.

LITTLE RUTH - Second in May. Karrel Addington, James Branham, Willis Tolliver, Jeff Dillon, Sam Franks.

LITTLE ZION - Second in May. Dennis Elkins, Larry Newsome, Ed Howell, Mose Bentley, Charles Duke.

LILY OF THE VALLEY - Third in May. Squire C. Hamilton, Johnie Bentley, Estill Hamilton, Billy Miller, Eddie Wallen, Tom VanZandt, Ralph Caudill.

LITTLE CHILDREN'S HOME - Third in May. Arnold Whitaker, Haston Whitaker, Don Lawson, Raymond Stapleton, Chester Cochran.

LITTLE ELLEN - Third in May. Ray Hamilton, Johnie Bentley, Larry Newsome, Don Adkins, Hayes Chaffins, Hargis Tuttle, Elbert Hagerman, William B. Holbrook, Dennis Elkins, Jeff Dillon.

MACEDONIA - Third in May. Garfield Thacker, Roger Justice, Hershel Slone, Paul Coleman, Orbin May, Eddie Wallen.

MORNING STAR - Third in May. Paul Dye, Eddie Wallen, Doug McCarty, Elbert Hagerman, Gene Johnson.

JUNE

LITTLE BETHEL - First in June. Bill Blevins, William B. Holbrook Jr., Jackie Yates, Travis Bentley, Scott Hamilton, Phillip Beverly, Chuckie Hall.

LITTLE FAMILY - Second in June. Danny Carty, Scott Hamilton, Garland H. Deel, Bobby Whitaker, Sam Franks.

LITTLE PILGRIM'S HOME - Second in June. Elbert Hagerman, Johnie Bentley, Estill Hamilton, Cledith Hall, Billy Miller, Larry Newsome, Ishmal Hall, Jr., Clifford Newsome.

LITTLE REBECCA - Third in June. Doug McCarty, Chuckie Hall, John B. Hamilton, Coy Combs, Barry Lucas, Deffort "Honey Bun" Thornsberry, Clyde Lewis.

FAMILY OF LOVE - Fourth in June. Sat 2 p.m. Clyde Lewis, Billy Miller, Mose Griffith, Gary Blevins, Jackie Yates, Charles Jarrell.

LITTLE EDNA - Fourth in June. John B. Hamilton, Gordon Akers, Billy Miller, Estill Hamilton, Russell Hicks, Joe Gibson.

MT. OLIVE - Fourth in June. Clyde Lewis, Russell Hicks, Eddie Wallen, Larry Dixon, Ray Hamilton, Charles Duke.

JULY

LITTLE FLOCK - Third in July. Danny Belcher, Lacy Walters, Gary Young, Gary Adkins, Gary Blevins, Kelly Slone.

LITTLE ANGEL - Fourth in July. Charles Jarrell, Charles Edwards, Richard Staten, Floyd Jude, Northern Gayle Brown, Hobart Hamilton.

AUGUST

TRUE VINE - Third in August. Jeff Dillon, Karrel Addington, Danny Belcher, Paul Matthews, Barry Lucas, Scott Little (Antioch).

MEMORIAL MEETINGS

LITTLE REBECCA - Third in August. Buddy W. Carty, Milton Dye, Hargis Tuttle, Delmas Hall, Russell Hicks.

MAGGIE'S HOME - First in June. Daniel Newsome, Charles Edwards, John B. Hamilton, Gary Young, Conard Maynard.

LITTLE FLOCK - Third in June. Ray Hamilton, Danny Carty, Hiram Adkins, Leonard Hamilton, Russell Hicks.

LITTLE RUTH - Second in July. Kennis Robinson, Charles Edwards, Buddy W. Carty, Danny Belcher, Lloyd Ray, Scott Hamilton.

LITTLE EDNA - Fourth in August. Scott Hamilton, Kennis Robinson, Larry Newsome, Matt Slone.

LITTLE IDA - First in April. Buddy W. Carty, Danny Carty, Don Adkins, Eddie Wallen, Scott Hamilton.

LITTLE FLOSSIE - First in October. Hargis Tuttle, Danny Hamilton, Johnny Thornsberry, Arnold Whitaker, Scott Hamilton.

LITTLE ZION - Second in July. Edsel Slone, Joe Havlic, Johnie Bentley, Cledith Hall, Gene Johnson.

LITTLE PILGRIM'S HOME - Second in August. Scott Hamilton, Squire Hamilton, Hobert Justice, Paul Dye, Russell Hicks.

MT. OLIVE - Fourth in August. Danny Hamilton, Johnie Bentley, Scott Hamilton, Estill Hamilton, Willis Little, Phillip Beverly.

PLEASANT VIEW - First in June. Ray Hamilton, Evan Hamilton, Rick Akers, Moderator and Assistant Moderator.

LITTLE FAMILY - Second in October (2006). Buddy W. Carty, Hillard Newsome, Willis Tolliver, Doug McCarty, Ralph Caudill.

LITTLE ANGEL - Fourth in March. Charles Duke, Hargis Tuttle, Scott Hamilton, Larry Newsome, Hillard Newsome, Estill Hamilton.

ANTIOCH - First in June. Buddy W. Carty, Milton Dye, Scott Hamilton, Danny Carty, Danny Belcher, Hargis Tuttle.

ROSE OF SHARON - Second in October (2006). Leonard Hamilton, Scott Hamilton, Lowell Mullins, Dennis Elkins, Hargis Tuttle, Charles Duke.

LILY OF THE VALLEY - Third in July. Danny Hamilton, Hobart Justice, Matt Slone, Jessie Pack, Hayes Chaffins.

LITTLE CHILDREN'S HOME - Third in September, (2006). Ralph Caudill, Billy Miller, Ira Adkins, Jr., Roy Caudill, Russell Hicks.

MORNING STAR - Third in July. Ray Hamilton, Alex Collier, Hargis Tuttle, Larry Newsome, Russell Hicks.

LITTLE BETHEL - First in September (2007). James Branham, Elisha Branham, Dennis Elkins, Ray Hamilton, Hargis Tuttle, Danny Carty.

FAMILY OF LOVE - Fourth in October, (2006). Paul Boggs, Morris Wicker, Russell Hicks, Deffort Thornsberry, Estill Hamilton.

