

MINUTES
OF THE
FOURTEENTH ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
NORTHERN NEW SALEM
ASSOCIATION
OF
OLD REGULAR BAPTIST
IN SESSION ASSEMBLED
WITH THE
LITTLE MEMORY CHURCH
Sunman, Indiana
AUGUST 6, 7, 8, 1971

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Dear beloved brethern of the Northern New Salem Association:

In selecting the churches that I hope will furnish ministers to aid the Mt. Ararat Church, Galax, Va., I have tried to exercise the best judgment at my command.

If the churches named to go, can make different arrangements it will be perfectly alright. Brethern, it is needful that we do all that is required of us as ministers of the gospel to do everything that we possibly can to fulfill the request of that little church. They need our help and our strength, that they too may be nourished up in the soundness of the faith. Please answer to the call when your turn comes.

Little Oval August, 1969
Little Edna September, 1969
Maggies Home October, 1969
Rose of Sharon November, 1969
Little Rebecca December, 1969
Pleasant View January, 1970
Roy B. Akers & Baxter Osborne February, 1970
Lilly Of The Valley March, 1970
Antioch April, 1970
Little Angel May, 1970
Little Family June, 1970
Little Jewel July, 1970

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The Northern New Salem Association of Old Regular Baptist assembled with the Little Memory Church, Sunman, Ind. on Friday before the first Saturday in August, 1971.

Friday morning dawned with the beautiful rays of sunlight creeping over the eastern horizon.

A great many faithful brethern and sisters and friends, began to gather on the ground where the association was to begin its fourteenth annual session. Words fail me to adequately describe the beauty of the location — nature could not have provided a lovelier spot. The brethern of the Little Memory Church deserves the highest praise for their selection of the place so inviting and so comforting.

As the brethern and sisters and friends were

greeting each other with warm hand shakes and kisses of spiritual affections, the tones of the melodious songs of Zion began to reach the ears of the faithful bringing sweet messages from that goodly land.

Eld. Bob Hunter who was chosen last year to introduce the services came to the stand in a wonderful spirit of humbleness. He spoke a few well chosen words of council, and offered prayer.

Eld. Charles (Chuck) Keesee followed the wonderful soul inspiring prayer by preaching the introductory sermon. His subject was chosen from the book of Ruth, Chapter 4, Verse 4. This worthy bro. clearly proved, even to the most skeptical mind that the gospel of Jesus Christ is not preached with the enticing words of nature's wisdom, but rather it is preached by the power, and demonstration of God's divine spirit. The essence of his sermon was both sweet and soothing to the souls of men and women, bringing tears of joy to the eyes of many. For assuredly this sermon was redeeming manna from Heaven. Surely this sermon will linger a long time in the hearts of all that were privileged to hear it.

The services at the stand were closed by singing that blessed old song "Amazing Grace" the tone of which reverberated its resonant sounds back and forth through the tall and stately beech trees that waved their lovely leaf, covered branches at the command of the cool breezes that ceased not for the three day period.

Shouts of praises to God in the highest exclaiming his goodness and mercy could also be heard as they echoed throughout that beautiful wooded area.

Our beloved mod. then came to the stand, his heart overflowing with joy, and thanked the congregation which numbered hundreds, for their good behavior, and attention. He then invited the delegates and messengers to assemble themselves at the meeting house, where the business of the association would be conducted.

After being assembled at the church house, Eld. Deb. Saunders from the Union Association was invited to introduce the services. He was wonderfully blessed to utter sweet words of council that teaches men how to conduct themselves in this life as true ambassadors of God, and to keep themselves unspotted from the world.

Eld. Steve Osborne from the Northern New Salem Association offered prayer. Bro. Osborne prayed a fervent prayer that brotherly love would prevail throughout the three day session of our association.

As our beloved mod. approached the stand the love that God's servants has for all mankind began to make itself manifest as he spoke to the delegates. The turbulent storms of envy and strife found no place to lodge in the hearts of men.

As the angels of the Lord were encamped around and about the camps of Israel, so were

they hovering over and around the Little Memory Church house as messengers from Heaven to see that, evil spirit should not enter in.

1. The moderator called for the letters from the several churches to be handed in to the clerk. By move and second the letter from the Little Memory Church was read, and found to be in order. By the same move all the letters were received and the delegates seated. All queries and requests were referred to the committee on arrangements.

2. The association was organized by electing Eld. Baxter Osborne, Mod.; Eld. Paris Tackett, Assistant Mod.; Eld Roy B. Akers, Clerk, and Eld. Claude Ousley, Astissant Clerk.

3. By move and second the moderator was authorized to make all temporary appointments.

4. By move and second the Rules of Decorum be read by the clerk, and omit the reading of the articles of faith and the constitution.

5. Called for churches desiring to join our Association, and received none.

6. Called for letters from our sister associations of our faith and order who desired to continue a Godly correspondence with us, and received the following.

NEW SALEM — Represented by the following delegates: Melvin Watts, Ellis Amburgy, Sollie

Miller, Jr. Troy Beverly, Hiram Beverly, James Hensley, Carl Caudill, Luther Cook, Paul Reynolds, Alonza Allen, Sam Eversole, Gordon Reynolds, Kelly Day, Charles Miller, Robert Haney, Ernest Ward, Chas. Ramey, Paul Hudson, Lowell Mullins, and Claude Caudill. They were received by the right hand of fellowship, and invited to be seated with us in an advisory council.

UNION — Represented by the following delegates: Jimm Dale Saunders, Theodore Looney, Lee Yates, Cecil Boggs, W. D. Johnson, Fred M. Stiltner, Delbert Saunders, and Kellis McCoy. They were given the right hand of fellowship, and invited to be seated with us in an advisory council.

PHILADELPHIA — Represented by the following delegates: Hiram Osborne, Walter Morrison, Henry Barney, Webster Bartley, Ira Stepp, Addie Scaggs. They were received by the right hand of fellowship, and invited to be seated with us in an advisory council.

SARDIS — Represented by the following delegates: James Scott, K. H. Williamson, W. H. Hale, Ed. May, Clifofrd Maynard and Marshall Williamson. They were received by the right hand of fellowship and invited to be seated with us in an advisory council.

INDIAN BOTTOM — Represented by the following delegates: Manis Ison, Lloyd Eldridge, Olas Baldridge, Kerby Ison, and Melvin Blair. They were received by the right hand of fellowship, and

invited to be seated with us in an advisory council.

MUD RIVER — Represented by the following delegates: One delegate, Bro. Wilbur Topping. He was received by the right hand of fellowship and invited to be seated with us in an advisory council.

