

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



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**In Session Assembled with  
the Little Angel Church  
July 31 through August 1, 2, 2015**

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

Come let us pause and remember the joyous and happy days of our precious ones. Now they have moved away to a land of perfect peace and joy. They leave us with loving memories that shall comfort those that remain until we are blessed to join their company in that glorious city called Heaven.

Your humble servants,  
Brother Newsome - Clerk  
Brother Sartin - Assistant Clerk

*"Let your love be like the noonday sun. 'Warm and Pleasant'."*

Brother Newsome



**Officers (Left to Right):**

**(Front row):** Elder Wayne Sartin, Assistant Clerk;  
Elder Hilliard Newsome, Clerk;

**(Back row):** Elder Buddy W. Carty, Moderator;  
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**Introductory Sermon for 2016 — Elder Sean Hicks**

**Alternate — Elder Steve Slone**

**Circular Letter — Elder Scott Little**

**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-eighth Annual Session of the**  
**Northern New Salem Association of Old Regular Baptist**  
**The Church of Jesus Christ**  
**July 31 through August 1, 2, 2015**

**Friday Session**

It was such a beautiful and sunny morning, as a gentle breeze was blowing among the tall, tall trees surrounding the pavilion of the Little Angel Church. As the faithful and humble pilgrims gathered, after traveling endless miles on the tedious highways and byways, to attend another annual session of this blessed Old Association. Embraces of love were shown as they greeted each other. One could feel that heavenly breeze as they began to mingle their voices in singing the blessed songs of Zion.

Alternate, Elder Wayne Sartin, approached the congregation with much fear and humbleness. He proclaimed that man's wisdom is so little when compared with the wisdom of God. He was blessed to preach of the ten virgins; five wise and five foolish. He told of how the world of today is going the way of the foolish, with no oil for their lamps. He closed in saying that God is Love and His children are filled with that love.

Having been chosen by the delegates at our 2014 session, Elder Paul Dye approached the congregation to deliver the Introductory Sermon. He begged all to come taste the Lord and see that He is good. Brother Paul preached of how he loved to tell the world of the goodness of the Lord. He said he only wears one coat as he travels through this land. He travels and pleads for all to come unto the Lord and repent. His message was to get ready to move out to the promised land for Jesus may come any day now. Be ready!

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 Little Angel Church where the business of the Association would begin. The following Elders were chosen to preach at the place arranged: Elders: (1) Murl Caudill; (2) Estill Hamilton; (3) Danny Justus; (4) Jimmy Stewart; (5) Squire Hamilton; (6) Richard Staton.

Assembling in the sanctuary of the Little Angel Church, where the business of the Association would be conducted, the church began to sing Brethren we have met again. After singing, Elder Jimmy Dye, Moderator of the New Salem Association, was called on to make remarks and Elder Roger Hicks led in prayer.

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

**Friday, July 31, 2015**

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 Little Angel 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 Omery Chuck Hall, Elder Tommy Dials, Elder Reuben Lycans.

Officers elected:

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

- (a) Finance Committee. It was moved and seconded that our Finance Committee be appointed at the same time of the election of officers, the Moderator appointed: Elder Earl Dean Yates, Elder Danny Belcher, and Elder Roger Hicks. Elder Doug McCarty made a motion, second by Elder Billy Miller to receive the report of the committee appointed and discharge them of their duties
3. By a motion made by Elder Scott Hamilton and seconded by Elder Paul Dye, the Moderator was authorized to make all temporary appointments. **The Association agreed that the right to make all temporary appointments will extend until the gathering of our next Association. Objections were called for and none responded.**
4. By a motion made by Elder John Elkins and seconded by Elder Don Mullins, 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: Clyde Lewis, Preston Lewis, Carlos Akers, David Calhoun, Clois Hamilton, Julius Wicker, Joseph Tuttle, Jimmy Dye, Chuck Hall, Deffort Thornsberry, Homer Isaac, Ted Burke, Daniel Samons, Gordon Boyd, Squire Hamilton, James C. Tackett, Keith Adkins, Teddy Honaker, Bill Tong, Gene Conn, Hubert Conn, Jimmy Waddles, Glenn Frazier, John Lewis, Roger Hicks, Milton Dye, Talmadge Hicks, James Branham, Leonard Hamilton, Thomas Ray Hamilton, Elisha Branham, Foster Akers, Jeffrey Bryant, David Maynard, Earnest Hamilton, David Lowe, Bill Tong, Johnny Thornsberry, and Mike Justice. Letter in the hand of Brother Bill Tong. A motion was made by Elder Danny Carty and seconded by Elder Bill Smith 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, Barry Lucas, Estill Hamilton, Dennis Elkins, Earl Dean Yates, Eddie Lane, Gary Sanders, Jimmy Amos, Jeff Dillon, and Johnny Belcher. Letter in the hand of Brother Gary Sanders. A motion was made by Elder Lowell Mullins and seconded by Elder Doug McCarty 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: Paul D. Moore, Ira Adkins, Jr., Lowell Adkins, Gary Adkins, Dallas Bledsoe, Jr., Gary Blevins, Carlis Tharp, Steve Boggs, Robert Adkins, Farrell Howard, Ted Parker, Bobby Potter, Homer Ruggles, JR Blevins, Wayne Caudill, Luther Ramey, Jr., Jimmy Stewart, Willis Tolliver, Mark Elkins, and Bill Justice. Letter in the hand of Elder Paul D. Moore. A motion was made by Elder Billy Miller and seconded by Brother Landis Beverly 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, Chester Cochran, Stony Blackburn, Richard Staton, Marion Duncan, Archie Prince, Arthur Mathis, Sam Frye, Leonard Napier, Monty Messer, Gary Young, John Canterbury, and Albert Cable. Letter in the hand of Elder Stony Blackburn. A motion was made by Elder Lowell Mullins and seconded by Brother Hansel Brown 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: Arthur Short, Edgar Baker, Jr., Roger Baker, Steve Baker, George Thomason, David Lester, Danny Hurley, Chad Hurley, Andrew Ford, Alan Hunt, James Stacy, and Danny C. Justus. Letter in the hand of Elder David Lester. A motion was made by Elder John Elkins and seconded by Elder Paul Dye 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., Randy Combs, Murl Caudill, Wendell Lycans, and Reuben Lycans. A motion was made by Elder Doug McCarty and seconded by Elder Raymond Vanderpool 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 Little Angel 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) Elder Danny Justus; (2) Elder Danny Belcher.  
Saturday morning—Elders (1) Stoney Blackburn; (2) Roger Hicks; (3) David Lester; (4) Ira Adkins, Jr.; (5) Randy Combs; (6) Danny Hurley.
  8. Called for transient ministers and members of our same faith and order and none responded.
  9. A motion was made by Elder Doug McCarty and seconded by Elder Delmas Hall 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 and seconded by Elder Scott Little that we, the Northern New Salem Association, adjourn until 9:00 a.m. Saturday morning, August 1, 2015.
    - (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 Justus, prayer held by the same and closed by Elder Danny Belcher.

## **Saturday, August 1, 2015**

The delegates met pursuant to adjournment this, the second day of three of the Northern New Salem Association. As they began to assemble in the sanctuary of the Little Angel Church, one could feel the love of our Heavenly Father as they began to sing praises, giving glory and honor to the King of Kings.

Services for the morning were introduced by Elder Arthur Short of the Old Friendship Association. We were then blessed with a humble prayer offered by Elder Danny Hurley of the Old Friendship 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 Doug McCarty and seconded by Brother Hansel Brown to receive the Bill of Arrangements and discharge the committee.
3. The Circular Letter written by Elder Wayne Sartin for our 2015 session was read. A motion was made by Elder Lowell Mullins and seconded by Elder Danny Hamilton to receive the letter and have it printed in our 2015 minutes.
4. The Finance Committee appointed Friday, Item 2 (a), consisting of Elders: Earl Dean Yates-Union Association, Danny Belcher-Union Association, and Roger Hicks-New Salem Association, reported as follows:

2015 Church contributions .....	\$5,460.00
2015 Money for pictures .....	380.00
Other contributions .....	<u>1,180.00</u>
<b>Total money received for 2015 .....</b>	<b>\$7,020.00</b>

A motion was made by Elder Scott Hamilton and seconded by Elder Hargis Tuttle 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 4, 2014.....	<u>\$14,916.21</u>
2014 Church contributions.....	\$6,110.00
2014 Picture money.....	\$475.00
Other contributions.....	<u>\$30.00</u>
<b>Total money on hand as of August 4, 2014.....</b>	<b>\$21,531.21</b>

### Expenses for 2014

B. Printer's fee .....	\$5,081.00
Secretary's fee .....	\$200.00
Postage, UPS Freight.....	\$1,229.11
Supplies.....	\$10.34
Other .....	\$00.00
<b>Total Expenses for 2014 .....</b>	<b>\$6,520.45</b>
Total of A.....	\$21,531.21
Less Total of B.....	\$6,520.45
<b>Balance .....</b>	<b>\$15,010.76</b>
Includes Interest Earned.....	\$1.11
<b>Balance August 1, 2015.....</b>	<b>\$15,011.87</b>
Plus money received for 2015 .....	\$7,020.00
<b>Total money on hand August 1, 2015 .....</b>	<b>\$22,031.87</b>

Note: Money sent by Sister Churches of the Northern New Salem Association to the Little Angel Church in helping host the 2015 session .....

Also thanks to the camper village for a donation of .....

Elder John Elkins made a motion and seconded by Elder Billy Miller to receive the Treasurer's Report. By the same motion, Elder Hillard Newsome was appointed recording secretary. He is to have 2,575 copies of the current minutes printed and



distributed among the churches according to their contributions. The secretary is to receive \$200.00 for his services. Printer's fee is to appear on the front cover.

6. Elder Scott Hamilton made a motion and seconded by Brother Hansel Brown 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.
7. The Brothers appointed to take the vote for who is to preach the Introductory Sermon: Elder Jimmy Waddles-New Salem; Elder Danny Justus-Old Friendship Association; Elder Murl Caudill-Old Indian Bottom Association; and who is to write the Circular Letter for 2016: Elder Clyde Lewis-New Salem Association; Elder Chester Cochran-Sardis Association; Elder Teddy Honaker-New Salem Association.

The following ministers were chosen to preach Saturday evening and Sunday morning:  
Saturday evening: Elder Buddy Carty and the officers of the Little Angel Church to decide on ministers used Saturday evening.

Sunday morning: (1) Elder Milton Dye-New Salem Association, (2) Elder Ray Hamilton-Northern New Salem Association, (3) Elder Hillard Newsome-Northern New Salem Association, (4) Elder Roger Hicks-New Salem Association, (5) Elder Danny Carty-Northern New Salem Association.

By a vote of the delegates, Elder Sean Hicks was chosen to preach the **Introductory Sermon**, Elder Steve Slone to be his alternate, and Elder Scott Little to write the **Circular Letter** for our 59<sup>th</sup> Annual Session.