MACEDONIA - Third in September, (2007). Edgar Howell, Jerry Runyon, Johnny Bryant, Raymond Stapleton, Don Lawson, Red Alley.

TRUE VINE - Third in October (2006). Garfield Thacker, Roger Justice, Dennis Elkins, Charles Duke, Kennis Robinson.

LITTLE MELROSE - First in May. Eddie Wallen, Carson Wright, James Barney, Garland H. Deel, Willis Bartley, Jimmie Waddles, Danny Carty.

ETERNAL ROSE - Second in June. Alex Collier, Elmer Edwards, Kennis Robinson.

LITTLE ELLEN - Third in July. All Old Regular Baptist Ministers Invited.

SPECIAL MEMORIALS

LITTLE FLOCK-MARCUM MEMORIAL - First Sunday in July. July, 2007. (Location: Wilkesville, OH, near intersection 160 and County Road 8, Newsome Road, about three miles from the intersection). Ministers called: Russell Hicks, Harrison Runyon, Chester Cochran, Lloyd Ray, Morris Wicker, Willis Tolliver.

Special Memorial for Sister Eliza Wallen 2nd Weekend in February 2007 at Little Pilgrims Home Church, Ruggles, Ohio. Elders called: Elder Lon Beverly, Elder Scott Hamilton, Elder Squire Hamilton, Elder Larry Newsome.

ORDAINED MINISTERS

LITTLE REBECCA

Elder Lon Beverly	45 Bell St., Plymouth, OH 44865	419-687-9501
Elder Phillip Beverly	4076 Bull Head Road, Willard, OH 44890	419-933-3740
Elder Danny Carty	5346 St. Andrews, Westerville, OH 43082	614-899-9815
Elder Joseph Gibson	1838 Lyons Rd., Willard, OH 44890	419-933-7820
Elder Faris Tuttle	505 St. Rt. 603, Shiloh, OH 44878	419-896-3569

MAGGIE'S HOME

Elder Donald Mullins	36157 DePue Rd., Hamden, OH 45634	740-596-4946
Elder Johnny Newsome	60097 Locker Plt. Coleman Rd., McArthur, OH 44651	740-596-0447
Elder Albert Osborne	42651 St. Rt. 160, Wilkesville, OH 45695	740-669-4002
Elder Paris Tackitt	344 3rd St., Beaver, OH 45613	740-226-6343

LITTLE FLOCK

Elder Charles Edwards	144 Pierson Blvd., Newark, OH 43055	740-364-0636
Elder Hank Forgey	1443 Centerville Rd., Thurman, OH 45685	740-682-6533
Elder Mike Fortner	2476 Centerpoint Rd., Oak Hill, OH 45656	740-682-6236
Elder Sam Franks	1412 Jones Rd., Vinton, OH 45686	740-388-9009
Elder Don Lawson	204 2nd St., Box 47, Pleasantville, OH 43148	740-468-2203
Elder Raymond Stapleton	73600 Stapleton Ln., Vinton, OH 45686	740-669-5055

LITTLE RUTH

Elder Scotty Little	2136 Villagepoint Dr., Batavia, OH 45103	513-735-2895
Elder Bill Smith	11937 St. Rt. 736, Marysville, OH 43040	937-642-4106
Elder Bill Staton	1111 Twp. Rd. 208, Marengo, OH 43334	419-253-5906
Elder Raymond Vanderpool	281 Citrus Ridge Dr., Davenport, FL 33837	863-242-8668
Elder Amos Williams	150 Riley St., Newark, OH 43055	740-344-1073

LITTLE EDNA

Elder Elmer Edwards	888 Cooper Foster Park Rd., Amherst, OH 44001	440-988-3809
Elder Hobert Justice	4555 Sumner St., Sheffield Village, OH 44055	440-277-9547
Elder Denver Meade	953 Warwick Dr., Sheffield Lake, OH 44054	440-949-6048
Elder Jessie Pack	12620 Grimsley Ave., Cleveland, OH 44135	216-251-1825

LITTLE IDA

Elder Mose Bentley	25537 Baker St., Taylor, MI 48180	313-292-3247
Elder Arvid Blevins	15765 Gooddard Rd. Apt. 107, Southgate, MI 48195	734-287-6965
Elder Ralph Caudill	1594 Wilson St., Lincoln Park, MI 48146	313-381-3710
Elder Elbert Compton	1539 Capitol Ave., Lincoln Park, MI 48146	313-382-4939
Elder Billy Miller	672 Cora, Wyandotte, MI 48192	734-283-0208

LITTLE FLOSSIE

Elder Larry Dixon	8070 N. Angling Rd., Kendallville, IN 46755	260-347-8082
Elder Russell Hicks	11971 N. Angling Rd. 57, Wolcottville, IN 46795	260-854-3649
Elder Harvey Tuttle	955 South 900 East, Lagrange, IN 46761	260-499-7997
Elder Thomas N. VanZandt	11346 Wildwood Dr., Marshall, MI 49068	269-781-8191
Elder Morris Wicker	5510 E. 1150 N. 57, Wolcottville, IN 46795	260-854-9475

LITTLE ZION

Elder Joseph R. Akers	105 S. Walker, P.O. Box 427, Capac, MI 48014	810-395-1623
Elder Rick Akers	2828 Lorraine St., Marlette, MI 48453	989-635-7393

Elder Jeff Dillon	7939 Adair Rd., Casco, MI 48064	810-329-4368
Elder O. C. Holbrook	5479 Old Banner Trail, Grand Blanc, MI 48439	810-694-5193

LITTLE PILGRIM'S HOME

Elder Danny C. Hamilton	367 Twp. Rd. 1031, Nova, OH 44859	419-652-2485
Elder Eddie Wallen	330 Railroad St., Rochester, OH 44090	440-647-3539
Elder Robert Wallen	123 Main St., Rochester, OH 44090	440-647-4052

MT. OLIVE

Elder Elbert Hagerman	P. O. Box 213, Angola, IN 46703	260-665-1882
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PLEASANT VIEW