By move and second the above letters were received and read by the clerk. The moderator received the delegates by giving them the right hand of fellowship and invited them to be seated with us, and aid us in council.

7. Apopinted a committee on ministry, consisting of the entire delegation from the Little Memory Church together with one delegate from each church represented to arrange the ministry for Friday evening and Saturday who reported as follows: for Friday evening (1) Elders, Clifford Maynard, (2) Henry Blarney, (3) Fred Stiltner, (4) Clifford Williams, for Saturday (1) Elders, Manis Ison, (2) Delbert Saunders, (3) Edwin May, (4) Mitchell Chaffins.

8. Calcd for transient ministers and members, of our faith and order and received the following. Elders: Roy Caudill, Charles Keesee, Ray Hoover, Delmar Williams, Savel Combs, Hiram Adkins, Forest Osborne, Clarence Ousley, Bill Dunbar, Hillard Profitt, Paul Hudson, and Claude Ousley, Evan Napier.

9. By move and second the Northern New Salem Association agreed to correspond with the following Associations who were found to be of

our faith and order. (a) New Salem, (b) Old Union, (c) Philadelphia, (d) Sardis, (e) Indian Boltom, and (f) Mud River.

10. Appointed a committee on arrangements, consisting of one delegate from each church, the moderator and clerk of the association and the transient ministers and members to draw up a bill of arrangements to work from on Saturday.

11. By move and second the Association agreed to adjourn until 9 A.M. Saturday morning.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 7, 1971

Met persuent to adjournment. After singing a choice selection of the melodious hymns of Zion that filled the souls of Gods little children bringing a heavenly down pouring of Gods promised blessings, Eld. Kirby Ison, introduced the services at the house and prayer was made by Eld. Baxeter Osborne. The sweet council that fell from the lips of Bro. Ison, and the humble prayer by Bro. Osborne made it manifest that Gods eternal love had filled the whole house.

Our beloved mod. then came to the stand and offered a few well chosen words of council.

He then announced the business of the association would proceed as follows:

1. Called the names of the delegates and marked the absentees.

2. Read the bill of arrangements, and by move and second the committee was discharged.

3. The circular letter written by Eld. Johnie Bentley was read by him. By move and second the letter was received and ordered printed in our minutes. By the same move Eld. Hendricks Hampton is to write a circular letter for approval at the next annual session of the association.

4. Appointed a committee on finance as follows: W. P. Deal, Webster Bartley, and Jesse Bryant, who reported the sum of \$965.00 from the churches and \$126.00 for pictures, \$10.00 from a brother.

5. Church contributions	\$965.00
Donations for pictures	136.00
Balance on hand from last year	720.00
Total money on hand Aug. 6, 1971 ...	\$1,821.00

EXPENSES FOR 1970

Printers fee for (4500) minutes	\$720.00
Recording Secretary's fee	125.00
Delivery of minutes	25.00
Stamps, insurance, etc.	10.00
Total expenses for 1970	\$880.00
Money left over from last year	\$720.00

6. By move and second the treasurer's report was received. By the same move Eld. Roy B. Akers was appointed recording secretary and is to have (5,000) copies of these minutes printed. He is to distribute them among the churches according to their contributions. He is to reserve 350 copies for

our corresponding associations. Printer's fee to appear on the front cover of these minutes. The recording secretary is to receive \$125.00 for his services.

7. By move and second obituaries of deceased members and friends are to be printed in our minutes. Obituaries are to be typed and double spaced. Pictures can be had by the one desiring them for the sum of \$6.00.

8. Called on brethren who agreed to attend union meetings and corresponding associations last year. The faithful were commended and the failures were excused.

9. Appointed the same committee that acted Friday to arrange the ministry for Saturday and Sunday, who reported as follows: For Saturday evening, Elders: (1) Charles Ramey, Olan Baldridge, Paris Taskett. Services were held with the Little Pilgrims Home Church Saturday evening.

10. Called for volunteers who would agree to attend our corresponding associations in 1971 and the following responded.

NEW SALEM — When convened with the Long Fork Church, Hartley, Pike Co., Ky. Beginning on Friday before the fourth Saturday in September, 1971 and continuing the two following days. Albert Hamilton, Bob Hunter, Ray Hoover, Chester Davis, Ray Hamilton, Johnie Bentley, Irvin Hicks, Paris Taskett, Baxter Osborne, Roy B. Akers, Ballard

Brown, Hiram Adkins, Buford Brocks, Forrest Osborne, Delmar Williams, Mitchell Hall, Claude Ousley, Ira Kendricks, Ellis Hopkins, Chuck Keese, Roy Hamilton, Budy W. Carty, Joshua Hicks.

UNION — When convened with the Little Hope Church, Clintwood Dickson Co., Va. Beginning on Friday before the third Saturday in September, 1971 and continuing the two following days. Parris C. Tackett, Forrest Osborne, Joshua Hicks, David Slone, Robert Fleming, Bob Hunter, Chester Davis, Albert Hamilton, Buford Brock, Chuck Keese, Cecil Rose, Gillis Hamilton, Virgil Fields, Ira Kendricks, Roy Hamilton.

PHILADELPHIA — When convened with the New Mt. Olive Church Malonetown, Ky. Beginning on Friday before the second Saturday in August, 1971 and continuing the two following days. Forrest Osborne, Baxter Osborne, Steve Osborne, Joshua Hicks, Paris C. Tackett, Bob Hunter, Charles Keese, Roy Hamilton, Budy W. Carty, Anthony Hamilton, Herman Thompson, Albert Hamilton, Harison Ramey, David Slone, Ellis Hopkins, Virgil Fields, David Pullum, Okie Kent, Claude Ousley, Walter Bryant.

SARDIS — When convened with the Little Virgie Church, Kimper, Pike Co., Ky. Beginning on Friday before the second Saturday in September, 1971 and continuing the two following days. Lloyd Smith, Joshua Hicks, Roy Hamilton, Paris C. Tackett, Chuck Keese, Roy B. Akers, Roy Hudson, Gene Robinette, Clarence Owens.

INDIAN BOTTOM — When convened with the Reynolds Fork Church, Mallie, Knott Co., Ky. Beginning on Friday before the first Saturday in September, 1971 and continuing the two following days. Roy Caudill, Baxter Osborne, Joshua Hicks, Charles Craft, Chuck Keese, Paris C. Tackett, Irvin Hicks, Lawrence Day.