8. In compliance with Item 9 of Friday's work, we the Northern New Salem Association agreed to correspond by letter and delegate with the following Associations:
  1. New Salem Association
  2. Union Association
  3. Philadelphia Association
  4. Sardis Association
  5. Old Friendship Association
  6. Old Indian Bottom Association
9. Note the request from the Antioch Church that we would continue to list the Union Meetings by month and where each church is listed we would add to that listing the memorial meeting time and called brethren. Motion made by Elder John Elkins and seconded by Elder Paul Dye.
10. Note the request from the Antioch Church that we make the printing of our obituaries of members and friends a standing item in our Association. Motion made by Elder Scott Hamilton and seconded by Elder Raymond Vanderpool.
11. Note the request from the Eternal Rose Church to move their communion to the second weekend in August. Motion made by Elder Doug McCarty and seconded by Elder Bill Smith to grant the request.
12. Our Moderator, Elder Buddy Carty, and our Assistant Moderator, Elder Ray Hamilton, gave a report on the recent events at the Mt. Olive Church.

Elder Ray Hamilton stated that while in attendance of the Mt. Olive business meeting the church began to be out of order. At that time, Elder Buddy Carty attempted to advise the church and the moderator refused to hear his advice. Due to the unwillingness of the moderator to receive advice, Elder Buddy Carty appointed himself Moderator for

the day. At that time, he asked the church to make a move and a second to make him Moderator for the day. After receiving that move and second, Brother Buddy had the church go on with their scheduled election of officers. Once the election was complete, Elder Buddy Carty turned over the floor to the newly elected officers of the church and they continued on in orderly fashion.

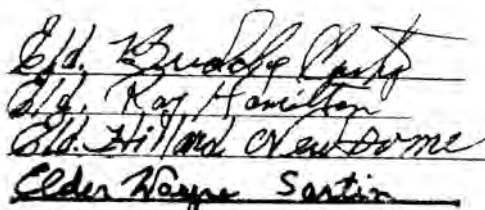
Elder Buddy Carty stated that based on the unwillingness of the Moderator to hear advice and his unwillingness to work in an orderly fashion, he had to utilize the authority given to him by the Association (See Item 3 of Friday's business 2014) to make a temporary appointment to get the church back in order. Once the church was back in working order he immediately turned the church back over to the newly elected officers of the Mt. Olive Church. It was through this work that the Mt. Olive Church was able to continue in love and peace with the Northern New Salem Association.

There was a move by Elder Doug McCarty and seconded by Elder Scott Hamilton to receive the report and let it become a part of our permanent record. Objections were called for and none responded.

13. The request to host the 2016 Association from the Rose of Sharon Church was read. The requests from the Little Ida Church, the Morning Star Church, the Little Ellen Church, and the Mt. Olive Church to help co-host. A motion was made by Elder John M. Elkins and seconded by Brother Hansel Brown to grant the request of the of the Rose of Sharon Church the honor of hosting and the Little Ida Church, the Morning Star Church, the Little Ellen Church, and the Mt. Olive Church Churches to co-host the 2016 setting of this blessed Old Association.
14. Elder Doug McCarty made a motion and seconded by Elder Scott Hamilton, to forego the reading of the current minutes.
15. A motion was made by Elder Lowell Mullins and seconded by Brother Rudy Djordjevich to adjourn to the place and time mentioned in Item 13 of Saturday's work in the current minutes.

The 58<sup>th</sup> Session was closed with an humble and uplifting prayer and Dismissal by Elder Tommy Dials of the Sardis Association.

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



Moderator  
Ass't. Moderator  
Clerk  
Ass't Clerk

## Sabbath Morning, August 2, 2015

Gathering together this the third and final day of this blessed Old Association. It was such a lovely sunny morning, yet those gathering were just as lovely and warm as the morning sun. Echoes of singing the inspiring songs filled the house and caused those of Zion in attendance to rejoice in the God of their salvation.

The arrangements were as follows:

1. Elder Milton Dye-New Salem Association
2. Prayer by Elder Chester Cochran-Sardis Association
3. Elder Hillard Newsome-Northern New Salem Association

4. Elder Roger Hicks-New Salem Association
5. Elder Danny Carty-Northern New Salem Association
6. Dismissal prayer by Elder Wayne Sartin- Northern New Salem Association

Brother Wayne and I aren't able to express to you, the Little Angel Church, co-host churches (Little Flock, Little Ruth, Maggies Home), and all the friends, both young and old, who gave of their time and effort to care for this glorious Old Association, our appreciation. We found your love and hospitality just as warm as the delicious food served to one and all with ladles of love.

To the little sub-division, known as Camper's Village, we salute you for your presence with us at this the 58<sup>th</sup> setting of our Association. Roll on, but please stop at the Rose of Sharon Church in Michigan, come August 2016. When gathered there we can share your love. Thanks for the donation of \$390.00 to the Little Angel Church. You all are marvelous.

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

## **Letter of Condolences to Our Sister The Northern New Salem Association From the 2015 Union Associations**

Dear Brothers, Sisters and Friends,

While this year has brought sorrows in the deaths of our members, God has manifested great joy through His spirit and promises. His grace and comfort has renewed us and our steps are stronger because of the witness of His love that continues to grow in us. Do we not truly walk after the things of the spirit because we are of Christ, born a new creature, eternally kept by his guiding hand? God has promised, "I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you" (*John 14:18*). We have felt his comfort.

In writing our letter we are reminded of what Jesus commanded, "That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another" (*John 13:34*). We the Union Association wish to send our love and condolences for the losses you have suffered and pray knowing that God has comforted you, like us, in His promise of the Resurrection and joining of spirit and body made perfect to glorify our God and his Son forever. May God's love continue to grow in us and strengthen our Faith together in the cause of our Savior.

With Great Respect and Love,  
 Elder Danny Belcher - Clerk  
 Elder Barry Lucas - Assistant Clerk  
 Brother Kevin Stanley - Second Assistant Clerk

## **Letter of Condolence**

Letter of Condolence to our Sister the Northern New Salem Association. We your Sister the Old Friendship Association wish to extend to you our deepest sympathy and prayers in the loss of your Elders, Brothers, and Sisters since your last meeting.

We will rejoice in thy Salvation and hope to meet our Brothers and Sisters in Heaven. For God is our God forever and ever, He will be our guide even unto death.

We keep you in our prayers.

Elder Arthur D. Short - Clerk  
 Brother Edgar Baker, Jr. - Assistant Clerk

## 2015 Circular Letter

To the brethren and sisters of the Northern New Salem Association: Having been chosen last year by the Association to write a circular letter for your consideration, I, with the help of the God of Glory, will attempt to write something worthy of this grand old church. At the time I was notified of being chosen, the Lord gave me one simple scripture and ever since that day he has continued to send that verse to mind. So, I will attempt to expound on the meaning of this simple verse. **Psalms 119:105** *"Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path."* Every time that my way grows weary or my sight begins to dim I turn unto the word of our dear Lord and it shines brightly toward that land of glory where he has prepared a place of rest for his children. Whenever I am in doubt, I am able to take comfort in The Word and His holy scriptures. For I know that they will lead me in the right direction. Brethren we must understand that when He speaks of His Word He means two things. First of all, Jesus was The Word but it is also speaking of the written word of God.

The Book of John tells us, *"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him; and without him was not anything made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men."* Jesus is that precious Word. Without him in our lives we have no light. The scripture goes on to say, *"And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not."* If we don't know Jesus in a personal relationship then we are walking in the darkness. Brethren, he is the author and finisher of our faith but we have to invite him in to our lives to get the story started. If we are content in the darkness we will never come to see his marvelous light. We have to be willing to be led by the light that we may become children of the light.

Brothers and sisters, we get ourselves in trouble sometimes because we don't truly turn to God and His Holy Word. Many times we begin to talk to men or we simply lean to our own understanding rather than turning to God. The book of Proverbs tells us, *"Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths. Be not wise in thine own eye: fear the Lord, and depart from evil."* If we want the blessings of God we must fully put our trust in him but if we don't know the word of God we can't fully lean on him. Brethren, if we want the Lord to direct our lives then we need to know the ways of the Lord. Following the Lord begins by believing, for the Bible says in Hebrews, *"But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him."* So we are first instructed to believe but it goes on to say that he rewards those that diligently seek him. Therefore, we know that there is work involved in this thing. We are instructed in James, *"Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double minded."* If we want to draw nigh to God we have to seek him out with our whole heart, soul, mind, and strength. Yes brethren, we must pray and we must humble ourselves but there is more to do. John 5:39 says *"Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me."* We are commanded to search the scriptures, yet sometimes things are preached in our own stands and people don't recognize if it is scripture or simply men spreading their own doctrine. Brothers and sisters, if we don't study the word of God and ask God for wisdom then we won't realize when bad doctrine is creeping in among us. We have to listen with our natural ears but see if it bears witness with the Word that has taken abode in our hearts. We read in Jeremiah, *"But this shall be the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel; After those days, saith the Lord, I will put my law in their inward parts and write it in their hearts; and will be their God, and they shall be my people."*

When we go out to church we must rein in our minds and focus on God. We should know what is being preached in our stands and if it is sound. Paul advised Timothy to *“Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.”* If we don’t study the word brethren then we are failing to do our duty to God. We have been called to be brave soldiers standing on the wall; ready to blow the trumpet when the enemy approaches but we have to be able to recognize the enemy. We can not neglect our duty to this old Baptist Family. We have to fight that good fight of faith and be willing to stand for the Lord.

We need to recognize the word of God when we hear it and when we see it. Jesus told Satan, in the book of Matthew, *“It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.”* Brethren, let us live the life of a child of God and let us be bright shining lights to a lost and dying world. We must abide in the Word of God and that means to know the Word and to live the Word. We can profess with our mouths that we are a child of God but our lives will bear witness to who we really serve. In Hebrews we read, *“For when for the time ye ought to be teachers, ye have need that one teach you again which be the first principles of the oracles of God; and are become such as have need of milk, and not of strong meat. For every one that useth milk is unskillful in the word of righteousness: for he is a babe. But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.”* Brethren, we must abide in the strong doctrine that has held this Old Regular family together through these many years. Standing strong means that we are willing to stand on all the commandments of God and unwilling to settle on something short. Let us not be afraid to tell our children the truth. Let us rejoice for Peter said, *“But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.”* Remember a child of God should be different from the world. You will know a tree by the fruit it bears. Brethren, if you want an apple you have to go to an apple tree, you can not get an apple from a thorn bush.

