

**Fifty-Seventh
Annual Session**
of the
**Northern New Salem Association
of Old Regular Baptist
of Jesus Christ**



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**In Session Assembled with
the Pleasant View Church
August 1, 2, 3, 2014**

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

Shall we ever treasure the memories of our beloved Elders, Brothers, and Sisters who have departed this life since our last assemblage. They have gone away with a friend, leaving we that remain with the hope of meeting them again some glorious day in a land of perfect peace and joy, where there is no measure of time.

Humbly yours,
Brother Newsome-Clerk
Brother Sartin- Assistant Clerk

"Life is so fragile, handle it gently, wrapped in God's Love."

Brother Newsome



Officers (Left to Right): Elder Wayne Sartin, Assistant Clerk; Elder Hilliard Newsome, Clerk; Elder Buddy W. Carty, Moderator; Elder Ray Hamilton, Assistant Moderator

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Introductory Sermon for 2015 — Elder Paul Dye

Alternate — Elder Wayne Sartin

Circular Letter — Elder Wayne Sartin

Note: Obituaries are to be typed and double spaced, a \$20.00 charge applies for pictures. Please, if you want your picture returned by mail, include a self addressed stamped envelope. Also, be sure that the name of the deceased is applied on the back of the picture.

**Thank you,
Brother Newsome**

Reprinted Items from the 1964, 1965, 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 1965 – Item 16: That each church in our union shall hold its own key, and it is to be the sole judge of the members as long as it does not violate the Word of God, the order of the Association or Old Regular Baptist principles.

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 worldly kingdom. And farther that we advise all of our churches having such members to rid themselves of any members that refuse 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
Fifty-seventh Annual Session of the
Northern New Salem Association of Old Regular Baptist
The Church of Jesus Christ
August 1, 2, 3, 2014

Friday Session

As the warm sunshine of early morning, bringing a gentle breeze that flowed among the tall trees surrounding the pavilion of the Pleasant View Church, where the preaching of the morning would soon begin. One could hear the sound of an old time song, sung by the humble pilgrims that had traveled countless miles to attend this the Fifty-Seventh Annual Session of the Northern New Salem Association.

Alternate, Elder Don Mullins approached the stand in a humble way and preached of a God that leads us and directs us through a travail of repentance. He was blessed to tell how that God can keep his children and makes them a separate people from the world.

Having been chosen by the delegates at our 2013 session to preach the Introductory Sermon for this year, Elder Hargis Tuttle, approached the stand with tears flowing and body trembling stating that he felt the least of all his brethren. Brother Hargis told of a God that found him lost ruined and undone and drew him through his mother and the old church. He preached that the light drew him but it did not save him. But he was willing to follow that light which was Christ Jesus and he was led to salvation.

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) Ivan Neal Thornsby; (2) Andy Deel; (3) Earl Dean Yates; (4) David Lester; (5) Willis Tolliver

After gathering in the house and one of Zion's songs was sung, Elder Leonard Hamilton was called on to make remarks and Elder Ralph Slone Jr. led in prayer.

Our beloved Moderator, Elder Buddy W. Carty, announced that the Fifty-Seventh Annual Session of the Northern New Salem Association was now in working order.

Friday, August 1, 2014

1. The Moderator called for the letters from the churches that compose the Northern New Salem Association to be handed in to the Clerk. The letter from the Pleasant View Church was read by the Clerk. A motion was made by Elder John Elkins, second by Elder Doug McCarty to receive the letters, seat the delegates and refer all queries and requests 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: Elder Willis Tolliver, Elder Gary Blevins, and Elder Teddy Honaker.

Officers elected:

Moderator	Elder Buddy Carty
Assistant Moderator	Elder Ray Hamilton
Clerk	Elder Hillard Newsome
Assistant Clerk	Elder Wayne Sartin

- (a) Noted by the Association concerning our Finance Committee and was moved and seconded that our Finance Committee be appointed at the same time of the election of officers, the Moderator appointed: Elder Ralph Slone Jr., Elder Danny Justus, and Elder Doug McCarty. Elder Doug McCarty made a motion, second by Elder Don Mullins to receive the report of the committee appointed and discharge them of their duties
- 3. By a motion made by Elder Jerry Caskey, second by Brother Hansel Brown, the Moderator was authorized to make all temporary appointments..
- 4. By a motion made by Elder John Elkins, second by Brother Hansel Brown, reading of the Constitution, Rules of Decorum, and the Articles of Faith 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: Ralph Slone Jr., Arnold Adkins, Earnest Hamilton, Glenn Frazier, Leonard Hamilton, and Don Vanderpool. Letter in the hands of Elder Ralph Slone. A motion was made by Elder Hargis Tuttle and second by Elder Don Mullins to receive the letter and seat the delegates with us in council by the right hand of fellowship.
 - (b) **Union** — Represented by the following delegates: Danny Belcher, Estill Hamilton, Terry Hall, Dennis Elkins, Earl Dean Yates, Andy Deel, Eddie Lane, and Gary Sanders. Letter in the hand of Elder Estill Hamilton. A motion was made by Brother Ralph Manuel and second by Elder Mike Fortner to receive the letter and seat the delegates with us in council by the right hand of fellowship.
 - (c) **Philadelphia** — Represented by the following delegates: Ted Parker, Luther Ramey Jr., Farrell Howard, Carlis Tharp, Dallas Bledsoe Jr., Gary Blevins, Wayne Caudill, Paul D. Moore, Ira Adkins Jr., Willis Tolliver, Jimmy Stewart, and Gary Adkins. Letter in the hand of Elder Paul D. Moore. A motion was made by Elder Doug McCarty and second by Brother Claude Hale to receive the letter and seat the delegates with us in council by the right hand of fellowship.
 - (d) **Sardis** — Represented by the following delegates: Thomas J. Dials, Stony Blackburn, Ivan Neal Thornsby, and Marion Duncan. Letter in the hand of Elder Stoney Blackburn. A motion was made by Elder Hank Forgey and second by Elder Danny Carty to receive the letter and seat the delegates with us in council by the right hand of fellowship.
 - (e) **Old Friendship** — Represented by the following delegates: Dewey Matney, George Thomason, David Lester, Roger Baker, Danny Hurley, Edgar Baker Jr., Gary D. Justus, Steve Baker, Phillip Hagerman, James Stacy, Danny C. Justus, and Edgar Baker. Letter in the hand of Edgar Baker Jr. A motion was made by Elder Tom VanZandt and second by Brother Hansel Brown to receive the letter and seat the delegates with us in council by the right hand of fellowship.
 - (f) **Old Indian Bottom** — Represented by the following delegates: Aaron Whitaker Jr., Paul Back, and Wendell Lycans. Letter in the hand of Elder Aaron Whitaker Jr. A motion was made by Elder Doug McCarty and second by Brother Hansel Brown to receive the 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

ministers for Friday evening and Saturday morning, who reported as follows: Friday evening — Elders (1) Danny Hurley; (2) Danny Belcher. Saturday morning — Elders (1) Aaron Whitaker; (2) Paul D. Moore; (3) Estill Hamilton; (4) David Lester; (5) Tommy Dials; (6) Teddy Honaker.

8. Called for transient ministers and members of our same faith and order and the following responded: Elder Morris Wicker, Elder Ralph Caudill, and Elder Billy Miller.
9. A motion was made by Brother Marty Carty, second by Brother Hansel Brown that we, the Northern New Salem Association, correspond by letter and delegate with the following associations: (a) New Salem; (b) Union; (c) Philadelphia; (d) Sardis; (e) Old Friendship; and (f) Old Indian Bottom.
10. The Moderator 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. The committee on Arrangements is to meet back at the house at 1:30 p.m. Friday afternoon.
 - (a) Elder Danny Carty made a motion, second by Elder Eddie Wallen that we, the Northern New Salem Association, adjourn until 9:00 a.m. Saturday morning, August 2, 2014.
 - (b) The committee met pursuant to adjournment Friday afternoon and completed its work on the Bill of Arrangements. The services for the evening were introduced by Elder Danny Hurley, prayer held by the same and closed by Elder Danny Belcher.

Saturday, August 2, 2014

Oh such a lovely, pleasant morning that God gave us, his believing children, to assemble in the sanctuary of the Pleasant View Church. Greeting each other with an abundance of love. Soon one was blessed to hear the inspiring songs of Zion being sung by the congregation of the faithful attendees.

Elder Gary Adkins, clerk of the Philadelphia Association, came forward to introduce the services and he was also blessed to lead us in an humble and uplifting prayer.

Moderator Buddy Carty then asked Elder Hargis Tuttle to come forth and sing a song as requested by the some attendees of our association.

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 Elder Jerry Caskey seconded by Brother James Wagner to receive the Bill of Arrangements and discharge the committee.
3. The Circular Letter written by Elder Steve Sloan for our 2014 session was read. A motion was made by Brother Patrick Deel and seconded by Elder Eddie Wallen to receive the letter and have it printed in our 2015 minutes.
4. The Finance Committee appointed Friday, Item 2 (a), consisting of Elder Tommy Dials-Sardis Association, Elder Danny Justus-Old Friendship Association, and Elder Ralph Slone Jr.-New Salem Association, reported as follows:

2014 Church contributions	\$6,110.00
2014 Money for pictures	475.00
Other contributions	20.00
Total money received for 2014	\$6,605.00

A motion was made by Elder Hargis Tuttle, seconded by Brother Ralph Manuel to accept the report of the Finance Committee and discharge them of their duties.

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

Treasurer's Report

A. Balance as of August 1, 2013.....	\$13,753.38
2013 Church contributions.....	\$6,320.00
2013 Picture money.....	\$480.00
Other contributions.....	\$1,177.00
Total money on hand as of August 4, 2013.....	\$21,730.38

Expenses for 2013

B. Printer's fee	\$5,968.00
Secretary's fee	\$200.00
Postage, UPS Freight.....	\$646.17
Total Expenses for 2013	\$6,814.17
Total of A.....	\$21,730.38
Less Total of B.....	\$6,814.17
Balance	\$14,916.21
Includes Interest Earned.....	\$1.71
Balance August 1, 2014.....	\$14,916.21
Plus money received for 2014	\$6,605.00
Total money on hand August 4, 2014	\$21,521.21

Note: Money sent by Sister Churches of the Northern New Salem Association to the Pleasant View Church in helping host the 2014 session **\$9,225.00**
 Also thanks to the campers village for the donation to the Pleasant View Church.

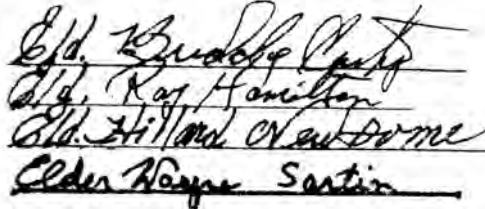
6. Brother Mose Griffey made a motion, seconded by Elder Bill Smith to receive the Treasurer's Report.
7. Elder Scott Hamilton made a motion which was seconded by Brother Claude Hale to appoint Elder Hillard Newsome recording secretary. He is to have 2,350 copies of the current minutes printed and distributed among the churches according to their contributions. The secretary is to receive \$200 for his services. Printer's fee is to appear on the front cover.
8. Elder Doug McCarty made a motion, seconded by Brother Jimmy King 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.
9. The Brothers appointed to take the vote for who is to preach the Introductory Sermon were Elder Danny Belcher-Union Association and Elder Andy Deel-Union Association; and who is to write the Circular Letter for 2015 Brother Eddie Lane-Union Association and Elder Danny Hurley-Old Friendship Association.
 Due to it being the regular business meeting Saturday night at Pleasant View, it was decided to have the moderator of Pleasant View make arrangements.
 Sunday morning: (1) Elder Larry Newsome, (2) Elder Wayne Sartin, (3) Elder Hillard Newsome, (4) Elder Ray Hamilton, and (5) Elder Buddy Carty.
 By a vote of the delegates, Elder Paul Dye was chosen to preach the **Introductory Sermon**, Elder Wayne Sartin to be his alternate, and Elder Wayne Sartin to write the **Circular Letter** for the Fifty-Eighth Annual Session of the Northern New Salem Association.

10. In compliance with Item 6 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 2014 and continuing the two following days. Delegates to attend: John M. Elkins, Hank Forgey, Ray Hamilton, Hillard Newsome, Buddy C. Carty, Delmas Hall, Hargis Tuttle, Daniel Newsome, Claude Hale, Scott Little, John Mullins, Faris Tuttle, Glen Slone, and Doug McCarty. Letter in the hand of Elder Hillard Newsome.
 - (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 2014 and continuing the two following days. Delegates to attend: John M. Elkins, Wayne Sartin, Hillard Newsome, Scott Little, Doug McCarty, and Buddy Carty. Elder John Elkins to carry the letter.
 - (c) **Philadelphia** — When convened with the South Fork Church at the Association Building, at 522 5th Ave., Worthington, KY. Beginning on Friday before the second Saturday in August 2014 and continuing the two following days. Delegates to attend: Billy Miller, John Elkins, Hank Forgey, Mike Fortner, Steven Miller, Hillard Newsome, Buddy Carty, Scott Little, Walt Evans, Bill Blevins, Delmas Hall, Don Mullins, Faris Tuttle, and Glen Slone. Letter in the hand of Elder Scott Little.
 - (d) **Sardis** — When convened with the host church, the Pilgrim's Home Church and co-host churches: Apple Orchard, Little Tavie and Pilgrims Rest at the permanent building, Varney, KY, beginning on Friday before the Second Saturday in September, 2014 and the two following days. Delegates to attend: John Elkins, Hank Forgey, Mike Fortner, Wayne Sartin, Hillard Newsome, Buddy Carty, Faris Tuttle, Claude Hale, Glen Slone, and Scott Little. Letter in the hand of Elder Wayne Sartin.
 - (e) **Old Friendship** — When convened with the Little Zion Church, location of Panther, State of WV beginning on Friday before the fourth Saturday in August 2014 and continuing the two following days. Delegates to attend: Billy Miller, John Elkins, Hillard Newsome, Wayne Sartin, Buddy Carty, Denny Tuttle, and Scott Little. Letter in the hand of Brother Denny Tuttle.
 - (f) **Old Indian Bottom** — When convened with the Doty Creek and Little Home Churches at the Association Building at the Mallet Fork Church, Pinetop, KY beginning on Friday before the first Saturday in September, 2014 and continuing the two following days. Delegates to attend: Buddy Carty, IV Hudson, and Wayne Sartin. Letter in the hand of Brother IV Hudson.
11. Note the request from the Little Angel Church requesting that we create a permanent website to hold all the minutes of the Northern New Salem Association. This website will have all minutes starting from 1957 and will continue with all future minutes. The secure website will be maintained by a committee consisting of the Clerk, Assistant Clerk, Elder Scott Little, and Elder Mike Fortner. The website address will appear on the cover of the Northern New Salem Minute going forward. A motion was made by Elder Steven Miller to grant the request. Seconded by Brother Nathaniel Caudill.
12. The request to host the 2015 association from the Little Angel Church was read. A motion was made by Elder Gordon Deel, seconded by Elder Jerry Caskey to grant the request of the Little Angel Church the honor of hosting the 2015 setting of this blessed old association and to grant the request of the Little Flock Church to co-host the association.
13. Elder John Mullins made a motion, seconded by Elder Delmas Hall to forego the reading of the current minutes.