MUD RIVER — When convened with the Providence Church, St. Albans, Kanawha Co., W. Va. Beginning on Friday before the fourth Saturday in August, 1971 and continuing the two following days. Hiram Adkins, Joshua Hicks, Baxter Osborne, Anthony Hamilton, Budy W. Carty, Dave Pullum, Johnie Bentley, Jesse Bryant, Harison Runyon, Walter Bryant, Mitchell Hall, Paris C. Tackett, Roy Hamilton.

By move and second the Association agreed to send the following request to the Mud River Association.

Dear brethern of the Mud River Association. Last year (1970) we sent to you a request asking you to give us a definite answer to the three points of doctrine (1) Eternal children, (2) Light is life, (3) There is no scripture to sinners. We did not receive an answer neither by your letter nor the Bro. Messenger representing you.

We sincerely hope that you will give us a Bible answer to these three perplexing questions so that our fourteen years of joyful correspondence can continue on unbroken.

The inspired words of God teaches that it may become necessary sometimes that a tree should be purged of the branches that brings bad fruits, that it may bring forth good fruit.

Again we beg you to answer this request so that we can be able to make a decision at our next association 1972.

The names appearing in our letter to you is authorized to receive your answer in writing.

11. By move and second the Association agreed to continue ministerial support to the Mt. Ararat Church, Galax, Virginia.

12. By move and second the committee appointed to go to the Mud River Association. Stated that the Association allowed itself to drift into a state of confusion to a point where no logical answers were given. By move and second the committee was dismissed, and by the same move was reactivated to go and try again.

13. In answer to the request from the Little Pilgrims Home Church. As an advisory council we say to all our churches that it is the duty of the church to accept members without letters who formerly belonged to the Little Edna Church, and take them under their watch care, until a final disposition of the disorders surrounding the Little Edna Church can be determined. It was further moved that a committee be appointed to meet with as many of the members of the Little Edna Church

as possible and inquire of them reasons why they abruptly left our association during the 1970 Session and failed to represent themselves at the 1971 Session. The committee is to meet at the Little Edna Church house if possible, or some other suitable place on the fifth (5th) Saturday in October 1971.

It was further agreed that no ordained minister that had become mixed with unorthodoxed sects and orders, that no church in our union has any right to receive such one into their fellowship as an ordained minister. However, they may be received as a lay member and given the same privilege as any other lay member, according to the will of the church. The names of those appointed on the committee are as follows: Elders: Anthony Hamilton, Hendricks Hampton, Baxter Osborne, Paris Tackett, Steve Osborne, Forest Osborne, Roy Caudill, Hiram Adkins, Joshua Hicks, Claude Ousley, Roy B. Akers, and Newton Vanderpool.

14. By move and second a committee consisting of the following brethren: Roy B. Akers, Baxter Osborne, Paris Tackett, Joshua Hicks and Jesse Bryant to meet together at some agreeable place to draft and design a legal and uniform credential for our ordained ministers.

15. After a lively debate filled with love and understanding the brethren moved that the fifteenth annual session of our association convene with the Pleasant View Church, Litchfield, Ohio, 1972.

16. By secret vote the brethern decided that Elder Hiram Adkins would preach the introductory sermon and that Elder Baxter Osborne is to be the alternate in 1972.

17. By move and second the delegates and officers of the association was authorized to extend our thanks and gratitude to the entire membership and many friends and sister churches for their untiring efforts in making this session one that shall long be remembered by us all as one among the loveliest associations we have ever enjoyed. Whatever contribution you made, large or small helped to drive from our hearts the memory of other sessions that caused heartaches. May God always be mindful of you and grant you manifold blessings for your efforts.

18. By move and second the reading of the current minutes were omitted.

19. By move and second the association agreed to adjourn to time and place mentioned in item No. 15.

The association was closed by remarks by Eld. Paul Hudson, and prayer by Eld. Wm. P. Deal.

Done and signed by order of the association.

Elder Baxter Osborne, Moderator

Elder Paris Tackett, Assistant Moderator

Elder Roy B. Akers, Clerk

Elder Claude Ousley, Assistant Clerk

SABBATH MORNING, AUGUST 8, 1971

As the morning sun began to shine its lovely rays down through the beautiful grove of trees that shaded the ground on which the services were to be conducted, a large congregation began to gather in. Old acquaintances were renewed by warm handshakes expressing their thankfulness for a happy unscared association. Brotherly and sisterly love was manifested by their handshakes, and embraces.

As the hour of 9 o'clock a.m. approached, the brethern began to sing some old time songs that brought a heavy down pouring of spiritual manna from Heavens glory land.

Souls that had hungered so long for peace and tranquility to guide them through the storms of life were being filled to overflowing. Shouts for angels to get your mansions ready filled the air and was carried upward on the wings of the calm breezes that fanned away the heat of the day.

Bro. Robert Haney introduced the services, and made prayer. He was wonderfully blessed giving evidence of the gift that God had given him.

Eld. Cecil Boggs whom the committee had chosen on Saturday could not be with us. Eld. Alonzo Allen was selected to occupy his place. Bro. Allen chose to preach from the 18th Chapter of John the 37th verse, dwelling on the last stanza: "To this end was I borne, for this cause came I into the world." He was wonderfully blessed to

bring a clear message of repentance by the way of the cleansing blood of the lamb of God.

Eld. Ed. May filled his appointment on Saturday and could not be with us on Sunday. Eld. Roy Caudill was blessed to utter many words of council and advice to those who bore the burdens of the cross. Examine the doctrine, and be firm in the defense of the principals that the identity of Old Regular Baptist may not be lost in the archives of religious history "was his plea." He warned the congregation that there was four types of preachers that was after their souls. (1) The one that the devil had called, (2) The one the church had called, (3) The one that had called himself, and (4) the one that God had called.

Our beloved mod. came to the stand humbly begging the praying part of the congregation to continue in prayer, "for there was more honey in the rock." He sang a few verses of that blessed old song: "I Can't Turn Back Now, I'm too Near Home." The writer was greatly moved by the clearness of his voice, and the words of this song. He chose for a subject the first and second verses of Chapter One of the Hebrews. "God who at Sunday times and in divers manners spoke in times past unto the fathers by the prophets. Hath in these last days spoken unto us by His son etc." As he moved out into the mountains of bliss the good news from Heaven began to reach the ears of those that were blessed to be under the sound of his voice. His voice was so clear and his words were

so plain, that it seemed that one could see by an eye of faith a man coming marching through that beautiful wilderness of sturdy timber having on a raiment of camel's hair and a leathern girdle about his loins, laying his hands on Bro. Osborne, and saying "this is my Bro. a faithful servant of the most high God, hear ye him." Bro. Osborne was exceedingly blessed to expound the gospel of Christ in a manner that could not be disputed. This sermon should have found a lodging place in every sinful heart.

