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We The New Salem Association of Old Regular Baptist of Jesus Christ, in session assembled with The Enterprise Church; a Joint Petition was presented to us from the following Churches, to-wit:

THE LITTLE REBECCA CHURCH

THE LITTLE JEWELL CHURCH

THE MAGGIE HOME CHURCH

THE LITTLE RUTH CHURCH

THE LITTLE POLLY CHURCH

THE LITTLE MAUDIE CHURCH

THE LITTLE FLOCK CHURCH

THE LITTLE MEMORY CHURCH

for Letters of Dismission as an Arm — from The New Salem Association, to be organized into a new Association whom we dismissed by Letters attached hereto, in Full Love and Fellowship — when organized into an Association Body at Plymouth, Ohio, the 3rd Saturday in October, 1957, by a regular chosen Presbytery from The New Salem Association — together with Ordained Authority from our corresponding Associations invited.

Done and Signed by Order of The New Salem Association.

Elder F. A. HOPKINS, *Moderator.*

Elder E. V. HOPKINS, *Assistant Moderator.*

Brother L. G. FRAZIER, *Clerk.*

Brother JOHNNIE TACKETT, *Assistant Clerk.*



## AUTHORITY

Plymouth, Richland County, Ohio,  
This the 19th day of October, 1957 A.D.

The herein named ordained authorities, being duly appointed and authorized by the officers and delegates of the New Salem Association in its 133rd annual session, convened with the Enterprise Church, Wales, Pike County, Kentucky, on Friday before the fourth (4th) Sunday in September, 1957, did assemble ourselves together at the Little Rebecca Meeting House to execute such duties as was delegated to us to do.

After singing a few of the old songs of Zion, Elder Tack Hall came to the stand and introduced the services and offered prayer, revealing a witness that surely God was pleased with our purpose. After prayer and supplication, and the intercession of thanks had been made, the ordained authorities from the New Salem Association, together with the invited ordained authorities from our sister Associations, in the presence of the Almighty God, and a host of beloved brethren and sisters of our faith, and a large and well ordered congregation of people, proceeded to organize themselves into a legal presbytery by selecting Elder M. V. Burke, Moderator Pro Tem., and Elder Roy B. Akers, Clerk Pro. Tem.

The brother Moderator then took the stand and briefly outlined the duties of a presbytery, and reminded them of the solemnity of the occasion. He instructed them that loyalty belonged to God and obedience to the creature, and that they were assembled here to do the will of God with no intent to honor man.

The ordained authorities were then seated together. The Moderator Pro Tem, then entertained a motion for a permanent moderator and clerk. On motion of Elder

Jonah Tackitt, and a second by Elder Johnie Hall, Elder M. V. Burke was chosen Moderator, and Elder Roy B. Akers was chosen Clerk of the presbytery.

The Elders and Deacons that composed the presbytery are as follows: Elders: Tack Hall, Burton Howard, Mcoy Combs, Johnie Hall, Jonah Tackitt, Anthony Hamilton, Worley Kidd, Lloyd Mullins, Walter Akers, M. V. Burke, and Roy B. Akers. Deacons: Wm. Hicks, and W. F. Compton, all from the New Salem Association. Elder Roy Hudson from the Union Association.

The delegates representing the churches that petitioned the New Salem Association for an arm to be organized into a new Association were assembled together. Their petitions were called for, and their delegates were properly seated.

Little Rebecca: H. N. Vanderpool, Willie Collins, and Banner Collins.

Little Jewell: Baxter Osborne, Steve Osborne, Forest Osborne, and Jubel Music.

Maggie Home: John Mullins, Shade Meeks, and Isaac Rose.

Little Ruth: Woodroe Fuller, George Hamilton, and Webster Bartley.

Little Polly: G. H. Caudill, and Richard Griffith.

Little Maudie: Claude Ousley, Delmer Williams, and Tip Collins.

Little Flock: Joshua Hicks, and Ray Hamilton.

Little Memory: Roy B. Akers.

After reading the several petitions and finding them in order, the presbytery proceeded to examine each dele-



gate and church as to their soundness relative to Old Regular Baptist customs, practices, order and discipline. They were further examined upon their orthodoxy, and faith in the precepts, and commandments of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. The Old and New Testament Scriptures, together with the Articles of Faith, Rules of Decorum, and the Constitution of the New Salem Association was used as a rule and guide to all questions asked, and the answers that were received. After a righteous examination had been made, and spiritual information had been obtained, the presbytery signified that they were satisfied with the examination.

The presbytery then pronounced that the above named churches were now organized into a legal Independent Association of churches with no power to Lord it over God's heritage, but to act as an advisory council, with no respects to persons or churches on all questions and queries that may legally come before them when assembled together. They were advised to take up Godly correspondence with any, or all associations of the same faith and order, that they may deem worthy. "For in unity there is strength." They were accorded the same benefits, rights and privileges as those enjoyed by the New Salem Association — To stand firm in the doctrine of Jesus Christ, to advocate the Gospel as defined in the written record of God, to exercise all the gifts permitted by the holy scriptures, and to choose with diligence the course of action that is to guide them through the stormy seas of persecutions that inevitably lie ahead, so long as they remain true to the rules set forth in this work.

Elders: Tack Hall, Burton Howard, Johnie Hall, and Mcoy Combs delivered wonderful, and righteous admonitions to the brethren that are to accept the burdens and responsibilities that will out of necessity, for the

cause of Christ be placed upon them. They were told that many heartaches, sore trials, and bitter persecutions await them. And that the enemies of Christ will seize upon these, and will devise many other methods to discourage and persuade them to leave the Ancient land marks. You must be willing to suffer on account of these things in defense of the doctrine that we advocate. For, if this doctrine is to be preserved until the second coming of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, you cannot relax one moment lest the enemy slip in unawares. "Hew to the line and let the chips fall where they may." "Work to the pattern that God gave to Moses on the Mount." Admit only those to your fellowship that come with an experimental knowledge of grace. Deny fellowship to all who, by cunning and crafty methods, would seek to destroy your liberty, that has been given to you in the spirit of Jesus Christ. Moreover, brethren, don't ever permit any doctrine that is not practiced by the Old Regular Baptist of Jesus of Christ to come among you, lest you lose your identity as the true and righteous representative of the earthly Kingdom of Israel's God. With great joy the brethren of this presbytery hand to you this charter. It is stained with the blood of Jesus Christ. Its way has been marked by the sufferings, and persecutions, of the Pilgrims, and the Martyrs, from the banks of Jordan's River, down to this very hour. It is given you in this life, and will follow you into Judgment. This charter has been sealed with blood, when coupled with the word of God. Guard it with your lives, and your sacred honor. And trust in the faith, that God will reward you according as your works shall be.

Elder M. V. Burke then read a charge to the brethren, and begged them in the name of Christ always remember this charge. (CHARGE) 2nd Tim. 4:1: "I charge



you, therefore, before God and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead, at His appearing, and His Kingdom, etc.," I John 1:7: "But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ, His Son, cleanseth us from all sin." )That you may ever be as the Father and Mother of the First Baptist.( Luke 1:6: "And they were both righteous before God. Walking in all the commandments and ordinances of the Lord, blameless." Eph. 4:3: "Endeavouring to keep the unity and the spirit in the bonds of peace." Jude 1:3: "Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you and exhort you, that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints." Eph. 4:4: "That we henceforth be no more children tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine by the slight of men and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive." I Cor. 15:58: "Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord." II Cor. 6:17-18: "Wherefore come out from among them and be ye separate, sayeth the Lord, and touch not the unclean things, and I will receive you, and will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be My sons and daughters, sayeth the Lord almighty. 'And may God never say to you as he said to the church at Thy-a-ti'ra.' Revelation 2:20 and 22: "Not with standing I have few things against thee, because you sufferest that woman Jez-e'bel which calleth herself a prophetess to teach and seduce my servant to commit fornication, and to eat things sacrificed unto idols. Behold I will cast her into a bed, and them that commit adultery with her, into great tribulation, except they repent of their deeds." II Cor. 13:14: "The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the

*communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you all. Amen."*

It was regularly moved by Elder Johnnie Hall, and seconded by Elder Jonah Tackett, that the presbytery cease its work and be dissolved. And that our work be closed with prayer by Elder Burton Howard. The joyful ending of this work was a further manifestation that the spirit of God had prevailed. May the spirit and the blessings of God go with each and every member of this New Association, and protect them until the mighty hand of God shall bring about an end to all things, according as it is written, is the fervent prayer of each and every member that composed this presbytery.