We must be careful though, we can not strangle out our children with strong meat while they are yet a babe. For the Lord advised in Jeremiah, *“The Lord hath appeared of old unto me, saying, Yea, I have loved thee with an everlasting Love: therefore with lovingkindness have I drawn thee.”* If we abide in the Word it will draw our children and it will guide our churches, but we must abide in him. Let us strive to live close and let that love within us shine out, that they may see our good works and glorify the Father. The Bible clearly tells us that it is not the hearer but the doer that is justified. Let us be doers of the Word and in doing so we will draw in our children and keep good order in our churches. Then when we have drawn them in, let us guide them in the ways of the Lord. *“Wherefore comfort yourselves together, and edify one another, even as also ye do. And we beseech you, brethren, to know them which labour among you, and are over you in the Lord, and admonish you; And to esteem them very highly in love for their work’s sake. And be at peace among yourselves. Now we exhort you, brethren, warn them that are unruly, comfort the feebleminded, support the weak, be patient toward all men. See that none render evil for evil unto any man; but ever follow that which is good, both among yourselves, and to all men. Rejoice evermore. Pray without ceasing. In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you. Quench not the spirit. Despise not prophesyings. Prove all things; hold fast that which is good. Abstain from all appearance of evil.”* We must hold fast to Him and let His Word guide us. If we abide in Him, He will make us steadfast and unmovable, always abounding in good works. The book of Proverbs advises us to, *“Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.”* Brethren, we must realize that

this verse speaks to our natural children as well as those that are babes in the church. If we want this old church to continue in the Lord's way then we need to do the Lord's work. That means that the elders need to advise and counsel the young members. The Bible says there are elders many but fathers few. I would advise you to strive to be fathers and mothers in the gospel. We should be striving to teach our young members how the church should go. The apostle Paul said, *"Be ye followers of me, even as I also am of Christ."* Therefore, we should be striving to set good examples and willing to advise them in a loving way. How many times have the old fathers in the church advised me with kind words of admonishment. Likewise, our elder mothers in the church should advise the young sisters how to behave and what it means to be a sister in this glorious old time way. The book of Proverbs teaches us to, *"Reprove not a scorner, lest he hate thee: rebuke a wise man, and he will love thee."* If they be brethren they will love you for caring enough to counsel them. If they be not brethren, then maybe they will realize they should leave and let the old church go on in the old time way. For the book of John says, *"They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would no doubt have continued with us: but they went out, that they might be made manifest that they were not all of us."* Young brothers and sisters, I would advise you to know the Word and abide in that Word. If an elder advises you and it holds with the Word of God then you should strive to live up to that Word. If it is contrary to the Word of God then cast it aside. But, if you don't study the Word of God, how can you know the difference?

Brethren, I must draw this letter to a close but I hope and I pray that you will see, that if the Word, which is Christ Jesus, dwelleth in you then he will give you a mind to study the written Word. That Word serves as our guide to a better land where there will be no sorrow. The book of Revelation states, *"And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse: and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war. His eyes were as a flame of fire, and on his head were many crowns; and he had a name written, that no man knew, but he himself. And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God."* If we truly follow The Word of God in our lives then it will show in all our ways and we will know the true Word of God when we hear it preached. Let us abide in Him and in His Word. Soon we can go home together and praise Him throughout eternity in a land of perfect peace. Soon we will hear those beautiful words, *"Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world."*

Humbly Submitted for Your Approval,  
Elder Wayne Sartin

## 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.

## 2015 DELEGATES TO THE NORTHERN NEW SALEM ASSOCIATION

### Church

### Delegates

Little Rebecca .....	Marty Carty, Dennie Tuttle, Faris Tuttle
Maggie's Home .....	Don Mullins, Claude Hale, Joe Gilliam
Little Flock .....	Mike Fortner, Chance Mullins
Little Ruth .....	Raymond Vanderpool, Jimmy King, Bill Smith
Little Edna .....	Billy Moore, Steve Slone, Dave McCracken
Little Ida .....	Billy Miller, Nathaniel Caudill, Steven Miller
Little Flossie .....	Russell Hicks, Harold Hicks, Sean Hicks
Little Zion .....	Joseph Akers, Gerald Akers, Alger Newsome
Little Pilgrim's Home .....	Eddie Wallen, Danny Hamilton
Mt. Olive .....	Enoch Hagerman, Charles Hagerman, Jason Hagerman
Pleasant View .....	Dennis Elkins, Kenneth Slone
Little Family .....	Earnie Tuttle, Walt Evans, Danny Carty
Little Angel .....	James Finley, Scott Little, James Pack
Antioch .....	I.V. Hudson, Johnny Stumbo, John Mullins
Rose of Sharon .....	Andy Fields, William B. Holbrook, Ralph Manuel
Lily of the Valley .....	Scott Hamilton, Scott Hamilton, Jr., 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, Joe Gibson, Rueben Gillman
Little Ellen .....	Lowell Mullins, Jimmy Sowards, Rudy Djordjevich
Cedars of Lebanon .....	Greg Sowards, Bill Tong

# UNION and MEMORIAL MEETINGS AND MINISTERS CALLED FOR THE YEAR 2015-2016

## NOVEMBER, 2015

**LITTLE MELROSE** – First in November (2015). Ray Hamilton, Buddy W. Carty, Scott Hamilton, Squire Hamilton, Thomas Dials, Todd Dials, Preston Lewis, Willis Tolliver.

*Memorial* – First in March. Lloyd Brown, Paul D. Moore, Eddie Wallen, James Barney, Terry Fuller, Faris Tuttle, David Crigger.

## APRIL

**ANTIOCH** – First in April. Danny Hurley, Danny Justus, James Stacy, Preston Lewis, Barry Lucas, Willis Tolliver, Jimmy Stewart, Randy Combs, John Lewis.

*Memorial* – First in June. James Tackett (Enterprise), Hargis Tuttle, Faris Tuttle, Teddy Honaker, Ben Little, Johnny Thornsberry.

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

*Memorial* – First in June. Ray Hamilton, Evan Hamilton, William B. Holbrook, Jr., Lowell Mullins, Moderator, Assistant Moderator.

**ETERNAL ROSE** – Second in April. Don Mullins, Dennis Elkins, Steve Slone, Richard Staton, Daniel Newsome.

*Memorial* – Second in June. Faris Tuttle, Joe Gibson, Moderator, Assistant Moderator.

**ROSE OF SHARON** – Second in April. Richard Staton, Hobart Hamilton, Doug McCarty, Mike Fortner, Greg Sowards, James Branham, Elisha Branham, Jeff Little.

*Memorial* – Second in October (2015). Lowell Mullins, Charles Blevins, Bill Blevins, Robbie Osborne, Estill Hamilton, Ray Hamilton.

## MAY

**CEDARS OF LEBANON** – First in May. Johnny Thornsberry, Chester Cochran, Buddy W. Carty, Bobby Baker.

*Memorial* – First in October. Willis Tolliver, Gary Adkins, Hargis Tuttle, Danny Carty.

**LITTLE FLOSSIE** – First in May. Gary Blevins, Don Lawson, Danny Hamilton, John Lewis.

*Memorial* – First in October (2015). Delmas Hall, Clyde Lewis, Preston Lewis, Ralph Cloud.

**LITTLE IDA** – First in May. Buddy W. Carty, Willis Tolliver, Gary Adkins, Paul D. Moore, Ira Adkins.

*Memorial* – First in April. Danny Carty, Estill Hamilton, Scott Hamilton, Eddie Wallen, Gary Blevins.

**MAGGIE'S HOME** – First in May. Joseph Gibson, Hargis Tuttle, Faris Tuttle, Sam Frye.  
*Memorial* – First in June. Gary Young, Jimmy Stewart, Jason Hagerman, Justin Hagerman.

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

*Memorial* – Second in July. Danny Belcher, Raymond Vanderpool, Delmas Hall, Charles Edwards.

**LITTLE ZION** – Second in May. Bill Blevins, Lowell Mullins, Danny Runyon, Paul Hall, Zack Collins.

*Memorial* – Second in July. Steven Miller, Charles Blevins, Larry Newsome, Joe Havlik, Justin Hagerman.

**LILY OF THE VALLEY** – Third in May. Squire Hamilton, Estill Hamilton, Charles Hagerman, Jason Hagerman, Justin Hagerman, Danny Belcher.

*Memorial* – Third in July. Stephen Slone, Steven Miller, Larry Newsome.

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

*Memorial* – Third in September (2015). Ira Adkins, Jr., Bobby Baker, Paul D. Moore, Russell Hicks, Deffort Thornsberry.

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

*Memorial* – Third in October (2015). Joe Havlik, Jason Hagerman, Joseph Akers, Charles Hagerman, Justin Hagerman.

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

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

## JUNE

**LITTLE BETHEL** – First in June. Hargis Tuttle, Elbert Hagerman, Phillip Beverly, Faris Tuttle, Andy Fields, Bill Blevins.

*Memorial* – First in September. Ted Burke, Estill Hamilton, Willis Little, Earl Dean Yates, Danny Hamilton, Delmas Hall.

**LITTLE FAMILY** – Second in June. Gary Blevins, Paul Boggs, Jimmy Stewart, Scott Hamilton, Steven Miller, Russell Hicks, Patrick Deel.

*Memorial* – Second in October (2015). Buddy W. Carty, Hillard Newsome, Wayne Sartin, Willis Tolliver.

**LITTLE PILGRIM'S HOME** – Second in June. Billy Miller, Larry Dixon, Charles Edwards, Estill Hamilton, Morris Wicker, Zack Collins.

*Memorial* – Second in August. Scott Hamilton, Russell Hicks, Paul Dye, Sean Hicks, Garfield Thacker.

**LITTLE REBECCA** – Third in June. Chester Cochran, Johnny Thornsberry, Arnold Adkins, Danny Belcher, Andy Deel.

*Memorial* – Third in August. Hargis Tuttle, Arthur Short, Deffort Thornsberry, Chuck Hall, Home Brothers.

**FAMILY OF LOVE** – Fourth in June. Danny Belcher, Billy Miller, Gary Blevins, Northern Gayle Brown, Ralph Cloud, Roger Hicks.

*Memorial* – Fourth in October (2015). Paul Boggs, Morris Wicker, Russell Hicks, Deffort Thornsberry, Darrell Kidd, Hillard Newsome, Wayne Sartin.

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

*Memorial* – Fourth in August. Scott Hamilton, Larry Newsome, Alex Collier, Dennis Elkins, Hobart Justice, Hargis Tuttle.

**MT. OLIVE** – Fourth in June. Danny Carty, Scott Little (Little Angel), Danny Belcher, Scott Hamilton, Lowell Mullins, Ray Hamilton, Sean Hicks, Russell Hicks.

*Memorial* – Fourth in August. William B. Holbrook, Jr., Dennis Elkins, Jeff Dillon, Charles Blevins, Larry Newsome, and Hargis Tuttle.

## JULY

**LITTLE FLOCK** – Third in July. Gary Young, Earl Dean Newsome, Jimmy Stewart, Wayne Sartin, Hillard Newsome, Buddy W. Carty, Charles Edwards, Don Mullins, Jerry Runyon.

*Memorial* – Third in June. John Paul Hamilton, Danny Carty, Gary Blevins, Gary Adkins, Ray Hamilton, Kenny Newsome, William B. Holbrook, Jr., Jimmy Amos.

**LITTLE ANGEL** – Fourth in July. Tony Bentley (Dorton), James Tackett (Enterprise), Richard Staton, Hobart Hamilton, Danny Belcher, Steven Miller.

*Memorial* – Fourth in March. Larry Newsome, Hargis Tuttle, Hillard Newsome, Wayne Sartin, Tommy Dials, Todd Dials.

## **SPECIAL MEMORIALS**

**ROSE OF SHARON CHURCH** – First Sunday in August, 2016 (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, Kentucky on Saturday, April 30, 2016. Singing will start at 9:30 a.m. with preaching at 10:00 a.m. 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 2016. Brothers called: Clyde Lewis, Preston Lewis, Ralph Cloud, John Lewis.