Elder Stoney Blackburn	2598 Dix Fork Rd., Sidney, KY 41564	606-353-4522
Elder Hayes M. Chaffins	403 S. Center St., LaGrange, OH 44050	440-355-8461
Elder Alex Collier	961 Pepperwood Ln., Brunswick, OH 44212	330-273-3505
Elder Conley Daniels	3624 W. 114th St., Cleveland, OH 44111	216-251-0709
Elder Donel D. Gibson	222 Stonehedge Dr., Elyria, OH 44035	440-322-0299
Elder Larry Newsome	2216 Brownhelm Sta. Rd., Vermillion, OH 44089	440-967-5877
Elder Matt Slone	5426 Lake Rd., Sheffield Lake, OH 44054	440-949-5174

LITTLE FAMILY

Elder Roy Caudill	6143 Paulin Dr., Middletown, OH 45042	513-423-2381
Elder James D. Watts	1719 Edgelawn Dr., Mt. Sterling, KY 40353	859-498-6232

LITTLE ANGEL

Elder John Jude	1609 Fallbrook Rd., Columbus, OH 43223	614-274-7122
Elder Forrest Osborne	255 Berryville Rd., Columbus, OH 43207	614-492-9435

ANTIOCH

Elder Karrel Addington	501 Micawber, Louisville, KY 40245	502-254-5961
Elder Hillard Newsome	3520 Fincastle Rd., Louisville, KY 40213	502-452-1197
Elder Stephen Slone	210 Glenway Dr., Shelbyville, KY 40065	502-647-9416

ROSE OF SHARON

Elder Johnie Bentley	3218 22nd St., Wyandotte, MI 48192	734-283-2983
Elder Ray Hamilton	5040 Carleton-S. Rockwood Rd., S. Rockwood, MI 48179	734-783-5037
Elder William B. Holbrook, Jr.	13388 Parkway Blvd., Carleton, MI 48117	734-654-6883

LILY OF THE VALLEY

Elder Evan Hamilton	1724 Pleasant View, Ashtabula, OH 44004	440-964-0605
Elder Scott Hamilton	4760 N. Ridge E., Geneva, OH 44041	440-466-0321
Elder Junior Jent	3120 Mill Rd., Dorset, OH 44032	440-293-5018
Elder Chester Newsome	2002 Carriage Hill Apt. Ashtabula, OH 44004	440-997-5973

LITTLE CHILDREN'S HOME

Elder Buford Brock	1508 N. County Rd. 50 E., Danville, IN 46122	317-745-9182
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MORNING STAR

Elder Bill Blevins	10702 Oak Lane, Apt. 14214, Bellville, MI 48111	734-699-8204
Elder Ishmal Hall Jr.	36876 Thinbark, Wayne, MI 48184	734-728-0194
Elder Willis Little	4541 Grace, Wayne, MI 48184	734-728-4486

LITTLE BETHEL

Elder Paul Dye	Box 122, Tiro, OH 44887	419-347-5064
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FAMILY OF LOVE

Elder Clifford Bradley	18003 SH 231, Nevada, OH 44849	740-482-2095
Elder Buddy W. Carty	18 High School Ave., Shelby, OH 44875	419-342-4143
Elder Delmas Hall	1011 Sundusky St., Plymouth, OH 44865	419-687-0945

MACEDONIA

Elder Harrison Runyon	17601 Sylvania Ave., Nelsonville, OH 45764	740-753-1024
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TRUE VINE

Elder Terry Ratliff	829 Woods Edge Center, Wooster, OH 44691	330-262-4389
Elder Kennis L. Robinson	2769 Clearfield Ave., Akron, OH 44314	330-848-4518

LITTLE MELROSE

Elder John M. Elkins	131 Winchester Ave., Interlachen, FL 32148	386-684-4559
Elder Albert Hamilton	3819 Randall Rd., Green Cove Springs, FL 32043	904-284-6046
Elder Doug McCarty	P.O. Box 2018, Keystone Heights, FL 32656	352-473-3424

ETERNAL ROSE

Elder Raymond Gayheart	14061 Twp. Rd. 215, Lakeville, OH 44638	330-378-9008
Elder Hargis Tuttle	4494 Butler Rd., Wakeman, OH 44889	440-839-5113

LITTLE ELLEN

Elder Lowell Mullins	1165 Oak Ridge Dr., Manteno, IL 60950	815-468-1532
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CLERKS AND THEIR ADDRESSES

Church	Clerk	Address	City, State	Telephone
Little Rebecca	Frank Holt	890 Fulwell Dr.	Mansfield, OH 44906	(419) 747-4552
Maggie's Home	Duane Graves	028 Bronx Corner Rd.	Ray, OH 45672	(740) 286-5281
Little Flock	Hank Forgey	1443 Centerville Rd	Thurman, OH 45685	(740) 682-6533
Little Ruth	Adran Counts	3645 TWP Rd. 26	Cardington, OH 43315	(419) 946-6621
Little Edna	Elmer Edwards	888 Cooper Foster Pk. Rd	Amherst, OH 44001	(440) 988-3809
Little Ida	John Johnson	15649 Fordline	Southgate, MI 48195	(734) 246-0769
Little Flossie	Fred Jones	5056 W-500, S	Wabash, IN 46992	(260) 563-5001
Little Zion	Adam Akers	3107 Shabay Dr.	Flushing, MI 48433	(810) 230-0295
Little Pilgrim's Home	Danny C. Hamilton	367 TWP Rd. 1031	Nova, OH 44859	(419) 652-2485
Mt. Olive	Lonnie Staton	4109 Page Ave.	Michigan Center, MI 49254	(517) 764-3105
☞ Pleasant View	Dennis Elkins	2263 Pontius St. NE.	Hartville, OH 44632	(330) 877-7931
Little Family	Danny J. Watts	434 Winston Rd.	Oakland, KY 42159	(270) 563-2159
Little Angel	James Finley	3996 Paradise Rd.	Sugar Grove, OH 43155	(740) 746-9621
Antioch	Melvin Adams, Jr.	495 Overlook Rd.	Louisville, KY 40229	(502) 957-2417
Rose of Sharon	Johnie Bentley	3218 22nd St.	Wyandotte, MI 48192	(734) 283-2983
Lily of the Valley	Carl E. Hall	17249 Stocking Rd.	Madison, OH 44057	(440) 298-1490
Little Children's Home	James D. Wagner	17201 Stone Ch. Rd.	Laurel, IN 47024	(765) 698-2316
Morning Star	Charles Blevins	4940 Moore	Wayne, MI 48184	(734) 729-8313
Little Bethel	Ernest Owens	833 Fennimore St.	Fremont, OH 43420	(419) 334-4344
Family of Love	Earnest Martin	41 Trux St.	Plymouth, OH 44865	(419) 687-6914
Macedonia	David Sturgill	65 Hedge Cemetery Rd.	Olive Hill, KY 41164	(606) 286-6049
True Vine	Dennis Elkins	2263 Pontius St. NE.	Hartville, OH 44632	(330) 877-7931
Little Melrose	John M. Elkins	131 Winchester Ave.	Interlachen, FL 32148	(386) 684-4559
Eternal Rose	Raymond Henderson	5840 CR 50	Lakeville, OH 44638	(330) 378-2223
Little Ellen	Jimmy Sowards	12612 Harold Ave.	Palos Hts., IL 60463	(708) 448-6894