14. A motion was made by Brother Ralph Manuel, seconded by Elder Bill Smith to adjourn to the place and time mentioned in Item 14 of Saturday's work in the current minutes.

The 57th Session was closed with an humble and uplifting prayer and Dismission by Elder Ralph Caudill of the Northern New Salem Association.

Done and signed by order of the Northern New Salem Association.



Moderator
Ass't. Moderator
Clerk
Ass't Clerk

Sabbath Morning, August 3, 2014

The sunshine of this early morning was slowly making its way through the cloudy sky, as the warmth of God's love and holy spirit began to stir the hearts and souls of his believing children. Gathering in the sanctuary of the Pleasant View Church to attend this the third and final day of this blessed Old Association. As they began to mingle their voices in singing the inspiring songs of Heaven, one soon forgot the many miles of travel on the tedious highways that lay ahead to reach their places of abode.

The arrangements were as follows:

1. Elder Buddy Carty — introduced and held prayer
2. Elder Ray Hamilton
3. Elder Hillard Newsome
4. Elder Wayne Sartin
5. Elder Larry Newsome — closed

Brother Wayne and I have talked to Mr. Webster, yet we are unable to find words to express to you: the Pleasant View Church, co-host churches, and friends both young and old our thanks and appreciation for the hard work, giving of yourselves, your kindness, and your love. The delicious and wholesome food, which was prepared by tender, loving hands and served with ladles of love served as another way to make us feel that love that is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost.

Ever Grateful,
Brother Newsome - Clerk
Brother Sartin - Assistant Clerk

2014 Circular Letter

Dear Brothers and Sisters, correspondents and friends of the Northern New Salem Association of Old Regular Baptists. Being chosen to write the 2014 circular letter for your inspection is a great honor, but it is also a very fearful task. I have prayed that God would bless me to write this letter to his glory and to his honor. It is my desire to write a letter that would profitable to the church, the association and that would please God. Last years circular letter reminded us how we are getting smaller in number. As I prayed that God would bless me to write this letter, the church and why it is getting smaller has been always on my mind. So with God's help I will try to write this letter.

Brothers and sisters, these questions have come to my mind. Are we to blame for the church getting smaller? Are we doing everything that God has commanded us to do? Do we show our brothers, sisters, and the congregation the love that God has showed us? He tells us in his word to serve one another, to forgive one another, to comfort one another, be kind and tenderhearted to one another, submit ourselves one to another, to have compassion one for another, prefer one another, pray for one another, to edify one another and to love one another as he has loved us. We should ask ourselves how we are doing with these things. As I write this letter I see how that I have come up short on the things that God has asked me to do. We should ask ourselves, are we the cause or better yet am I the cause for the church getting smaller? Am I doing everything that God has told me to do? Are we passing the blame, like Eve in the garden, putting the blame on the serpent or like Adam putting the blame on Eve?

As I thought and prayed, this came to my mind several times. If we want our churches to prosper, we need to let God set up the churches, call the preachers, be the moderator, elect the officers, call the sinners to repentance, and give the increase. A church that does these things will grow because the one in charge (which is God) has all the power in Heaven and on earth and is able to overcome Satan and his evil ways. Elders, it is our duty to preach the word of God as the spirit gives it to us and God will send it where he wants it to go. We should let the spirit lead because man has always made a mess of things when he tries to do them on his own. We are to preach what Jesus preached when he was here and that is repentance. I believe that God wants us to tell the congregation of the good things that God has in store for those that love and serve him. They don't need to hear about our troubles, they need to hear about the peace, love and joy found in serving God. We the elders need to remember that we must first learn to follow before we will ever be able to lead.

Brothers and sisters, it is our duty that all those that come to visit our churches see and most of all feel God's love. Not just the love we have toward them that come, but also the love that we have for one another. There is much for us to do if we want to please God. We need to pray more, love more, visit more, and put away all envy, strife, gossip, and jealousy. We will all be one family in heaven and we should all be one family here on earth. We need to ask ourselves, are we following the example that Jesus set for us over two thousand years ago? There is nothing in God's word that we need to prove, what we need to do is believe his word and put our faith in Jesus. We should show respect to the house of God and use it for its intended purpose (a house of worship and praise). God's house is not to be used to air our differences, our politics, or anything other than the worshiping of God in spirit and in truth. When I was praying because of all my sins, all I wanted was a place that I could go to hear about the true and living God and a place I could feel his love. Is that the kind of church we are showing to the world?

Sometimes it seems as though we are trying to take the easy way out. We like to say "oh the Bible speaks of these times when there will be a great falling away; it's supposed to happen this way". This is true the Bible does speak of these times, but we shouldn't just give up. We need to fight for those lost souls until Jesus comes. We can't give up; it is not God's will that any should perish. God tells us in Ephesians 6:10-18 to be strong in the Lord; put on the whole armour of God, to girt our loins with the truth, have on the breastplate of righteousness, to be shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace, taking the shield of faith, the helmet of salvation and one of our greatest weapons, which is prayer. After we have put on the suit of armour, we are now ready to use the rest of the weapons that God has given us to fight Satan with: these are love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness,

goodness, faith, meekness and temperance (Galatians 5:22-23). God's children should never forget that the battle is not against one another, but against Satan. Satan will never give up his fight, he loves to try and cause trouble among God's children. He likes to show us little things that will separate and divide us. Our Bible tells us how we are to get along and it tells how to treat each other. We have God's spirit to let us know what we have done wrong. Sometimes we still unknowingly help Satan by speaking or acting out before we talked with God. We are told to be swift to hear, slow to speak, and slow to wrath (James 1:19). The Bible also tells what to do when a man is taken in a fault, it says he that is spiritual should restore him (make him as he was). Also the Bible tells us to judge as we would want to be judged. Another place it tells us to judge using a righteous judgement. The Bible also tells us that house divided against its self cannot stand. If we would follow God's instruction manual (the Bible) and be led by the Spirit, Satan would have a lot less to show the world. Satan tells the world to look at us, he shows them our troubles, our short comings and he tells the world that the church has nothing to offer.

To those that say we have nothing to offer, I say come to Jesus, call upon him and see. I believe that we have much more to offer, than the world could possibly imagine. The children of God have a love like the world has never known. This love is special because it is powered by God's Spirit. The love that the world knows is a conditional love, when the conditions change so does the love. God's love is a never ending love, an eternal love. In Jesus we have the hope of eternal life (life with no end). It is not a hope as the world would think of hope, but this hope is a lively hope in Jesus Christ our Lord. We have God's Holy Spirit to guide, and comfort us. I believe that once the world feels that spirit, that they will come to realize that there is nothing in this world that can make them feel that good. Nothing, not money, not objects, not drugs or any thing else can make you feel like God's Spirit. When you hear and see the brothers and sisters shouting and praising God, that is God's spirit moving in them. We have a God that promises us that he will never leave or forsake us, but will be with us always, even unto the end. He allows us to set at his table and he feeds us with that heavenly manna. Please don't tell me that this old church has nothing to offer, because I have felt God's spirit and I see and feel his love all around me. This world doesn't have anything to compare to what God gives to those that love and serve him. It is our duty to show the true and living church to the world, in hope that they would be able to see God in all his glory and they would get a desire down in their heart to spend eternity with him. My prayer is that the world would get a glimpse of that city, which is set on a hill and want to go see the beautiful, eternal things that God has for his children.

If the world wants to set at God's table and partake of the heavenly manna there is something that they must do. They must come to him with a broken heart and a contrite spirit, repent and have new birth in Jesus Christ. This is the only way that anyone will ever enter into the kingdom of God is through and by Jesus Christ our Lord. Let us, Brothers and Sisters, come together as one, so close that the wind can't even blow between us and let nothing that we do cause anyone to turn away. As the song says, we need to drop our pride and gently follow.

It is my hope that this letter will meet the approval of the delegates and most of all, that it pleases God. Please remember that rejecting it will not change my love for you and this old Baptist family. Blessed are the peacemakers for they shall be called the children of God (Matthew 5:9).

Your Brother in Christ Jesus,
Elder Stephen 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 contributed by the Churches for the Association fund to any purpose they may think proper; to appoint any members, by their consent, to transact any business which they see necessary; and they shall have power to withdraw from any Church in the union which violates the rules of the Association or deviates from the orthodox principles of religion; and to admit any orderly Minister of our order to a seat with us. The Association shall have the right to adjourn themselves to any future time or place they may think most convenient to the Churches.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

ARTICLE 1. We believe in only one true and living God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, and these three are one, equal in power, essence and glory.

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

ARTICLE 2. We believe the scriptures of the Old and New Testaments of the 1611 Authorized King James version of the Bible are the written words of God, and the only rules of Faith and practice.

2nd Peter 1:21, 2nd Tim. 3:16

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

Acts 15:11, Titus 2:11

ARTICLE 4. We believe in the doctrine of original sin, and of man’s inability to recover himself from the fallen state he is in by nature, therefore a 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. We believe that a sanctioned marriage of God is between a man and a woman only. Also we believe in receiving members into our fellowship that follow the natural dating relationship that leads to holy matrimony between a man and a woman only; thereby, preserving the family unit of father, mother, and children.

Eph. 5:22, 23, 28, St. Mark 10:6-8, Romans 1:26, 27

ARTICLE 16. 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.

**2014
DELEGATES TO THE
NORTHERN NEW SALEM ASSOCIATION**

Church

Delegates

Little Rebecca	Marty Carty, Glen Slone, Faris Tuttle
Maggie's Home	Don Mullins, Claude Hale, Luster Prater
Little Flock	Hank Forgey, Mike Fortner, Duane Graves
Little Ruth.....	Don Lawson, Jimmy King, Bill Smith
Little Edna	Billy Moore, Jerry Caskey, Denver Meade
Little Ida	Gordon Akers, Nathaniel Caudill, Steven Miller
Little Flossie.....	Russell Hicks, Thomas Vanzant, Sean Hicks
Little Zion.....	Buford Conn, Gerald Akers, Alger Newsome
Little Pilgrim's Home	Steve Slone, Eddie Wallen, Danny Hamilton
Mt. Olive.....	Elbert Hagerman, Charles Hagerman, Mose Griffey
Pleasant View.....	Larry Newsome, Kenneth Slone, Donel Gibson
Little Family.....	Earnie Tuttle, Walt Evans, Danny Carty
Little Angel.....	Wilburn Nichols, Scott Little, James Pack
Antioch.....	I.V. Hudson, Milford Prater, John Mullins
Rose of Sharon.....	Otto Collins, William B. Holbrook, Ralph Manuel
Lily of the Valley	Scott Hamilton, Rocky Newsome, Roger Newsome
Little Children's Home.....	James Wagner, Harvey Tuttle
Morning Star	Bill Blevins, Charles Blevins, Willis Little
Little Bethel	Paul Dye, Ike Spears, Landis Beverly
Family of Love.....	Delmas Hall, Patrick Deel, Rick Ratliff
Little Melrose.....	Hansel Brown, John M. Elkins, Doug McCarty
Eternal Rose.....	Hargis Tuttle, Elb Blair, Richard Tish
Little Ellen	Charles Ramey, Cletis Easterling, Rudy Djordjevich
Cedars of Lebanon	Greg Sowards, Roy L. McClain, Bill Tong

UNION MEETINGS AND MINISTERS CALLED FOR THE YEAR 2014-2015

NOVEMBER – 2014

LITTLE MELROSE – First in November (2014). Ray Hamilton, Buddy W. Carty, Scott Hamilton, Squire C. Hamilton, Willis Tolliver, Thomas Dials, Todd Dials, Klinnon Newsome, and Ralph Cloud.

APRIL

ANTIOCH – First in April. Danny Hurley, Danny Justus, James Stacey, Omery Chuck Hall, Teddy Honaker, Willis Tolliver, and Scott Hamilton.

PLEASANT VIEW – First in April starts at 5:00 P.M. on Saturday. Roger Hicks, Jeff Dillon, Wayne Sartin, Justin Hagerman, and Jason Hagerman.

ETERNAL ROSE – Second in April. Bill Blevins, Danny Belcher, Alex Collier, Wayne Sartin, and Hillard Newsome.

ROSE OF SHARON – Second in April. Hobart Hamilton, Doug McCarty, Richard Staton, Mike Fortner, Charles Blevins, Jason Hagerman, Greg Sowards, Dennis Elkins, and Danny Belcher

MAY

CEDARS OF LEBANON – First in May. James Barney, Ira Adkins, Johnny Thornsberry, Willis Tolliver, and Aaron Whitaker.

LITTLE FLOSSIE – First in May. Raymond Stapleton, Don Lawson, Danny Hamilton, and John Lewis.

LITTLE IDA – First in May. Buddy W. Carty, Willis Tolliver, Gary Adkins, Scott Hamilton, and Scott Little (Little Angel).

MAGGIE'S HOME – First in May. Faris Tuttle, Joseph Gibson, Hargis Tuttle, and Sam Frye.

LITTLE RUTH – Second in May. Willis Tolliver, Russell Hicks, Sean Hicks, Garfield Thacker, Daniel Newsome, and Clyde Lewis.

LITTLE ZION – Second in May. Mose Bentley, Bill Blevins, Lowell Mullins, Danny Runyon, Paul Hall, and Dennis Elkins.

LILY OF THE VALLEY – Third in May. Squire C. Hamilton, Estill Hamilton, Eddie Wallen, Theodore Slone, Thomas N. VanZandt, and Billy Miller.

LITTLE CHILDREN'S HOME – Third in May. Thomas N. VanZandt, Wayne Sartin, Buddy W. Carty, Kenny Newsome, Johnny Thornsberry, and Scott Little (Little Angel).

LITTLE ELLEN – Third in May. Ray Hamilton, Larry Newsome, Elbert Hagerman, William B. Holbrook, Jr., Jeff Little, Scott Little (Little Angel), and Andy Fields.