**MARCUM MEMORIAL** – Sunday, June 26, 2016. Location: Wilkesville, Ohio 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, Chester Cochran.

**LITTLE ANGEL CHURCH – BROTHER BALLARD BROWN MEMORIAL** – Sunday, May 29, 2016. Brothers called: Danny Carty, Charles Edwards, Bill Smith, Harrison Runyon, Hillard Newsome.

**ROSE OF SHARON 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY** – Second weekend in December 2015. Brothers called: Ralph Caudill, Doug McCarty, Danny Adams, Willis Little, Leonard Hamilton, Ray Hamilton, William B. Holbrook.

**LITTLE ANGEL CHURCH – TAMERY COTTON-BRAGG-SHORT MEMORIAL** – Fourth weekend in April 2016. Brothers called: Danny Carty, Hillard Newsome, Charles Edwards, Harrison Runyon.

**MT. OLIVE CHURCH – ELBERT LUTHER HAGERMAN MEMORIAL** – Fourth Sunday in May 2016. Elders called: Lowell Mullins, Estill Hamilton, Dennis Elkins, Jeff Dillon.

## ORDAINED MINISTERS

### LITTLE REBECCA

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

### MAGGIE'S HOME

<b>Elder Scotty Little</b>	474 Diana St., Minford, OH 45653	740-250-8049
<b>Elder Donald Mullins</b>	36157 DePue Rd., Hamden, OH 45634	740-596-4946
<b>Elder Daniel Newsome</b>	35010 Buck Run Rd., Langsville, OH 45741	740-669-3408
<b>Elder Johnny Newsome</b>	60097 Locker Plt. Rd., McArthur, OH 45651	740-596-0447
<b>Elder Albert Osborne</b>	42651 St. Rt. 160, Wilkesville, OH 45695	740-669-4002

### LITTLE FLOCK

<b>Elder Hank Forgey</b>	1443 Centerville Rd., Thurman, OH 45685	740-682-6533
<b>Elder Mike Fortner</b>	2476 Centerpoint Rd., Oak Hill, OH 45656	740-682-6236
<b>Elder Greg Sowards</b>	12942 St. Rt. 220, Waverly, OH 45690	740-289-4771

### LITTLE RUTH

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

### LITTLE EDNA

<b>Elder Stephen Slone</b>	4155 Butler Rd., Wakeman, OH 44889	440-574-1740
<b>Elder Denver Meade</b>	953 Warwick Dr., Sheffield Lake, OH 44054	440-949-6048
<b>Elder Jesse Pack</b>	6496 Crossview Rd., Seven Hills, OH 44131	216-236-6164

### LITTLE IDA

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

### LITTLE FLOSSIE

Elder Zachariah 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	120 High Street, Apt. B, Wilmore, KY 40390	810-610-4089

### LITTLE PILGRIM'S HOME

Elder Danny C. Hamilton	367 Twp. Rd. 1031, Nova, OH 44849	567-308-0017
Elder Hobart Justice	Avon Oaks Caring Community, Avon, OH 44011	440-522-0166
Elder Eddie Wallen	330 Railroad St., Rochester, OH 44090	440-647-3539

### MT. OLIVE

Elder Charles Hagerman	830 Cedar St., Waterloo, IN 46793	260-347-5428
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 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> St., Louisville, KY 40208	502-645-2690



### **ROSE OF SHARON**

<b>Elder Ray Hamilton</b>	5040 Carelton-Rockwood Rd., S. Rockwood, MI 48179	734-783-5037
<b>Elder William B. Holbrook, Jr.</b>	13388 Parkway Blvd., Carleton, MI 48117	734-654-6883
<b>Elder Andy Fields</b>	603 Nokomis St., Tecumseh, MI 49286	517-815-1933

### **LILY OF THE VALLEY**

<b>Elder Evan Hamilton</b>	5801 Washington Blvd., Ashtabula, OH 44004	440-992-9359
<b>Elder Sam Hamilton</b>	695 Breezewood Ln., Orwell, OH 44076	440-344-6246
<b>Elder Scott Hamilton</b>	4760 N. Ridge E., Geneva, OH 44041	440-415-5004
<b>Elder Junior Jent</b>	3120 Mill Rd., Dorset, OH 44032	440-293-5018

### **LITTLE CHILDREN'S HOME - None**

#### **MORNING STAR**

<b>Elder Mose Bentley</b>	25537 Baker St., Taylor, MI 48180	313-292-3247
<b>Elder Bill Blevins</b>	14502 Oak Lane #203, Belleville, MI 48111	734-391-7297
<b>Elder Charles Blevins</b>	48469 Eastbridge Dr., Canton, MI 48188	989-413-7176
<b>Elder Willis Little</b>	4541 Grace, Wayne, MI 48184	734-728-4486

#### **LITTLE BETHEL**

<b>Elder Paul Dye</b>	Box 122, Tiro, OH 44887	419-347-5064
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#### **FAMILY OF LOVE**

<b>Elder Clifford Bradley</b>	18003 S H 231, Nevada, OH 44849	740-482-2972
<b>Elder Buddy W. Carty</b>	18 High School Ave., Shelby, OH 44875	419-342-4142
<b>Elder James M. Curry</b>	PO Box 2506 , Marion, OH 43301	740-223-0102
<b>Elder Delmas Hall</b>	3951 Henry Rd. Lot 5, Plymouth, OH 44865	567-844-0945

#### **LITTLE MELROSE**

<b>Elder John M. Elkins</b>	2038 Allcorn Rd., Greenup, KY 41144	606-473-0324
<b>Elder Doug McCarty</b>	6803 Fern Creek Way, Keystone Hts., FL 32656	352-473-3424
<b>Elder Glenn Dixon</b>	6227 Bayberry St., Zephyr Hills, FL 33542	813-364-3224

#### **ETERNAL ROSE**

<b>Elder Raymond Gayheart</b>	14061 Twp. Rd. 215, Lakeville, OH 44638	330-378-9008
<b>Elder Joseph Gibson</b>	1838 Lyons Rd., Willard, OH 44890	419-933-7820
<b>Elder Hargis Tuttle</b>	4494 Butler Rd., Wakeman, OH 44889	440-839-5113

#### **LITTLE ELLEN**

<b>Elder Lowell Mullins</b>	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.....	Jimmy King.....	2186 TWP Rd. 165.....	Cardington, OH 43315.....	(440) 883-5273
Little Edna.....	Billy Moore.....	255 Cooper Foster Park Rd.....	Lorrain, OH 44053.....	(440) 654-3780
Little Ida.....	John Johnson.....	15649 Fordline St.....	Southgate, MI 48195.....	(734) 246-0769
Little Flossie.....	Fred Jones.....	1602 Villa Ct.....	North Manchester, IN 46962..	(779) 225-2244
Little Zion.....	Gerald Akers.....	2311 Chestnut Ln.....	Burton, MI 48519.....	(810) 444-6325
Little Pilgrim's Home.....	Eddie Wallen.....	330 Railroad St.....	Rochester, OH 44090.....	(440) 647-3539
Mt. Olive.....	Justin Hagerman.....	4320 N 750 W.....	Ligonier, IN 46767.....	(260) 348-8697
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 St.....	Kingsville, OH 44048.....	(440) 224-3221
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 2 <sup>nd</sup> 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.....	5176 County Rd. 50.....	Glenmont, OH 44628-9721.....	(330) 378-4605
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
Little Ruth	Amos Williams	Don C. Lawson
Little Edna	Stephen Stone	Larry Newsome
Little Ida	Ralph Caudill	Billy Miller
Little Flossie	Russell Hicks	Morris Wicker
Little Zion	Joseph R. Akers	Joseph Havlik
Little Pilgrim's Home	Danny C. Hamilton	Eddie Wallen
Mt. Olive	Charles Hagerman	Jason Hagerman
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 Saltzgeber 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. 115 <sup>th</sup> , Route on Lawler, Left 11200 S. Avon.	Alsip	Illinois 60803
Cedars of Lebanon	1015 Forrer Street	Middletown	Ohio 45042

# STATISTICAL TABLE

2015

## CHURCHES

	Received by Baptism	Received by Letter	Recommendation	Restored	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Total Membership	Meeting Time	Contributions	Communion Time
Little Rebecca	0	2	0	0	0	2	1	37	2:00 P.M. 3-E	325.00	July
Maggie's Home	1	0	0	0	0	1	4	24	1-M	150.00	July
Little Flock	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	16	3-M	400.00	Aug
Little Ruth	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	16	2-M	150.00	June
Little Edna	2	1	0	0	2	0	0	17	4-M	225.00	July
Little Ida	2	0	0	0	1	2	1	33	1-M	275.00	June
Little Flossie	0	1	0	0	1	1	2	32	4:00 P.M. 1-E	325.00	June
Little Zion	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	14	2:30 P.M. 2-E	100.00	June
Little Pilgrim's Home	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	9	2-M	175.00	July
Mt. Olive	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	16	2:00 P.M. 4-E	150.00	July
Pleasant View	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	43	6:00 P.M. 1-E	250.00	May
Little Family	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	10	2:00 P.M. 2-E	200.00	July
Little Angel	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	33	4-M	350.00	Aug
Antioch	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	22	3:00 P.M. 1-E	425.00	Oct
Rose of Sharon	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	24	2-M	400.00	May
Lily of the Valley	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	21	6:00 P.M. 3-E	120.00	June
Little Children's Home	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	5	2:00 P.M. 3-E	225.00	July
Morning Star	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	11	3-M	350.00	June
Little Bethel	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	4	1-M	100.00	July
Family of Love	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	14	2:00 P.M. 4-E	250.00	July
Little Melrose	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	9	2:00 P.M. 1-E	250.00	Jan
Eternal Rose	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	15	4:00 P.M. 2-E	125.00	Aug
Little Ellen	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	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

2015 Church Contributions .....	<b>\$5,460.00</b>
2015 Money for Pictures.....	<b>380.00</b>
Other Contributions .....	<b>1,180.00</b>
	<b><u>\$7,020.00</u></b>

**Grand Total**                                    **9   6   0   1   9   7   26   440**

M — Saturday morning services

E — Saturday evening services

# OBITUARIES

## MEMBERS

### BROTHER ED ADKINS

It was on April 7, 1929, the chilling days of a long, harsh winter were replaced by happy days of spring. On this date the Lord blessed the home of the late Chris and Frankie Mullins Adkins with a new bundle of joy. Edward Adkins was born in a little mining community of Greasy Creek, in Pike County, Kentucky. He was a veteran of the US Army and a retiree of American Air Filter.

On January 11, 1957, he was married to Janice Rogers, who survives him. He is also survived by two sons: Dale Adkins of South Carolina and Timmy Adkins of Louisville. Brother Ed was preceded in death by his parents, his sisters: Edith, Imal, Ruby, Ozell, Peggy and Rebel, and his brothers: Elder Paul Adkins and John Adkins. His is survived by two sisters: Betty Jane and Carol Jean, both of Louisville and one brother, Bennett Lloyd.