Everything was done in decency and good order, and we hope to the glory and honor of God. Done and signed by order of this presbytery.

ELDER M. V. BURKE, *Moderator.*  
ELDER ROY B. AKERS, *Clerk.*

After being duly constituted, the brethren and delegates representing the several churches organized themselves into a working body. Elder Baxter Osborne was selected as the first Moderator, and Elder H. N. Vanderpool, Assistant Moderator; Elder Roy B. Akers, Clerk; and Elder Claude Ousley, Assistant Clerk. By unanimous consent the name of the New Association shall be known as "THE NORTHERN NEW SALEM ASSOCIATION."

**PROCEEDINGS**  
**OF THE FIRST ANNUAL SESSION**  
**OF THE**  
**NORTHERN NEW SALEM ASSOCIATION**  
**OF**  
**OLD REGULAR BAPTIST, THE CHURCH**  
**OF JESUS CHRIST**

**FRIDAY SESSION**

In session assembled with the Little Jewell Church, Ashland, Boyd County, Kentucky, August 1st, 2nd and 3rd, 1958. After wonderful remarks and prayer by Elder Baxter Osborne, the introductory sermon was preached by Elder Newton Vanderpool from the following text: John, 10th chapter and the 9th verse: "I am the door; by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture."

Following the introductory sermon the delegates were dismissed from the stand and assembled at the church house. After some worthy remarks by Elder Jhonnie Hall, from the New Salem Association, the Association was called to order by our beloved Moderator, and proceeded to do business in the following way:

1. The letters from our churches were called for and noted. By a move and second, the letter from Little Jewell Church was read. After reading the letter, the delegates and their letters were received and seated. By the same motion, all queries and requests be referred to the Committee on Arrangements.

2. The Association was then organized by electing Elder Baxter Osborne, Moderator; Elder Newton Vanderpool, Assistant Moderator; Elder Roy B. Akers, Clerk; and Elder Claude Ousley, Assistant Clerk.

3. Called for newly organized churches, and received none.

4. By a move and a second it was agreed that the Articles of Faith, Rules of Decorum, and the Constitution be read.

5. Called for letters from Corresponding Associations of our faith and order, and received none.

6. Called for Associations of our faith and order desiring to take up correspondence with us, and none responded.

7. Called for transient ministers and members, and received the following from:

(a) New Salem Association: Elders Johnnie Hall, Banner Manns, Troy Nichols, J. M. Hall, Burton Howard, Henry Blair, Jerry Hall, Sr., Wiley Coffee, M. V. Burke, Malcolm Ousley, Virgil Caudill, Anthony Hamilton, Jonah Tackett, Jesse Osborne, Roy Hudson, Jesse Moseley, and Mitchell Chaffins. Brothers: Ballard Little, G. W. Osborne, and Hager Watts.

(b) Union Association: Elders: Francis Hubbard, Fon Bowling, Garland Mullins, Albert Boggs, Elmer Church, Geo. Perrigan; and Brothers: Fred Charles, Jesse Bryant, J. H. Mitchell, Sam Irwin, and Lonnie Mounts.

(c) Indian Bottom Association: Elders: J. W. Pratt, Olan Baldrige, and Alonzo Watts. Brother John Smith.

(d) Sardis Association: Elder Emmitt Case.

(e) Mud River Association: None.

(f) Philadelphia Association: Elders: Jesse Boggs, Elias Cotton, John Moore, Ira Adkins, Ernie Runyon;



and Brothers: Fred Akers, Elmer Rayburn, W. L. Woods, and D. H. Gilliam.

8. By a motion and a second the Moderator was authorized to make all temporary appointments.

9. Appointed a Committee on Ministry, consisting of one delegate from each church together with the entire delegation from Little Jewell Church, to arrange the preaching for Friday night and Saturday, to-wit: (1) Brother Walter Parker to open, (2) Elder John Moore, (3) Elder Banner Manns to close. For Saturday: (1) Elder Virgill Caudill to open, (2) Elder Jerry Hall, Sr., (3) J. W. Pratt, (4) Elder Burton Howard to close.

10. By a move and a second Elder Ray B. Akers was appointed to write a letter of petition for Godly correspondence to the following Associations, to-wit: New Salem, Union, Indian Bottom, Sardis, Mud River, and Philadelphia.

11. No business. No arrangements.

12. By a move and a second the Association adjourned until 9:00 o'clock Saturday morning.

#### **SATURDAY MORNING, AUGUST 2, 1958**

Met pursuant to adjournment and, after singing some of the songs of Zion, remarks and prayer was made by Elder Willie Collins. The Association was then called to order by our beloved Moderator.

1. Called the roll and marked the absentees.
2. Read the bill of arrangements. No committee.
3. Reading of the Circular Letter written by Elder

Willie Collins. By a move and a second the letter was received and ordered printed in our Minutes. By the same motion Elder Newton Vanderpool was chosen to write the Circular Letter for next year, 1959.

4. Appointed a Committee on Finance, who reported the sum of \$340.00 contributed by all the churches.

5. Called for Treasurer's report. None. Received from the churches this year..... \$ 340.00  
Received for pictures ..... 5.00

Grand total ..... \$ 345.00

6. By a move and second the Treasurer's report for this year was received.

7. By a move and second the Clerk is to supervise the printing of the Minutes. And that he have 1,500 copies printed, and that the printers' fee be printed on the front cover of the Minutes. And that the address of each church be given, together with the addresses of the Moderators, Clerks, delegates and ordained ministers.

8. It was moved and seconded that we print obituaries of deceased members, and friends of our faith, in our Minutes. Pictures can be had by any member desiring the same at the member's expense.

9. By request from Little Polly Church it was moved and seconded to publish Brother Lacy Allen in dis-  
order.

10. Union Meetings: No report. It was moved and seconded that we have Union Meetings and note them in our Minutes. By the same move the communion time of each church is to be printed in our Minutes.

11. Brethren appointed to attend Associations::



(a) **NEW SALEM:** When convened with the Little Creek Church Yeager, Pike County, Ky., on highway No. 23. Beginning on Friday before the fourth Saturday in September, 1958. Elders Baxter Osborne, Newton Vanderpool, Claude Ousley, Roy B. Akers, Delmar Williams, Rich Griffie, Sollie Miller, Stephen Osborne, and Brother Jesse Bryant. Letter in the hands of Elder Newton Vanderpool.

(b) **UNION:** When convened with the Old Union Church at Jonancy, Pike County, Ky. Beginning on Friday before the third Saturday in September, 1958. Elders: Newton Vanderpool, Baxter Osborne, Willie Collins, Steve Osborne, Roy B. Akers, Sollie Miller, Delmar Williams, and Brothers Webster Bartley and Shade Meeks. Letter in the hands of Elder Baxter Osborne.

(c) **INDIAN BOTTOM:** When convened with the Big Leatherwood Church at Cornettsville, Perry County, Ky. Beginning on Friday before the first Saturday in September, 1958. Elders: Baxter Osborne, Sollie Miller, Roy B. Akers, Steve Osborne, Joshua Hicks. Brothers: Banner Collins, Tip Collins, Forrest Osborne, Alonzo Tackett, Jubel Music, Jesse Bryant, and Shade Meeks. Letter in the hands of Elder Roy B. Akers.

(d) **SARDIS:** When convened with the Tobitha Church, one mile below Omar, W. Va., on Route No. 119, Logan County. Beginning on Friday before the second Saturday in September, 1958. Elders: Steve Osborne, Baxter Osborne, Delmar Williams, Claude Ousley, Joshua Hicks, R. B. Akers. Brothers: Jesse Bryant, Alonzo Tackett, Woodrow Fuller, George Hamilton, Tip Collins, and Banner Collins. Letter in the hands of Elder Baxter Osborne.

(e) **MUD RIVER:** When convened with the Mt. Zion Church at Pecks Mill, Logan County, W. Va. Beginning on Friday before the fourth Saturday in August, 1958. Elders: Baxter Osborne, Steve Osborne. Brothers: Forrest Osborne, and Alonzo Tackett. Letter in the hands of Brother Forrest Osborne.

(f) **PHILADELPHIA:** When convened with the Mt. Olivet Church at Warnock, Greenup County, Ky. Beginning on Friday before the second Saturday in August, 1958. Elders: Baxter Osborne, Roy B. Akers, Steve Osborne, Newton Vanderpool, Willie Collins, and Brothers: Alonzo Tackett, Jubel Music, Tip Collins, Banner Collins, John Mullins, Shade Meeks, Isaac Rose, and Elder Joshua Hicks. Letter in the hands of Elder Willie Collins.