MORNING STAR – Third in May. Eddie Wallen, Doug McCarty, Elbert Hagerman, Danny Hamilton, William B. Holbrook, Jr., Joe Akers, and Andy Fields.

JUNE

LITTLE BETHEL – First in June. Bill Blevins, William B. Holbrook, Jr., Elbert Hagerman, Ray Hamilton, Buddy Carty, and Faris Tuttle.

LITTLE FAMILY – Second in June. Gary Blevins, Paul Boggs, Jimmy Stewart, Phillip Beverly, Scott Hamilton, Billy Miller, and Steven Miller.

LITTLE PILGRIM'S HOME – Second in June. Elbert Hagerman, Billy Miller, Larry Dixon, Charles Edwards, Estill Hamilton, and Morris Wicker.

LITTLE REBECCA – Third in June. Danny Belcher, Johnny Thornsberry, Andy Deel, Hargis Tuttle, and Arnold Adkins.

FAMILY OF LOVE – Fourth in June. Danny Belcher, Billy Miller, Gary Blevins, Northern Gayle Brown.

LITTLE EDNA – Fourth in June. Hillard Newsome, Wayne Sartin, Scott Little (Little Angel), Steven Miller, and Charles Blevins.

MT. OLIVE – Fourth in June. – Eddie Wallen, Danny Hamilton, Ray Hamilton, Buddy W. Carty, Danny Carty, Danny Belcher, Scott Little (Little Angel), Hillard Newsome, and Wayne Sartin.

JULY

LITTLE FLOCK – Third in July. Gary Young, Hillard Newsome, Wayne Sartin, Scott Little (Little Angel), Earl Dean Newsome, Charles Edwards, and Jimmy Stewart.

LITTLE ANGEL – Fourth in July. Ben Little, Jeff Little, Scott Hamilton, Richard Staton, Hobart Hamilton, and Steven Miller.

MEMORIAL MEETINGS

LITTLE REBECCA – Third in August. Omery Chuck Hall, Deffort Thornsberry, and All Home Brothers.

MAGGIE'S HOME – First in June. Earl Dean Newsome, Jerry Runyon, Gary Young, and Delmas Hall.

LITTLE FLOCK – Third in June. Ray Hamilton, Kenny Newsome, Danny Carty, Jimmy Amos, Gary Blevins, William B. Holbrook, and Paul D. Moore.

LITTLE RUTH – Second in July. Danny Belcher, Lloyd Ray, Raymond Stapleton, Delmas Hall.

LITTLE EDNA – Fourth in August. Scott Hamilton, Larry Newsome, Alex Collier, Dennis Elkins, and Hobart Justice.

LITTLE IDA – First in April. Danny Carty, Estill Hamilton, Eddie Wallen, Ira Adkins, Jr., Paul D. Moore, and Greg Sowards.

LITTLE FLOSSIE – First in October, 2014. Delmas Hall, Clyde Lewis, Preston Lewis, and Gary Adkins.

LITTLE ZION – Second in July. Justin Hagerman, Jason Hagerman, Larry Newsome, Ralph Slone Jr. , Charles Blevins, and Steve Miller.

LITTLE PILGRIM'S HOME – Second in August. Scott Hamilton, Russell Hicks, Paul Dye, Sean Hicks, and Garfield Thacker.

MT. OLIVE – Fourth in August. Estill Hamilton, Larry Newsome, Lowell Mullins, Bill Blevins, Faris Tuttle, Jeff Dillon, and Willis Little.

PLEASANT VIEW – First in June. Ray Hamilton, Evan Hamilton, William B. Holbrook, Jr., Lowell Mullins, Moderator and Assistant Moderator.

LITTLE FAMILY – Second in October (2014). Buddy W. Carty, Hillard Newsome, Willis Tolliver, and Wayne Sartin.

LITTLE ANGEL – Fourth in March. Hillard Newsome, Wayne Sartin, Hargis Tuttle, Tony Bentley (Dorton) Larry Newsome, and Greg Sowards.

ANTIOCH – First in June. Hargis Tuttle, Danny Carty, Ben Little, Barry Lucas, James Tackett (Enterprise), Faris Tuttle, and Estill Hamilton.

ROSE OF SHARON – Second in October (2014). Leonard Hamilton, Lowell Mullins, Ray Hamilton, Andy Fields, Willis Little, Justin Hagerman, and William B. Holbrook.

LILY OF THE VALLEY – Third in July. Danny Belcher, Stephen Slone, Steven Miller, Omery Chuck Hall, and Larry Newsome.

LITTLE CHILDREN'S HOME – Third in September (2014). Ira Adkins, Jr., Bobby Baker, Paul D. Moore, Russell Hicks, and Deffort Thornsberry.

MORNING STAR – Third in July. Ray Hamilton, Hargis Tuttle, Larry Newsome, Jerry Caskey, Bill Blevins, Willis Little.

LITTLE BETHEL – First in September. Hargis Tuttle, Danny Hamilton, Delmas Hall, Phillip Beverly, Earl Dean Yates, and Willis Little.

FAMILY OF LOVE – Fourth in October (2014). Paul Boggs, Morris Wicker, Russell Hicks, Deffort Thornsberry, Darrell Kidd, Hillard Newsome, and Wayne Sartin.

LITTLE MELROSE – First in March. Lloyd Brown, Paul D. Moore, Eddie Wallen, Wayne Sartin, James Barney, Arthur Short, Danny Carty, Greg Sowards, and Terry Fuller.

ETERNAL ROSE – Second in June. Joseph Gibson, Raymond Gayheart, Hargis Tuttle, and Faris Tuttle.

LITTLE ELLEN – Third in October (2014). Joe Havlik, Joseph Akers, Justin Hagerman, Jason Hagerman, and Charles Hagerman.

CEDARS OF LEBANON – First in October. Buddy Carty, Danny Hurley, Ray Hamilton, Scott Hamilton, Danny Belcher, and Leonard Hamilton.

SPECIAL MEMORIALS

2015 HOST (LITTLE ANGEL) – First Sunday in August , 2015 (Sunday of Association). Memorial of all deceased members of the Northern New Salem Association.

TUTTLE MEMORIAL – We the descendants of the Tuttle family wish to invite everyone to meet with us for the Tuttle Memorial on Sizemore Mountain near Wayland, KY on Saturday, May 30, 2015. Singing will start at 9:30 a.m. with preaching at 10:00. Any and all are welcome to attend. We especially look forward to the presence of Old Regular Baptist Ministers.

MEMORIAL DAY MEETING ON CHAFFINS CEMETERY. On Sunday Morning at 10 a.m. on Memorial Day Weekend 2015. Brothers called: Clyde Lewis, Preston Lewis, and John Lewis.

MARCUM MEMORIAL – Sunday, June 28, 2015. Location: Wilkesville, OH near the intersection of 160 and County Road 8 (Newsome Road). About 3 miles from the intersection. Ministers called: Russell Hicks, Sean Hicks, Greg Sowards, Harrison Runyon, Lloyd Ray, and Chester Cochran.

LITTLE ANGEL CHURCH-BROTHER BALLARD BROWN MEMORIAL – Sunday, May 31, 2015. Brothers called: Danny Carty, Charles Edwards, Buddy Carty, and Northern Gayle Brown.

ORDAINED MINISTERS

LITTLE REBECCA

Elder Lon Beverly	45 Bell St., Plymouth, OH 44865	419-687-9501
Elder Phillip Beverly	4076 Bull Head Rd., Willard, OH 44890	567-224-2661
Elder Danny Carty	5346 St. Andrews Dr., Westerville, OH 43082	614-899-9815
Elder Faris Tuttle	505 St. Rt. 603, Shiloh, OH 44878	419-896-3569

MAGGIE'S HOME

Elder Scotty Little	474 Diana St., Minford, OH 45653	740-331-4943
Elder Donald Mullins	36157 DePue Rd., Hamden, OH 45634	740-596-4946
Elder Daniel Newsome	35010 Buckrun Rd., Longsville, OH 45741	740-669-3408
Elder Johnny Newsome	60097 Locker Plt. Rd., McArthur, OH 45651	740-596-0447
Elder Albert Osborne	42651 St. Rt. 160, Wilkesville, OH 45695	740-669-4002

LITTLE FLOCK

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 Greg Sowards	12942 St. Rt. 220, Waverly, OH 45690	740-289-4771

LITTLE RUTH

Elder Don Lawson	204 2 nd St., Box 47, Pleasantville, OH 43148	740-468-6100
Elder Bill Smith	11937 St. Rt. 736, Marysville, OH 43040	937-642-4106
Elder Raymond Stapleton	73600 Stapleton Ln., Vinton, OH 43686	740-669-5055
Elder Bill Staton	1111 Twp. Rd. 208, Marengo, OH 43334	419-253-5906
Elder Raymond Vanderpool	281 Citrus Ridge Dr., Davenport, FL 33837	863-242-9487
Elder Amos Williams	150 Riley St., Newark, OH 43055	740-344-1073

LITTLE EDNA

Elder Jerry Caskey	10206 Main Rd., Berlin Heights, OH 44814	440-965-5270
Elder Denver Meade	953 Warwick Dr., Sheffield Lake, OH 44054	440-949-6048
Elder Jesse Pack	6496 Crossview Rd., Seven Hills, OH 44131	216-236-6164

LITTLE IDA

Elder Gordon Akers	735 Elmdale Lane, Almont, MI 48003	810-798-3834
Elder Ralph Caudill	1594 Wilson St., Lincoln Park, MI 48146	313-381-3710
Elder Billy Miller	672 Cora St., Wyandotte, MI 48192	734-283-0208
Elder Steven Miller	19363 Buck St., Brownstown, MI 48174	734-955-1347

LITTLE FLOSSIE

Elder Zachary Collins	21586 T Drive South, Homer, MI 49245	269-245-6976
Elder Larry Dixon	8070 N. Angling Rd., Kendallville, IN 46755	260-347-8082

Elder Russell Hicks	11971 N. Angling Rd., Wolcottville, IN 46795	260-854-3649
Elder Sean Hicks	4114 North Sparta Lake Rd., Ligonier, IN 46767	260-221-1965
Elder Harvey Tuttle	10955 East RT 20, 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., Wolcottville, IN 46795	260-318-2998

LITTLE ZION

Elder Joseph R. Akers	105 S. Walker, P.O. Box 427, Capac, MI 48014	810-395-1623
Elder Terry Hall	325 Apple Blossom Dr., Ottisville, MI 48463	810-610-4089

LITTLE PILGRIM'S HOME

Elder Danny C. Hamilton	367 Twp. Rd. 1031, Nova, OH 44849	567-308-0017
Elder Hobert Justice	4555 Sumner St., Sheffield Village, OH 44055	440-277-9547
Elder Stephen Slone	4155 Butler Rd., Wakeman, OH 44889	440-574-1740
Elder Eddie Wallen	330 Railroad St., Rochester, OH 44090	440-647-3539

MT. OLIVE

Elder Mose Griffey	8919 N. 450 W., Ligonier, IN 46767	260-413-4404
Elder Elbert Hagerman	P. O. Box 213, Angola, IN 46703	260-665-1882
Elder Jason Hagerman	19966 County Rd. 146, New Paris, IN 46553	260-894-1885
Elder Justin Hagerman	4320 N. 750 W., Ligonier, IN 46767	260-348-8697

PLEASANT VIEW

Elder Alex Collier	961 Pepperwood Ln., Brunswick, OH 44212	330-273-3505
Elder Conley Daniels	3624 W. 114 th 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 Station Rd., Vermilion, OH 44089	440-967-5877

LITTLE FAMILY - None

LITTLE ANGEL

Elder John Jude	1609 Fallbrook Rd., Columbus, OH 43223	614-274-7122
Elder Scott Little	93 Stoneridge Dr., Chillicothe, OH 45601	740-804-6615

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 Wayne Sartin	1613 South 4 th St., Louisville, KY 40208	502-645-2690

ROSE OF SHARON

Elder Ray Hamilton	5040 Carelton-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	5801 Washington Blvd., Ashtabula, OH 44004	440-992-9359
Elder Sam Hamilton	695 Breezewood Ln., Orwell, OH 44076	440-344-6246
Elder Scott Hamilton	4760 N. Ridge E., Geneva, OH 44041	440-466-7053
Elder Junior Jent	3120 Mill Rd., Dorset, OH 44032	440-293-5018

LITTLE CHILDREN'S HOME - None

MORNING STAR

Elder Mose Bentley	25537 Baker St., Taylor, MI 48180	313-292-3247
Elder Bill Blevins	14502 Oak Lane #203, Belleville, MI 48111	734-391-7297
Elder Charles Blevins	48469 Eastbridge Dr., Canton, MI 48188	989-413-7176
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 S H 231, Nevada, OH 44849	740-482-2972
Elder Buddy W. Carty	18 High School Ave., Shelby, OH 44875	419-342-4142
Elder James M. Curry	PO Box 2506 , Marian, OH 43301	740-223-0102
Elder Delmas Hall	3951 Henry Rd. Lot 5, Plymouth, OH 44865	567-844-0945

LITTLE MELROSE

Elder John M. Elkins	2038 Allcorn Rd., Greenup, KY 41144	606-473-0324
Elder Doug McCarty	6803 Fern Creek Way Keystone Hts., FL 32656	352-473-3424

ETERNAL ROSE

Elder Raymond Gayheart	14061 Twp. Rd. 215, Lakeville, OH 44638	330-378-9008
Elder Joseph Gibson	1838 Lyons Rd., Willard, OH 44890	419-933-7820
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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CEDARS OF LEBANON - None