On August 28, 1966, upon a profession of his faith and travel from nature to grace, Brother Ed was baptized into full love and fellowship of the Antioch Old Regular Baptist Church by the hands of Elder Glen Adkins and Elder Hillard Newsome. He was a faithful attender and always let his light shine. Others could see that Brother Ed was a child of the King and different from the world.

It was in the early hours of Monday, February 23, 2015, at Audubon Hospital in Louisville, Brother Ed gathered his robe around him and was carried by the angel band to a land of peace, joy and eternal bliss. This land far exceeds this worrisome land here in the land of the dying. God blessed Brother Ed to live upon His good earth 86 years, 11 months, and 16 days. Oh, how sweet life is! It is a gift from our Heavenly Father. Be thankful for each day and live humble.

Brother Ed, we miss your fellowship at the Anitoch Church, yet we will wait patiently to join your company in the perfect land called Heaven. There will be no measure of time and we shall live forever in the presence of our Heavenly Father, giving Him glory, honor and praises throughout eternity. You've only gone away with a friend.

With Precious Memories,  
Brother Hillard Newsome



Brother Ed Adkins

### MILFORD CLARK

April 18, 1940 - July 16, 2015

All who were fortunate enough to meet Milford Clark knew he possessed the "gift of gab". Milford was a very social man who enjoyed joking around. He worked hard, enjoyed hunting, gardening, and helping others in any way he could... all in a way that made you laugh. He cherished his family, friends and church family.

Milford passed away Thursday, July 16, 2015 at Hospice of North Central Ohio in Ashland. He was 75.

Born on April 18, 1940 in Floyd County, Kentucky, Milford graduated from Ruggles Troy School. He was well known by many around this area. Milford was a proud member of the Little Pilgrim Home Church in Ruggles.



Milford Clark

He drove the Nickles Bakery truck and retired from Pentair/FE Myers after 25 years of service.

Milford is survived by his beloved wife of over 4 years, Janet (nee Bright); children: Sandra (Herb) Dwight of Clyde, Beverly Henson of Clyde, Carolyn (Danny) Shambaugh of Ashland, Dwayne (Jamie) Clark of Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, Julie (Kris) Nickles of Loudonville, Charles (Dawn) Clark of Perrysville, Clara (Anson) Petty of Perrysville, Richard Kline and Renee (Bruce) Osborn of New Philadelphia; 19 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren. He is also survived by his siblings: Hillard Clark, Sue Lilly, Tolva Clark, Jewel Arms, Pauline Goins, Larry Clark, Charles Clark and Linda Pauley.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Charles and Clara (nee Tackett) Clark; second wife, Patricia; third wife, Phyllis; sister, Emma and daughter-in-law, Pamela.

Brother Milford will be greatly missed by his church family and friends. He will also be greatly missed by all who knew him.

Written by his loving family

### AMOS COLLINS

My dear husband, Amos Collins, went to be with the Lord Jesus on Tuesday, May 12, 2015 at our home surrounded by family. Amos was born on October 23, 1943 in Floyd County, Kentucky to Elder Willie and Rachel (Tuttle) Collins. He was the tenth of fourteen children all born at home. He was 71 years old.

Amos had worked for Midwest Industries in Willard for 12 years. There he met and fell in love with his future wife, Vonda L. Keene. We married January 8<sup>th</sup>, 1966. He retired from Ford Motor Company's Ohio Assembly Plant in Avon Lake, Ohio after working 25 years.

When Amos was saved or in other words born again, he joined Pleasant View Old Regular Baptist Church in Litchfield, Ohio on March 28, 1982. He was baptized on April 4, 1982 by Elders Alex Collier, Larry Newsome, and Stoney Blackburn. It was so cold they had to break the ice.

Amos loved to attend church and he loved to sing church songs. We all loved to hear him sing Beulah Land. Brother Amos was ordained a deacon of the Pleasant View Church on May 6, 1995. He served faithfully until he was not able to attend church any longer.

While sick in bed he had many visitors, the church members would hold church for him and other times sing songs. Some of his favorite songs were Beulah Land, Precious Memories and Thank You Lord For Your Blessings on Me.

Amos loved spending time with his family. In his earlier years, he enjoyed going fishing and trapshooting. Most of all he loved going to church.

Amos is survived by his wife of 49 years, Vonda L. (Keene) Collins; three children: Angela (Kermit) Isaac of Willard, Ohio; Rodney (Carman) Collins of Seville, Ohio; and Missy (Carlos) Gutierrez of Willard, Ohio.

One Sunday evening after church Amos' sister, Naomi Ruth, came to talk to us. We knew she was dying of cancer at the time. She asked us if we could take her 5 year old daughter, Christie, to raise as our own upon her death. We willingly accepted and raised her as one of our own.

Amos is also survived by Christie (Chad) Stevens of Willard, Ohio; 13 grandchildren: David, Jon, Taylor, Katie, and Seth Isaac; Rebekah Collins; Trevor, Olyvia, Darius, Gavin, and Raylynn Gutierrez; Zarian and Xavier Stevens; 1 great-granddaughter, Hailey Isaac; 3 sisters:



Amos Collins

Helen (Lavaughn) Isaac of Plymouth, Ohio; Doris Jones of Plymouth, Ohio; and Gewndora (Coy) Cano of Texas; and one brother, Bill (Phyllis) Collins of Attica, Ohio; numerous nieces and nephews and a sister-in-law, Audrey Collins of Amherst, Ohio.

Amos was raised and cared for by a very loving and close family. His dad was preacher Willie Collins of Northern New Salem Association. When Amos was old enough and got his drivers licenses, he drove his dad to many different churches.

Amos is preceded in death by his parents, Elder Willie and Rachel Collins, 3 brothers and 6 sisters: Junior (Marie) Collins, Samuel Collins, Arnold Collins (died as a newborn baby), Lucille (Grover) Moore, Melva (Bob) Brewer, Juanita Lacy, Avenelle Absher, Naomi Ruth Ramey, and ImaJean (Voughn) Baker and brother-in-law, Thurman Jones.

Amos was diagnosed with Parkinson's Disease about 25 years ago. His doctor told us it was not a disease unto death but it was a debilitating disease, meaning it effects every part of the body slowly over the years. It had taken Amos' voice away. He could barely talk. In the meantime he had two heart attacks over the years.

We can endure much throughout life with the help and hope of the Lord Jesus Christ, God's son.

Some days while Amos was lying on his hospital bed, we saw some beautiful smiles on his face. They would light up his whole face and ours as well. Those were the best moments. Compared to the blank stares that Parkinson's disease bestowed upon him, the smiles were heavenly to see. A few times it seemed Amos was eating Manna from Heaven. He would reach up get something in his hands and put it in his mouth. He would eat it with a peaceful, happy expression on his face. We all hope to be eating Manna from Heaven with him someday.

We love you Papaw Amos.  
Written by his loving wife,  
Vonda

A letter written by his granddaughter...

My Papaw has been there my entire life and it seems to unreal that he isn't anymore. He was a good grandfather, but he was more than that. My Papaw was a man of God. Amos Collins spent his life spreading his beliefs. He made sure his kids and grandkids knew about God. Though he was fighting Parkinson's disease for a long time, he still smiled, not to mention stubborn. I don't think he believed he was sick. He never acted like it at least. A couple weeks ago my sister and I were arguing who was the better driver and Papaw decided it was him. He loved me, I know he did and I loved him. He loved all his grandkids and he was proud of us. Most of all he loved my grandmother. He smiled at guests, his siblings but I've never seen him smile as big as he did when looking at her. My grandma loved him so much also. There are truly no words I could use to express how I feel. How anyone feels. Sadness has a way of doing that. So I'm going to say, "Rest in Peace my loving grandfather, and thank you God for taking away his pain and making him a beautiful angel. I love you Papaw. Fly High!"

Written by his 15 year old granddaughter,  
Katherine Rose Isaac (Katie)



## NORA FIELDS

In the middle of a cold and starry night at 1 a.m., on February 21, 1924, a beautiful baby girl was born to Elder Wesley Caudill and Millie (Whitaker) Caudill in Jeremiah, Kentucky. On December 11, 2014 in Middletown, Ohio God chose to call His child Nora home, making her stay on Earth 90 years and 10 months.

They gave this beautiful child the name of "Nora" named after the midwife's oldest daughter. She was the eleventh child in a family of 14 children. Nora is survived by one living sister, Bertha Anderson of Georgia.

Mother grew up in this big boisterous family with lots of happy memories. WWI was ending and the great depression was starting. Money and jobs were scarce. The family made their living from the land as best they could. Times were hard but Mother never spoke badly of her childhood. Her dad was an elder in the Old Regular Baptist (Elder Wesley Caudill) and her mother, Millie, belonged to it also. Mother said her dad talked to her often of the church and redemption and her mother sang with her children and read the Bible to them nightly. She was happy as a child.

As she grew older, the time of awareness of the world came upon her. At the age of 16-17 she met and married the love of her life, Coleman Fields, of Whitesburg, Kentucky. He was in the U.S. Army and it was WWII. To this union five children were born: Virgil Emory (Debra) Mansfield, Ohio; Millie Colene Stewart (Ronald), Naomi Stafford, Connie Fath (Jerry), Isaac Fields all of Franklin, Ohio.

During their first two years of marriage, Mother became burdened and started praying in earnest. She told me often of the night she gained redemption. She said she was dreaming one night and she was climbing a mountain. Up ahead she could see her dad but trying as hard as she could she could not catch up to him. So she started praying to God to let her reach her dad. She said a voice spoke to her and told her there was but one way to be with him. She said she prayed and prayed all night until early dawn and it was then she felt redemption come over her and the sweetest peace she had ever known.

She joined the old Doty Creek Church. Some of my earliest memories of Kentucky are walking for what seemed like miles to go to church with mother and Ma and Pappy.

Coleman got out of the service and times were still hard. Their family was growing (4 children by now) and jobs to support a family were scarce in southeastern Kentucky. So like many others Nora and Coleman decided to move their family to southwestern Ohio (Dayton, Ohio area), and try to make a living for themselves.

Daddy got a good job and we prospered there. But for Mother something was missing, her church. She also sang to us and with us and read the Bible to us. She taught us to live a good and moral life but she was still lonesome. We began traveling in Ohio, Indiana and northern Kentucky to go to churches of the Old Regular Baptist faith. It was rewarding but still not enough for Nora.

So she went about finding out how to start a church in the area where we lived. Nora wrote the elders in the church and they responded with instructions. She, her sister, Fannie Hampton and brother, Roy Caudill set about getting a church started. Meetings and church services were held in their homes and soon The Little Family Church was established. Nora remained a faithful member of it until her death. She was the last of the original starting members. Her last son, Coleman Isaac Fields, was born during this time.



Nora Fields

She leaves to mourn her passing: her 5 children and their spouses, 10 grandchildren, 1 step-grandchild, numerous great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren. Along with the above she leaves her sister, Bertha Anderson of Georgia, and her sister-in-laws: Centa Caudill of Ohio and Laura Fields of Louisville, Kentucky. She also leaves a host of nieces and nephews, her Brothers and Sisters in the church and friends and neighbors.

It is with great pride and love I have written this obituary of my mother and my best friend. To my brothers and sisters, Mother lived a way for us to follow as an example for us. Let her still guide us on our journey through life and try to lay the same example for our children to follow.