As the singing of the old song, "Dear Friends Farewell I do You Tell," began to send out its melodious tones, shouts of joyfulness declaring the goodness and mercy of God was heard from the tongues of the little children of God.

Thus was the ending of one of the most joyful associations the writer had ever attended.

Humbly, your Clerk.

We must not forget the tiring hours that our worthy daughters of the Little Memory Church spent around a hot stove preparing the many varieties of delicious food that filled a hundred foot long table for three full days. For the want of words that would adequately express our thankfulness for your hospitality. Let us also remember those that opened the doors of their homes inviting our messengers, delegates, and visitors to spend a night with them. We can only say may God richly bless you for your kindness.

CIRCULAR LETTER

Dear brothers of the Northern New Salem Association, being chosen at our last session to write the circular letter to be read at our 1971 session, I trust the Lord will direct my mind to write the things that would please him.

Brethern I have prayed all year for the Lord to bless me to write this letter.

As I attempt to write today it is less than two weeks until our coming together. I trust that we can all meet in one mind and one accord as one writer said, to do thy will oh God.

The scripture that bears on my mind is, in second Corinthians, the Thirteenth chapter, and the Eleventh verse.

"Finally brothers, farewell be perfect, be of good comfort, be of one mind, live in peace, and the God of love and peace shall be with you."

In this brethern I know that some will say that it is impossible to be perfect. In the flesh this is true, but Brethern when we are absent from the body and present with God in the spirit we have the understanding and knowledge to work according to the will of the Lord.

But, when we trust in the flesh we have not the promise of the good things of God. The Bible says that all flesh is enmity with God.

I know my dear brothers and sisters of the

Northern New Salem Association, that there are many heartaches in the old church today, but we must realize that we are not promised that troubles will not come, but woe be on them who bring offenses in the church.

But when troubles and heartaches do come if we put our trust in the Lord, not in man, Jesus will as he has promised lead us in paths that we know not.

The Bible says, they that trust in the Lord shall be as Mount Zion, they shall not be moved and their strength shall be renewed.

Jesus told his children I am a rock in a weary land, I am a shelter in time of storm.

The Bible also says, be ye followers of God as dear children and walk in love one toward the other by this all men shall know that ye are my disciples.

May I my dear brothers and sisters as my heart is filled with joy humbly write to you what Paul said, if there be therefore any consolation in Christ if any comfort of love if any fellowship of the spirit, if any bowels and mercies, fulfill ye my joy that ye be like minded, having the same love, being of one accord of one mind.

Let nothing be done through strife or vain glory, but in loveliness of mind let each esteem others better than themselves.

Look not every man on his own thing, but every man also on the things of others.

Let this mind be in you which was in Christ Jesus.

Then my beloved brethern work out your own salvation with fear and trembling. For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his own good pleasure.

Do all things without murmuring and disputing, that ye may be blameless and harmless the sons of God without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world.

When we are in trouble let us remember what Jesus said in the days of old spoken by Isaiah the Prophet.

Fear thou not for I am with thee be not dismayed, for I am thy God, I will strengthen thee yea I will help thee, I will uphold thee.

When the poor and needy seek water and there is none and their tongue faillith for thirst, I, the Lord will hear them I the God of Israel will not forsak them.

Then in Johns writings we hear Jesus saying, I will not leave you comfortless, I will come to you.

So dear children tarry on for just a little longer, for Jesus will soon come and take us home to suffer no more.

When we walk down those golden streets and set down at mothers table God will feed us with his dear nail scared hands. Then we will be satisfied. We are just pilgrims here so jouring through strange land.

I today brethern am like the little poet who wrote I long to go then farewell woe.

Brethern this world is not our home, we seek a city high in the heavens whose builder and maker is God.

For fear that I might make this letter too long, let me say farewell brothers and sisters, pray that God will bless us all to walk in the spirit and to pray for one another.

Be of good cheer for Christ will come as he has promised to take his children home. Though uor bodies may be planted in the grave the Lord will know where the grave is that holds his children.

Wheresoever the body is thither will the eagles be gathered together.

Therefore my beloved brethern, be ye steadfast, unmoveable always abounding in the works of the Lord, for as much as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.

May God bless you all.

Your humble servant in Christ
Elder Johnie Bentley

**CONSTITUTION OF THE
NORTHERN NEW SALEM ASSOCIATION
WHEN ORGANIZED IN 1958**

From a long series of experiences, we the OLD REGULAR BAPTIST CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST, being baptised 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 baptised, 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, an assistant moderator, clerk, and assistant clerk chosen by the members present.

6. New churches may be admitted into the 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.

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

8. The Association shall endeavor to furnish the churches with Minutes of Association.

9. 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.

10. There shall be an Association book kept wherein the proceedings of every Association shall be recorded by the Secretary appointed by the Association, who shall receive a compensation for his services.

11. 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.

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

13. 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.

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

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. 2nd Peter 1:21, 1st Timothy 3:16, 2nd Timothy 3:16.

3. We believe in the doctrine of election by grace. For by grace are ye saved through Faith. Isa. 42:1, Eph. 2:8.

4. We believe in the doctrine of original sin, and of man's inability to recover himself from the fallen state he is in by nature, therefore a Saviour is needed for redemption. Gen. 2:7, Romans 5:12.

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. Prov. 8:4. Matt. 9:13, Mark 2:17, 2nd Timothy 2:9, 1st Peter 1:23.

6. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God, only by the imputed righteousness of JESUS CHRIST. 2nd Timothy 1:9, Luke 18:13-14, Acts 13:39.

7. We believe that baptism is the ordinance of God's church on earth, and the mode is, IMMER-

SION back foremost so as to cover all over. Matt. 3:14, Luke 1:9-10, John 1:31-32-33, Romans 6:4, Eph. 4:5.

8. We believe that the Lord's Supper is the command of the Saviour, and that by the use of bread and fruit of the vine and feet-washing should be kept up until His second coming, by His believers. Luke 22:10-2, John 13:7-8, 12-17, 1st Timothy 5:9-10.

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. 15:51-52, Luke 24:46.

10. We believe that no minister has a right to administer the ordinances and commands of the gospel, except such as are regularly baptised, and that by immersion by a legal administrator of the gospel. And has come under the hands of a regular chosen presbytery of the church and ordained thereby. Acts, 12:2; 3. Romans 1:6, Titus 1:6.