CHURCH MODERATORS AND ASSISTANT MODERATORS

Church	Moderator	Asst. Moderator
Little Rebecca	Buddy W. Carty	Danny Carty
Maggie's Home	Donald Mullins	Albert J. Osborne
Little Flock	Sam Franks	Charles Edwards
Little Ruth	Amos Williams	Don Lawson
Little Edna	Hobert Justice	Jesse Pack
Little Ida	Ralph Caudill	Mose Bentley
Little Flossie	Russell Hicks	Morris Wicker
Little Zion	Rick Akers	O. C. Holbrook
Little Pilgrim's Home	Robert Wallen	Danny C. Hamilton
Mt. Olive	Elbert Hagerman	William B. Holbrook
Pleasant View	Larry Newsome	Alex Collier
Little Family	Roy Caudill	James D. Watts
Little Angel	Hiram Adkins	Forest Osborne
Antioch	Hillard Newsome	Karrel Addington
Rose of Sharon	Ray Hamilton	William B. Holbrook
Lily of the Valley	Scott Hamilton	Evan Hamilton
Little Children's Home	Buford Brock	Aaron Whitaker, Jr.
Morning Star	Bill Blevins	Willis Little
Little Bethel	Paul Dye	Willis Little
Family of Love	Buddy W. Carty	Delmas Hall
Macedonia	Burl Sturgill	Harrison Runyon
True Vine	Kennis L. Robinson	Alex Collier
Little Melrose	Doug McCarty	Albert Hamilton
Eternal Rose	Hargis Tuttle	Raymond Gayheart
Little Ellen	Lowell Mullins	None

CHURCH ADDRESSES

(Preferably, mail correspondence to the Clerk's address)

Church	Address	City	State
Little Rebecca	Henry Road, Ph. 419-687-8838	Plymouth	Ohio
Maggie's Home	Benner Road	Dundas	Ohio
Little Flock	1900 Borland, Rte. 1	Ray	Ohio
Little Ruth	Route 3	Marengo	Ohio
Little Edna	5160 Bond Avenue	Lorain	Ohio
Little Ida	4060 Drennan Street	Ecorse	Michigan
Little Flossie	159 W. Greenwood	Lisbon	Indiana
Little Zion	63181 Romeo Plank Road	Romeo	Michigan
Little Pilgrim's Home	Highway 224, Ph. 419-652-2485	Ruggles	Ohio
Mt. Olive	M-52, 4 Miles N. of	Stockbridge	Michigan
Pleasant View	Box 48, 3589 Beat Road, Ph. 330-723-5345	Litchfield	Ohio
Little Family	S.R. 744, 1 mile west of	Jacksonburg	Ohio
Little Angel	5733 Saltgaber Road, Ph. 614-492-0010	Columbus	Ohio
Antioch	10817 Barricks Road	Louisville	Kentucky
Rose of Sharon	5665 Carleton-		
	S. Rockwood Rd., Ph. 313-379-4870	S. Rockwood	Michigan
Lily of the Valley	Rt. 534-600 Kawanis Pk. Dr.	Geneva	Ohio
Little Children's Home		Laurel	Indiana
Morning Star	44441 Clay Road	Belleville	Michigan
Little Bethel	State Route 228	Green Springs	Ohio
Family of Love	18061 S.R. 231 (Wyandotte) Ph. 614-482-2434	Nevada	Ohio
Macedonia	I-64-Ex. 161 W. US 60-Rt. 182-4.6 miles	Grahn	Kentucky
True Vine	7992 Cleveland Massilon Rd, Ph. 330-882-6393	Clinton	Ohio
Little Melrose	201 Pearl St.	Melrose	Florida
Eternal Rose	14061 Township Rd. 215	Lakesville	Ohio
Little Ellen	IL 50, W. 115th, Rt. on Lawler, Left S. Avon	Alsip	Illinois

STATISTICAL TABLE

2005

CHURCHES

	Received by Baptism	Received by Letter	Recommendation	Restored	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Total Membership	Meeting Time	Contributions	Communion Time
Little Rebecca	6	0	0	0	0	0	3	45	2:00 P.M. 3-E	325.00	July
Maggie's Home	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	34	1-M	200.00	July
Little Flock	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	26	3-M	300.00	Aug.
Little Ruth	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	16	2-M	175.00	June
Little Edna	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	20	4-M	150.00	July
Little Ida	2	2	0	0	0	0	3	70	1-M	500.00	June
Little Flossie	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	24	1-E	350.00	June
Little Zion	0	1	0	0	0	0	3	23	2-M	250.00	July
Little Pilgrim's Home	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	12	2-M	200.00	July
Mt. Olive	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	14	4-M	150.00	July
Pleasant View	3	2	0	0	2	0	3	70	6:00 P.M. 1-E	350.00	May
Little Family	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	18	2:00 P.M. 2-E	250.00	July
Little Angel	0	0	0	1	3	1	2	34	6:00 P.M. 4-E	400.00	Aug.
Antioch	5	0	0	0	0	1	0	26	3:00 P.M. 1-E	475.00	Oct.
Rose of Sharon	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	32	2-M	500.00	May
Lily of the Valley	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	16	6:00 P.M. 3-E	100.00	June
Little Children's Home	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	2:00 P.M. 3-E	150.00	July
Morning Star	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	23	3-M	250.00	June
Little Bethel	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	9	1-M	175.00	July
Family of Love	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	20	2:00 P.M. 4-E	250.00	July
Macedonia	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	10	3-M	200.00	June
True Vine	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	16	3-M	500.00	Sept.
Little Melrose	0	0	1	0	2	0	1	13	1:30 P.M. 1-E	300.00	Jan.
Eternal Rose	2	1	0	0	0	1	0	16	6:00 P.M. 2-E	125.00	May
Little Ellen	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	6:00 P.M. 3-E	80.00	June