With loving thoughts and memories, written by her daughter in faith,  
Millie Colene Fields Stewart

### **BROTHER RAYMOND GILMAN**

Raymond Gilman went home to be with the Lord on July 23, 2015, his long awaited prayer. He was born on October 14, 1938 to the late Ance and Rosena (Ooten) Gilman at Myrtle, West Virginia. He was preceded in death by his parents, Ance and Rosena; his brothers: Charles Radford and Ance, Jr. Gilman; sisters: Verdie Southers and Minnie Wade; one grandson, Tyler Gilman. Raymond is survived by his wife of 53 years, Mintie Gay (Varney). He married the love of his life on December 30, 1961. He is survived by his daughters: Patti (George) Gagan of Dayton, Ohio; Rosa (Marc) Newsome of Kearney, Missouri; and a son, Raymond (Amy) Gilman II; seven grandchildren: John (Molley), Rebeka, Jenna, Ariel, Tabitha, Allison and Quinton; one sister, Phillis (Jerry) Dempsey of Columbia Station, Ohio; two brothers: Gus (Nancy) Gilman, Tucson, Arizona; Homer (Pauline) Gilman, Owosso, Michigan.



**Brother Raymond Gilman**

Raymond was a member of the Old Regular Baptist Church since December 1969. He was ordained as a deacon at Pleasant View Church in 1971. He served as deacon at Little Edna, Pleasant View and Eternal Rose. He served as Assistant Clerk and Treasurer for Eternal Rose Church since 2002.

In 2001, Raymond became paralyzed after having his fourth back surgery, and with this came many challenges along with more pain than he had had previously. He suffered in pain for 14 years and in the last few years he would ask the Lord to come take him home. Even through his suffering he was always glad when friends would stop by and visit or spend the night. He enjoyed having family at his home and especially loved it when his children and grandchildren came home.

Christmas was a special time for him for all the families would come home on Christmas Eve and he was so happy to be around everyone. After supper everyone would gather around the tree, he would put his Santa Claus hat on and someone would read the scriptures of the birth of Christ and a few Christmas songs were sung. One of the family members would be picked to hand him presents so he could read off the name of who the present was for. Sometimes after that a game of Yahtzee would break out. He loved to play Yahtzee with his children and grandchildren.

He and Mintie figured out how to get him on his lawn mower and he made hand controls to use. Up until recently, he mowed his own lawn which was about 3 ½ acres. It was a freedom he enjoyed.

Raymond was a smart man and could make or build anything. He came up with many

things for himself to use while being in a wheelchair. He would make up candy bags for his children, grandchildren and some neighbor kids at Christmas. In his car he always had bubble gum to give to his Amish friend's kids. He enjoyed getting to the store and for him and Mintie to get to eat out. Raymond enjoyed the simple things in life and cherished the moments with his wife, kids, grandkids, family and friends.

Raymond never wavered in his faith and the night before he passed away as his wife and two daughters were at his bedside he asked to have prayer. They held onto him and he prayed a humble prayer. Even through the man, the flesh and blood is gone, and we grieve for that which is lost his spirit lives on in his family's hearts. His soul has flown to be with God and he is rejoicing for there is no more pain, no sorrow, no wheelchair... he can walk on the streets of gold. Hallelujah!

Written by his loving daughters,  
Patti and Rosa

### **ELBERT LUTHER HAGERMAN**

With a very sad broken heart and the most precious memories, I will try to write the obituary of my loving husband, Brother Elbert Luther Hagerman. He was born December 15, 1922 in Jolo, West Virginia to Shade M. and Mary Jane Vance Hagerman. He had 2 brothers and 5 sisters. His mother, father, two brothers and one sister preceded him in death. In 1942, he went into the army and served 3 years and 1 month in World War II. When he returned home from the war, he married Sister Edith Hicks Hagerman, on August 1, 1946. To this union was born 9 children: Brother Elbert N. Hagerman, Brother Phillip J. Hagerman, Brother Enoch R. Hagerman, Brother Charles E. Hagerman, Sister Beulah M. Garcia, Madeline Slone, Jenedith Huff, Luther L. Hagerman, and Brother Joe C. Hagerman. He had a host of grandchildren and great-grandchildren. A granddaughter and grandson also preceded him in death.



**Elbert Luther Hagerman**

Brother Elbert Luther joined the Old Regular Baptist Church. His membership was at the Mount Olive Church in Valentine, Indiana where he also served as a deacon. He loved to travel on the bus and visit different churches. He had so many friends in the churches. When he was no longer physically able to travel, he'd call many of them often and just talk with them or ask them to remember him in prayer. He was loved by all who knew him.

I thank God that He blessed him to get a glimpse of his heavenly home before He took him home. As he lay in his hospital bed, he cast his eyes towards heaven and said, "I see a bridge, and I see 11,000 angels on the other side. He said they are all men." He asked, "can you hear that beautiful singing?" He stretched his arms upward and closed his eyes. There was a smile on his face. I believe with all my heart that God let him view the other side of Jordan. Bless His Holy name. Rest in peace and I will join you some sweet day.

Written by his broken hearted wife,  
Sister Edith Hagerman

## ELIZABETH (BATES) HAMILTON

Elizabeth (Bates) Hamilton was born September 2, 1937 in Whitesburg, Kentucky. Daughter of the late Uriah Lee Bates and Connie (Johnson) Bates. She was united in marriage to the late John Wess Hamilton on October 10, 1958.

Elizabeth is survived by one daughter, Donna Sue (Bill) Zidar of Tempe, Arizona and one son, Uriah Lee Hamilton of Allen Park, Michigan. She had 3 grandchildren that were the love of her life: Jason, Stephanie and Kaitlyn Zidar of Tempe, Arizona.

Elizabeth is the first of her siblings to pass, leaving a great loss for her sisters: Lola Eldridge, Maxine Quillen and Lizza Combs and brothers: Beck and Worley Bates. She also leaves many nieces and nephews behind that dearly loved her.

John 13:35 tells us, "By this shall all men know you are my disciples, if you have love for one for another." Elizabeth was a fine example of this verse. She was baptized in the mid 60's and joined the Old Regular Baptist Church. Elizabeth loved her church life whether it was attending, cooking or cleaning, always displaying the heart of a servant. She loved the Rose of Sharon Church in South Rockwood, Michigan where she was a member at the time of her passing.

In the same way that Christ came not to be served but to serve, the same could be said of Elizabeth. The desire of her heart was to serve. When her neighbor broke her hip, she was there with meals for weeks. This desire to serve was also displayed in her compassion for widows, whether it was visiting Sister Kelsa Davis weekly for years or driving Sister Mary to church, then taking her out to eat after.

Elizabeth loved and adored her grandchildren. When her grandson needed major kidney surgery or her granddaughters were being born she did not hesitate to get to Arizona to be with the family. When her grandson first moved to Arizona at 4 years old, she sent him two dollars to rent movies at Blockbuster so he would not be lonely. She was faithful in this for over 20 years until she was no longer physically able to do so.

John and Elizabeth loved walking at Southland Mall and Gibraltar Trade Center where many of these trips resulted in "care packages" being sent to her grandchildren.

Written by her heartbroken daughter,  
Donna Sue

I would also like to honor her son, my brother, Uriah Lee Hamilton at this time. Uriah quit his job on the spot when our mother broke her hand almost five years ago so she would not have to go into a nursing home. Being that mother would at times forget to call him for help and get up on her own, he slept on the floor at the foot of her bed. He took excellent care of our parents allowing both to pass at home. Whether it was taking dad to years of cancer treatments or just telling them how he loved them, he was there to meet all their needs.

The Bible tells us that what we do for "the least of these", we do for Him. My mother was the least of these; unable to walk, talk, eat, or take care of any daily activities. It took three hours for Uriah to get her ready to go to church. He took her to her church even though he was highly involved in his own church that he had attended for many years. For honoring our parents, I Thank You. For honoring the Lord that your parents loved so much, I Thank You.

The last thing I would like to say is, do not carry guilt for not being perfect. I would tell you what I've raised my kids telling them... To reach for perfection is sinful because other than Jesus, this is not possible. But not to reach for giving Our deserving Savior excellence is also sinful. My dear brother, you reached excellence! I love you.



Elizabeth (Bates) Hamilton

## SISTER SARAH JUSTICE

February 12, 1921 - December 24, 2014

Sister Sarah Justice (nee Kinder), age 93, of Sheffield Village passed away Wednesday, December 24, 2014 following a long illness. Born February 17, 1921 in Pikeville, Kentucky. She moved to Sheffield Village in 1963. Sarah worked over 20 years as a technician at Central Supply Department at Lorain Community Hospital, she retired in 1986.

Sister Sarah enjoyed going to church very much. She was a member at Little Pilgrims Home Church in Ruggles, Ohio.

She was married to Brother Hobart Justice for 72 years. She is survived by her husband, Hobart; son, Hobart Dale (Pam) of Pinkerton, Ohio; daughters: Ann (Robert) Gin of Dandridge, Tennessee; Janie (Dale) Sowards of Wittensville, Kentucky; Sharon (Mike) Meinke of Rio Rancho, New Mexico and Tonya Justice of Greensboro, North Carolina; 9 grandchildren, 5 great-grandchildren, and a brother, Herman Kinder of Carrolton, Kentucky.

Sister Sarah loved to have company and you could never leave without eating. She loved to cook. She will be greatly missed by friends and family.



Sister Sarah Justice

Written by her loving family

## FLORIA OWENS

Floria Owens, 89, of Fremont, Ohio went to join her husband, Ernest, in Heaven on March 19, 2015.

She was born on May 5, 1925 to David and Cosby Raines in Haisi, Virginia.

On December 27, 1925 she married Ernest Owens. At the time of this union, she had 3 children from a previous marriage. Together they had 2 daughter making them a family of 7.

Floria was a homemaker who enjoyed raising her children and making a good home for her husband.

She loved the Old Regular Baptist Church and all the wonderful people she met there. She also looked forward to camping season and fellowship with other church members. A member of the Bethel Church of Old Regular Baptist.

Floria was preceded in death by her husband, Ernest, and her daughter, Loretta Owens, and daughter-in-law, Linda Perkins. She is survived by her children: Lucy (Rick) Zieber, Danny Perkins, Marilyn (Ken) Hughs, Gail Myers; one sister, Ethel O'Quinn and thirteen grandchildren, numerous great-grandchildren, and great-great-grandchildren.

Mom's faith in the church was great and she knew the Lord had a home for her in heaven. She will be sadly missed.



Floria Owens

Written by her daughters,  
Marilyn Hughs and Gail Myers

## **EDITH M. (COFFEY) OWSLEY**

Edith Mae (Coffey) Owsley, 82, of Jackson, Ohio formerly of McArthur, passed away on Friday, April 3, 2015 at Four Winds Nursing Facility of Jackson, surrounded by her family.

She was born June 6, 1932 in Salyersville, Kentucky to the late Columbus L. and Margaret (Wireman) Coffey. She married Berlin Owsley on May 22, 1952, and bore three sons from this union. They were a very loving couple for nearly 63 years, always considering each other in every decision they made throughout their marriage. She was a loving, devoted wife, mother and a dear friend to many, she enjoyed helping others in any way she could.