CLERKS AND THEIR ADDRESSES

Church	Clerk	Address	City, State	Phone Number
Little Rebecca	Marty Carty	75 Barleycorn Dr.	Sunbury, OH 43074	(614) 579-4323
Maggie's Home	Joe Gilliam	19323 St. Rd. 160	Vinton, OH 45686	(740) 612-9302
Little Flock	Floyd Newsome	45215 Newsome Rd.	Vinton, OH 45686	(740) 669-1803
Little Ruth	Adron Counts	3645 TWP Rd. 26	Cardington, OH 43315	(419) 946-6621
Little Edna	Steve Slone	4155 Butler Rd.	Wakeman, OH 44889	(440) 574-1740
Little Ida	John Johnson	15649 Fordline St.	Southgate, MI 48195	(734) 246-0769
Little Flossie	Fred Jones	1602 Villa Ct.	North Manchester, IN 46962 ..	(260) 330-4092
Little Zion	Gerald Akers	2311 Chestnut Ln.	Burton, MI 48519	(810) 444-6325
Little Pilgrim's Home	James G. Hall	210 Creston Rd.	Ontario, OH 44906	(419) 524-8514
Mt. Olive	Charles Blevins	48469 Eastbridge Dr.	Canton, MI 48188	(989) 413-7176
Pleasant View	Steve Conley	11110 Humm Rd.	Berlin Hts., OH 44814	(567) 234-1000
Little Family	Gary Sanders	4411 Dana Dr.	Franklin, OH 45005	(937) 550-9402
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	William B. Holbrook	13388 Parkway Blvd.	Carleton, MI 48117	(734) 654-6883
Lily of the Valley	Scott Hamilton, Jr.	5859 S. Wright	Kingsville, OH 44048	(440) 344-9721
Little Children's Home	James D. Wagner	17201 Stone Church Rd.	Laurel, IN 47024	(765) 698-2316
Morning Star	Charles Blevins	48469 Eastbridge Dr.	Canton, MI 48188	(989) 413-7176
Little Bethel	Ike Spears	2 E 2nd St.	North Fairfield, OH 44855	(567) 805-4161
Family of Love	Patrick Deel	22500 Delaware County Line Rd.	Marysville, OH 43040	(937) 348-2350
Little Melrose	Hansel Brown	8598 SW 56 Avenue Rd.	Ocala, FL 34476	(352) 861-2722
Eternal Rose	Raymond Henderson	5840 CR 50	Lakeville, OH 44638	(330) 378-2223
Little Ellen	Jimmy Sowards	19166 Hyde Park Ct.	Woodhaven, MI 48183	(734) 775-7831
Cedars of Lebanon	Roy L. McClain	P.O. Box 353	Scottsburg, IN 47170	(812) 416-6222

MODERATORS AND ASSISTANT MODERATORS

Church	Moderator	Assistant Moderator
Little Rebecca	Buddy W. Carty	Danny Carty
Maggie's Home	Donald Mullins	Albert Osborne
Little Flock	Hank Forgey	Mike Fortner
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Little Pilgrim's Home	Danny C. Hamilton	Eddie Wallen
Mt. Olive	Elbert Hagerman	William B. Holbrook, Jr.
Pleasant View	Larry Newsome	Dennis Elkins
Little Family	Danny Carty	Scott Little
Little Angel	Danny Carty	Bill Smith
Antioch	Hillard Newsome	Karrel Addington
Rose of Sharon	Ray Hamilton	William B. Holbrook, Jr.
Lily of the Valley	Scott Hamilton	Evan Hamilton
Little Children's Home	Aaron Whitaker, Jr.	Harvey Tuttle
Morning Star	Bill Blevins	Willis Little
Little Bethel	Paul Dye	Eddie Wallen
Family of Love	Buddy W. Carty	Delmas Hall
Little Melrose	Doug McCarty	John M. Elkins
Eternal Rose	Hargis Tuttle	Raymond Gayheart
Little Ellen	Lowell Mullins	None
Cedars of Lebanon	Greg Sowards	None

CHURCH ADDRESSES

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

Church	Address	City	State/Zip Code
Little Rebecca	4982 Henry Road, Ph. 419-687-8838.	Plymouth	Ohio 44865
Maggie's Home	Benner Road	Hamden -Dundas	Ohio 45634
Little Flock	1900 Borland Road, Rte. 1	Ray	Ohio 45672
Little Ruth	3521 County Road 217	Marengo	Ohio 43334
Little Edna	5160 Bond Avenue	Lorain	Ohio 44055
Little Ida	4060 Drennan Street	Ecorse	Michigan 48229
Little Flossie	159 W. Greenwood Drive	Lisbon-Kendallville.	Indiana 46755
Little Zion	63181 Romeo Plank Road	Romeo	Michigan 48096
Little Pilgrim's Home	1487 U.S. Route 224 East, Ph. 419-524-8514	Greenwich	Ohio 44837
Mt. Olive	3635 S. 200 E.	Lagrange	Indiana 46761
Pleasant View	3589 Beat Road	Litchfield.	Ohio 44253
Little Family	4079 Sommersville/Jacksonburg	Middletown	Ohio 45042
Little Angel	5733 Saltzgaber Road, Ph. 614-492-0010	Groveport	Ohio 43125
Antioch	10817 Barricks Road	Louisville	Kentucky 40229
Rose of Sharon.	5665 Carleton-Rockwood Road, Ph. 313-379-4870	South Rockwood	Michigan 48179
Lily of the Valley	Route 534—600 Kiwanis Pk. Drive	Geneva	Ohio 44041
Little Children's Home.	18125 Stone Church Road	Laurel.	Indiana 47024
Morning Star	44441 Clay Road	Belleville	Michigan 48111
Little Bethel	State Route 228	Green Springs.	Ohio 44836
Family of Love	18061 S.R. 231 (Wyandotte), Ph. 614-482-2434	Nevada	Ohio 44849
Little Melrose.	201 Pearl Street	Melrose	Florida 32666
Eternal Rose.	14061 Township Road 215	Lakeville	Ohio 44638
Little Ellen	IL 50, W. 115th, Route on Lawler, Left 11200 S. Avon	Alsip	Illinois 60803
Cedars of Lebanon	1015 Forrer Street	Middletown	Ohio 45042

**STATISTICAL
TABLE**

2014

CHURCHES

	Received by Baptism	Received by Letter	Recommendation	Restored	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Total Membership	Meeting Time	Contributions	Communion Time
Little Rebecca	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	38	2:00 P.M. 3-E	325.00	July
Maggie's Home	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	27	1-M	150.00	July
Little Flock	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	15	3-M	400.00	Aug
Little Ruth	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	16	2-M	150.00	June
Little Edna	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	16	4-M	225.00	July
Little Ida	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	35	1-M	375.00	June
Little Flossie	1	5	0	0	0	0	1	35	4:00 P.M. 1-E	425.00	June
Little Zion	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	13	2:30 P.M. 2-E	120.00	June
Little Pilgrim's Home	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	12	2-M	200.00	July
Mt. Olive	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	17	2:00 P.M. 4-E	200.00	July
Pleasant View	0	0	0	1	0	3	0	45	6:00 P.M. 1-E	500.00	May
Little Family	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	12	2:00 P.M. 2-E	250.00	July
Little Angel	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	35	4-M	350.00	Aug
Antioch	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	24	3:00 P.M. 1-E	400.00	Oct
Rose of Sharon	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	25	2-M	475.00	May
Lily of the Valley	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	21	6:00 P.M. 3-E	125.00	June
Little Children's Home	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	2:00 P.M. 3-E	225.00	July
Morning Star	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	12	3-M	350.00	June
Little Bethel	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	6	1-M	100.00	July
Family of Love	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	16	2:00 P.M. 4-E	250.00	July
Little Melrose	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	8	2:00 P.M. 1-E	250.00	Jan
Eternal Rose	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	16	4:00 P.M. 2-E	125.00	May
Little Ellen	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	12	4:00 P.M. 3-E	100.00	June
Cedars of Lebanon	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	2:00 P.M. 1-E	40.00	June

2014 Church Contributions	\$6,110.00
2014 Money for Pictures.....	475.00
Other Contributions	20.00
	<u>\$6,605.00</u>

Grand Total 9 11 0 1 3 3 22 465

M — Saturday morning services
E — Saturday evening services

OBITUARIES

MEMBERS

NOAH BERT ADKINS

Noah Bert Adkins was born July 27, 1924 on the Wagner Branch of Pikeville, Kentucky. He was the youngest child of James (Henry) Adkins and Mary Emaline "Emmie" Williams. They had a big family of eleven children (Willie, Harvie, Floyd, Cora, Josie, Gracie, Virgie, Lizzie and Homer), spread over 21 years, plus six children from Henry's first marriage (Malcolm, Sarah, Jane, Serena, Harrison, Cleveland and Angelina "Linney"). That's a lot of siblings to spoil the baby boy. There was not much money, but there was a lot of love. I've seen it in any other family, but dad would always call them "Brother Homer" or "Sister Virg", not yet in the Christian since, but in the family sense.



Noah Bert Adkins

On July 23, 1945, dad married the love of his life, Dona Mageline Ray. They bounced back and forth from Kentucky to Michigan and even off to Chicago once, finally settling in Michigan for good. Along the way, they were blessed with two live children: Ronnie Lee Adkins (Dolores Hamilton) and Valerie Ann Adkins (Kevin Mitchell). He leaves behind four grandchildren: Ronnie (Mary), Melissa (Mark), Jennnifer (James) and Jessica. Dad was also blessed with eight great-grandchildren, and one on the way: Ryan, Alexa, Morgan, Hunter, Katie, Joey, Jenna, Parker and Dalton.

Dad loved kids and was playful like a child himself. All the girls were "Sissie" and the boys were "Bub". He wasn't one to necessarily say he loved you, but you knew you were loved because he showed it.

One blessed day, on November 15, 2003, mom called us and said that we needed to come right away. It was odd for her to do that and a little nerve-wracking. Thankfully, we got great news when we arrived. Dad had been out in the field, praying, and he was wondrously saved. He was so joyful, as he tearfully told us what had happened. What a relief for him and for us, that at 79 years of age, he was born again and ready to meet his Maker. God truly blessed us in this because not a lot of people have the opportunity to live such a long life and to accept the Savior at such a late date.

There were changes in dad. He would tell mom he was sorry when he said something he shouldn't have... that was new and a welcomed fruit of the new creation that he was. He loved to go to church and to sing the Old Regular Baptist songs.

One of the proudest moments of his life was when he became a Deacon on May 12, 2012, at the Rose of Sharon Church. After that, he kept saying that he was suppose to visit the sick, but he was sick himself and was never able to do it. He was greatly honored to get to help with communion a time or two.

God blessed dad with a long, active life, even though he had Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia for over 10 years.

It was so hard for him to watch his family go on before him, his parents and every brother and sister, but as far as we know they all accepted the Lord, so it was a temporary separation.

Dad doesn't have any more pain, nor any sorrow now. God called him home on March 9, 2014. His faith in Jesus Christ has taken him to eternal joy.

I recently heard a song, "Where the Soul Never Dies", and it spoke so well of the place where dad made plans to go and, in fact, where he is.

"To Canaan's land, I'm on my way, where the soul of man never dies; My darkest night will turn to day, where the soul of man never dies. No sad farewells, no tear-dimmed eyes; Where all is love and the soul never dies."

We will all come to that same moment of death, so I encourage you to make plans. John 3:15
“That whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have eternal life.”

Written by,
Valerie (Daughter) and Dona (Loving Wife)

BROTHER WILLIAM (BILL) BACK

Brother William (Bill) Back, age 74, died February 18, 2014 at Willard Mercy Hospital. He was born September 12, 1939 in Seitz, Magoffin County, Kentucky. He was the son of the late Dewey and Zelda (Johnson) Back. Bill had lived in the Greenwich area since 1962, until his retirement in 2001 from Mayflower Vehicle Systems. He was a hard worker and a good provider for his family. He was a member of Old Regular Little Bethel Church in Green Springs, Ohio. He was a church trustee. He put in many hours of working on the church for needed repairs and upkeep. He was always ready to go to church on Sundays even before mom was. He loved going to church and looked forward to going every Sunday where ever it was at.



Brother William (Bill) Back

As his lungs got worse he still went to church and got many blessings from attending. He loved his grandchildren and they played a big part in his life. He attended their ball games in the summer to watch them play. Bill loved his hobbies of fishing and hunting. He loved the outdoors most of all.

He is survived by his loving wife of 51 years, Ella Faye (Hale) Back; his caring grown children: Sharon Back of Greenwich; Dr. Billy (Lisa) Back of Shiloh; and lastly Steven (Amber) Back of Greenwich. He had six grandchildren which was his pride and joy: Helena Carroll, Makenzie Back, Cole Back, Silas Cole, Casey Back and Tanner Back. His siblings: Lura Oney of Shiloh; Marvin Back, Dillard Back; and Ervin Back all of Kentucky. He was preceded in death by siblings: Dayton Back, Willard Back, Dorthy Marsillett, Dora Rowe and Flora Darnell.

Written by,
Sharon Back

FRANCIS “JUNIOR” ELLIOTT

Francis “Junior” Elliott was born April 12, 1931 at McDowell, Kentucky. He was the son of late Francis “Bud” and Darkie (Alley) Elliott. Daddy went to be with the Lord on Saturday, August 3, 2013, making his stay on earth 82 years, 3 months, and 21 days.

He went into the army on June 16, 1952. After spending 16 weeks of basic training in Indian Town Gap, Pennsylvania, he was shipped out to serve in the Korean Conflict from January 1, 1953 to January 4, 1954. He was discharged in March 1954.

Daddy met the love of his life, Shirleen Tackett, and they were married on April 15, 1954. They were blessed to spend 59 wonderful years together. Anyone that knew them could see that they had a special kind of love that everyone wished for.

In addition to being survived by his loving wife, he is also survived by one daughter, Diana (Jeff) Case; one grandson, Jeffrey (Veronica) Case; two great-granddaughters: Isabella and Abbygail Case, all of McDowell; three sisters: Oma Moore of Taylor, Michigan; Lucy Schmittou of Lincoln Park, Michigan; Hazel Nickols of Punta Gorda, Florida and a host of nieces and nephews. Daddy was preceded in death by ten brothers: Curt, Lilbern, Hurshel, Andy, Simmie, Bill, Roy, Jim, Mines and John; five sisters: Mary Lambert, Kansas Johnson, Frankie Mitchell, Lona Martin and Leona Mitchell.

Daddy was such a quiet and humble man, always concerned with what's best for everyone else. He believed that if you can't say something good, don't say anything.

He spent his life providing for his family by working in the coal mines, proud to be a member of the UMVA, and after the doctors would not allow him to work in the mines any longer, he began working as a carpenter for several years.

He has been afflicted with health issues for over 32 years but never let that get him down. He enjoyed working in his garden and watching things grow. He always felt at peace spending time outside.

Daddy joined the Little Rosa Old Regular Baptist Church on March 5, 1983 and was later ordained as a deacon on August 4, 1984. He was a faithful servant as a deacon and treasurer to the church always concerned with what was best for the upkeep of the church. When the doctors couldn't understand why he was still living with his medical problems, he would just look, smile and say "The Lord has more for me to do". He understood even though they couldn't.

He always looked forward to seeing his family come from Kentucky. The highlight of the visit was always the "Crumble In" as they called it. They would sit around the table and enjoy a big bowl of buttermilk and cornbread. I guess it was just better in Kentucky because as they ate they would reminisce about their childhood and everyone enjoyed those stories.