2006 Church Contributions.....\$6,705.00
 2006 Money for Pictures.....640.00
 Other Contributions.....1,000.00

Grand Total **24 8 1 2 10 9 23 606** **\$8,345.00**

M — Saturday morning services
 E — Saturday evening services

OBITUARIES

MEMBERS

LILLIAN (SMILEY) AKERS

To convey the life of this precious woman on paper is impossible. Granny was a true Christian woman. She loved God and placed Him first in her life. She showed her love of Christ to all she met. I have so many memories of her. I will always remember Granny washing dishes and singing praises unto God. She was simple in life; nothing about her was fancy. She worked hard and long. I know that she followed after Jesus and that she is now resting, awaiting that bright morning. Granny left stones for all to follow. As I write this, her grandson is singing beautifully over her resting body.



Lillian (Smiley) Akers

Granny was born on December 21, 1924 in Dana, Kentucky. Her parents Miller and Mary Edna (Hall) Smiley, who preceded her in death were hard-working, Christian people who raised their children by the principles in the Bible. Surviving Granny in death are: Ermon Smiley of Attica, MI; Floyd (Arcolis) Smiley of Collins, OH; Bulah (Jay) Sammons of Vermillion, OH; Corneila Conn of Dana, KY; Eula Conn of Richmond, KY; and Luanna (Sue) (Bascom) Conn of Wakeman, OH. Granny was preceded in death by three siblings: Donald, Syvelvia, and Suella. Granny was the oldest of her siblings. She loved them very much and until the end one of her favorite things was to have her sisters do her hair for her.

Granny fell in love and married her companion at a young age. She and Woodrow Akers were joined together December 20, 1939, one day before her 15th birthday. Their union was blessed with nine children: Gordon (Carol) Akers of Okeechobee, FL; Ora Lee Akers (deceased); Elizabeth Carpenter (deceased), Roy Akers (deceased), Rick (Fay) Akers of Marlette, MI; Roselie (Buford) Conn of Almont, MI; Sarah Boyd of Almont, MI; Gerald (Sherry) Akers of Davison, MI; and Sandra Akers (deceased). Granddaddy was called home before Granny. Jesus came for him on March 1, 1989. Granny's heart was saddened by his passing, but found comfort in the arms of Christ. Granny was blessed to see the birth of 17 grandchildren and got to know two step-grandchildren. These grandchildren gave her 33 great-grandchildren.

Granny and Granddaddy did their best to raise their children in difficult times. Often while they were growing up Granddaddy had to travel for employment, leaving Granny to handle things at home. While they didn't have much, they had each other and Granny's love. Granny joined the Little Zion Old Regular Baptist Church in 1967. She lived her life for Jesus and served her church, as a deacon's wife, with Faith and Love until her death on Monday, April 3, 2006. She showed love to all she met. If you needed a hot meal, she was always willing to provide. Granny's heart had a special place for A.J. Akers who became her son through love. In her last days Granny wanted to make sure A.J. was counted as one of her kids, and to let him know just how much she loved him.

In 1996 Granny battled back from cancer. We believe that God spared her life in order to give her the pleasure and honor of seeing all her children get forgiveness for their sins and turn their hearts over to God. Knowing that all her kids were Christians gave Granny much joy and peace. She knew that no matter when they left this world, she would meet them again.

If Granny could say one more thing to her loved ones, it would be that same thing she said to them in life, "Give your life to Jesus and be born again as he commanded."

Written by a loving grandson, Brother Adam Akers and family

*Granny left this morning,
She had to go see her Love
Her body was old and worn,
Her work was all finished
Her goal accomplished
When the messenger came she was ready
She did not leave us empty handed
She left us stones to light the path
She left us with these words
"Follow after me my children."*

*My Love loves you all.
Only four months since mother passed away.
Some times to us, it seems like yesterday.
We watched you suffer, Mom and often had to cry for we
knew that soon, we'd have to say goodbye.
God gave us the strength to let you go but what it
meant to lose you no one will ever know.
Sleep on with the angels.
Mom, we pray to met you again someday*

KATIE CATHERINE CALHOUN

This is the obituary of Sister Catherine Calhoun. Mom was born August 30, 1930 to Sol and Annie (Osborne) Tackett of Weeksbury, Kentucky. Mom met Conley Calhoun in July 1949 and married October 29, 1949. Unto this union was born Darrel Lee Calhoun. She lost two sons in infancy and were blessed with a daughter Frances Ann Calhoun a year after her and Dad joined the Old Regular Baptist Church with the answer to many prayers for mom and baby. She was blessed with one granddaughter: Desting Eve (Matt) Meyer; one grandson: Jarrod Dougherty; and three great-grandsons: Tyler Wade Calhoun, Preston Lloyd Kochan and Brandon Lee Marz. She told them often they were the apples of her eye. They brought so much love and energy into her life and she loved them all so dearly. Mom was always by Dad's side. They traveled a lot of miles to visit sister churches while they were young and able. Mom and Dad were part of the original arm from Little Ida Church to start the Morning Star Church. She was the last of the original members that still belonged to Morning Star Church and the oldest member.



Katie Catherine Calhoun

One of her greatest gifts was her cooking and she loved to see people enjoy her cooking whether it was inviting people into our home or bringing food to church dinners. She loved every minute of it. I can tell you we all enjoyed her cooking and a lot of people will never forget her wonderful Gingerbread, stack cakes and fruit cobblers. Her great-grandsons will always remember Mimi's biscuits and gravy. It pleased her knowing that they loved it so much. Mom worked for the Van Buren Public Schools for 10 years and retired in 1990 when we found out Dad had cancer. We lost Dad in 1991, since that time Mom has told us many times how much she missed him and wanted to go on home with him. She is finally with Dad and I can just picture him waiting with outstretched arms.