12. A committee was appointed to make arrangements for preaching a Saturday Night and Sunday, who arranged the following, to-wit: (1) Elder Claude Ousley to open, (2) M. V. Burke, (3) Emmitt Case for Saturday Night. For Sunday: (1) Elder Sollie Miller to open, (2) Mitchell Chaffins, (3) Baxter Osborne to close.

13. It was moved and seconded that our next Association be held at the Maggie Home Church at McArthur, Ohio, beginning on Friday before the first Saturday in August, 1959, and continuing the two following days. By the same move the delegates voted that Elder Steve Osborne would preach the introductory sermon, and Elder Willie Collins be his alternate.

14. The Moderator appointed a committee consisting of Elder Baxter Osborne and Claude Ousley to assist committees that might be appointed by our sister Associations in gathering such materials as they may deem necessary to go into the publication of a true history

of the Old Regular Baptist of Jesus Christ.

NOTE.—Directions to Maggie Home Church, where the Association will be held in 1959, is as follows: Those coming from Kentucky, take Ohio State Highway No. 75 out of Ironton, Ohio, to Dundee, Ohio.

### SUNDAY MORNING, AUGUST 3, 1958

1. Met at the stand with a large and a well ordered congregation. The ministers chosen by the committee were present. Services were introduced by Elder Sollie Miller who was very ably blessed.

2. Elder Mitchell Chaffins, second on the stand, preached from Psalms 34:7: "The angel of the Lord encampeth around about them that fear Him, and delivereth them." Also, Hebrew 13:2: "Be not forgetful to entertain strangers: for thereby some have entertained angels unawares. Brother Chaffins was wonderfully blessed, and adhered strictly to the subject.

3. Elder Garland Mullins, third on the stand, preaching from the New Testament Scriptures: the plan of repentance and eternal salvation. He too was wonderfully blessed.

4. Elder Baxter Osborne, our beloved Moderator, came to the stand and preached and closed this, the first annual session of the Northern New Salem Association. In the closing, we feel that we, the children of God, had the witness that surely God had been pleased with everything that had been done during our Godly deliberations in His name. Amid the shouting, and the singing of the songs of Zion, together with the inspirational preaching of our beloved Moderator, we had the feeling that this closing was only a foretaste of the

eternal bliss that will be ours when we meet in a congregation that never breaks up.

All the preaching throughout the entire Association was inspirational, and came as bread cast upon many waters, to be gathered in not many days hence.

This brought to a close the First Annual Session of The Northern New Salem Association, whose sails are set along the side of the blood-stained banner of Jesus Christ, with a fixed and steadfast purpose to help our sister Associations, direct all peoples and nations to the city of our God, by that measure of grace He has given unto us.

Old brethren, who have been faithful in the cause of Christ for almost a half a century, were heard to remark that this was one of the first Associations that they had ever attended unmired by crossed opinions and unprofitable debate, and that every move was decided without opposition. However, they warned that troubled waters lie ahead. They admonished the officers to keep alert in the spirit of love, and watch for those that seek to destroy our liberty as it is in CHRIST JESUS OUR LORD.

We want to extend our heartfelt thanks to the Little Jewell Church for their untiring efforts to provide for the welfare of the visiting delegates, and brethren and sisters and friends.

We further want to extend our gratitude to our beloved brethren and sisters of the Philadelphia Association for their cooperation and help in making our Association a success. Also we extend our thanks to Mr. G. H. Cooksey and Mr. John Gamble for allowing us to use their property, and to the Boyd County Board of Education for the use of their property in parking cars;



also, to the community around and about for their generosity and quietness.

So, dear brethren, let us all be continually in prayer that when we come together again next year that peace, love and unity may abound.

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

ELDER BAXTER OSBORNE,  
*Moderator.*

ELDER NEWTON VANDERPOOL,  
*Assistant Moderator.*

ELDER ROY B. AKERS,  
*Clerk.*

ELDER CLAUDE OWSLEY,  
*Assistant Clerk.*

### UNION MEETINGS

#### APRIL

LITTLE JEWELL CHURCH—Fourth Saturday and Sunday in April, 1959. Elders: Burton Howard, Emmitt Case, Eddie Tackett, Fon Bowling, Newton Vanderpool, Willie Collins, and Mitchell Chaffins to attend.

#### MAY

LITTLE MEMORY CHURCH—Second Saturday and Sunday in May, 1959. Elders: Baxter Osborne, Steve Osborne, John Moore, J. W. Pratt, Manas Isom, Newton Vanderpool, and Sidney Hudson to attend.

#### JUNE

LITTLE POLLY CHURCH—Second Saturday and Sunday in June, 1959. Elders: Newton Vanderpool, Claude Owsley, Anthony Hamilton, Delmar Williams, and Burton Howard to attend.

LITTLE REBECCA CHURCH—Third Saturday and Sunday in June, 1959. Elders: Virgill Caudill, Roy B. Akers, Baxter Osborne, Francis Hubbard, Olan Baldrige, Steve Osborne, and the Moderator to attend.

MAGGIE HOME—Fourth Saturday and Sunday in June, 1959. Elders: H. M. Vanderpool, Delmar Williams, John Moore, Fon Bowling, Charlie Adkins, M. C. Wright, and Anthony Hamilton to attend.

LITTLE MAUDIE—Second Saturday and Sunday in June, 1959. Elders: Mitchell Chaffins, Olan Baldrige, Anthony Hamilton, Richard Griffith, Moderator and Assistant Moderator to attend.

#### JULY

LITTLE RUTH CHURCH—Second Saturday and Sunday in July, 1959. Elders: Garland Mullins, Mitchell Chaffins, Fon Bowling, Boyd Smallwood, Newton Vanderpool, and Moderator to attend.

LITTLE FLOCK CHURCH—Third Saturday and Sunday in July, 1959. Elders: Walter Parker, Steve Osborne, Ross Hopkins, Richard Griffith, Fon Bowling, and Teddy Parker to attend.

## CONSTITUTION

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 keep the order and rules of an Association according to the following plan of government:

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.

2. In the letters shall be expressed their number in fellowship, those baptized, received by letter, dismissed, excluded, and deceased since our last Association.

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.

4. The Association, when convened, shall be ruled by a regular and proper decorum.

5. The Association shall have a Moderator and Clerk chosen by the members present.

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 of the Association.

7. Every query presented by the church to the Association,

being first debated in their own churches, shall be taken up by the Association.

8. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association except when withdrawn by the one who made it.

9. The Association shall endeavor to furnish the church with Minutes of the Association.

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 to the Union to contribute such sums as they think proper, and send it by their delegates to the Association, and such sums to 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.

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.

12. The Minutes of the Association shall be read, and corrected if need be, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the Association rises unless the same is dispensed with.

13. Amendments to this plan or form of government may be made by a majority of the Union, if deemed necessary.

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 Association which shall be by a unanimous vote.



15. The Association shall have the power for the general union of the churches; to preserve inviolable a chain of communion among the churches; to give churches all necessary advice in matters of difficulty;; to inquire into the cause of the churches failing to represent themselves at any time in the Association, to appropriate the money contributed by the churches for the Association fund, to any purpose they may think proper; to appoint any member, 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 shall violate the rules of the Association, or deviate from the orthodox principles of religion; 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

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

2. We believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the written words of God and the only rules of faith and practices.

3. We believe in the doctrine of election by grace, for by grace are ye saved through faith.

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 the Saviour is needed for our redemption.

5. We believe that sinners are called to repentance

and believe in the Gospel and regeneration of the soul and sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise, and none such shall fall away and be lost.

6. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God only by the imputed righteousness of JESUS CHRIST.

7. We believe that baptism is the ordinance of God's church on earth and the mode of IMMERSION back foremost so as to cover all over.

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

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.

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

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

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.

13. We believe that the Church of Christ is a con-

gregation 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.

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

15. None of the above articles shall be considered as to hold with particular election and reprobation so as to make God partial directly or indirectly, nor to injure any of the children of men; nor shall any of these articles be altered without legal notice and free consent.

#### **RULES OF DECORUM**

1. The Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.

2. A Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen by the members present.

3. Only one member shall speak at a time, who shall arise from his seat and obtain consent from the Moderator when he is about to make his speech.

4. The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted in his speech by anyone except the Moderator until he is through.

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 or imperfections, but shall fairly state the cause as nearly as he can so as to convey his ideas.