We began having our family reunions 21 years ago and he always looked forward to the third weekend in July when the house would be overflowing with smiling faces, hugs, and those wonderful stories. This year was extra special because he felt in his heart that it would be his last, he enjoyed spending the weekend with his loving family, never imagining that we would be saying good-bye so soon.

So Daddy, I want to say, "Rest on and watch over us because one day soon we will meet again. Enjoy your family reunion in Heaven until we get there."

Written by his loving daughter,
Diana

EMMA LOU SERGENT ENGLE

This is a tribute to my late sister, Emma Lou Sergent Engle. We were born at Millstone, Kentucky and raised on Indian Creek in Democrat, Kentucky. Our parents were Sam and Polly Ann Sergent.

Daddy was a coal miner and a farmer. Mommy was a homemaker and helped with the farming. There were nine children. Emma Lou was number two. I am number five in the line of siblings. She was a tomboy in a good way. She was always singing and dancing around, playing tricks on all of us. During the farming season, Mommy would assign one of the older girls to stay home and fix dinner which was lunch for most people. We had breakfast, dinner and supper. There were always young ones that had to stay and help. When it was time for Mommy to assign a dinner maker, Emma Lou could not be found. She would take off to which ever field they would be working at. She was a good cook and a good babysitter. She always made the young ones laugh and would do tricks to keep them from crying.

We all attended a one room school at Indian Creek, and then went on to Stuart Robinson High School. The older girls attended Caney Junior College, which is now Alice Lloyd College. Emma Lou earned her teaching certificate and was sent to Eolia, Kentucky. She was passionate about teaching and her students loved the different ways she taught the lessons. During that time, she fell in love with a tall, handsome young man, Howard Engle. They were married and that ended her teaching. They moved to Lorian, Ohio for Howard to find work.



Emma Lou Sergent Engle

When we were young, Emma Lou was always doing something to entertain us and all of our neighbors. On Halloween, she would drape a sheet over herself and knock on the door or window and scare us. At Thanksgiving, she would tell us not to eat too much turkey or we would gobble when we tried to talk. Then she would always make the gobble sound which was funny to all of us. She was very creative and would keep us entertained with skits and plays. She would string a sheet on the end of a room with a coal oil lamp as her prop and she would dress up like different figures while singing and dancing. She would always make us laugh.

We went to Sunday school every Sunday. We would walk barefoot until we got near the Church then we would put our shoes on. We were always asked to sing at Church. We would go up front and sing and could see the streams of tears on the faces of the congregation.

We all loved to visit Emma Lou and her family no matter where she lived. She would always cook big meals and take us walking around the neighborhood. When they settled down in Lorain, Ohio, she listened to the country radio stations. They would have contests all the time about singers and she would always be the first caller with the correct answers. She was called the Hillbilly Lady. She held many jobs, but the one she liked best was restaurant work, being able to interact with her customers. She loved to have visitors, especially families. She loved the pumpkin fudge made by her sister-in-law, Delores Engles, Jenkins, Kentucky. She loved the peanut butter fudge made by my daughter, Christy Adams, Louisville, Kentucky. She would always hide some of Christy's fudge for later, until someone found her "stash". Right before she became too sick to travel, she came to visit us several times and we would take her to our church, Antioch Old Regular Baptist Church, where she met so many people and became friends with them. I would call her every day when she was sick and she would always ask about our members and friends. They showed her so much love. She sent notes to the church to tell them how much she loved each one of them. You could see a change in her, and soon she joined the Little Edna Old Regular Baptist Church, Lorain, Ohio.

She loved writing for the Mountain Eagle. She enjoyed writing and sharing news from the Northeast Ohio area. She heard from people she knew and also made new friends from her articles, young and old and lots of distant relatives. She would always tell me who she had heard from and how they were related or had known our parents. In fact, I have every article she wrote saved in albums by the year. When she would come to visit, she would ask to read articles from a certain year. I sure do miss looking for and reading her articles. I have heard from many friends that feel the same.

On Sunday morning, September 1, 2013, I heard someone call my name. I answered, but heard no one. I walked through the house looking for whoever called me. Later that day, she passed away and went to heaven to live with God. I now understand who called my name. It was Emma Lou telling me bye. I miss her every day but will see her again.

Until then Emma Lou, just know I think of you every day and love you very much.

Love, Your Sister,
Jeanie Adams

Emma Lou Engle was born April 16, 1927 in Millstone, Kentucky to Samuel and Polly Ann (nee Taylor) Sergent and grew up on Indian Creek in Democrat, Kentucky. After finishing college Emma Lou began teaching on Eolin, Kentucky where she met and married Willie H. (Red) Engle. This union lasted 67 years until Emma Lou passed on September 1, 2013. They were blessed with two sons; Billy and Bobby. Emma was a member of the Little Edna Old Regular Baptist Church in Lorain, Ohio. She was baptized on August 8, 2012 by Elder Jerry Caskey and Elder Larry Newsome. Emma Lou enjoyed quilting, spending time with her family and writing for The Mountain Eagle newspaper in Whitesburg, Kentucky.

Emma is survived by her loving husband, William H. Engle; son, Billy (Laredia) Engle of Elyria; daughter-in-law, Valerie Engle; brothers: Richard (Georgia) Sergent of Sheffield Township; Henry Warren Sergent of Murray, Kentucky; Ronald Buford (Johnella) Sergent of Huntsville, Alabama; sisters: Anna Lee Goins of Whitesburg, Kentucky; Opel Jean (Phil) Adams of Louisville, Kentucky. She is also survived by five grandchildren, thirteen great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by her son, Bobby Engle, in July 2002, and sisters: Ethel Sanders and Sara Belle Sergent; brother, Chester Sergent; parents, Samuel and Polly Ann (nee Taylor) Sergent.

Emma was a joy to be around and will be greatly missed by the Little Edna Church, friends and family.

Your Brothers in Christ,
Elder Jerry Caskey and Elder Stephen Sloan

SISTER GOLDIE FIELDS

September 30, 1928 - July 28, 2014

It is a sad duty for us to write this obituary for our mother, Goldie Fields. She was born in Pike County, Kentucky on September 30, 1928 to the late Millard Adams and Maudie Howell Adams. She was one of eleven children, of which two are surviving: Ida Price of Waynesville, North Carolina; and George Adams of South Carolina. Also preceding her in death was her stepfather, Sam Burgett.

She married Virgil Fields on April 26, 1945. To this union were born seven children; five sons and two daughters. Preceding her in death was her husband of sixty years, Elder Virgil Fields; and children: Ruby May Fields, Kathis Calhoun, and Martin Fields. Surviving children are Carl (Joyce) Feilds, James (Kathie) Fields, Andy (Debbie) Fields, John (Teresa) Fields; one son-in-law, Roger Calhoun; sixteen grandchildren and eighteen great-grandchildren.

Goldie accepted Jesus Christ as her savior and joined the Mount Olive Old Regular Baptist Church in Stockbridge, Michigan in 1965. On November 13, 1999, Sister Goldie and Brother Virgil brought their letters to the Spurlock Church of Old Regular Baptists and remained faithful members there until their deaths. The Spurlock Church has lost another beloved member and she will be greatly missed by all of her brothers and sisters that remain. She was loved by all that knew her.

Sister Goldie left this world for a better place on July 28, 2014, after a brief illness at King's Daughter Hospital in Ashland, Kentucky. Mom was not afraid of death; she knew it was the gateway to eternal life with her savior Jesus Christ.

Shortly after her first two grandchildren were born, she named herself Granny. Before long, she was lovingly called Granny by all of us. Her life circled around church and family and the many meals she prepared for both. All of her children and grandchildren looked forward to her biscuits and gravy, fried apples, soup beans and cornbread.

It is with great sadness that we say goodbye for now. Our loss is Heaven's gain.

Written by,
her loving children



Sister Goldie Fields

MABLE ALENE HAMILTON

July 8, 1927 - June 1, 2014

Mable Alene Hamilton, 86, of Green Cove Springs, Florida. Passed into God's merciful, loving arms on June 1, 2014.

She was born in Poor Bottom, Kentucky on July 8, 1927 to Roy and Blanche (Stganley) Ratliff.

She moved with her husband to Green Cove Springs, Florida over 30 years ago from Ohio and was a member of the Little Melrose Church of Old Regular Baptist Church.

Mable was predeceased by her loving parents and her loving husband, (Elder) Albert Hamilton, in January of 2012. She is survived by her daughters: Phylous Jerousek, Shelby Richards, Alice (Eddie) Wallen and Molly (David) Rice; her sons: James (Julia), Charles (Denise), Harold and Frank Hamilton; a host of grandchildren, great-grandchildren, great-great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews, as well as her church family.

We laid her to rest beside her loving husband at Little Ruth Church yard to await that great and glorious morning.

Words can not begin to tell all that she was to us, "her adopted family", mother to so many.

We will miss her so much. As she would say "Get ready and come see me in my new home".

Written by,
her "family" and Brother Hansel Brown



Mable Alene Hamilton

BEULAH FAYE HEFLIN

Faye was born in Lionilli, Kentucky on September 9, 1939 to Jonah and Gracie (Addington) Newsom. She was the seventh of eleven children born to them. She went to be with the Lord on September 8, 2013, one day before her 74th birthday.

She quit school in the eighth grade and worked to help Mom and Dad and her oldest sister's family. In 1955 we lost our house to a fire in January, then we moved to Morehead, Kentucky, where our Dad was working. He was burned in a fire where he worked (at a garage) for a relative, in July the same year. God took him home after nine days in the hospital. Faye worked to help mom with the rest of us kids and then we all moved to Michigan in 1955 to be near our two brothers and one sister who lived there with their families. She got a job working as a waitress which she loved doing. She met Joseph Heflin, fell in love and they married on September 12, 1959. They moved to Indiana to live, where her husband worked. God blessed them with two sons: Craig and Greg. They were her life. She was always helping in their school rooms and loved being a room mother.

In 1979, she left her husband in Indiana and she and Greg came back to Michigan to live with our Mom.

Her oldest son, Craig, got married in Indiana. He and his wife, Jennifer, gave her three beautiful grandsons: Wayne, Daniel and Joshua.

She was a member of the Morning Star Old Regular Baptist Church. She joined and was baptized in the early 1980's. She was blessed to help lots of people in need.

Her favorite pass time was sitting on the front porch, with Mom and Greg. It would make her day when the kids visited. They would sit on the porch with her and help her sing "Clouds Opened Up" and other songs. The children will always remember that.



Beulah Faye Heflin

She felt the good Lord picked her out to have her special son Gregory. And I believe that she needed him as much as he needed her. She was the most wonderful mother to him.

Her health began to decline after her 20 year old grandson, Danny, was killed in a terrible car accident in 2009. Then in 2011 her son, Craig passed away suddenly. We believe she just "gave up" after that. She and Greg moved into our house with us so we could take care of them. During her declining years, Wayne and Theresa brightened her life with a great-grandson, Jacob. She really enjoyed that baby. We were blessed to have her home with us and lots of family. When she got real bad, we were very thankful to have the help of Hospice and my two sisters and church members singing for her.

Her last wish was for me and Paul to have custody of Greg. I just hope the Lord will bless us to take as good care of him as she did. We feel blessed to have him with us. He misses his Mom so much, but he will be with her again one day.

Left to mourn her loss is her husband, Joseph M. Heflin; her very special son, Gregory Heflin of Belleville, Michigan; daughter-in-law, Jennifer Heflin of Indiana; two grandsons: Wayne (Theresa) Heflin of Indiana; Joshua Heflin of Indiana; one great-grandson, Jacob Heflin (her pride and joy); three sisters: Eula (Paul) Ward of Jackson, Ohio; Freda (Ron) Roman of Belleville, Michigan; Reeda (Paul) Dalton of Belleville, Michigan. Also two brothers: Otto (Bea) Newsom of Dorton, Kentucky; and Algar (Brenda) Newsom of Reynoldsburg, Ohio. She will be missed by all of her nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews and many great-great nieces and nephews, whom she loved seeing as often as possible... and so many relatives, friends, and neighbors.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her darling son, Joseph Craig Heflin; her loving grandson, Daniel Craig Heflin; a brother, Delano Newsom; two sisters: Mildred Hall and Seamawn Cisco.

Written by,
her sister, Reeda, and niece, Angie

OMA ELLIOTT MOORE

Born on August 10, 1927 in Dony, Kentucky and departed this life on August 24, 2013 in Detroit, Michigan. She lived just past her 86th birthday. Her husband, Vernis, preceded her in death in 1999.

Her parents were Francis "Bud" Elliott and Darkie Alley Elliott.

Her brothers: Andy, Bill, Curt, Francis Jr., Herschel, Jim, John, Lilbern, Mines, Mont, Roy, Simmie; and her sisters: Frankie Mitchell, Kansas Johnson, Leona Mitchell, Lona Martin, and Mary Lambert, all preceded her in death.

Her only daughter, Dana Cheryl, was born July 11, 1946 and died on January 22, 1948. Oma has two sons who survive: Clyde V. Moore (Louise Riddle) and Vernis B. Moore (Cindy VanAllen).

Her grandchildren are David (Wendy), Shawn (Jane), Dawn (Dale New), Samantha (Jeff Piscura). Great-grandchildren: Jacqueline, Stephanie, Sydney, Perri, Erica, Michael and Mason.

She leaves two sisters: Lucy Schmittou of Lincoln Park, Michigan; and Hazel Nichols (John) of Riverview, Michigan and Punta Gorda, Florida. She also leaves four sisters-in-law: Shirleen Elliott, Sue Elliott, Joyce Elliott and Lee Elliott. Shirleen and Sue were especially close to her and were more like sisters. She also leaves numerous nieces and nephews to remember her and to mourn her loss. One other dear friend, Linda Silvaggio, will miss our Mom. Thank you Linda for everything you've done over these many years to show your love for her.



Oma Elliott Moore

She made her home in Ashtabula and then moved back to McDowell, Kentucky with her husband, Vernis. They lived there until his death in 1999. After much discussion, she agreed to move to Michigan to live near her son Clyde and his wife. While there, she made new friends and re-established a loving relationship with her grandsons and especially her granddaughter, Dawn Marie.

While living in Michigan, she was a member of Little Ida Old Regular Baptist Church in Ecorse, and she Attended as often as she could. We wish to thank her niece, Glenda Lawson, for all the years she took her to church. She loved you dearly and talked about you each and every night before bed. Even though a member of Little Ida, her heart remained in Kentucky, with the Little Rosa Church and its members. In fact, even though she lived in Michigan for 14 years, her heart was always in Kentucky... her "home".