She was a 1951 graduate of Coalton High School, Coalton, Ohio. She worked as a cook at Arcadia Acres Nursing Home, Ilesboro, and later as a nursing assistant at Twin Maples Nursing Home, McArthur, where she retired. She enjoyed gardening, quilting, crocheting and being the neighborhood barber. She was an excellent cook and loved inviting people into her home for a meal, and getting together with her family and friends.

She was a baptized member of Maggie's Home Church, Dundas, Ohio. She loved attending church, worshipping and praising the Lord alongside all of her spiritual brother and sisters, along with eating dinner and sharing in fellowship with them afterwards.

Edith is survived by her husband, Berlin Owsley, of Jackson; sons: Ron (Birgit) Owsley of Jackson, Gerald (Mary) Owsley of Marietta, and Berlin Douglas (Mindy) Owsley of Athens; brother, Winford (Joan) Coffey of North Fairfield, Ohio; sister-in-law, Arpie Coffey of Jackson as well as several grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by several brothers and sisters: David Coffey, Dormant Coffey, Rebecca Moore, Liberty Coffey, Susie Shepherd, Curt Coffey, Dan Coffey, Mary Patrick, Martha Frazier, Russell Coffey, Bertha Stacy, Myrtle Coffey, and an infant granddaughter, Mary Mae Owsley.

Edith was laid to rest on Friday, April 10, 2015 in Elk Cemetery, McArthur, Ohio. She is loved and sadly missed by her husband, family, and her many friends.



Edith M. (Coffey) Owsley

Written by her family

## **MARVIN POTTER**

Marvin Potter of Maineville, Ohio passed away on September, 21<sup>st</sup>, 2014. He was born December 29, 1927 in Seco, Kentucky to the late Grady and Polly Ann (Bentley) Potter.

On July 29<sup>th</sup>, 1946 while on leave from the U.S. Army he married the love of his life, Verna Mae Combs. God blessed them with 68 blissful years together. They were blessed with two children: a son, David (Christina) Potter, and a daughter, Marla (Darren) Bandy; four grandchildren: McKenzie and Daniel Bandy and Dylan and Shelby Potter all of who are left to mourn his loss, including many nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his sister, Enola (Arville) Williams, and a brother, Oscar Potter.

After many years of attending The Little Family Church in Jacksonburg, Ohio and retiring from General Electric, he came forward with an experience of grace and was baptized on April 13<sup>th</sup>, 1980. He was ordained as a deacon on July 11<sup>th</sup>, 1980. He served this office faithfully



Marvin Potter

until his death. He also served the Little Family Church as a clerk until he lost his eyesight to macular degeneration.

Brother Marvin loved the old time way. He never hesitated to stand up for his beliefs whether in The Little Family Church or the Association.

Earnie and I have such fond memories of traveling to different churches with Brother Marvin and Sister Verna Mae. We went on many trips with them to their farm near Whitesburg, Kentucky. When Spring would come he'd start talking about our next trip there.

Words can't express how much we miss him. He always told Earnie, you're not only a spiritual brother, I think of you as a natural brother too.

Sister Verna Mae, I know you're lonely and that you and the children miss him terribly, but you can take comfort that he doesn't have to struggle to breathe anymore, He's just resting for a little while waiting for that morning when we'll all raise in his likeness.

Written by,  
Sister Irene Tuttle

I sure do miss my dad, there's a special place in my heart for him. I loved watching you work outside all the time you enjoyed it so much. But I know you are in Heaven now and can see and are at peace.

Love you Daddy,  
Your daughter, Marla

### **JUANITA VANDERPOOL SALISBURY**

With the help of the Lord and a heart of love, I will try to write an obituary of a beloved Sister. Juanita Vanderpool Salisbury was born April 25, 1934 and was called home on June 22, 2014. She was the daughter of Beckham and Gertrude (Wallen) Vanderpool who preceded her in death. She met the love of her life, Hargus Salisbury, and on November 18, 1950 they were married and he preceded her in death on June 23, 2007. Surviving are four children: Peggy Honaker, Rick (Teresa) Salisbury, Toby (Patty) Salisbury, and Richard (Cassandra) Salisbury; 14 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren; one brother, Charles (Brenda) Vanderpool; and two sisters-in-law: Dora King and Joyce Wroten. She was also preceded in death by her brothers: Glenn, Bruce, James, Everett, and David Vanderpool, and sisters: Linda Cox and Alice Vanderpool. She also leaves a lot of family, Brothers and Sisters in the Lord who loved her dearly. There is an empty seat in the Mount Olive Old Regular Baptist Church where she was a member that can never be filled.



Juanita Vanderpool Salisbury

Every time I would think about writing this, these words to a song would come to my mind Sister, thou wast mild and lovely, Gentle as the summer breeze. If ever words described a person these described Sister Juanita. She was the most pleasant and humble person and had the prettiest smile. I always looked forward and cherished the times that we would be together.

She had many health issues, but she bore her sickness with patience for many years. I am sure she got discouraged along her way, but I believe she got acquainted with one that when she couldn't go on He carried her and blessed her with strength to face each trail. She let her light shine for many years and piled up stones along the way that her children and grandchildren and loved ones could see after she was gone.

I believe God saw that she was tired and had suffered enough. I believe He sent a band of Angels to carry her soul home to enjoy a peaceful rest. She is not suffering anymore. Blessed

are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors. She is sleeping the most peaceful sleep and nothing will disturb her until the morning of all mornings when Jesus comes on a cloud of glory to take His children home.

I don't know all of you, but I know what your Mom would want me to tell you. Don't weep for her. She can't come back to you and I don't believe she wants to, but by the Grace of God you can go to be with her. If you ever want to see her again you will have to do the same thing she did. Fall out with sin, beg with everything in you for mercy and surrender your whole life, soul, mind and strength to the Lord. There is a seeming way and if you are in this way the end is death, but if you choose the good part then you will have life. The choice is yours. Head religion will take you to that lake, salvation will take you to Heaven. You can accept the Lord all the days of your life and miss Heaven. You have to get yourself in a condition where the Lord accepts you. You must be born again. If you miss Heaven you have missed the best part. Time is running out. There is no repentance after death. While you have life and opportunity, repent. May God Bless all of her family

Heart of Love,  
Sister Jo

### SHIRLEY MANDEVILLE STIFFLER AND MYRA LOU SHEPHERD

It's with heavy the help of our Lord write the obituaries of sisters. Shirley and Myra within seven months of

Shirley Mandeville away on October Shepherd, 67, passed 2015.

Shirley was blessed Ronald, Russell, Randy, Kristopher, and Norman Mandeville. Myra was blessed to have three daughters: Bobby Joe Runyon, Tammy Polinsky, Crystal Eisnaugle, and one son, Russel Polinsky.

Preceding Shirley and Myra in death was their beloved mother, Rubel, and devoted father, Elder Okie Kent. Also preceding them in death was a brother, Robert, and a sister, Gloria. Shirley and Myra were the eldest grandchildren of Elder Anthony and Lovel Hamilton.

Shirley was a retired Registered Nurse, a loving mother and a loving grandmother. She worked at the Veteran's Hospital in Huntington, West Virginia. She attended church regularly and professed a hope in Jesus Christ.

Myra was a retired pre-school bus driver. She was also a devoted mother, grandmother and loving wife. Myra was confined to a wheel chair which made it hard for her to go to church. She also professed a hope in Jesus Christ. It was not uncommon for Myra to ask the brothers of the church to try on her whenever they happened her way.

We loved our sisters dearly. They will be missed more than words can say; however, we hope to meet our beloved sisters in Heaven one day.

Written with much love,  
Sister Lovel Clay and Sister Brenda Fortner



hearts and with that we try and our two beloved passed away each other.

Stiffler, 68, passed 19, 2014. Myra away on May 31,

to have five sons:



Shirley Mandeville Stiffler and Myra Lou Shepherd



## TAMERY COTTON BRAGG SHORT

“The Lord giveth and the Lord taketh away. Blessed be the name of the Lord”.

With many heartaches and much sadness, we will attempt, with the help of the Lord, to write an obituary of our sweet beloved Tamery. Tamery was born on February 14<sup>th</sup>, 1926 to the late Elder Eales and Erie Adams Cotton. God called for her and she answered on January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2015 at the age of 88 years, 11 months, and 22 days. She left a world of sorrow and entered a peaceful sleep. Tamery met and married Rueben Bragg at the tender age of 18. God blessed them to have three children, 2 little boys and 1 little girl: Kenny, Carol and Frankie.



Tamery Cotton Bragg Short

Tamery joined the Little Mary Church of Old Regular Baptist in the Philadelphia Association early in life, and belonged to Little Angel at the time of her death. She was a faithful servant and loved her church family dearly.

Later in life she married Terry Short who preceded her in death along with her first husband, Rueben; her youngest son, Brother Frankie Bragg, who also belonged to Little Angel; two brothers: Elder Frank Cotton and Elder Bill Cotton; and one sister, Elizabeth Wilson and her husband Kenny.

Left behind to mourn her loss and rejoice in her gain are two children: Kenny (JoAnn) of Columbus and Carol Steele of Columbus; four grandchildren: Tammi, Mike, Paul, and Shannon; six great-grandchildren: Christopher, Colin, Kayla, Carmen, Drew and Blake; one great-great-grandchild, Harry; two sisters: Ellen Steele of Grayson, Kentucky and Marjorie (Harry) Gose of Grove City, Ohio; four brothers: Larry (Joan) Russell, Kentucky; Kenneth and Milford, Grayson, Kentucky and John of Deland, Florida; one daughter-in-law, Phyllis Caudill, and one sister-in-law, Teresa Cotton Caudill.

Many family and friends will remember her fondly. Sleep on Sweet Sis. Your labors are over, your rest has begun.

Grief never ends but it changes,  
It's a passage, not a place to stay. Grief is not a sign of weakness  
Nor a lack of faith... It is the price of love.

Written by her broken hearted family

# OBITUARIES

## FRIENDS OF THE N.N.S.A.

### WILLIE H. (RED) ENGLE

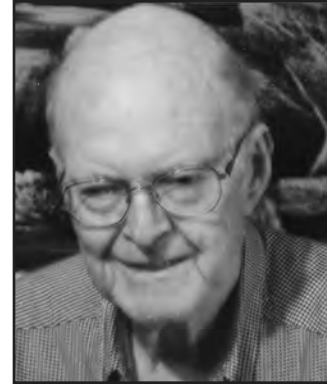
Willie H. (Red) Engle, age 87, son of the late Troy Engle, Sr. and Mattie (Sturgill) Engle was born at Eolia, Kentucky (Letcher County) on August 10, 1927 and he entered eternal life on Saturday, June 6, 2015 at his home, 4801 Clifton Avenue, Lorain, Ohio.

Willie was married to Emma Lou (Sergent) Engle on January 26, 1946. They moved to Lorain, Ohio in April 1954. He was employed by Standard Pipe (formerly Hill Hubble) and enjoyed gardening, doing odd jobs and spending time with his family.