6. No person shall abruptly absent himself from the

Association without leave of the Association.

7. No person shall speak more than three times on any subject without leave of the Association.

8. No person shall have the liberty of laughing during the sitting of the same nor whisper in time of public speech.

9. No member of the Association shall address another in any other term or appellation than that of "Brother."

10. The Moderator shall not interrupt or prohibit any member from speaking until he gives his light on any subject unless he violates the rules of the decorum.

11. The names of the members of the Association shall be enrolled by the Clerk and called as often as the Association requires.

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.

13. Any member who shall willingly and knowingly violate any of the decorum shall be reproved by the Association as they think proper.

#### **CIRCULAR LETTER**

Dear brethren and sisters of the Northern New Salem Association of Old Regular Baptist faith and order. It is by your request that I make this attempt to write a circular letter for your inspection. I hope to be guided by the spirit of the good Lord to write from the following subject. It will be found in I Corinthians, 2nd



chapter, and 4th verse: "And my speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the spirit and of power." That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God. Matthew, 11th chapter, verse 19: "Wisdom is justified of her children. The son of man came eating and drinking, and they said, behold a man glutton, a friend of publicans and sinners." Luke 2:40: "And the child grew, and waxed strong in spirit, filled with wisdom: and the grace of God was upon him." I Cor. 1:17: "For Christ sent me not to baptize, but to preach the Gospel: not with wisdom of words, lest the cross of Christ should be made of none effect." For the preaching of the Gospel is the power of God: to them that believe. I Cor. 1:20: "Where is the wise? where is the scribe? where is the disputer of this world? hath not God made foolish the wisdom of this world?" For after that in the wisdom of God the world by wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. To every one that believeth, to the Jew first, and also to the Greek, for therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith.

So I believe there is a revealing power in this old time way, and that there is a difference in the children of God, and the children of the world. For the tree is known by the fruit it bears. So then, I am not worried about the children of God because they are new creatures. Old things are done away, and behold all things have become new.

There is one Lord, one faith, and one baptism, and all are baptized into one body, all that believe. Jesus said: "Except ye believe that I am He, you shall die

in your sins." Faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God. And how can you hear without a preacher? and, how can they preach except they be sent? So let every man abide in the calling, wherein he is called, and by this let every man preach Jesus, the way, and the life, for life in Him is everlasting strength. So then let the Lord do the leading, and let us do the following. And, while we are scattered abroad, let us pray for each other, and let our light shine that others may see our good works, and glorify our Father. May we, His children, lead a quiet and a peaceable life, and may God help us to let Old Baptists grow, for it is the light of this land.

So then, brethren and sisters, be good to one another, and let us love and pray, one for another, that our faith may grow stronger and our hopes brighter, that we all may be looking at the same time for the coming of our Lord to get His church, and present her to the Father without spot. Then what a joyful meeting that will be, and to hear Him say, "Here is your reward," and march around that golden throne and sing that new song, singing glory hallelujah throughout eternity. For heaven is real, and for real men and women that have been born again. For the soul is born again and the body is brought forth in the resurrection a complete man into heaven, a land of joy and peace, forever in the presence of the Lord and his holy angels, where there will be no more heartaches, nor pains to bear. Then can we say, "The Lord is our Shepherd, and that He leads us by the still water of His love, and makes us to lie down in green pastures and restores our souls." So let us go on to perfection, ever looking to Jesus for our help and our strength, that when life is done, that we can say, "Well done, I have kept the faith," and hear Jesus say, "Here is your crown, enter into the joys of the Lord,

and be seated with Abraham and Isaac in the Kingdom of God to live forever and ever."

For there is nothing more real in this life than to have this hope of Christ, which is the anchor of the soul that is sure and steadfast, and unmoveable, and to lean upon His arm in the time of trouble. For He is a rock in this weary land, and a shelter in the time of storms. So may God help us to live more humble. Let us lay aside every sin that so easily besets us, and let us run this race with patience, that is set before us, that others may see our good works, and say surely the Old Baptist is the Church, and its members are the children of God. If we live like the world, then what can we expect others to say about us? So let us live like the good Lord wants us to, that when the wheel stops at the cistern, and the silver cord is broken, then we can say, "Come on, children, and go with us, for heaven is open, and the angels are standing by to welcome us home." So may God bless every little child of God, that they may always be able to hold to each other, and march together, that the world may look on and have a desire to join this wonderful army in their march through this world, holding up the cross of Jesus, that others may look and live. Jesus said: "Take my yoke upon you and learn of Me. My yoke is easy and My burden is light." The call has gone out to all men, look unto me all ye ends of the world and be ye saved, for I am God, and beside me there is no other. But to them that have this hope of Christ in their heart, when this life is over can say, "I will see you again in the resurrection day of the Lord." When the Lord shall leave heaven with a shout, and the voice of the archangel, and the trumpet of the Lord, the dead will arise first. They will then receive the long white robe, and a crown—with a palm in their hand, and we will then

be perfectly satisfied in that beautiful home that the Lord has prepared for all that love and serve Him. I hope that the mercy of God will be extended to our children that they may turn to Him before it is too late. This letter is getting lengthy, so I will close.

So, dear brethren, pray for me when it goes well with you, and I hope to meet you all in Heaven some day.

Your brother in the hope of eternal life,

WILLIE COLLINS.



## OBITUARY



WILLIAM (BILL) H. PRATER

By request of his wife and children I will try and write an obituary of a good husband, and a brother in the Lord, to-wit: Brother William Prater. He was born August 24, 1901, and departed this life January 13, 1958, making his stay on earth 56 years, 4 months, and 20 days. He was the son of Joe and Judy Bently Prater. On May 2, 1922, Brother "Bill" was married to Ellie Prater, and to this union was born the follow-

ing surviving children, namely: Charles and 'Hershel Prater, and Marcella Farmer, all of Columbus, Ohio; Jerry and Ronnie Prater, both at home at McArthur, Ohio. He also left five brothers and two sisters, namely: Dock, Miley, Jim, Oscar, and Melvin Prater, Monnie Frazier and Pearley Patton. Nine grandchildren, his companion, and a host of friends to mourn his loss. But we feel that our loss is heaven's eternal gain.

Brother "Bill" joined the Old Regular Baptist Church and had his membership at the Maggie Home Church. He was an ordained Deacon, which office he served with all of his heart. By the experience I have had with Brother "Bill," I can truly say that he was a good Deacon, and fought the good fight of faith, and bore his cross and endured the pain. He not only served his own Church, but our sister churches in this area as well, as a borrowed Deacon. He will be greatly missed in the churches, but most of all in his home.

He has lain down his cross, and I believe from the depths of my heart that he just went to sleep in the arms of Jesus, and that in the resurrection morn his body will come forth out of the grave and the soul and body will be reunited together, and then he will be a perfect man. So I can only say to sister Ellie and the children "cheer up" and let us say, even as David said, "We know that he can't come back to us, but by the grace of God we can go to him." So, children, if you want to see daddy again, repent of your sins, remember the good counsel that he gave you, and love the God that Brother "Bill" loved, and you won't have to say good-bye—but farewell just for a few days.

Written by a brother in hope of eternal life.

JOHN MULLINS.

NOTE.—Brother "Bill's" memorial will be preached at the Maggie Home Church the fourth Saturday and Sunday in October, 1959. Everybody is invited.

### CHURCHES AND THEIR ADDRESSES

Little Rebecca ..... Plymouth, Ohio  
Little Jewell ..... 209 Wheatly Road, Ashland, Ky.  
Maggie Home ..... McArthur, Ohio  
Little Ruth ..... Delaware, Ohio  
Little Polly ..... Stockbridge, Mich.  
Little Maudie ..... McGuffy, Ohio  
Little Flock ..... Jackson, Ohio  
Little Memory ..... Sunman, Indiana

### CHURCH CLERKS AND THEIR ADDRESSES

Little Rebecca—Banner Collins, 103 East Main St.,  
Plymouth, Ohio.  
Little Jewell—Alonzo Tackett, 160 McKnight St., Ash-  
land, Ky.  
Maggie Home—John Mullins, Route 1, Box 269, Vinton,  
Ohio.  
Little Ruth—William P. Deal, P. O. Box 113, Dela-  
ware, Ohio.  
Little Polly—James Bartley, 307 Hale St., Eaton Rapids,  
Mich.  
Little Maudie—Delmar Williams, Route 2, Shiloh, Ohio.  
Little Flock—John Mullins, Route 1, Box 209, Vinton,  
Ohio.  
Little Memory—Howard Collins, Route 1, Osgood, Ind.