She talked with three people faithfully each night; her sisters, Leona and Lucy; and then, to her niece, Glenda Faye. She and Glen had a set time each night to call and check on each other. Glen, we thank you for taking up the charge to call her after your precious Mom died. Lucy would call her frequently during the day to let her know what TV shows were coming on. When we would ask "Mom, who did you talk to today?" her reply was "The regular ones..." When one of these dear people couldn't reach her, they would phone Clyde and he would go check on her to make sure she was alright.

She was blessed with her neighbors, Bonnie, Ted and Sherry. These folks would look after her as though she was a family member. Bonnie and Ted shared meals with her and vice-versa. When Mom would cook something she thought they would like, she would share that. She truly was blessed to have them.

Another dear friend was Sister Billie Stanley, a member of Little Ida. She would call frequently just to make sure Mom was doing alright and often would bring white half runner beans so that they could share a meal. Our Mom didn't lack for friends and we wonder if she really understood just how much she was loved.

Clyde kept the promise to care for his Mom as the Bible teaches us to do:

"The Fifth Commandment states, "Honor your father and mother, that your days may be prolonged in the land which the Lord your God gives you" (Exodus 20:12). This commandment must be taken seriously, not only because it is a matter of Old Testament revelation, but because the obligation to honor parents is one that is reiterated and reinforced by the New Testament.

"Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for it is right. Honor your father and mother (which is the first commandment with a promise), that it may be well with you, and that you live long on the earth." (Ephesians 6:1-3).

Honoring our parents is one of the highest callings and the greatest tasks we face in life. There are two great tasks in life to which most of us are called. The first is the bearing and raising of children, to bring them from the absolute dependence of the womb, to the independence of adolescence, to the maturity of adulthood. The second is the caring for our own parents in their declining years. Often this involves the deterioration of the physical body, and frequently of the mind. The raising of children has its pains, but usually is accompanied by the joy of seeing our children grow up, become mature and responsible, and independent. The caring for our parents is seldom as rewarding. The culmination of this process is the grave." (www.TheBible.org Between Child and Parent — Honoring Father and Mother (Exodus 20:12))

Clyde, you fulfilled this calling and you did it well.

Oma Elliott Moore was a woman who welcomed me into her family with open arms and I loved her as my own Mother. One of my first and fondest memories was seeing her reading her Bible at the kitchen table when we lived in Ohio. Saying goodbye was harder than I expected and then I realized, it's not really 'goodbye' but more "I'll see you later Miss Oma", because for those who know Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, it's never goodbye for long; as believers in Christ, we just leave this earth for our Home in Heaven. As the song should remind us, we are pilgrims and

strangers in this land, and we should earnestly be seeking our heavenly home. Oma was laid to rest next to her husband in the Davison Memorial Cemetery at Allen, Kentucky.

Written for the family in tribute to my precious mother-in-law, Oma Elliott Moore,
by Louise Moore

CHARLES EDWARD MULLINS

Charles Edward Mullins, age 73, of Jackson, Ohio passed away on Monday, November 11, 2013. He was born on May 30, 1940 to the late John and Janie (Addington) Mullins. He was united in marriage to his wife, Norma Sue Miller, on December 20, 1958.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by a daughter, Linda (John) Dailey; sons: Jerry (Jody) Mullins, Jeff (Leslie) Mullins, Mike (Kim) Mullins and Erik (Amy) Mullins; twelve grandchildren, three great-grandchildren; two brothers: Martin Mullins and James Mullins; two sisters: Geneva Proffit and Vernie Jordan.

He was preceded in death by five brothers: Raymond Mullins, Milburn Mullins, Noble Mullins, Truman Mullins and John Mullins; and three sisters: Dean Beatty, Lillian Childers and Aileen Mullins.

Charles was a wonderful husband, father, father-in-law, grandfather and friend. His family looked to him for guidance that they knew would be right and helpful. He always thought of others before himself and spent many hours doing for others when he wasn't really physically able.

He loved spending time with his grandchildren and great-grandchildren giving them tractor rides or just playing in the floor with them.

He enjoyed woodworking and made us all many beautiful things that we will cherish and pass on to our children as family heirlooms for generations to come.

Most of all, Charles loved the Lord and loved going to church. He was a member of Little Flock and was a Deacon there.

We will miss him so much but remembering his smile makes it easier because we have God's promise that there are no tears, pain or suffering in heaven so we know he is smiling there and we have the hope of seeing him again if we stay true and faithful to the Lord.

Loved and missed by,
his wife and family



Charles Edward Mullins

ERNEST OWENS

Ernest Owens, 79, of Fremont, Ohio went peacefully to his eternal rest on June 8, 2014.

He was born on August 30, 1934 to Arvil and Alta (Viers) Owens. He was the oldest, followed by four sisters.

On December 27, 1952 he married Floria Raines and became the father of her three children. The day he married her, they were no longer her children but their children. Together they had two daughters. He loved all five children equally.

He retired at age 62 from Eveready Battery where he was a Shipping Clerk. He enjoyed his job and the people he worked with.

Ernest is survived by his wife, Floria, with whom he was blessed with 61 years. He is also survived by his children: Lucy (Rick) Zieber, Danny Perkins, Marilyn (Ken) Hughes, and Gail Myers; thirteen grandchildren, numerous great-grandchildren, and great-great-grandchildren.



Ernest Owens

He was preceded in death by his parents; daughter, Loretta Owens; daughter-in-law, Linda Perkins; sister, Vivian "Imogene" Clymer; and two nephews.

Ernest and Floria were both baptized into the Old Regular Baptist Faith. He also enjoyed the church and all the wonderful people he met there. His faith was strong and he knew he had a place in Heaven waiting for him. He loved camping and socializing with all the brothers and sisters of the church. He also loved his family and was proud of each and every one.

He will be greatly missed by all who knew him and loved him.

Written by his daughter,
Marilyn Hughes

EUNICE OWENS

August 16, 1917 - December 15, 2013

Eunice Owens, 96, of Metamora, Michigan died December 15, 2013.

She is survived by her children; Jean Finch, Norma Owens, Roger (Lois) Owens; seven grandchildren, thirteen great-grandchildren, one great-great-grandson, and her sister, Myrtle Fouts. Preceded in death by her husband, Clarence.

Mother had the bluest eyes and white hair — and friendliest smile. She lived to be 96; her sister, Myrtle Fouts, is 100 years. My mother was born into a family of twelve, and was born in a log cabin built by her father, Oliver Lee Compton, and his brothers. There was hardships but she spoke fondly of her family and her time as a child. She was the only child to graduate which was an accomplishment for a girl at the time.

She was always a little shy, but a better cook and housekeeper you could not find. Whatever or whoever came to her house was welcomed and well fed. She and Clarence, her husband, tried to maintain a garden, until Mother Nature stepped in with various aches and pains from their age. I know she missed growing her garden and fresh vegetables that she canned for the winter.

Eunice Owens was baptized on November 25, 1968. She was a faithful member of the Little Zion Church in Romeo for 45 years. The last few years she was unable to endure the trip and time to attend. The sisters and brothers of the church attended her spiritual needs and helped her feelings of loss of their companionship and a closer walk with her God. They should know she and I are eternally grateful for their presence.

Mom had three children: Shirley Jean Finch, Norma Lee Owens, and Clarence Roger Owens. She was proud of us and reveled in our accomplishments. Jean was a Real Estate Broker until age 70. Norma was a teacher in Canton School District and retired from that service. Roger was a policeman/detective in the Warren Police Force and retired from his service.

Recently, Mother had expressed how much she missed her mother and father. They were hard-working farmers in Grundy, Virginia. Her mother was delivered of her babies by midwives. They owned over 200 acres of hills, not really suitable for easy farming. They canned their vegetables, preserved fruits from their orchard, raised bees for honey and tobacco for a cash crop. Everyone worked for the benefit of each other. Mother sewed most of our clothes; some from feed sacks that had pretty patterns, some from recycled hand-me-downs. I know now we would be considered poor, money wise, but never knew it. Navy beans, corn bread, chicken on the weekends, canned fruits was staples at our table.

The following are names of her siblings who are all passed: Mary Jane Compton (Moore), Hettie Compton (Childress), Almey "Almarine" Compton, Worley Compton, Lydia Compton (Deel), Laura Compton (Williams), Lila Compton (Ratliff), Garland Compton, Ernest Compton (served in World War II), and Bonnie Compton (died at birth).



Eunice Owens

Mother is survived by her sister, Myrtle Compton (Fouts).

Shirley Jean Finch, child;

Sherry Smith, her child; Derek Scott Ecker and wife, Lila; and his son, Vincent Scott Ecker (1 year).

Norma Lee Owens, child;

Karen and Roy Arnett; their children: Jamison and Brennan Arnett.

Susan Crosky; her children: Eric, Bethany, and Thomas.

Clarence Roger Owens and wife, Lois (Napier); their children:

Roger and Grace (Broad); children: Isabel, Nicky, Emma, Lukey, and Gracie.

Pamela and Jerry Dina; their children: Beth Ann, Jerome, Alexander, and Jared.

Matthew Owens and wife, Terri; their children: Kelsey and Kade.

I'm closing with a prayer for my mother and all those who love and treasure her memory.

Our father who art in Heaven hallowed be thy name, please accept the soul joyfully of your sweet child, Eunice Owens, who has faithfully served you and called upon your name in times of sorrow and need, and blessed your name in times of joy, withhold not good from them to whom it is due, when it is in the power of thine hand to do it.

Amen

Remembrance written by,
Shirley Jean Finch (her daughter)

OLLIE PATRICK

Ollie Patrick was born July 7, 1927, to Isaac and Sarah (Collins) Creech, she died January 14, 2014, making her earthly stay exactly 86 years and 6 months. Sister Ollie is survived by a son, Willis (Linda) Patrick; a daughter, Ellareen (Larry) Creech; three grandchildren; and two brothers: Eli Creech of Middletown, Ohio; and Phillip Creech of Indiana. She was preceded in death by her parents, Ike and Sarah Creech; her husband, Lee Patrick; five brothers: Leonard, Carlos, Arvel, Everett, and Norman. Also preceding her in death were four sisters: including her twin, Ellie, Nora, Ethel, Molly; and two infant siblings.



Ollie Patrick

Sister Ollie and her twin sister, Ellie, joined the Little Family Church in 1967 and were baptized together. They remained faithful members until their deaths. Sister Ellie died in 2000 from injuries suffered in a car crash. Sister Ollie loved her church and you knew it by the smile on her face and the warm embrace that she shared with everyone who entered the Little Family Church.

Sister Ollie was blessed with many talents, including a wonderful singing voice and a special gift for painting. I think that just about everyone in the church has something that she has painted to show her love for them. No one can forget the beautiful smile Sister Ollie wore. But the thing that we will remember most about Sister Ollie was her strong faith and her unflinching love for God.

Friends and family, if you want to hear that beautiful voice singing and shouting His praises and glory again, just repent and be born again.

Written by,
Sister Irene Tuttle

CARLIS PERRY

September 1, 1929 - May 17, 2014

With sorrow in my heart, I write this obituary of my loving father, Carlis Perry. He was the son of the late Robert and Nancy Jane Slone Perry, born in Kentucky on September 1, 1929. On January 29, 1947 in Whitesburg, Letcher, Kentucky, he married the love of his life, Leona Sexton, the daughter of the late John William Riley and Lavenia Taylor Sexton. Mom passed away January 25, 1997. They are now together again.



Carlis Perry

He grew up in the hills of Kentucky, which is where we would visit often after he and my mother made their home in Cleveland, Ohio in 1956-1957. He was one of twelve children born to Robert and Nancy Jane. They were Henry, Nicodemus, Pearlie, Louemma, Willie, Virgie, Haley, George, Harold, Bonnie and Edna. They have all went home except for Edna Perry Martin of Kite, Knott, Kentucky. He was a little wild in those days, my mother wanted to start attending church, but would not go without my dad, finally after our move to Oberlin, Ohio in 1973, he opened his eyes and heart to the Lord, he joined Pleasant View Church on July 27, 1980. He was baptized on August 3, 1980. On October 23, 1993 he took his letter and joined the Little Edna Church.

He was a longtime member of the Little Edna Old Regular Baptist Church in the Lorain, Ohio and attended as often as he could. As his health deteriorated, he attended less often. He enjoyed the company of his friends, family, brothers and sisters from his church who stopped by to check on him and visit awhile. He retired in 1985 from the Ford Motor Company in Brookpark, Ohio, after 31 years as a machine setter.

My dad and I enjoy the outdoors and fishing, hunting squirrels and rabbit when I was younger and later in life we would enjoy deer hunting as much as we possibly could. He would often call me up to go out to fish dinners with him, we just enjoy each other's company. He was a good man and helped his children whenever he could. He taught us to stand on our own two feet and instilled in us the value of a dollar. He may have grown up poor, but he wanted better for his children.

The last two years of his life were difficult on him, I heard him ask the Lord many times to be taken home, that his pain was almost too much to bare. He was ready to go to heaven, but hated to leave his children behind. He hung in there as long as he could, leaving this world to a better place on the early morning of May 17, 2014. I not only lost a father that day but a friend.

He leaves to mourn his loss seven children, daughters: Jeanette (Carmel) Gibson of Cleveland, Ohio; Geneva (Dave) Schirato of Columbia, South Carolina; Nadine (Tom) Malinoski of Brunswick, Ohio; sons: Clarence (Pam) of Grafton, Ohio; Robert of Cleveland, Ohio; Samuel (Sherry); and Roger (Brenda) Perry, both of Oberlin, Ohio; fourteen grandchildren and numerous great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a son, Billy Wayne Perry, in 1953.

Written by his loving son,
Samuel Perry

CHARLENE ROCKFIELD

"Sister thou art mild and lovely, gentle as the summer breeze"

Born September 11, 1938 and called home to be with our Lord on July 27, 2013, Sister Charlene's stay on this earth was just short of 75 years. She was born in Pikeville, Kentucky but spent most of her life in Columbus, Ohio. She joined the Little Angel Church on April 1, 1979 and was a sweet, kind, and generous servant for 34 years.

She loved all she made contact with and provided a wonderful example for all to follow. She loved the church. She and husband, Dale, traveled many miles over the years to visit and enjoy their fellowship with the many friends and members of our correspondence. She represented the church and the ways of our Lord in a meek, mild, and merciful way.

She felt pain in the last days of her life, but when I visited her at the nursing home not long before her death, she failed to complain. Her thoughts were as they had always been, on her family, and her church. "How is everyone? How can I help? Is there anything I can do?" she asked. What a wonderful memory that even at the end her mind was on how to serve others, how to contribute to the church. I answered, "All is well Sister Charlene, all is well."