11. We believe it is 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. Acts 11:29, Romans 15:26, 1st Cor. 16:1-2.

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. 18:9-10.

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. John 11:8-11, Acts 2:42, 1st John 1:3.

14. We believe that JESUS CHRIST is the head of the church, and the government thereof is upon His shoulders. Isaiah 9:6-7, 22:21-22, Luke 1:33.

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, 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

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

2. The Association shall have a moderator, an assistant moderator, clerk, and assistant clerk 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.

UNION MEETINGS & COMMUNION TIME APRIL

ANTIOCH—1st Saturday and Sunday in April, 1972. Elders called: Eddie Tackett, Wayne Harold, Clifford Colly, Baxter Osborne, Mitchell Chaffins, and Deb. Saunders. Communion time 1st Sunday in October, 1972.

PLEASANT VIEW — 1st Saturday and Sunday in April, 1972, Covis Tackett, Woody Pack, Clive Hall, Frank Thacker, Paris Tackett, and Mod. Communion time first Sunday in May, 1972.

ROSE OF SHARON — 3rd Saturday and Sunday in April, 1972. Elders called: Jay Mitchell, Charles Adkins, John M. Justice, Roy Hamilton, Jimmie Hall, Paris Tackett and Hiram Adkins. Communion time 3rd Sunday in May, 1972.

LITTLE OVAL — 4th Saturday and Sunday in April, 1972. Elders called: Alex Collier, W. P. Deal, Paul Hudson, Roy Caudill, Buddy Carty, David Pullum, Lloyd Smith and Bill Dunbar. Communion time 4th Saturday and Sunday in May, 1972.

LITTLE JEWEL — 4th Saturday and Sunday in April, 1971. Elders called: Mitchell Chaffins, Ershel Huff, Webster Bartley, Chuck Keesee, Delmar Williams, and Paris Tackett. Communion time 4th Sunday in June, 1972.

MAY

LITTLE IDA — 1st Saturday and Sunday in May, 1972. Elders called: Baxter Osburn, Paris Tackett, Chuck Keesee, Roy Caudill, Hendricks Hampton, Hiram Adkins, Forest Osborne, Ivan Amburgy, Alex Collier and Paul Hutchinson. Communion time 1st Sunday in June, 1972.

MAGGIE HOME — 1st Saturday and Sunday in May, 1972. Elders called: Hiram Adkins, Covis Tackett, Russell Hicks, Lloyd Smith, Buddy Carty, Savel Combs, Rhubin Baker, Mod. and Asst. Mod. and Bill Collins. Communion time 1st Saturday and Sunday in July, 1972.

LITTLE FLOSSIE — 1st Saturday and Sunday in May, 1972. Elders called: Roy Caudill, Claude Ousley, Charles Ramey, H. N. Vanderpool, Delmar Williams, Amos Williams, and Joshua Hicks. Communion time 1st Sunday in June, 1972.

LITTLE MEMORY — 2nd Saturday and Sunday in May, 1972. Elders called: Roy Caudill, Melvin Watts, Ivan Amburgy, Chuck Keesee and Ernest Ward. Communion time 2nd Sunday in June, 1972.

LITTLE ZION — 2nd Saturday and Sunday in June, 1972. Elders called: Baxter Osborne, Clifford Maynard, Deb. Saunders, Lloyd Smith, J. C. Tack-

ett, Paul Hudson, Ed. May, and Bob Hunter. Communion time 2nd Sunday in June, 1972.

LITTLE RUTH — 2nd Saturday and Sunday in May, 1972. Elders called: Milford Adams, Baxter Osborne, Monroe Jones, Effie Bartley, Ross Hopkins, Ershel Huff, and Russell Hicks. Communion time 2nd Sunday in May, 1972.

MT. ARARAT — 3rd Saturday and Sunday in May, 1972. Elders called: David Pullum, Hiram Adkins, Bill Collins, Bob Hunter, Albert Hamilton, Paris Tackett, Savel Combs, and Mod. Communication time 3rd Sunday in August, 1972.

LITTLE CHILDREN'S HOME — 3rd Saturday and Sunday in May, 1972. Elders called: Lloyd Smith, Bill Dunbar, Alex Collier, Ivan Amburgy, Buddy Carty, Jimmie Saunders, W. P. Deal, Dave Pullum. Communion time 3rd Sunday in May, 1972.

MORNING STAR — 3rd Saturday and Sunday in May, 1972. Elders called: Roy B. Akers, W. P. Deal, Paris Tackett, Ivan Amburgy, Alex Collier and Karrel Addington. Communion time 3rd Sunday in May, 1972.

MT. OLIVET — 4th Saturday and Sunday in May, 1972. Elders called: Johnie Newsom, Savel Combs, Albert Hamilton, Bill Collins, Hobert Graham, Bob Hunter, Mod. and Asst. Mod. Communion time 4th Sunday in June, 1972.

LILY OF THE VALLEY — 4th Saturday and Sunday in May, 1972. Elders called: Baxter Os-

borne, Zee Holbrook, Alex Collier, Covis Tackett, Buddy Carty, Bob Hunter, and Mod. Communion time 4th Sunday in July, 1972.

JUNE

LITTLE BETHEL — 1st Saturday and Sunday in June, 1972. Elders called: Milford Adams, Deb Saunders, Bob Hunter, Carl Tuttle, Bill Tackett, and Robert Haney. Communion time 1st Sunday in July, 1972.

LITTLE POLLY — 2nd Saturday and Sunday in June, 1972. Elders called: Earl Lawson, Anthony Hamilton, Joshua Hicks, Claude Ousley and H. N. Vanderpool. Communion time 2nd Sunday in July, 1972.

LITTLE PILGRIMS HOME — 2nd Sunday in June, 1972. Elders called: Virgil Fields, Lloyd Mullins, Buford Brock, Frank Harvey, Alex Collier, Roy Hudson, Bill Collins, Henry King, and Mod. Communion time 2nd Saturday and Sunday in July, 1972.

LITTLE FAMILY — 2nd Saturday and Sunday in June, 1972. Elders called: Deb. Saunders, Paul Adkins, Charles Keesee, Johnie Bentley, Anthony Hamilton, and Buddy Carty. Communion time 2nd Sunday in July, 1972.

LITTLE REBECCA — 3rd Saturday and Sunday in June, 1972. Elders called: Clifford Williams,

Hiram Adkins, Irvin Hicks, Paris Tackett, and Mitchel Chaffins. Communion time 3rd Sunday in July, 1972.