### DELEGATES TO THE NORTHERN NEW SALEM ASSOCIATION

Little Rebecca—Willie Collins, Tip Collins, and Banner  
Collins.

Little Jewell—Alonzo Tackett, Forrest Osborne, and  
Jubel Music.

Maggie Home—John Mullins, Joshua Hicks, and Isaac  
Rose.

Little Ruth—Webster Bartley, Geo. Hamilton, and Ves-  
ter Mullins.

Little Polly—Hillard Castle, Richard Griffith, and  
George Castle.

Little Maudie—Claude Ousley, Woodrow Fuller, and  
Delmar Williams.

Little Flock—McKinley Rowe, Shade Meeks, and Roy  
Hamilton.

Little Memory—Sollie Miller, Vanburn Hall, and Luther  
Keaton.

### CHURCHES AND THEIR COMMUNION TIME

Little Rebecca—Third Sunday in August.

Little Jewell—Fourth Sunday in June.

Maggie Home—Fourth Sunday in July.

Little Ruth—Second Sunday in August.

Little Polly—

Little Maudie—

Little Flock—

Little Memory—Second Sunday in July.



## ORDAINED MINISTERS

H. M. VANDERPOOL, Route 1, Plymouth, Ohio.  
 WILLIE COLLINS—Route 1, Tiro, Ohio.  
 CLAUDE OUSLEY—Route 1, Plymouth, Ohio.  
 DELMAR WILLIAMS—Route 2, Shiloh, Ohio.  
 BAXTER OSBORNE—Route 1, Box 346, Ashland, Ky.  
 B. J. MOORE—12th Street, Ashland, Ky.  
 STEVE OSBORNE—Route 1, Portsmouth, Ohio.  
 ROY B. AKERS—408 Christopher Place, Louisville, Ky.  
 JOSHUA HICKS—Route 4, Jackson, Ohio.  
 WOODROW FULLER—Route 3, Marysville, Ohio.  
 WRILE TUTTLE—Route 2, Willard, Ohio.  
 RICHARD GRIFFITH—Route 1, Takoooha, Mich.  
 H. B. RAY—300 East Grand Blvd., Detroit, Mich.  
 SOLLIE MILLER—Route 1, Milan, Ind.

## STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	Rec'd by Baptism	Rec'd by Letter	Recommendation	Restored	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Total Membership	Meeting Time	Money Contributed
Little Rebecca	11	6	0	0	4	0	1	65	3	\$ 50.00
Little Jewell	3	2	0	0	4	0	0	50	4	50.00
Maggie Home	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	24	4	50.00
Little Ruth	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	13	2	50.00
Little Polly	3	1	0	2	2	0	0	28	2	25.00
Little Maudie	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	8	1	50.00
Little Flock	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	5	3	25.00
Little Memory	4	0	0	0	2	0	0	15	2	40.00
TOTAL	24	10	0	2	15	0	2	208		\$340.00
Money for pictures										5.00
GRAND TOTAL										\$345.00

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PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE FIRST ANNUAL SESSION OF THE  
NORTHERN NEW SALEM ASSOCIATION.  
OF  
OLD REGULAR BAPTIST THE CHURCH  
OF JESUS CHRIST  
FRIDAY SESSION

In Session assembled with the Little Jewell Church, Ashland, Boyd County, Kentucky, August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1958. After wonderful remarks <sup>and</sup> prayer by Elder Baxter Osborne, the introductory sermon was preached by Elder Newton Vanderpool, from the following text: John 10<sup>th</sup> Chapter <sup>and</sup> the 9<sup>th</sup> verse: "I am the door; by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, <sup>and</sup> shall go in <sup>and</sup> out, and find pasture."

Following the introductory sermon the delegates were dismissed from the stand, <sup>and</sup> assembled at the Church house. After some worthy remarks by Elder Johnie Hall from the New Salem Association, the Association was called to order by our beloved moderator, <sup>and</sup> proceeded to do business in the following way:

- (1.) The letters from our churches were called for and noted. By a move <sup>and</sup> second, the letter from Little Jewell Church was read. After reading the letter, the delegates and their letters were received <sup>and</sup> seated. By the same motion, all queries <sup>and</sup> requests be referred to the Committee on Arrangements.
- (2.) The Association was then organized by electing Elder Baxter Osborne Moderator; Elder Newton Vanderpool Assistant moderator; Elder Roy B. Akers, Clerk; <sup>and</sup> Elder Claud Ousley Assistant Clerk.
- (3.) Called for newly organized churches, <sup>and</sup> received none.
- (4.) By a move and a second it was agreed that the Articles of Faith, Rules of Decorum, and the Constitution be read.
- (5.) Called for letters from Corresponding Associations of our faith <sup>and</sup> order, <sup>and</sup> received none.



- (6) Called for Associations of our faith <sup>in order</sup> desiring to take up correspondence with us, and none responded.

- (7) Called for transient ministers <sup>and</sup> members, and received the following from: (11)

- (a) New Salem Association: Elders Johnie Wall, Banner Manns, Troy Nichols, J. M. Hall, Burton Howard, Henry Blair, Jerry Wall, Sr., Wiley Coffee, M. W. Burke, Malcolm Gustey, Virgill Caudill, Anthony Hamilton, Jonah Yackett, Jesse Osborne, Jesse Mosley, Mitchell Chaffins, Roy Hudson. Brothers: Ballard Little, G. W. Osborne, <sup>and</sup> Dager Watts. (12)

- (b) Union Association: Elders; Francis Hubbard, Hon Bowling, Garland Mullins, Albert Boggs, Elmer Church, Geo. Ferrigan, <sup>and</sup> Brothers; Fred Charles, Jesse Bryant, J. W. Mitchell, Sam Irwin, <sup>and</sup> Lonnie Mounts. (1)

- (c) Indian Bottom Association: Elders; J. W. Pratt, Glas Baldrige, <sup>and</sup> Alonzo Watts. <sup>and</sup> brother John Smith. (2)

- (d) Gardis Association: Elder Emmitt Case. (1)

- (e) Mud River Association: None.

- (f) Philadelphia Association: Elders: Jesse Boggs, Elias Cotton, John Moore, Ira Adkins, Ernie Langon, <sup>and</sup> Brothers; Fred Akers, Elmer Rayburn. H. H. Woods, <sup>and</sup> D. A. Gilliam. (1)

- (8) By a motion <sup>and</sup> a second the moderator was authorized to make all temporary Appointments,

- (9) Appointed a committee on ministry, consisting of one delegate from each church, together with the entire delegation from Little Jewell Church, to arrange the preaching for Friday night <sup>and</sup> Saturday to-wit: (1) Brother Walter Parker to open, (2) Elder John Moore, (3) Elder Banner Manns, to close. For Saturday: (1) Elder Virgill Caudill to open, (2) Elder Jerry Wall, Sr. (3) J. W. Pratt, <sup>and</sup> Elder Burton Howard to close.

- (10) By a move <sup>and</sup> a second Elder Roy B. Akers,



was appointed to write a letter of petition for  
 Godly Correspondence to the following Associations,  
 to-wit: New Salem, Union, Indian Bottoms,  
 Sardis, Mud River, and Philadelphia.

- (11) No business. no arrangements.

- (12) By a move and a second the Association  
 adjourned until 9:00 o'clock Saturday morning.

### SATURDAY MORNING AUGUST 2<sup>nd</sup> 1958

Met pursuant to adjournment, and after singing  
 some of the songs of Zion, remarks and prayer  
 was made by Elder Millie Collins. The  
 Association was then called to order by our  
 beloved moderator.

- (1) Called the roll and marked the absentees.
- (2) Read the bill of arrangements. No Committee.
- (3) Reading of the circular letter written by Elder  
 Millie Collins. By a move and a second the letter  
 was received and ordered printed in our minutes.  
 By the same motion Elder Newton Vanderpool  
 was chosen to write the Circular letter for  
 next year 1959.
- (4) Appointed a Committee on Finance, who  
 reported the sum of \$340.00 contributed by  
 all the churches.
- (5) Called for the treasurer's report none.  
 Received from the Churches this year. \$340.00  
 Received for pictures. 5.00  
 Grand total. \$345.00
- (6) By a move and a second the treasurer's  
 report for this year was received.
- (7) By a move and second the Clerk is to  
 supervise the printing of the Minutes, and that  
 he have 1,500 copies printed, and that the  
 printers fee be printed on the front cover of  
 the minutes. and that the addresses of each  
 church be given, together with the addresses  
 of the moderators, Clerks, delegates and ordained  
 ministers.