And now she sleeps and we truly know that all is well. Her many years in the church were not spent in vain. Revelation 14:13 And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors; and their works do follow them.

Sleep on Sister Charlene your rest is well deserved. How great your reward. Our hope is that we will soon meet again in that city that lieth four square.



Charlene Rockfield

Written by,
Brother Danny Carty

BOBBIE JO VANDERPOOL TUTTLE

It is with a sad heart that I write the obituary of my beloved sister-in-law, Bobbie Jo Vanderpool Tuttle. Bobbie was born in Yerkes, Kentucky on January 28, 1938 to Kendall and Parelee Campbell. Bobbie is survived by her husband of 59 years, Elder Hargis Tuttle; her son, Jim (Darlene) Tuttle of Lomansville, Kentucky; seven grandchildren: Jason, Josh, Jesi, Jodie, Shelby, Zack and Kristle; six great-grandchildren: Parker, Caragan, Leah, Katie, Ragan and Sarah; one sister, Coleda (Larry) Tackett of Shepherdsville, Kentucky. She was preceded in death by her daughters: Debra Ann Meltzer and Sherry Lee Boos; sister, Laura Young; and brother, Donnie Vanderpool; as well as her parents, Kindle and Parelee Vanderpool.

The family moved to McDowell, Kentucky when Bobbie was a young girl. It was a few years later, while she was visiting some friends, she met Hargis Tuttle and on September 25, 1954 she and Hargis were married. As my new sister-in-law I spent the night with her and Hargis at Kendall and Parelee's home. I told her she had a strange family, they had fried chicken for breakfast. Fried chicken is a dinner food not breakfast food. This has been a joke between me and her for many years. Her world expanded on June 30, 1955 when her first daughter, Sherry Lee, was born. She was the first granddaughter for her parents as well as Hargis's parents. Soon thereafter the family moved to Ohio to raise their family. On May 30, 1957, her second daughter, Debra Ann, was born. Her son, James Henry, was born on December 18, 1961.



Bobbie Jo Vanderpool Tuttle

As with all families just starting out she worked outside of the home as a waitress in a Strongsville restaurant. Bobbie's strong personality and drive soon had her working at Woolsworth in Elyria. She later managed Foxmoor Casual, a position she held for about five years. Daddy (Henry Tuttle) once told her if he had a daughter-in-law (he only had one) that loved him she would bake him a cake... Bobbie ran to the kitchen to bake him a cake. She wore out several mixers making him cakes. Bobbie was a great cook and she loved making rare and unusual foods. At family gatherings if you were eating something good, but you didn't know what it was... it was Bobbie's dish.

In 1984 life was good for Bobbie. She had a husband, two daughters and a son, two grandsons: Jason and Josh and two giggly granddaughters: Jesi and Jodie (twins). Something was missing she had a void in her life that only Jesus could fill and on a cold December night she gave her heart to Jesus. In typical Bobbie Jo fashion they had to cut through over a foot of ice to baptize her. She was a member of the Pleasant View Old Regular Baptist Church, which she loved and grew in as a Christian. In 1998, Hargis and other members established the Eternal Rose Old Regular Baptist Church in Holmes County. Hargis was the moderator and she became the model moderators wife and loved the church, its members and visitors.

Bobbie and Hargis faced many challenges in their life, but the greatest ones were yet to come. On June 26, 2008 Debra Ann was struck by lightning and killed and on July 26, 2009 Sherry Lee died of cancer. On the outside, we could see the pain she was in having lost her two daughters, but we could not see the hurt she had inside, Jesus saw it and gave her comfort and the strength to go on.

Bobbie was in failing health with many problems and on April 10 she went into the hospital. Over the last few weeks Bobbie bore her suffering with the grace and dignity of the great lady she was. She placed her life in the Lord she loved and trusted in him. She knew her time was short and told her sister-in-law, Rosetta, not to be mad at her for going home. Rosetta told her she would not be mad but would miss her so much.

On Monday night as we gathered around her bed located near the heliport. We noticed how busy the helipad was and found ourselves watching every time a helicopter took off or landed. At about 11:50 pm we were all unaware of the beautiful white chariot that came and took our precious Bobbie on a life flight that was promised to her by Jesus.

Bobbie love to work in her flower garden and at the time of her death her garden was at its peak... in heaven a flower garden was spread about Jesus's feet. God sent a band of angels to pick sweet Bobbie to make it complete.

Written by a broken heart brother-in-law and brother in Christ,
Harold Carew Tuttle

LEINOA TUTTLE WHITAKER

With a broken and heavy heart, we will try to write the obituary for dear daughter, sister and best friend.

Leinoa was born on June 5, 1970 to Harvey and Ruthie (Newsome) Tuttle in Martin, Kentucky. She was the oldest of three girls. She grew into a strong beautiful young woman and enjoyed the simple things in life. She loved spending time with family and friends reminiscing about old times and making new memories that will forever live in our hearts.

She was a homemaker, she had one of the hardest jobs, taking care of her seven children. On August 26, 1986, she gave birth to a baby girl, Trista Sue (Bock) Morrow. In just a short time after, on December 21, 1987, she gave birth to a bouncing baby boy, Lance Lee Fritz. She enjoyed just over two years of raising the two kids before she had another daughter,



Leinoa Tuttle Whitaker

Angel Danielle Fritz was born July 25, 1990, although she was born with a disability, it only made Leinoa's love for her even stronger.

She married the love of her life, William Paul Whitaker, on May 15, 1992. I short time later on January 11, 1993, she gave birth to her baby girl, Marri Ann (Whitaker) Rugg. Leinoa and William went on raising the four children, making a lot of great memories for several years.

They decided to take in their nephew, Vincent Hezekiah Chilcote; and two nieces: Autumn Rayne, and Delsey Ann Chilcote in 2004. They may not have been her biological children but she love them as if they were.

She began to get sick in 2008. The doctors diagnosed her with several different diseases. She lived on dealing with each and every one of them the best she could. There were several times she just wanted to give up, but she pushed on and fought hard to stay with her children and four grandchildren.

In February 2014, she gave her life to God, was baptized on June 7, 2014 and became a member of Little Flossie Old Regular Baptist Church.

She gave her last breath on July 22, 2014 at home surrounded by her children and family. She was a wonderful daughter, sister, mom and grandma. She made a lasting impression on everyone she met; she was loved by many and will be missed by many more. Her memories will always be with us and she will live on in our hearts. Those we love don't go away; they walk beside us every day. Unseen, unheard, but always near, still loved, still missed and very dear.

Written with love by,
her sister, Regina Neely, and her dad, Elder Harvey Tuttle

OBITUARIES ***FRIENDS OF THE N.N.S.A.***

DARREL LEE CALHOUN

Darrel was born October 31, 1950 and passed away April 26, 2014 at his home.

He was the son of the late, Conley and Katie Catherine (Tackett) Calhoun; brother of Fran Calhoun; beloved Dad of Destiny Eve; and extremely proud grandfather to the real loves of his life: Tyler Wade, Preston Lloyd, and Brandon Lee. Darrel enjoyed riding motorcycles, visiting with friends and family but most of all he loved to hang out with his grandsons. He used to take Tyler for rides on his motorcycle until his health stopped him from riding. Until the day he passed, he dreamed of being able to take all three on one last ride. His daughter and the boys were his world.

Darrel was preceded in death by his father, mother, and two brothers: Dale and Baby Boy. He is survived by many loving aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends. He will be dearly missed by all who knew and loved him.



Darrel Lee Calhoun

Written by his daughter,
Destiny Meyer

CHARLES HAMILTON GAARDSMOE

With loving memories, we write this obituary in remembrance of Charles Hamilton Gaardsmoe of Manassas, Virginia. He was better known as “Chuck” to all his friends. At the age of 53, Chuck passed away on February 21, 2014 after a long battle with diabetes and congestive heart failure at Prince William Hospital in Manassas, Virginia. Chuck was born in Norfolk, Virginia on September 27, 1960; he came to live in the Falls Church, Virginia area with his parents at a young age. Chuck graduated from O’Connell High School and received his Associates degree from NOVA Community College in Annandale, Virginia. For many years, he worked in the automotive industry and was overjoyed to be an ASA Certified Technician.



Charles Hamilton Gaardsmoe

After a long courtship on April 14, 2001, Chuck married Wilma Jean Manuel under a floral arch outside the Hilltop House Hotel which is less than ninety minutes from Washington D.C. or Baltimore beltways, through rolling farmland and the foothills of the Blue Ridge. Chuck’s love of History made the location of our wedding ceremony extra special! Since 1888, the Historic Hilltop Hotel graciously met the needs of famous guests such as Alexander Graham Bell, Mark Twain, Carl Sandburg, Pearl S. Buck, President Woodrow Wilson, President Bill Clinton, and Vice President Al Gore. We may not be famous guests, but we were the 50th couple to be married at this century old stone inn. It is majestically situated on a mountain top, overlooking the village of Harpers Ferry, West Virginia... the confluence of the Potomac River and Shenandoah River. Chuck would say that our marriage is like this point where the flowing together of two streams meet to become one. Even Thomas Jefferson, during a visit to Harpers Ferry, noted the meeting of the Potomac and Shenandoah Rivers and the encircling mountains as “worth a voyage across the Atlantic Ocean.” This extraordinary, magical scene is visible from several points around the hotel where we were married.

Often times, Chuck would tell the story of our wedding on a mountain top and joyfully exclaim... “It was the best day of my life; I married my best friend and my hero!” Over the years, we would travel back and forth between Virginia and Ohio. Chuck truly enjoyed spending time with my family and their “country-way-of-living”! Many times on July 4th, we would bring home a trunk full of fireworks and the family would gather for an evening of explosive fun! On some of our visits, we would attend Little Rebecca Church; he would then go home and tell about the gospel that was preached and how he truly enjoyed the fellowship.

He is survived by his wife of over twelve years, Wilma Jean Gaardsmoe of Manassas, Virginia; mother, Louise Gaardsmoe of Falls Church, Virginia; sister, Julia (Eric) Thorsen of Great Falls, Virginia; and three nieces and one nephew. Chuck also leaves behind a host of loving aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends to mourn his loss. He was preceded in death by his father, John Newton Gaardsmoe, on July 20, 2003.

When we think of all the ways that we’ve been blessed... we know one thing makes all the difference — Chuck was a huge part of our life! We have lost a precious member of our family and with God’s grace and mercy; we hope to see him again!

Written with love by,
his wife, Sister Jeannie (Manuel) Gaardsmoe, and Aunt Judy Thornsberry

WILLIAM ANDREW HALE

With broken hearts and great sadness, we try to write the obituary of William "Bill" Hale. He was born in Varney, Kentucky on November 1, 1946 to the late John B. and Claudia (Williamson) Hale. He was called home on June 7, 2014, making his time with us only 67 years.

He was preceded in death by his son, Ronnie A. Hale; father, John B. Hale; mother, Claudia Williamson Hale; and a beloved sister-in-law, Susie Hale.

He is survived by wife, Patricia Young Hale of St. Amant, Louisiana; his children: Richard Hale, Andrew Hale, Kacie Hale, also of St. Amant, Louisiana; Mary Hale Grizzard (Tee), and Kelsey Hale, both of St. Petersburg, Florida; and Andrea Hale-Arnold (Danny) of Gillsburg, Mississippi; step-children: Will Harryman (Kim) and Jessica Hanna-Eubanks (Eric) of Gonzales, Louisiana. He is also survived by his brothers: Claude Hale (Martha), of Langsville, Ohio; and John Elliott Hale (Jane), of Jackson, Ohio; sisters: Karen Hale-Elliott, of Langsville, Ohio; and Katrena Hale of St. Petersburg, Florida; fourteen grandchildren; nieces and nephews, family and a host of friends and work associates.



William Andrew Hale

He spent the early part of his life in southern Ohio. He was drafted into the United States Air Force and served his country stationed in Thailand. When he was blessed to come home, he returned to southeastern Ohio, near his family. He later moved to St. Amant, Louisiana, where he owned several businesses, Victor Industrial Pipe, VIP Surplus and Salvage, and VIP Transportation of St. Amant, Louisiana. He spent his leisure time at his farm in Osyka, Mississippi doing one of the things he loved... tending to his cattle. He was a member of the Line Creek Baptist Church.

As we write this, it doesn't begin to say enough about who he was and how much he loved his family. Saying he is survived by his wife, doesn't explain what a wonderful couple they were and how they completed each other. It doesn't convey how much of himself he put into everything he did... how hard he worked. It doesn't mention that mischievous smile that was always present. Going through old pictures, it is easy to pick out the pictures of William because of that smile. We will miss that laugh of his. It is hard to express what a presence he always was, even as a boy. He just had that way about him. As one of the children had written "those who met him will never forget him."

When we say a host of family and friends, it doesn't express enough about how much he loved to be around his family and friends. He loved and respected the Old Regular Baptist church members so very much. He never forgot the way he was raised.

All who knew him are broken hearted.

Ecclesiastes 3:1-4 "To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven: A time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up that which is planted; A time to heal; a time to breakdown, and a time to build up; A time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance."

William A. Hale was a friend to the Old Regular Baptist. He did not belong to the Old Church.

Written by,
Brother Claude Hale

PAUL JOHNSON

It is with a sad and aching heart, and with the help of my Lord, I attempt to write the obituary of my dear brother-in-law, Paul Junior Johnson. Paul was born on March 5, 1943 in Virgie, Kentucky and left this world on April 26, 2014, making his stay on earth 71 years, 1 month, and 21 days.

Paul was the son of Julie and Noaroe Johnson. Surviving his death are his mother, Julie; brother, Raymond (Betty); sister, Minnie Rhinehart (Tommy-deceased); and sister, Virginia Johnson (Lester). His father Noaroe; and a brother, Roman, preceded him in death.

On January 18, 1964, Paul married the love of his life, Lillie May Mullins. To this union were born two children: Bonnie and Paul Douglas. Left to mourn his loss are wife, Lillie; daughter, Bonnie; son-in-law, Donald; son, Paul Douglas; two grandchildren: Ben and Carrie Bath; two sisters-in-law: Molly Bailey (Ron); and Gay Webb; and a host of nieces and nephews, and friends.

Paul was self-employed with his Skid business. He retired in 2007, when he was diagnosed with cancer and had lung surgery. He had heart surgery in 2010, resulting in a lot of setbacks and doctors visits.

Paul was a kind man and would do anything for anybody. The day he had to have fluid removed from his lungs was a trying time for him and Lillie. After surgery, he looked so good, so alert and bright-eyed. We thought surely he would be alright, but our God had other plans. When he came home on that late Friday evening, God chose to call him home that night in his sleep.