MT. ZION — 4th Saturday and Sunday in June 1972. Elders called: Rayful Griffith, Richard Griffith, Clifford Williams, Mitchell Chaffins and Mod. Asst. Mod. Communion time 4th Sunday in July, 1972.

LITTLE FLOCK — 3rd Saturday and Sunday in July, 1972. Elders called: Hiram Adkins, Ivory Sowards, J. M. Justice, Deb. Saunders, Lons Allen, Sam. Franks, Lloyd Smith, and Whipple Reynolds. Communion time 3rd Sunday in August, 1972.

LITTLE ANGEL — 4th Saturday and Sunday in July, 1972. Elders called: Buddy Carty, Savel Combs, Elas Cotton, Clifford Colley, Woodroe Dye, Garland Mullins, and Tracy Hatfield. Communion time 4th Sunday in August, 1972.

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MARIE WENDT

By request I will try in my weakness to write the obituary of a dear Sister in Christ to-wit, Sister Marie Wendt. She was the daughter of Bro. John Russ Dixon and Sister Tishie Brown Dixon. Born in Letcher Co., Ky. on April 8, 1914. Deceased this life at her home in Bullitt Co., Ky. April 9, 1970. God blessed isster Marie to live upon his earth 56 years. Then I feel he came and took her to his home, that she had longed for so long.

Sister Marie grew up in Letcher Co., Ky., leaving there when but a young girl going to the state of Michigan to work. There she met and married Walter Demdt, who survives. I can truthfully say he was a very dear and devoted husband, ever concerned and provided for sister Marie's needs and wants during their many happy years together.

Sister Marie leaves to mourn her passing three sisters, Vera Campbell, Cornettsville, Ky.; sister Dana Combs, and Agnes Whitaker both of Louisville, Ky. Two brothers, Glenn Dixon of Detroit, Michigan and Bro. Boyd Dixon of Rome City, Ind.

Several years ago sister Marie saw herself lost her of her many wrongs, sister Marie felt with all her heart that God had forgiven her. She went home to the Little Ida Church and told the good things the Lord had done for her. She lived happy in the Little Ida Church for many years. Sister Marie took sick with that awful disease, cancer. She moved to Lou. to be near her mother and sisters. Surely God will bless you Agnes and sister Dana for caring for Sis like you did. I went with Bro. Akers and Bro. Paul many times to see sister Marie during her long illness. You would always find her reading her Bible and talking of the goodness of the Lord. I have seen her shout and praise God so many times. The evening before she departed for Heaven, she couldn't speak. She would look up and point her little hand to Heaven.

A few months before she passed away, she brought her membership to the Antioch Church. I

feel with all my heart I will see sister Marie in the morning of all mornings. Sleep on sister Marie, rest, and some sweet day I feel you will get up with a body like unto Jesus. Go home to a land of pure delight, where you will have a tongue to praise our Savior forever.

In my closing may I say to Mr. Wendt, may God bless you in your lonely hours. Look for that day when you can say, "Marie, I am coming home." To her Bros., Sisters, and Dear Mother, look up, put your trust in God and some sweet day you can meet Sis. in a land of peace, where we won't get sick, only live to praise our Savior forever in a land of everlasting beauty.

I am sure sister Marie would be happy to know that sister Dana has filled her seat in the old church, and would want you all to meet her in glory.

Humbly yours in Christ,
Bro. Hillard Newsome

EDWARD HOLSINGER

Edward Holsinger, the son of the late Richard Allen Hoslinger and Elizabeth Madden Holsinger was born January 23, 1906, and departed this life June 27, 1971, making his stay on earth 65 years, 5 months and 4 days.

He was married to Maxie Martin, July 7, 1930, and to this union was born three sons and two daughters. They are Harold and Victor of Columbus; Jimmy of Virgie; Mrs. Noble Newsome of Virgie; Linda Jackson of Columbus, Ohio.

He also leaves to mourn his passing 10 grandchildren, two brothers, Earl Holsinger of Friendship, Ohio, and Charles Holsinger of Marion, Ohio, and four sisters, Carmmie Lane, Gracie Moore, Elsie Maynard, and Nellie Jackson.

Brother Ed joined the Old Regular Baptist Church at Enterprise in the year of 1942, and went in an arm from the Enterprise Church to organize the Little Angel Church in Columbus, Ohio.

Brother Ed has lived faithful to his profession and was an ordained Deacon in the Little Angel Church.

Brother Ed has been afflicted for some time, but like Job, he bore his afflictions with patience, and we feel that his suffering is over. We feel that our loss is Heaven's gain.

May I say to his children, as I believe Brother Ed would say, "Weep not for me, but weep for yourselves and your children."

To you children, if you want to meet Daddy again, you must forsake the way of sin and be born again.

To you, Sister Maxie, life will be lonesome, but just press on for it won't be long till you can join Brother Ed in that Heavenly Country.

Written by
Elder onroe Jones

HENRY VANDERPOOL

By request of his weeping sister, Edith Tuttle I will try to write an obituary of Henry Vanderpool. He was born September 30, 1929, the son of Woots

and Martha Vanderpool of Floyd Co., Kentucky, who preceded him in death. Henry died March 13, 1970 at the Willard Hospital after a very brief illness. He is survived by one brother, Robert Vanderpool, of Michigan; 4 sisters, Margaret Rook, of Willard, Ohio; Mary Mosley, Minnie Ky.; Dolly Ratliff, Martin, Kentucky; and Edith Tuttle, of Willard, Ohio, with whom he made his home. Henry never professed any religion or joined any Church, but I was told by his family that he had been praying, he always had respect for the brothers and sisters when we were called to their home to Church, he was always there to listen and treated us with kindness. So I want to say to Edith and the family, if Henry did make peace with the Lord he is just out of his suffering and, if any of you children haven't made peace with the Lord, I beg you to repent and be ready when the death angel calls.

Elder Savel Combs

Henry Vanderpool Memorial to be preached 5th Saturday and Sunday in August, 1971. Saturday at Little Bethel Church and Sunday at Bro. Wile Tuttle home. Elder Frank Harvey to conduct the services. Other preachers to attend, Savel Combs, Bill Collins, James Branham, Buck Tuttle, David Pullem, and Don Gibson.