- (8) It was moved <sup>and seconded</sup> that we print obituaries of deceased members, and friends of our faith in our minutes. Pictures can be had by any member desiring the same at the member's expense.

- (9) By request from Little Polly Church it was moved <sup>and seconded</sup> to publish brother Racy Allen in disorder. (e)

- (10) Union Meetings: no report. It was moved <sup>and seconded</sup> that we have union meetings and note them in our minutes. By the same move the communion time of each church is to be printed in our minutes. (f)

- (11) Brethren appointed to attend Associations:

- (a) New Salem: When convened with the Little Creek Church, Yeager, Pike County, Ky. on highway no. 23. Beginning on Friday, before the fourth Saturday in September, 1958. Elders: Baxter Osborne, Newton Vanderpool, Cloud Ousley, Roy B. Akers, Delmar Williams, Rich Griffie, Sollie Miller, Stephen Osborne, <sup>and</sup> brother Jesse Bryant. Letter in the hands of Elder Newton Vanderpool.

- (b) Union: When convened with the Old Union Church, Jonancy, Pike Co; Ky. Beginning on Friday before the third Saturday in September 1958. Elders: Newton Vanderpool, Baxter Osborne, Phillie Collins, Steve Osborne, Roy B. Akers, Sollie Miller, Delmar Williams, <sup>and</sup> brothers Webster Bartley, <sup>and</sup> Shade Meeks, letter in the hands of Elder Baxter Osborne. (n)

- (c) Indian Bottom: When convened with the Big Leatherwood Church, Cornettsville, Perry Co; Ky. Beginning on Friday before the first Saturday in September 1958. Elders: Baxter Osborne, Sollie Miller, Roy B. Akers, Steve Osborne, Joshua Hicks, brothers, Banner Collins, Tip Collins, Forrest Osborne, Alonzo Packitt, Jubel Music, Jesse Bryant, <sup>and</sup> Shade meeks. Letter in the hands of Elder Roy B. Akers.

- (d) Sardis: When convened with the Tobitha Church one mile below Omar St. Va. on route no 119 Logan County, St. Va. Beginning on Friday before the second Saturday in September 1958. Elders: Steve Osborne, Baxter Osborne.



Delmar Williams, Claude Ousley, Joshua Hicks, Roy B. Akers, Brothers: Jesse Bryant, Alonzo Tackitt, Woodrow Fuller, George Hamilton, Tip Collins, and Banner Collins. Hetter in the hands of Elder Baxter Osborne.

(e) Mud River: When convened with mt. Zion Church, Pecks Mill, Logan, Co; Mo. Beginning on Friday before the fourth Saturday in August 1958. Elders: Baxter Osborne, Steve Osborne, Brothers: Alonzo Tackitt, and Horrest Osborne. Hetter in the hands of Brother Horrest Osborne.

(f) Philadelphia: When convened with the mt. Olivet Church, Harroek, Greenup Co; Ky. Beginning on Friday before the second Saturday in August 1958. Elders: Baxter Osborne, Roy B. Akers, Steve Osborne, Newton Canderpool, Willie Collins, Joshua Hicks, and Brothers: Alonzo Tackitt, Jubel music, Tip Collins, Banner Collins, John Mullins, Shade meeks, and Isaac Rose. Hetter in the hands of Elder Willie Collins.

(12) A Committee was appointed to make arrangements for Saturday night and Sunday, who arranged the following to-wit: (1) Elder Claude Ousley (2) M. U. Burke, (3) Emmitt Case for Saturday night. For Sunday, (1) Dollie Miller, (2) Mitchell Chaffins, (3) Baxter Osborne.

(note) (Elders M. U. Burke and Emmitt Case were absent Saturday night, and Elders: Anthony Hamilton, and Mitchell Chaffins was called in their stead. Also Elder Garland Mullins was no (3) Sunday and Elder Baxter Osborne was no. (4).)

(13) It was moved and seconded that our next Association be held with the Maggie Home Church, McArthur, Ohio, beginning on Friday before the first Saturday in August 1959. and continuing the two following days. By the same move the delegates voted that Elder Steve Osborne, would preach the introductory sermon, and that Elder Willie Collins be his alternate.

(14) The moderator appointed a committee consisting of Elders, Baxter Osborne, and Claude Ousley, to assist committees that might be appointed by our sister Associations in gathering material such as they may deem necessary to go into the publication of a true history of the



# Old Regular Baptist of Jesus Christ.

Note: Directions to Maggie's Home Church where the Association will be held in 1959 is as follows: Those coming from Ky. take Ohio State Highway no. 75 out of Ironton Ohio to Dundee Ohio.

**SUNDAY MORNING**  
**AUGUST 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1958.**

- (1) Met at the stand with a large and well ordered congregation. The ministers chosen by the Committee was present. Services were introduced by Elder Sallie Miller who was very abely blessed.
- (2) Chaffins  
Elder Mitchell second on the stand, preached from. Psalms 34: 7. "The angel of the Lord, encampeth around and about them that fear him, and delivereth them." also Hebrew, 13: 2. Be not forgetful to entertain strangers; for thereby some have entertained angels unawares. Brother Chaffins was wonderfully blessed, and adhered strictly to the subjects.
- (3) Elder Garland Mullins third on the stand preached from the New Testament Scriptures: the plan of repentance, and eternal Salvation. He too, was was wonderfully blessed.
- (4) Elder Baxter Osborne our beloved moderator, came to the stand and preached and closed this, the first annual session of the Northern New Salem Association. In the closing we feel that we, the children of God, had the witness that surely God had been with everything that had been done during our Godly deliberations in his Name. Amid the shouting, and the singing of the songs of Zion, together with the inspirational preaching of our beloved moderator, we had the feeling that this closing was only a foretaste of the eternal bliss that will be ours when we meet in that congregation that never breaks up.

All the preaching throughout the entire Association was inspirational, and came as bread cast upon many waters, to be gathered in not many days hence.



This brought to a close the First Annual Session of The Northern New Salem Association, whose sails are set along the side of the blood-stained banner of Jesus Christ, with a fixed and steadfast purpose to help our sister Associations, direct all peoples and nations to the City of our God, by that measure of grace He has given unto us.

Old Brethren who have been faithful in the cause of Christ for almost a half a century, were heard to remark that this was one of the first Associations had ever attended unmired by crossed opinions <sup>and</sup> unprofitable debate, where every move was decided without opposition. However they warned that troubled waters lie ahead. They admonished the officers to keep alert in the spirit of love, <sup>and</sup> watch for those that seek to destroy our liberty as it is in CHRIST JESUS OUR LORD.

We want extend our heartfelt thanks to the Little Jewell Church for their untiring efforts to provide for the welfare of the visiting delegates and brethren, and sisters, <sup>and</sup> friends.

We further want to extend our gratitude to our beloved Brethren and Sisters of the Philadelphia Association for their cooperation <sup>and</sup> help in making our Association a success. Also we extend our thanks to Mr G. H. Cooksey <sup>and</sup> Mr. John Gamble for allowing us the use of their property. Also we appreciate the generosity of the Boyd County Board of Education for the use of their property in parking cars; And to the Community around <sup>and</sup> about for their generosity <sup>and</sup> quietness.

O Dear brethren, let us all be continued in prayer that when we come to gather again next year that peace, love and unity may abound.

Done <sup>and</sup> signed by order of The Northern New Salem Association.



## UNION MEETINGS

### APRIL

**LITTLE JEWELL CHURCH:** Fourth Saturday and Sunday in April 1959. Elders Burton Howard, Emmitt Case, Eddie Jackitt, Hon Bowling, Newton Vanderpool, Willie Collins and Mitchell Chaffins to attend.

### MAY

**LITTLE MEMORY CHURCH:** Second Saturday and Sunday in May 1959. Elders: Baxter Osborne, Steve Osborne, John Moore, J. H. Pratt, Monas Isom, Newton Vanderpool, and Sidney Hudson to attend.

### JUNE

**LITTLE POLLY CHURCH:** Second Saturday and Sunday in June 1958. Elder Newton Vanderpool, Claude Cusley, Anthony Hamilton, Delmar Williams, and Burton Howard to attend.

**LITTLE REBECCA CHURCH:** Third Saturday and Sunday in June 1959. Elders; Virgil Caudill, Roy B. Okers, Baxter Osborne, Francis Hubbard, Oles Baldridge, Steve Osborne, and the moderator to attend.