A ray of hope shone through to Lillie and Bonnie when a sister from our church told them, "God showed her Paul was a new man." That was before she knew he had passed. Thank you Sister Margie!

Everyone who met Paul came to love him, even children on the street. We will continue to have that hope that Paul called on our Lord and we will see him again.

We will all miss him. The family will be ever so lonely without him, but will continue to trust in the Lord from "where our help cometh."

Written by sister-in-law and friend,
Gay, for the family



Paul Johnson

BERNICE NEWSOME

I will try with the help of our Lord to write this obituary of our Mom, Bernice (Hall) Newsome. Mom was born on June 20, 1927 in Whales, Kentucky. She was the daughter of Luke and Dolly (Osborn) Hall. Mom passed away on June 3, 2014 at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne, Indiana. We thank God for the time we had with Mom. We felt that God was there with us as we were saying our good-byes to Mom here on Earth.

Mom joined Gethsemane Ministries Church in Huntington, Indiana. Mom wasn't only a wonderful Mom, but she also was a wonderful Grandma and Granny. She was loved by all who knew her, from the youngest to the elderly. Mom was always there for everyone no matter what. If you needed a place to stay, a shoulder to cry on, or just a nice home cooked meal and a good conversation, she was there. She was such a kind, caring, and giving person that we loved more than words could ever say. Like so many women of her time, she married young and started a family. For Mom, the hard times in life came at a young age. The sud-



Bernice Newsome

den loss of her first husband, Forrest Tackett, was something unimaginable. Shortly after his passing, she was blessed with the birth of twin babies: a daughter, Sister Dot Little, and a son, Forrest Tackett Jr. Unfortunately, she only knew him for a short few hours. Now at a young age, she was left to raise a daughter on her own, but being the strong woman she was, she managed to take care of her family. A few years later, Mom married her second husband, Charles Newsome, and soon after, her little family started to grow. Mom would have two sons: Charles Ray, and Steve Duane; and another daughter, Glenna Sue. Mom is survived by her four children, one daughter-in-law, one son-in-law, nine grandchildren, fifteen great-grandchildren, and three great-great-grandchildren. Mom was preceded in death by her parents, both husbands, a son, a son-in-law, a great-granddaughter, a brother and three sisters.

The only way to see Mom again is to be saved by the Lord and born again. We were extremely blessed when god gave us you for a mother. You will always be loved and greatly missed. Our hearts were broken when we found out we were going to lose you, but you didn't go alone because part of us went with you the day God called you home. I hope to meet you again soon.

Sadly written by,
your daughter, Sister Dot Little and family

DARRELL ROSE

Darrell "Smokey" Rose was born February 9, 1931 in Big Ridge, Virginia to Everett and Pearl (Childress) Rose. He was the fourth of ten children born to this union. He was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers (Orby and Cecil "Red" Rose), two sisters (Mary Rose and Bea Puckett) and one daughter. Dad went home to be with Jesus and his family and friends on January 19, 2014. It was a happy reunion in Heaven, and a sad day for us that are left missing him.



Darrell Rose

Dad was 14 years old when his dad was killed in a coal mine accident, leaving his mom a widow with five young daughters to raise. Dad took on supporting his sisters until they were grown. One of his uncles commented how proud he was of dad and he would hope one of his children would do the same under the circumstances.

Dad was drafted into the US Army in 1952 and was sent to Korea to serve his country. He didn't talk about his time in Korea to any of us, I can only imagine some of the things he saw. Dad started corresponding with mom during this time.

When dad was discharged in May of 1954 he finally met mom in person. They were married October 16, 1954. They had four daughters: Linda (Gerald) Noxon of New Boston, Michigan, Brenda (Terry) Kittle of Brownstown, Michigan, Glenda (deceased) and Connie (Richard) Burnette of New Boston, Michigan. Dad was always told how 'spoiled' he was with all the girls. He spoiled us back, with all the love you could ask for. Dad had two granddaughters: Melissa (Jason) Boyce of Westland, Michigan, Amanda (Thomas) Seward of East Lansing, Michigan and two great-grandsons: Tyler and Logan Boyce.

In August 1959, dad was hired in at the Fisher Body Assembly plant in Willow Run, Michigan. He retired in November 1989 after 30 years of service.

Dad loved to hunt, fish and garden. It was hard for him when he was no longer able to do these things. I remember many stories of him hunting from the house, talking about who had the best dog or the most bounty. He would talk about there was nothing like hearing his dogs running a rabbit. One of his last dreams that he told me was that he heard his dogs running a rabbit, with a big grin. I know he is out hunting, fishing and gardening; and able to hear the dogs again.

Dad taught all of us so much over the years. The biggest and best lesson he taught us was to love Jesus and believe on him. We are all thankful all the lessons in life, especially the faith in Jesus.

He is also survived by his sisters: Wanda (Alan) Rose, Taylor, Michigan; Bonnie (Bill) Rose, Big Ridge, Virginia; Edna Cantrell, Romulus, Michigan; Mavis Lambert, Ashland, Ohio; Scharlene Phipps, Big Ridge, Virginia; and many nephews, nieces and friends.

Dad loved the Old Regular Church family and friends. He made so many good friends over the years of attending the Morning Star Church. He would have been so proud how the church family and friends came together for his family after he left us.

He told me that his body was just worn out, and now he has a new one. I have peace in knowing that dad can breathe now and is no longer in pain. I miss him dearly, I know he is better off than I am. I can hear him praising our Savior and thanking him for his new body.

I will see you later dad — always in my heart.

Written by his loving, broken hearted,
wife, daughters and family

TODD LYNDLEY TICKLE

December 7, 2013, a date who's historical significance has not been forgotten, will be forever remembered within my family as the day when we lost a brother, son, father, and husband. We received the phone call that we had always feared and suspected would come, but as is usually the case, we were not prepared for it. The 84 mile trip to the hospital was made at warp speed and along the way I hoped that this would be just another trip made only to find out that the circumstances had suddenly reversed themselves, the crisis averted, and we would spend the rest of the day laughing about the events of the morning. It was not to be. We arrived to the solemn and sterile environment in the emergency room. The family arrived one by one and joined in the initial grief that death brings when it is sudden and unexpected. I asked for a few minutes alone before leaving, if only to gather my thoughts. I found myself recounting the 44 years prior, and pondered what I would take away from knowing the man that lay before me, what lessons had I learned from knowing him. Many things crossed my mind, but I should share a few that defined my brother.



Todd Lyndley Tickle

Todd Lyndley Tickle was born March 20, 1969 in Columbus, Ohio; he was the fourth son of James Robert Tickle and Patsy Tickle. He developed a love of the outdoors and loved to hunt and fish, when he could. He loved to read and Louis L'Amour was one of his favorites. He grew up saying he wanted to be a pig farmer and later a mortician, but time and opportunity led him to Honda, where he worked almost twenty years. His work ethic was renowned amongst his coworkers. He worked long days and overtime to provide for his family; wife, Stephanie; sons: Joshua and Adam. I never remember him complaining about his work; the work itself did not define him. He carried with him a lesson that our grandfather had taught us all: it doesn't matter what job you have, be the best you can be and do it well, and be proud of a job well done. That lesson, the way he lived it, was important.

In 2006, Todd learned that he had a brain aneurysm the size of a large walnut about two inches behind his eyes. Death could be harkened with a sneeze, if the blood vessel were to open. Todd approached this challenge as he did others and scheduled surgery to try to fix the vessel. There were many pages of paperwork to sign saying that it was dangerous and his life might not be the same afterward, but he went into surgery laughing about how the rest of us might need brain surgery too. I'm not sure I could have approached that scenario with the same strength and bravado.

Courage is defined as being able to do what frightens you. His display of courage was a life lesson for me. Complications did follow the surgery, including a stroke, blood clots, diabetes, and a change in his mental state. He approached these things in the same way, displaying courage on a daily basis. No complaints; no self-righteous pity; no oh woe is me; no feeling sorry for himself.

At this point in his life he required a lot of help to keep track of medications and to make all of his appointments. His brother, Tim, ran many exhaustive miles to help him make his appointments, check his medications, and to simply check on his overall health. Many times the trip would end with a quick meal and a few more stories. While Todd had been a handy mechanic and fix it man before the surgery, he struggled after the surgery and many times Tim and I would go out to the house to fix the car, repair a well pump, or simply chop wood. Todd loved wood fires so there were always wood runs in the winter. We chopped wood in blizzards and picked up wood frozen under the snow. We mowed grass and went grocery shopping. People would ask why we spend so much time and money doing all these things. The answer is simple, we did these things out of love and devotion to family, perhaps the best lesson of all, and Todd never realized that he was teaching it.

Todd's son, Joshua, preceded him in death, at the age of 21, in a tragic auto accident in January of 2012. Adam recently graduated from culinary school. Todd was a very proud father and very devoted to his family. Todd is survived by three older brothers: Jaime, Tim and Rob; as well as a younger sister, Lisa Dettra; sisters-in-law: Pam, Carol, and Sandy; brother-in-law, Scott; nieces: Samantha and Blake; and nephews: Adam, Ian, George, and Tyler. Thanksgiving dinner of 2013 was to be the last time we would gather with Todd as a family and it was a good one. We ate, laughed, raced cars, and acted like kids many years our junior. That day will be long remembered for its love and laughter and what it stands for now.

Todd loved to sing. If you ever heard him, you know he had a style all his own. He would sing in the car, at home, in a restaurant, at church, with people and without. I can't say he was a good singer, a bit flat most of the time, but that isn't the point here. He sang. He lifted his voice up in the only way he knew how and that made it special, distinctive. How many of us sit back in church and listen when we should be lifting our voices to join the chorus, worried because someone might not like it. God is surely pleased with such things when they are given so freely. I believe it was his love of singing that brought him closer to the church in his last years. He would start laying out his Sunday clothes days before and went to a great many churches, traveling with his mother and father and other family members. He may not have sung like an angel then, but I hope he does now.

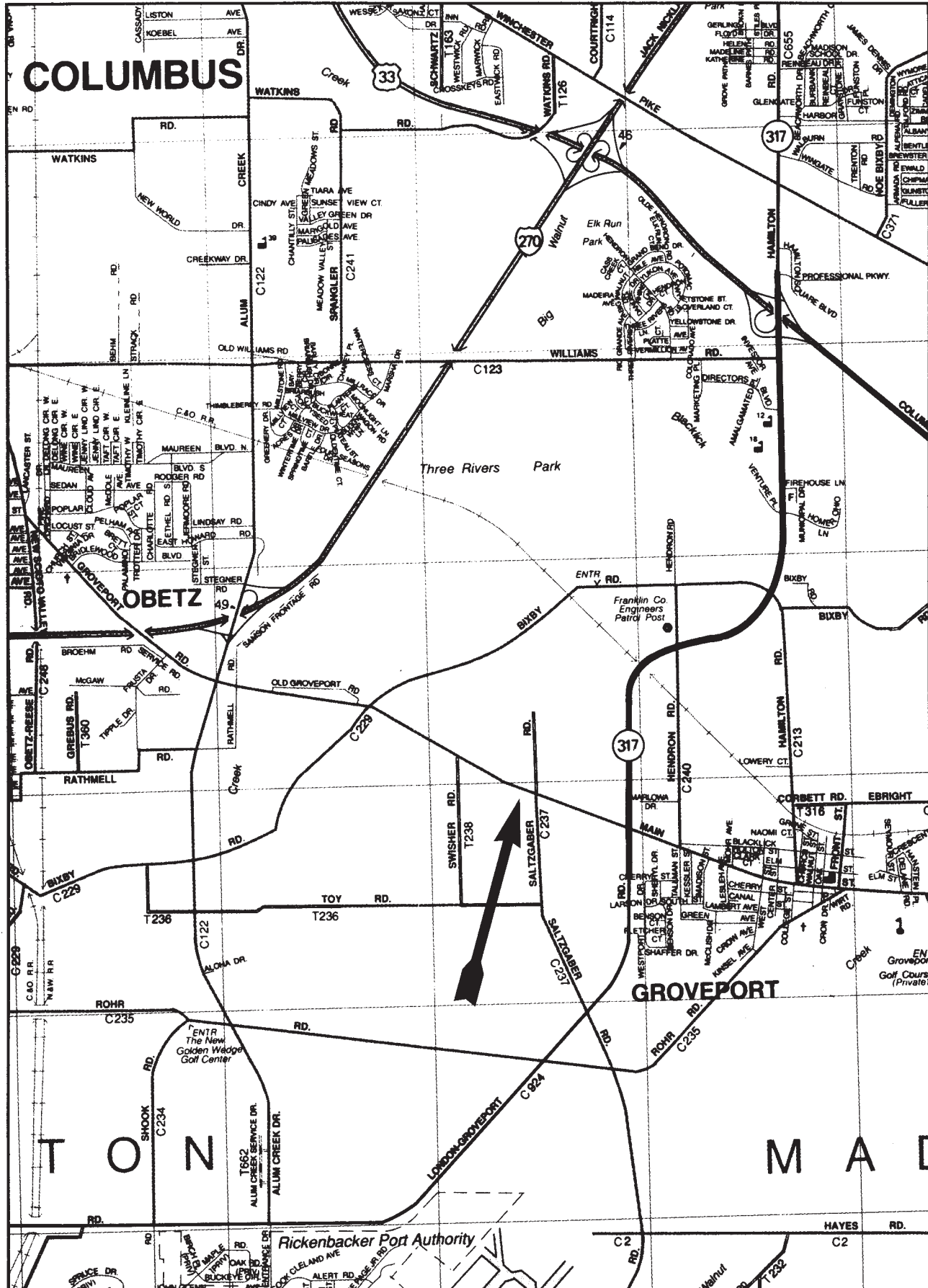
As I gathered myself to leave the emergency room and join the family to make preparations, I realized I had only one regret. I wasn't there to help him when he needed someone most. So many times in the past the phone would ring and it was off to help with the crisis of the day, or night, gathering tools and making apologies for leaving the job that was at hand. But I realized that he wasn't alone, God was with him, and it must have been his time to go home. I wiped the blood from his beard, straighten his hair, kissed his forehead, and left to face the challenges ahead. I sang at his funeral and I didn't care how anyone thought I did; another lesson learned.

Todd will be dearly missed by his family and friends. He had a smiling spirit, a unique sense of humor and left his loved ones with many memories. One of Todd's favorite quotes was from Louis L'Amour, "There will come a time when you believe everything is finished; that will be the beginning." Death leaves a heartache no one can heal, love leaves a memory no one can steal. Each of us is better for having known him.

Written by his brothers,
Jaime and Tim Tickle

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