ARILLA MULLINS

With much sadness I will try in my weakness to write an obituary of a mighty precious sister in the Lord, beloved sister Arilla Mullins. She departed this life the 2nd of May, 1971, making her stay on this earth 86 years, 11 months, and 24 days. Her husband John Morgan Mullins, who died January 15, 1958 and four children preceded her in death. She leaves to mourn her loss, nine children, seven girls, Vina Mullins of Waynesburg, Kentucky; Louie Davidson of Cincinnati, Ohio; Zilla Tackett of Waynesburg, Kentucky; Donvia Measel of Rosedale, Indiana; Leona Baugh of Cincinnati, Ohio; Ilma Thompson of Christiansburg, Ohio, and Ruth Mitchel of Spiceland, Indiana and two boys, Mr. Smith Mullins of Nokomas, Florida and Mr.

Clifford Mullins of Long Beach, California, and 36 grandchildren, and 75 great-grandchildren, and 19 great-great-grandchildren. Surviving her are one whole sister, Mrs. Lourena Greer and one half-sister, Elvina Osborn, and four half-brothers, George Burk, Arlin Burk and Mosey Burk. Sister Arilla joined the regular Baptist Church at Pilgrim's Rest in 1906, and was baptized by old brother A. L. Mercer. As you will see in her own written words farther down this obituary, she later got her letter and came to the Friendship Church in Lincoln County, Kentucky. Later she brought her letter to the Little Jewel Church at Ashland, Kentucky. Here she remained a loving and faithful member until her death. She stayed at my home some and I sure enjoyed her company. She stayed part of the time with her daughters, Ilma and part with Vina Mullins another of her daughters. But the most of her life, after the death of her husband, she spent with brother Perry Tackett and Sister Zilla, where she left this world to join the angels. I want to say to Brother Perry and Sister Zilla that they did wonderful to their mother to wait on her as they did and also to Ilma and the other children who were so wonderful to wait on their mother. And I want to say to those children who have never made peace with God. If you ever want to see Mother again, do as she did, get down on your knees, and pray unto the Lord. She would say to me so often that she would love to see her children come in before it's too late. She has said, "Brother Steve if our children don't get right, we

can't help it." I am sure that mother set the example before her children. So children when you lose Mother you have lost the best friend you had in nature on earth. But the Lord is the best friend of all. So I want to say, sleep on Sister Arilla, it won't be long till we meet together, where parting is no more. We realize that the Little Jewel Church has lost a precious member and Heaven has gained an extra crown. And I hear the scripture saying, "And I heard a voice saying unto me write, blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth, yea sayeth the Spirit, but they may rest from their labor and their words do follow them." So I believe Sister Arilla's works and her walk are following after her, of her children and those who knew her. So I must close this obituary as it is getting lengthy. Sister Arilla's memorial funeral will be preached at the Powell Church the 2nd Saturday and Sunday in June of 1972. Ministers who she has chosen are Steve Osborn, Alonzo Allen, Roy Akers, Baxter Osborn, Clifford Colley, Hendricks Hampton, and Carlos Little.

A precious one from us is gone.

A voice we loved is still

A seat is vacant in our church

That never can be filled.

Written by Elder Steve Osborn

This is the writing of Sister Arilla Mullins

Arilla Burk Mullins was born May 8th, 1884, daughter of Moses and Elvina Hall Burk, in 1898 I was married to John Morgan Mullins. To us

were born 13 children, 5 boys and 8 girls, 3 died in infancy, 1 girl, 2 boys. Our first baby was born Jan. 21, 1900, died Jan. 21, 1900. I was almost 16 years old. Then is when I seen or felt myself a sinner. And my trouble begin. I went on mourning the loss of our baby that was so precious. Then my mind begin to wonder when my soul would go if I was called to go. Then I begin to pray for the Lord to have mercy on my soul and not let me go to that place called Hell. For I had heard the Preachers talk about and all them that did not do the will of the Lord would go there. Then every time we went to meeting I felt more condemned. I was down hearted my very life had become a burden. I was carrying such a heavy load. But I kept on praying from time to time. So this went on till sometime in Sept. 1903. I was on my knees praying for the last time. I thought I would never see my family again. But I heard a voice from somewhere and I was afraid to raise my head. So it spoke again and said be not afraid. It was then I looked and it was my Saviour standing with out stretched arms for me to come to him. Then all at once my heavy load was gone I knew not where. And I was so happy. I was not afraid, everything seem to be rejoicing with me. But sometime later I got afraid maybe I was mistaken. But something said go home to your friends and I prayed to be shown where to find them. And every time we went to meeting at the Pilgrim's Rest Church back in the Mts. of Pike County, Ky. I felt it was my home and would go back home dissatisfied. But I wanted to

wait till my companion got ready so we could both make our offering together. This went on for a long time. So we still went to church, it was Sept. the 7th, 1906, the first Sunday. So in the close of meeting, I must of ben overcome by the spirit. And I had joined the church not realizing what I was doing till Brother A. L. Mercer asked when I wanted to be baptised so it came to me I had went home. Then the first Sunday, Oct. 5th, me and 10 others were baptised by the hands of Elder A. L. Mercer. So the Baptist Church has been my home. I have been satisfied to dwell together with my brethern and sisters. With my Saviour to lead and direct my pathway. For he is all in all to me and as I get older my faith grows stronger and my way grows brighter. When I started out on my journey home we had 3 small children neither one old enough to know or remember anything about it. So my children wanted me to leave a record for them of my life. I have done the best I can now that I am 81 ayers old, can't remember too good what happens now. But things that happened years ago that I have wrote. I don't think we ever forget.

Wrote by me, Arilla Burks Mullins
Your Mother



GRADY ADKINS

Elder Grady A. Adkins was born April 20, 1893, at Greasey Creek in Pike County, Kentucky. He was the son of the late L. Grant Adkins and the late Elizabeth Coleman Adkins. He married Minty Brown on September 3, 1914. To this union was born sixteen children. One girl, Margaret Katherine is deceased.

He leaves to mourn his loss his wife, Minty Brown Adkins; fifteen children: Lenford, Charlie, Barrett, Grover, Warren Gee, Reaford, Hiram, Franklin Grady, Mrs. Ruby Conn, Mrs. Ona Mae Bartley, Mrs. Fayette May, Mrs. Ella Harris, Mrs. Ruth Bartley, Mrs. Madge Mullins, and Mrs. Minne Vee Raines; forty-four grandchildren, and eighteen great-grandchildren. He leaves one brother, Sollie Adkins, two sisters, Fannie Adkins

and Nannie Clark. Brothers and sisters that have gone before him are Alvin Adkins, Fonso Adkins, Ella Ford, Annie Ratliff, and Ocie Ratliff.

Grady joined the Old Regular Baptist Church in 1923, at Greasey Creek. He was baptised by the late Brother Frank Hopkins, and soon after was ordained as a minister.