She was preceded in death by both her parents, Dad, and all five of her brothers: Clarence, James, Sol Jr., Earl, and Bob. Mom leaves behind four sisters: Bertha (Buddy) Calhoun, Margie (Ray) Burke, Clara Mae (Lester) Weishuhn, and Mary (Don) Navarre. Many nieces, nephews, other family members and many dear friends.

She was always trying to get her family to go to church with her and to turn their lives toward Jesus. She had surgery on Wednesday and Thursday she was so hoping to be out to go to church Sunday because she had never missed a Memorial Meeting. Little did we know that she would be one of the deceased members on the memorial list by Sunday.

She will be missed by so many. She has been in the hospital three times this last month and watching how she touched her nurses that took care of her was such a blessing. We look forward to seeing her and Dad both some sweet morning.

Written by her broken-hearted children, Darrel and Fran

ELIZABETH (AKERS) CARPENTER

To try and write an obituary of a loved one is not an easy task, especially someone that left such a great void in our lives by her passing. A wonderful mother, a precious nanny, a dear sister and a friend to many that she met along life's journey. I will attempt, by the help of God, to put into words what we feel in our hearts. Words can never fully express the Love we had, and still do, for sis. She had so much love for everyone.

Elizabeth (Liz) Carpenter was born on May 22, 1944 to the parents of Woodrow and Lillian (Smiley) Akers of Dana, KY. She was the third of nine children: Gordon and Carolyn of Okeechobee, FL; Rick and Fay Akers, Marlette, MI; Rose and Buford Conn, Almont, MI; Gerald and Sherry Akers, Davison, MI; and Sarah Boyd, Almont, MI. Her dad Woodrow and three siblings preceded her in death: Oralee,

Roy and Sandra Sue. And on the 15th day of August of 2004 my blessed sister answered the call when God sent an angel to convey her spirit home and let her soul enter into the rest that He has promised His children. Making her stay on earth, 60 years, 2 months and 23 days. We all felt it was too soon for her to go but the God she loved and trusted in knew better. The pain and suffering for her is now over.

Sis was blessed with a wonderful family of her own. She was both mom and dad to her kids. She provided for their needs as best she could but most of all she gave each one her love. From the oldest to the youngest, her love was the same. As the children read an eulogy on the day of her funeral, you just feel the love they had for her as they spoke about their Mom. Their final thought was, "Even though we feel like we've lost our best friend, we all know that she will always be with us where she has always been, in our hearts."

God blessed Sis with eight children, two of which preceded her in death, twins: Stacy and Tracy died at birth. The daughters are: Lesa Gayheart, Prestonsburg, KY; Theresa and Tommy Hogan, Madisonville, KY; Malesa and Carl Jones, Clearville, KY; and Beverly Gibson and Robert Renfrow (her fiancé), Shepherdsville, KY. The sons are: Kevin and Colleen Burke, Brown City, MI; and Gary and Aimiee Carpenter, Shepherdsville, KY. They in turn bore ten grandchildren for Liz to love, pamper and spoil. They were true bundles of joy to her from the oldest, Teela Renee Gayheart to the youngest, Benjamin Carpenter and all the rest in between: Nic, Sean, and Samantha (Sammy) Gibson; Jacob and Jordyn Burke; Damon Gayheart; Dakotah Hogan; and Elizabeth Carol (Carly) Jones.

Sis would always put her family before herself no matter what! Although there was one great exception. There came a point in her life that she realized she was in desperate need of help; the kind of help that no one human could give her. She realized that she was a sinner and stood in need of a Savior. Taking heed to the light she repented and asked God to have mercy on her soul. After being delivered from a dead state she was in, unto a lively hope, she came forth on the 26th day of April 1992 and offered her hand to the Little Zion Church, making her confession of the experience of Grace she had with God and wanting to have fellowship in the Church. She was baptized by Elders Clarence Owens and Rick Akers. She remained a member of the Church the rest of her life.

The latter days of Liz's life were filled with pain and suffering. But I believe that when it got a little too tough she would just call upon her dear Savior to help her through. Whenever we got to go and visit with her she would always want us to sing some old songs of Zion and hold prayer. And I believe it was done as much or more for her children than for her. She wanted them to know who she was trusting in and wanted them to trust in him too. Children and grandchildren if you want to go to that goodly land called Heaven, then you will have to call upon the same God that Mom and Nanny did. For there is a Heaven to gain and a Hell to shun; so the choice is yours. I'll bring this to an end by saying what Christ said, "Accept me and live; Reject me and die."

Written by a brother in hope, Elder Rick Akers



Elizabeth (Akers) Carpenter

ELITHA DEEL COLLEY

With a sad and lonely heart we will try to write an obituary of our mom. She was born January 15, 1926. Mom passed away May 16, 2006 making her stay here 80 years, 4 months and 1 day. Our mom was one of 15 children born to Willoughby and Marida Deel. She was preceded in death by Willoughby, Marida, Vandora Eveline, William Patrick, Woodrow, Elmira, Anthony Wayne and Sarah. Surviving are Phoeby, Melicia, Mary, Marlin, Martha, Doshie, Vadie and Howard.



Elitha Deel Colley

Mom married dad (Elder Clifford Colley) on June 7, 1941. To this union was born 5 children. Her son Roger Lee Colley preceded her in death on June 3, 1991. Eight months later on February 16, 1992 she lost our dad to cancer. She leaves 4 children: Bob and Willoughby of Ashley, Ohio; Fern Coomes of Morristown, TN; and Carmie Colley of Delaware, Ohio. She also leaves 12 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren. Mom joined the Russell Prater Old Regular Baptist Church on May 30, 1949, was baptized by Elder Emory Floyd Deel and Elder Troy McClanahan. They moved to Kentucky in the early 60's where they moved their membership to Little Rosa in Lloyd, Kentucky. Dad and mom traveled many miles going to church. They loved to have Brothers, Sisters, family and friends to come home with them from church for dinner and to visit and spend the night. Mom was a good homemaker. She enjoyed cooking, gardening, canning, quilting and crocheting.

We want to thank Elder Willis Tolliver and Lowell Adkins for the years of friendship to our family and for helping us through the sudden death of our mom. Mom is gone; our memories are all we have left. Let us all strive for a home in heaven when our life is over.

Written by the Colley Family

GLEN HAROLD COMBS

Glen Harold Combs was born October 6, 1928 in Raven, Kentucky, and departed this life on May 11, 2006 at Salem Community Hospital in Salem, Ohio after a prolonged illness. He was the son of the late Oscar Combs and Mae (Beverly) Combs.