**MAGGIE HOME:** Fourth Saturday and Sunday in June 1959. D. M. Vanderpool, Delmar Williams, John Moore, Hon Bowling, Charlie Adkins, M. C. Wright, and Anthony Hamilton to attend.

**LITTLE MAUDIE:** Second Saturday and Sunday in June 1959. Elders; Mitchell Chaffins, Oles Baldridge, Anthony Hamilton, Richard Griffiths, and Assistant moderator to attend.

### JULY

**LITTLE RUTH CHURCH:** Second Saturday and Sunday in July 1959. Elders; Garland Mullins, Mitchell Chaffins, Hon Bowling, Boyd Smallwood, Newton Vanderpool, and moderator to attend.

**LITTLE FLOCK CHURCH:** Third Saturday and Sunday in July 1959. Elders; Walter Parker, Steve Osborne, Ross Hopkins, Richard Griffiths, Hon Bowling, and Teddy Parker to attend.



# CONSTITUTION

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From a long series of experiences, we the OLD REGULAR BAPTIST CHURCH OF JESUS in Christ, being baptized upon a profession of faith, are convinced of the necessity of a combination of Churches in order to perpetuate a union and communion among us and keep the order and rules of an association according to the following plan of government:

- (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.
- (2) In the letters shall be expressed their number in fellowship, those baptized, received by letter, dismissed, excluded, and deceased since our last Association.
- (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.
- (4) The Association when convened, shall be ruled by a regular and proper decorum.
- (5) The Association shall have a moderator and Clerk chosen by the members present.
- (6) New churches may be admitted into this union, who shall petition by letter and delegate, 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 of the Association.
- (7) Every query presented by the church to the Association, being first debated in their own church shall be taken up by the Association.
- (8) Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association except when withdrawn by the one who made it.
- (9) The Association shall endeavour to furnish the churches with Minutes of the Association.



- (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 to 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.
- (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.
- (12) The Minutes of the Association shall be read, and corrected if need be, and signed by the moderator and clerk before the Association rises unless the same is dispensed with.
- (13) Amendments to this plan or form of government may be made by a majority of the Union, if deemed necessary.
- (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.
- (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; to represent themselves at any time in the Association; to appropriate the money contributed by the Churches for the Association fund, to any purpose they think proper; to appoint any member, by their consent to transact any business which they see is necessary; and they shall have power to withdraw from any Church in the Union, which shall violate the rules of the Association, or deviate from the orthodox principals of religion; 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

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- (1) We believe in one true and living God, the Father, the Son, and Holy Ghost, and these three are one, equal in power, essence and glory.
- (2) We believe the scriptures of the old and new Testaments are the written words of God and the only rules of faith and practice.
- (3) We believe in the doctrine of election by grace, for by grace are ye saved through faith.
- (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 the savior is needed for our redemption.
- (5) We believe that sinners are called to repentance and believe in the gospel and regeneration of the soul and sealed with the holy spirit of promise, and none such shall fall away and be lost.
- (6) We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God only by the imputed righteousness of JESUS CHRIST.
- (7) We believe that baptism is the ordinance of God's Church on earth, and the mode IMMERSION back foremost so as to cover all over.
- (8) We believe that the Lord's Supper is the command of the savior, and that by the use of bread and wine, and feet-washing should be kept up until his second coming by his believers.
- (9) We believe in the resurrection of the dead, both of the just and the unjust, and that the joys of the righteous, and the punishment of the wicked shall be eternal.
- (10) We believe that no minister has the right to administer the ordinances and commands of the gospel except such as has been regularly ordained, and baptised, and that by immersion by a legal administrator of the Gospel, and have come under the hands of a regularly chosen presbytery of the church.
- (11) We believe it to be the duty of all church members to contribute for defraying all reasonable expenses of the church, never forgetting the poor, according to



their several abilities.

(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.

(13) We believe that the Church of Christ is a congregation of faithful believers in Christ who have obtained fellowship with the Lord and have agreed to keep up a Godly discipline, according to the rules of the Gospel.

(14) We believe that Jesus Christ is the head of the Church, and the government thereof is upon his shoulders.

(15) None of the above articles shall be considered so as to hold with particular election, and reprobation, so as to make God partial, directly or indirectly, nor to injure any of the children of men; nor shall any of these articles be altered, without legal notice, and free consent.

## RULES OF DECORUM

(1) The Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.

(2) A moderator and clerk shall be chosen by the members present.

(3) Only one member shall speak at a time, he shall arise from his seat, and obtain consent from the Moderator, when he is about to make a speech.

(4) The person thus speaking, shall not be interrupted in his speech by any one except the Moderator, until he is through.

(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, or imperfections, but shall fairly state the cause as nearly as he can, so as to convey his idea.

(6) No person shall abruptly absent himself from the Association, without leave of the Association.



- (7) No person shall speak more than three times on any subject, without leave of the Association.
- (8) No person shall have the liberty of laughing during the sitting of the same, nor whispering time of public speech.
- (9) No member of the Association shall address another member in any other term or appellation than that of brother.
- (10) The Moderator shall not interrupt or prohibit any member from speaking until he gives his light on any subject, unless he violates the rules of decorum.
- (11) The names of the members of the Association shall be enrolled by the Clerk and called as often as the Association requires.
- (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.
- (13) Any member who shall willingly, or knowingly violate any of the rules of decorum, shall be reprov'd by the Association as they think proper.

## CIRCULAR LETTER

Dear brethren and sisters of the Northern New Salem Association of Old Regular Baptist faith and order, it is by your request that I make this attempt to write a Circular letter for your inspection. I hope to be guided by the spirit of the Lord to write from the following subject. It will be found in 1<sup>st</sup> Cor. 2<sup>nd</sup> Chapter and 4<sup>th</sup> Verse. And my speech, and my preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the spirit and of power. That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God.

Matthew 11:19. "Wisdom is justified of her children, The son of man came eating and drinking, and they said, behold a man gluttonous, a friend of publicans and sinners." Luke 2:40. "And the child grew, and waxed strong in spirit, filled with wisdom: and the grace of God was upon him." 1<sup>st</sup> Cor. 1:17. "For Christ sent me not to baptize, but to preach the gospel: not with



wisdom of words, lest the Cross of Christ should be made of none effect." For the preaching of the gospel is the power of God: to them that believe. 1<sup>st</sup> Cor. 1:20. "Where is the wise? where is the scribe? where is the disputer of this word? Hath not God made foolish the wisdom of this word?" For after that in the wisdom of God the word by wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching, to save them that believe. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. So every one that believeth, to the Jew first, and also to the Greek, for therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith, to faith.

So I believe there is a revealing power in this old time way, and that there is a difference in the Children of God, and the Children of the word. For the tree is known by the fruit it bears. So then, I am not worried about the Children of God, because they are new creatures. Old things are done away with, and behold; all things have become new.

There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and all are baptized into one body, all that believe. Jesus said "Except that ye believe that I am he, ye shall die in your sins." Faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God. And how can you hear without a preacher? and how can they preach except they be sent? So let every man abide in the calling wherein he is called, and by this, let every man preach Jesus, the way, and the life, for life in him is everlasting strength. So then, let the Lord do the leading, and let us do the following. And while we are scattered abroad, let us pray for each other, and let our light shine that others may see our good works, and glorify our Father. May we, his Children, lead a quiet and peaceable life, and may God help us to let Old Baptists grow, for it is the light of the land.

So then Brethren and Sisters, be good to one another, and let us love and pray, one for another, that our faith may grow stronger and our hopes brighter that we all may be looking at the same time for the coming of our Lord to get his Church, and present her to the Father without spot. Then what a joyful meeting that will be, and to hear him say, "Here is your reward" and march around the golden throne, and sing that new song, singing glory hallelujah throughout eternity. For Heaven is real, and for real men and women that have been born again. For the soul is born again, and the



body is brought forth in the resurrection a complete man into heaven, a land of joy and peace, for ever in the presence of the Lord, and his holy angels, where by the will be no more heartaches, nor pains to bear. When can we say, "The Lord is our Shepherd, and that he leads us by the still waters of His love, and that we are to lie down in green pastures and restores our souls." So let us go on to perfection, ever looking to Jesus for our help, and our strength, that when life is done, we can say, "Well done, I have kept the faith." And hear Jesus say, "Here is your crown, enter thou into the joys of the Lord, and be seated with Abraham and Isaac in the Kingdom of God to live forever and ever."