Willie is survived by son, Billy (Redia) Engle of Elyria, Ohio and daughter-in-law, Valerie Engle of Lorain, Ohio. Willie is also survived by one brother, Charles Engle of Jenkins, Kentucky; two sisters: Vera Mae Sowards of Pound, Virginia, and Doris Jean Hunsucker (Letcher Manor Nursing Home) of Whitesburg, Kentucky, 5 grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren and 1 great-great-grandchild.

He is preceded in death by his wife of 67 years, Emma Lou (Sergent) Engle; son, Bobby Engle; brothers: Troy Engle, Jr. and Chalmer Engle; and sisters: Olga (Engle) Hampton and Nina (Engle) Hobbs.

Funeral Service for Willie H. (Red) Engle was conducted on Wednesday, June 10, 2015 at the Little Edna Church, Lorain, Ohio. Interment was at the Ridge Hill Memorial Park, Amherst, Ohio.



Willie H. (Red) Engle

Written by his brother,  
Charles Engle

### ARTHUR E. HALL, JR.

It is with much sadness that I will write this note about my big brother, Arthur E. Hall, Jr. Art was born September 3, 1955 in Wyandotte, Michigan and left us on December 9, 2014 in Denver, Colorado. The son of Arthur E. Hall and Sally J. (Potter) Hall; brother to Carrilla Hall Reuter (Michael) and Hazel A. Hall; beloved father of Nicholas A. Hall, Alexander E. Hall and Meredith L. Hall; and dear uncle to many nieces and nephews.

Art was an avid sports fan, particularly the New York Yankees and University of Kentucky Wildcat basketball. He was an encyclopedia of sports statistics, particularly baseball at a very young age he learned to document box scores. He played baseball well into his college career as a catcher, but his knees just couldn't take the strain.

He was also an innovator who always had great ideas on how to solve a problem or structure a deal. He provided mentoring and guidance to many individuals and projects both in the United States and in Europe. He and his children traveled extensively and saw much of the world, but they always returned home. He was an active presence in the Denver community, working with various projects that assisted children in reaching their full potential, from robotics to soccer.



Arthur E. Hall, Jr.

Art made a lasting impression on everyone he met and was adored by many and will be missed by even more. His memories will always be with us and he will continue to live in our hearts.

Written with love by his sister,  
Hazel A. Hall

## RYAN JASON HAMILTON

With the help of the good Lord we will try to write this obituary of our beloved son, brother, husband and father, Ryan Jason Hamilton. Ryan was born on February 24<sup>th</sup>, 1981 to Wendel and Clara (Tolson) Hamilton. He departed this life on November 21<sup>st</sup>, 2011, making his stay here on earth, 30 years and 9 months. He leaves behind to mourn his loss his mother (Clara) and his Dad (Wendel), step mom, Patty; and two brothers: Eric and Travis Hamilton. Also left to mourn his loss is his wife, Kari (Slone) Hamilton and his son, Mason Ryan Hamilton, whom he cherished more than anything in this world.



Ryan Jason Hamilton

Ryan loved sports and he also loved coaching young kids whether it would be baseball, football, basketball or wrestling. We would always watch our Cleveland sports teams, the Indians and especially the Browns, as he was growing up. Once he moved away he would always call me or his brothers to talk about the games results and potential roster moves he felt that would improve our chances. He wasn't afraid to give us his opinion.

It was a cold November day when he passed away, he and I had just spoken a few hours before he had passed, just like we did every day. He was at wrestling practice at East Ridge High School in Pike County doing what he loved to do which was coach his kids. He had actually started the wrestling program at East Ridge and during practice on this particular day he challenged a member of the team to a race. He was always pushing his team to be their best and like always he was right in the middle of it. I got the call around 5:30 that he had passed away from an apparent heart attack. It was simply devastating. Ryan worked so hard to earn his degree from Morehead State. He earned his four year degree in just three years. He was supposed to walk down the aisle in 2 weeks when he passed away. Part of our last conversation was how proud I was of him and that I would be there as he got his diploma.

Everything he did was because of his love for his family. He wanted to set the example for his son, Mason, that anything is achievable if you put in the effort. As he grew up he would ask me for advice. When he got older we were asking him for advice. Words can't describe how much we miss him. He was so happy when Mason was born. Mason came home in a Cleveland Browns outfit from the hospital. Ryan left his mark with the East Ridge Wrestling team. We still hear from them time to time. They were all pall bearers at his funeral. Miss you, Miss you, Miss you.

Written by,  
his broken hearted Dad.

Ryan, even though I don't have you anymore I know God took you home. My memories of you keep me going day by day. My best memory of you is the day you were born. My heart was filled with love like it never was before. A 9 lb baby boy. I love you so much and memories of you is what keeps me going. I will love you until my last breath of life is gone. A love that will never pass away.

Written by,  
his broken hearted mother, Clara

## SANDRA DEE HOUCK

Sandra Dee (Lawson) Houck was born on December 13, 1962 to loving parents, Don and Eva Lou Lawson. She died at her home, on the morning of September 8, 2014 surrounded by family. She is survived by her husband of 25 years, Keith Houck. She is also survived by two stepdaughters: Michelle and Marcie; her parents, Don and Eva Lou Lawson; three sisters: Dianne (Lee) Lawson, Pam (Paul) Shaeffer and Kimberly (Patrick) Thompson; three brothers: Rick (Diana) Lawson, Brian (Lori) Lawson and Shawn (Vickie) Lawson; and ten nieces and eight nephews.

She was laid to rest in Marcum Family Cemetery on County Road 8, near Wilkesville, Ohio.



Sandra Dee Houck

Sandy loved her family deeply. She was honest, caring, wise and understanding. When asked for her opinions or her advice begged, she told you exactly what she thought was right; which in turn prompted you to think more critically and urged you to solve your own life's difficulties while simultaneously, leaving no doubt you were loved, supported and ever welcome to call on her again. With incredible devotion and loyalty toward family and friends, she let everyone know how important they were to her. Unequivocally, therefore, she was a difference maker in the lives to those she touched. Whether it was a God-given gift or purpose driven habit, Sandy made you feel better before you left her presence. Talented, fun-loving and quietly competitive, Sandy lived life as an adventure. As a young person, Sandy loved jumping rope, riding her bicycle and playing an innocently scary version of "hide and seek" called, Ghost in the Graveyard. Many days and late evenings were spent playing outdoors with family and neighborhood friends. Even an untimely flop over her bicycle handlebars, resulting in two missing front teeth, could not break her youthful exuberance and passion for play.

As she grew older, competitive high school sports and horseback riding became her hobbies and energy outlets. Sandy picked up volleyball and softball and excelled in both while in school. Setting up her teammates for successful spikes and throwing pinpoint strikes to opposing batters helped her sports teams record many victories. As gritty and hard working as Sandy was at sports, few things relaxed her and filled her with more joy than a horseback ride through God's Country. From her first horse, Casey, to her beloved Sissy; from the timid, mild mannered Sonny; to a monster sized horse named Mouse, she loved to ride. If she had free time and the weather cooperated, you could probably find her on the trail.

In her professional life, she served fast food chicken out of a drive-thru window, pushed paperwork at a car dealership and drove a semi-truck crisscrossing the United States with her husband. Though very successful at each venture, it was her last profession in which I believe she took the most pride and worked most fervently. Until she literally could not shift the vehicle in and out of 'drive' because of her illness, Sandy drove a school bus for Vinton County Schools. Daily, she warmly greeted and safely transported children to and from school. Her goal each morning and afternoon was to make the short time they spent on her bus the best part of their day. Proof of the love between Sandy and her students came when local principals struggled with the plan on how to inform riders and their parents of Sandy's passing. So strong were the bonds between driver and the families she served, administrators took special care to break the news and minimize the ensuing sense of loss.

Upon her passing, Sandy left behind much more than a grieving group of family and friends, because she had spent a lifetime determined to be relevant in the lives of others, developing strong, loyal relationships with those around her and investing in them, Sandy

left a legacy of love, understanding and faith. She was an excellent example on how to treat others, how to live life seeking the silver lining and living to fulfillment with God's Blessings. Three days before her passing she gave us wonderful news that God had forgiven her and that she felt free. We feel she is resting under the Alter of God until that great morning. Though she did not seek or earn any educational degrees or certification, Sandy remains one of the best 'teachers' I have ever had.

All who knew her loved her, unconditionally and we all miss her earthly presence. Thank you, Lord for lending her to us for just a little while. We are better for it; as was all part of You Master Plan, Amen.

Written by,  
Brian Mathew Lawson (brother)

Thanks and appreciation are extended to all family for their contributions to this memorial.

### **JUANITA (EDITH) PRATER ROBINSON**

With a great void in our hearts we will attempt to write our precious mother's obituary. Mom was only known as Juanita by her family. Most people called her Edith, but in later years she was called Granny by everyone in the community, including us. Everyone who asked about her always asked "How is Granny." Mom was born June 7, 1932 to the late Alex and Nellie Adkins Prater in a holler called Greasy Creek, in Pike County, Kentucky. She left this world on January 28, 2015 after many years of illness.



**Juanita (Edith) Prater  
Robinson**

On March 13, 1952, she married her true love, Corburt Robinson. God Blessed their union with five children: Michael Corburt Robinson, Sheila Williams (wife of, Evans Williams), Pamela Browand (wife of, Dennis Browand), Deborah Justice (wife of, Elder Roger Justice), and Diana Thacker (wife of, Elder Garfield Thacker).

She had eleven grandchildren and nineteen great-grandchildren. Also left to mourn her loss are three sisters and one brother: Wilma Jarvis, Shelby Scott, Faye Toy; and her brother, Benny Prater.

Mom was preceded in death by dad, her parents and her sister, Katherine Looney. Her half brother, Don Kinney died in mid July 2015.

Mom often told Garfield and Roger her experience of Grace, and how the Lord had forgiven her of her sins, but never gave her hand to become a member of the Church. She told us the reason she would not give her hand. Her love for the Greasy Creek Old Regular Baptist Church showed every meeting time. She had her spot and would not sit any where else. She always called it her home, and was there both for Saturday and Sunday meetings. She never missed church unless she was sick. Granny believed in the old practice and stuck firmly to it.

Mom was in the hospital when she passed away. Lying on the bed so weak she could not speak. She could move her lips but not make any sound. A few hours before she left this world I noticed her trying to say something. I watched her mouth closely and called Sheila to come and see what she was trying to say. Her lips moved the same word over and over. It was not hard to tell what that word was. She kept saying HEAVEN, HEAVEN, HEAVEN. I truly believe she saw heaven waiting for her.

Rest peacefully mother. You have gained your HEAVEN.

Written with love by five lonely children.













# Rose of Sharon Church

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***Directions:***

From the south, take I-75 North to Exit 26 in Michigan, turn left at the stop sign, go a few yards to another stop sign and turn left again, cross over I-75, turn left on the first road you come to (Carleton-Rockwood Road). After you turn left, go approximately a half mile, the church is on the right across from the Ritter Elementary School.

From the west, take I-94 East to I-275 South to Exit 5, turn left at the stop sign and go 5 miles. You are on the same road the church is located on when you exit I-275 at Exit 5.



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