He was married to Norma (Williams) Combs on October 27, 1955 and they spent 50 years together. To this union was born one son: Jeffrey G. Combs of Mechanicstown, Ohio; and one daughter: Connie (Combs) Lyons of Guilford Lake, Ohio. Brother Glen also had one daughter, Cathy Sue Combs, who preceded him in death. Brother Glen also had 4 grandchildren: Chatham Lyons, Catherine Lyons, Hillari Combs and Thomas Combs; and one step-granddaughter, Breanna Rhodes who survive. He is also survived by one sister, Shirley Sparkman of Raven, Kentucky. In addition to his parents and his daughter, Cathy Sue, Brother Glen was also preceded in death by four brothers and three sisters.

Brother Glen was a decorated U.S. Army veteran, having served in the Korean War as a Sergeant with the Army Rangers in the 35th Division. For his service, he received the Bronze Star and a Purple Heart. Brother Glen came to Ohio with his good friend, Brother Lee Hall, to seek employment in 1946. He was employed as a machinist at NRM in Columbiana, Ohio until his retirement in 1982.

Brother Glen joined the Pleasant View Old Regular Baptist Church at Litchfield, Ohio on March 6, 1977 and was baptized on April 3, 1977 by Elders Alex Collier and David Slone. He remained a member until his death although he was unable to attend for the last several years after his illness prevented him from driving. His illness should be a warning to all that your ability to go and do as you please can be taken away at any time. Death or sickness can overtake you at any moment preventing you from doing what's most important in your life. The Bible teaches, you have no promise of tomorrow so you must work while it is day. Please seek Jesus while you have life and opportunity.

Brother Carson Wright a few months before she died and told him, she felt the Lord had forgiven her for her sins, and she wanted to go back to her roots and the Old Regular Baptist Church. She wanted to go back one more time. She never got able to go. The last two weeks she lived, she was so loving and kind to everyone. The last words she spoke, Ann told Brenda to go get Mom, Jesus is coming to get me. She will be missed by her children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, mother, brother, sisters and all who knew her. It's sad to part from our loved ones in this world, but when we all get to Heaven, we know there will be no parting over there.

Written by his sister, Lora Johnson

NORA (HICKS) OUSLEY

Today with great love and memories we celebrate the long life of Nora (Hicks) Ousley, born August 2, 1915. She was a devoted wife, sister, loving mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. She was called home to be with the Lord on October 11, 2005. She was surrounded by her family as she left her earthly home and started her eternal life in the arms of the Lord. She will be dearly missed by her husband of 67 years, Joseph Ousley of Grass Lakes, Michigan; her children: Scott J. Ousley (Joyce) of Jackson, Michigan; Danya Williamsom (Glenn) of Onsted, Michigan; Bill Ousley (Beverly) of Grass Lake, Michigan; Audrey Schittenhelm of Grass Lake, Michigan; Jack Ousley (Linda) of Grass Lake, Michigan; twelve grandchildren and twenty-two great-grandchildren.



Nora (Hicks) Ousley

Mawmaw, as she was lovingly called by many, was loved by all. She loved to take care of everyone when they came to visit. She always insisted on feeding you the minute you walked in the door. She loved to cook and feed people and the house always smelled of home canned beans and corn bread and all kinds of other food. She always loved to have her home as neat as a pin, and it was. She also loved to show off her ceramic figurine collection, which had grown to be quite large. She also loved to see her grandchildren and great-grandchildren come and visit. She would just watch them play and laugh at the funny things they would say and do. She so loved the little ones.

Mawmaw had a very fulfilled 90 years here with us. So many treasured memories of her will be with us forever. She may be gone from us now, but we can look forward to the day that we see her again. She had assured those that spoke to her about the Lord that she knew Jesus and was on her way to Heaven.

We laid her to rest on the 14th day of October, 2005 on her 67th wedding anniversary.

Written by her family

PAUL EVERETT SCOTT

Paul Everett Scott was born December 21, 1928 in Wolf Pit in Pike County, KY, to the late Roy and Molly (Adkins) Scott. He went home to be with the Lord on April 10, 2006 at the Akron General Hospital in Akron, OH, making his stay here on earth 77 years, 3 months and 20 days. He is now at rest in the Paradise of God where there will be no more struggling for breath, no more pain or sorrow.

He married Norma Jean "Shelby" Prater on June 16, 1956, and they spent 49 blessed years together. To this union was born 3 sons: Greg (Leila) of Smithfield, VA; Richie (Kathy) of Kent, OH; Jeffery D. who preceded him in death; and 2 daughters: Lisa (James "Mike") Hunter of Norton, OH; and a daughter who died in infancy. He is also survived by his devoted brother, Ed (Carla) Scott of Akron, OH.



Paul Everett Scott

He also leaves to mourn his 7 grandchildren: Derrick, Kristina, Nicole, Jeffery, Dylan, Ryan and Sarah; and a great host of friends and loved ones. In addition to his parents, son, Jeffery D. and a daughter that died in infancy. He was also preceded in death by 2 brothers: Charles and Ben Scott, and his sister, Mona Jean.

Paul worked in the coal mines of Eastern Kentucky for several years. He was drafted into the U.S. Army and served 2 years and was honorably discharged in 1953. He moved to Akron, OH around 1954, where he lived the remainder of his life. He retired from the Ford Motor Company in 1993 after 39 years, where he had worked as a motor mechanic. Paul enjoyed fishing and gardening, but most of all he enjoyed attending church and visiting with his brothers and sisters in Christ, when he was able.

Although Paul never joined the Old Regular Baptist Church, he was a faithful attendee and friend of the True Vine Old Regular Baptist Church in Clinton, OH and also to the other Old Regular Baptist churches in northern Ohio. Paul saw a need for Jesus in his life and sought our blessed Saviour with many tears and much sorrow. He told me a long time ago that Jesus had heard his cries and forgave him of his sins and that he received a new birth. He was always a willing worker for the church and a special friend to all of us. Paul continued to come to church long after he was physically able. The last few years he could hardly get enough breath to walk around and he would still get up early on Sunday mornings and drive many miles through all kinds of weather to hear the word of God and to worship with his friends at the Old Regular Baptist Church. He loved to hear the old-time singing and preaching. His favorite songs were "Am I A Link In That Chain" and "The Keys To The Kingdom". Whoever came to visit Paul, he always appreciated their prayers.