For there is nothing more real in this life than to have this hope of Christ, which is the anchor of the soul that is sure and steadfast, and unmovable, and to lean upon His arm in the time of trouble. He is a rock in this weary land, and a shelter in the time of storms. So may God help us to live more humble. Let us lay aside every sin that so easily besets us, and let us run this race with patience, that is set before us, that others may see our good works, and say surely the old Baptist is the Church, and its members are the children of God. If we live like the world, then what can we expect others to say about us? So let us live like the good Lord wants us too, that when the wheel stops at the cistern, and silver cord is broken, that we can say, "Come on, children, and go with us, for heaven is open, and the angels are standing by to welcome us home."

May God bless every little child of God, that they may always be able to hold to each other, and march together, that the world may look on, and have a desire to join this wonderful army in their march through this world, holding up the cross of Jesus, that others may look and live. Jesus said; "Take my yolk upon you, and learn of me. My yolk is easy, and my burden is light." The call has gone out to all men, look unto me all ye end of the world, and be ye saved, for I am God, and beside me there is none other. But to them that have this hope of Christ in their hearts, when this life is over can say: "I will see you again in the resurrection day of the Lord." When the Lord shall leave heaven with a shout, the voice of the archangel, and the trumpet of the Lord, the dead will arise first. They will then receive the long white robe, and a crown. With a palm in their hand, and we will then be perfect. Satisfied in that beautiful home that the Lord has prepared for all that love and serve him. I hope the mercy of God will be extended to our children that they may turn to him before it is too late.



This letter is getting long <sup>thy</sup>, so I will close.  
 O dear brethren pray for me when I go  
 well with you, for I hope to meet you all in  
 heaven some day.  
 Your brother in the hope of eternal life,  
 Willie Collins.

## OBITUARY

### WILLIAM (BILL) PRATER

By request of his wife and children I will  
 try and write an obituary of a good husband, and  
 a brother in the Lord, to-wit: Brother William  
 Prater. He was born August 24, 1901 and departed  
 this life January 13, 1928 making his stay on earth  
 56 years, 4 months, and 20 days. He was the son of Joe,  
 and Judy Bently Prater. On May 22, 1922 Brother  
 "Bill" was married to Ellis Prater, and to this union  
 was born the following surviving children, namely,  
 Charles and Hershel Prater, and Marcella Farmer, all  
 of Columbus, Ohio; Jerry and Ronie Prater, both at  
 home at Mt. Arthur, Ohio. He also left five brothers  
 and two sisters namely; Dock, Miley, Jim, Oscar, and  
 Melvin Prater, Monnie Frazier, and Pearley Patton.  
 Nine grandchildren, his companion, and a host of  
 friends to mourn his loss. But we feel our loss is  
 heavens eternal gain.

Brother "Bill" joined the old Regular  
 Baptist Church. His membership was with the  
 Maggie Home Church. He was ordained a deacon  
 which office he served with all his heart.  
 By the experience I have had with brother  
 "Bill" I can truly say he was a good deacon,  
 and fought the good fight of faith, and bore  
 his cross, and endured the pain. He not  
 only served his own Church, but our sister  
 Churches in this area as well, as a barrowed  
 deacon. He will be greatly missed in all the  
 Churches, but most of all in his home.

He has laid down his cross, and I believe  
 from the depths of my heart that he just  
 went to sleep in the arms of Jesus, and that  
 in the resurrection more his body will come  
 forth out of the grave and the soul and body  
 will be reunited, and then he will be a  
 perfect man. So I can only say to Sister  
 Ellie and the children, "Cheer up" and let us say,  
 even as David said: "We know he can't come  
 back to us, but by the grace of God we can



go to him." So children if you want to see  
Daddy again, repent of your sins, remember the  
good council that he gave you, and love the God  
that he loved, and you wont have to say good bye  
- but farewell for a few days.

Written by a brother in hope of eternal life.  
John Mullins.

Note: Brother "Bills" funeral will be preached  
at the Maggie Home Church the fourth  
Sat. & Sun. in Oct. 1959. Everybody is invited.

### CHURCHES & THEIR ADDRESSES.

Little Rebecca	Plymouth, Ohio.
Little Jewel	209 Wheatley Road Ashland, Ky.
Maggie Home	McArthur, Ohio.
Little Ruth	Delaware, Ohio.
Little Polly	Stockbridge, Mich.
Little Maudie	McGuffey, Ohio
Little Flock	Jackson, Ohio
Little Memory	Dunman, Ind.

### CHURCHES & THEIR COMMUNION TIME.

Little Rebecca-	Third Sunday in July.
Little Jewel-	Fourth Sunday in June.
Maggie Home-	Fourth Sunday in July.
Little Ruth-	Second Sunday in August.
Little Polly-	
Little Maudie-	
Little Flock-	
Little Memory	Second Sunday in July.

### CHURCH CLERKS & THEIR ADDRESSES.

Little Rebecca-	Banner Collins, 103 E. Main St, Plymouth, O.
Little Jewel-	Alonzo Gackitt 106 E. Knight St. Ashland, Ky.
Maggie Home-	John Mullins, Route #1 Box #269, Vinton Ohio.
Little Ruth-	Wm. P. Deal, P.O. Box #113 Delaware, Ohio.
Little Polly-	James Bartley, 307 Hale St, Eaton Rapids Mich.
Little Maudie-	Delmar Williams, Route #2 Shiloh Ohio.
Little Flock-	John Mullins R. #1 Box #269, Vinton, Ohio.
Little Memory-	Howard Collins, Route #1 Osgood, Ind.



## DELEGATES TO THE NORTHERN NEW SALEM ASSOCIATION.

Little Rebecca - Willie Collins, Tip Collins, and  
 Banner Collins.  
 Little Jewel - Glenzo Tackitt, Forrest Osborne  
 and Label Musie.  
 Maggie Home - John Mullins, Joshua Hicks,  
 and Isaac Rose.  
 Little Ruth - Webster Bartley, Geo. Hamilton and  
 Vester Mullins.  
 Little Billy - Willard Castle, Richard Griffith  
 and George Castle.  
 Little Maudie - Claude Ousley, Woodrow  
 Huller and Delmar Williams.  
 Little Block - McKinley Rowe, Shade Weeks,  
 and Roy Hamilton.  
 Little Memory - Dollie Miller, Vanburn Hall,  
 and Luther Neaton.

## ORDAINED MINISTERS.

J. N. Vanderpool, Route #1 Plymouth, Ohio.  
 Willie Collins, Route #1 Giro, Ohio.  
 Claude Ousley, Route # Plymouth, Ohio.  
 Delmar Williams, Shilo Ohio, Route #2  
 Baxter Osborn, Route #1. Box #346 Ashland, Ky.  
 B. J. Moore, 12th St. Ashland, Ky.  
 Steve Osborn, Route #1 Portsmouth, Ohio.  
 Roy B. Akers, 408 Christopher Pl. Louisville 14, Ky.  
 Joshua Hicks, Route #1 Jackson, Ohio.  
 Woodrow Huller, Route #3, Marysville, Ohio.  
 Wyle Tuttle, Route #2 Willard, Ohio.  
 Richard Griffith, Route #1 Yakona, Michigan.  
 Diram B. Ray, 300 East Grand Blvd, Detroit, Mich.  
 Dollie Miller, Route #1 Milan, Indiana.

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# STATISTICAL TABLE.

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	Rec'd by Baptin	Rec'd by Letter	Recommendation	Restored	Dismissed by letter	Excluded	Deceased	Total member ship	meeting time	money contributed
Little Rebecca.	11	6	0	0	4	0	1	65	3	50 <sup>00</sup>
Little Jewell.	3	2	0	0	4	0	0	50	4	50 <sup>00</sup>
Maggie Stone.	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	24	4	50 <sup>00</sup>
Little Ruth.	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	13	2	50 <sup>00</sup>
Little Polly.	3	1	0	2	2	0	0	28	2	25 <sup>00</sup>
Little Maudie.	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	8	1	50 <sup>00</sup>
Little Flock.	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	5	3	25 <sup>00</sup>
Little memory.	4	0	0	0	2	0	0	15	2	40 <sup>00</sup>
Total.	24	10	0	2	15	0	2	208		340 <sup>00</sup>
money for pictures.										5 <sup>00</sup>
Grand Total.										345 <sup>00</sup>

Done and Signed by order of the Northern New Salem Association

E Wm Bayton Astor moderator  
 Elder H Wanderpool → Assistant moderator  
 B B There → Clerk.  
 Claude Cusley → Assistant Clerk.