Paul had been in poor health for several years, but when he couldn't make it up the steps at True Vine in February and had to have help to make it out to his car, he knew something had to be done. Although he hated to leave Sister Shelby, the children, the grandchildren and the rest of us, he said he was willing to take the risk of open-heart surgery again in order to be able to continue to attend the church that he loved so much. He told me many times that he was not afraid to die because he felt in his heart that he was ready to go. Many of us prayed and thought surely God would heal him, but that was not God's will this time. God saw that it was time for his suffering to be over and called him home to be with Him forever. We all miss him so badly, but how can we question God's will. Although, we're sad because we no longer have him here with us, how can we not rejoice in the great reward he has now received for himself. He's just reached that goal that we are all striving for. Leaving this old world is not the end, but only the beginning of eternal joy and happiness.

Paul ran his race with patience, and now he has gone to be with Jesus forever. Children, grandchildren, family and friends, I hope that if you have not made peace with God, you will take heed to the light that shines in darkness, and seek Jesus for yourselves while you still have life and opportunity. There is no repentance after death. We have no promise of tomorrow so don't put off the most important decision in your life. Today is the day of salvation. God is willing to forgive you, but you will have to seek him with your whole heart, soul, mind and strength. He will not be mocked.

Written by his brother in Christ, Brother Dennis Elkins

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HERBERT SLONE

Herbert Slone, 80, of Kendalville, Indiana died March 10, 2005. He was born September 13, 1924 in Floyd County, Kentucky to Monroe and Nannie (Mosley) Slone. He married Daisy Chaffins on April 4, 1946. She preceded him in death on September 17, 1998.

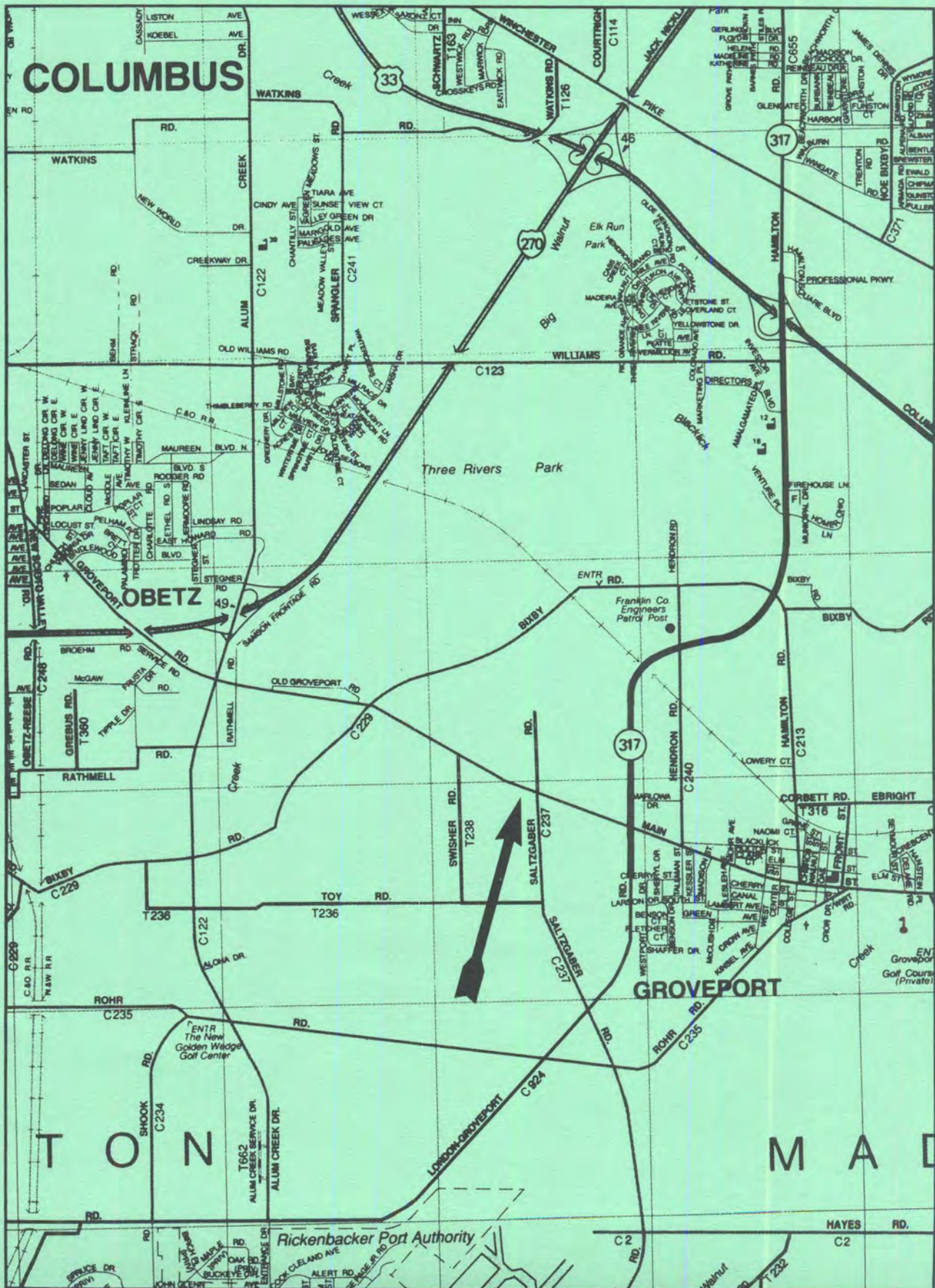
Herbert retired from Cooper Tire & Rubber after 22 years of service. Surviving are a son, Lewie Slone of Kendallville, IN; two daughters: Elvita Mullins of Ligonier, IN; and Carolyn Hicks of Kendallville, IN. He has 5 grandchildren. He attended the Little Flossie Old Regular Baptist Church in Lisbon, IN. His faith in God was most important to him. He loved his wife and family greatly. He was a very loving father, true and kind to all he knew and met and very generous with his love for God, willing to share his faith with everyone. His family misses him dearly.



Herbert Slone

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