In his life of the Church, he was called on in many ways to serve the Church and was faithful to his calling.

To all his children and many friends you all know Papa's words about Jesus, he found them to be peace to his soul.

Papa was one that loved to read his Bible. If you will only look around and remember the words he spoke to you, your life will be much more meaningful. Jesus called and Papa answered. Oh what a call it was, for it left our heart so empty. As we saw our Father pass away, our hearts were made lighter because Papa chose Psalms 49:15 for his last text. "But God will redeem my soul from the power of the grave: for he shall receive me." I will not attempt to write what all Papa has said and done.

Children, with all my heart, I am glad he was my Father. And I will meet him again in Heaven some day. I would like to say to all of his grandchildren, knowing how close you were to Papaw, he would like for all of you to choose Jesus in life's journey somewhere. For this will be the road that will lead you to meet Papaw again. May all of us children let his life reign on in our hearts

forever. And oh Mama, how he loved you, too! Just cast your eyes on Jesus for he can take us through the golden gates of Heaven. There we will sing and shout forever with that holy, happy band.

The hour has come for us to lay Papa in the grave, and oh how sad it will be! May we all say, as we turn from his grave, Lord lead me to that land where we can live forever so Papa has said farewell until we meet again in Heaven.

Written by his Unworthy Son
Hiram Adkins



GLENDON HAMPTON

By the help of the good Lord, I'll try to write a few words about my beloved stepbrother Glendon Hampton. He died at his home in Oxford, Ohio on Friday, February 5, 1971. He was the son of Jasper and Georgia Back Hampton. He was born January 24, 1926. Making his stay here on earth 45

years and 12 days. He was born at Jeremiah, Kentucky. His father preceded him in death several years ago. His mother later married Lloyd Day, Waynesburg, Kentucky. He was a Veteran of World War II and served in the Navy. After coming here he went to Michigan and worked a while, then came back to Kentucky where he met and married Jean Gilley in 1949. To this union was born 3 sons, Glendon Jr., 21, now serving with the U. S. Navy, and Delbert, 17, and David, 8 at home.

He came to Oxford 16 years ago and was laid off. Then he was an employe at the Miami University as a Maintenance worker at the time of death. He was a member of the Old Regular Baptist Church for a few years before death. He loved to go to church and seemed to enjoy it so well. He always had a smile for everyone he met. We will all miss Glen very much. He left to mourn his loss, besides his wife, Jean and boys, 2 brothers, Donald of Sardina, Ohio; Gale of Waynesburg, Kentucky; one half brother, Estill Day of Wasbush, Indiana; one sister, Gladys Thompson of Muncia, Indiana; 2 half sisters, Oreene Correll of Somerset, Kentucky; and Mary Ann Yontz of Waynesburg, Kentucky, and several step sisters and brothers, plus a host of friends and relatives. Glen enjoyed talking about the Lord and the good blessings he would bestow upon him at church. So we hope he is resting peaceful where there are no sickness or heartaches.

Written by Hettie Thompson
A stepsister



IRA ROSE

It's with a sad and aching heart, that I try to write an obituary of my father, Ira Rose.

He was born March 5, 1897, and died July 20, 1971. Making his stay on earth 74 years, 4 months, 15 days.

He was the son of John and Centhia Ann Rose. They both preceded him in death. He had five brothers and three sisters. All five of his brothers have preceded him in death, leaving three sisters, Sarah Ratliff, Dovie Coleman, and Delphia Mullins to mourn his loss.

Daddy married my mother Ruthie Elkins. Mother preceded him in death. To this union was born nine children; Gracie Davis, Elsie Lawson, Esther Stewart, Ethel Rose, Edna Reed, Bennie, Joe, Donald, Lonzie Rose. Ethel and Edna pre-

ceded him in death, leaving the rest of us to mourn his loss.

Daddy was married to Mary May in 1953, who had seven children whom daddy came to love as his own; Olive, Ann, Joyce, Nell, Stella, Della, and Akron, Jr.

Daddy had 39 grandchildren and 43 great grandchildren.

Daddy never made an open confession and joined any church. But he lived a good life before his children and he always taught us the good way to live.

I believe, with all of my heart that Daddy is gone to rest. I hope to meet him again, some day.

I want to say to the rest of the children. If, you ever want to see Daddy and Mommy again just get ready to meet Jesus.

His memorial will be preached at the Buddy Ratliff Cemetery at Lokout, Kentucky, on the Fourth Saturday and Sunday in July. Brothers called, Elders John M. Justice, Albert Hamilton, Bob Hunter, Calvin Mullins, Charles Ramey, Monroe Jones, Perry Jones. Everyone is welcome.

Written by his broken hearted daughter
Gracie Davis

Route 3, Box 232, West Salem, Ohio



MARTHA ELIZABETH GEARING

By the request of the family and the help of the good Lord, I will try to write a short obituary of Sister Martha Elizabeth Gearing, who departed this life at Riverside Hospital on June 19, 1971.

She was born in Catlettsburg, Kentucky, on August 15, 1923, to the late Mr. and Mrs. Rural Jarrells. She was married to Clifton Gearing on October 24, 1942, who survives. To this union was born three daughters; Mrs. Lavada Luster, of Columbus, Ohio; Mrs. Wanda Snoke, of Londonderry, Ohio and Miss Bessie Leola Gearing, at home. Also three granddaughters; Dianne, Sandra and Tammy. She left one sister, Mrs. Osa Crabtree and three brothers, Adron, Norman and Walter Jarrells, all from Portsmouth, Ohio.

Sister Gearing joined the Little Angel Church of Old Regular Baptist, on the 21st day of October,

1966, and was baptised on the 22nd day of October, 1966.

Sister Gearing lived a true christian life until God saw fit to call her home. She had been ill for sometime, even though her illness didn't keep her from filing her seat at church, I have seen her raise her hands and shout the praises of God so many times. So children, Husband and friends, I would love to give you a few words of advice; You know the life Mother lived before you, and I feel that if you ever want to see Mother again, you will have to follow in her footsteps, for I believe she is at rest, just waiting for that morning when Jesus will come on a cloud of Glory to take his children home. We don't know when that death angel will come riding by, so be ready, if you want to see Mother again.

Elder Forest Osborne



BERTE MULLINS

In memory of one so dear to me, my sweet companion, Berte Mullins. She died June 30, 1970 about

4 o'clock in the morning. When I left that morning going to work at six thirty, I thought she was asleep and resting good, so I didn't try to awaken her. When I returned at one o'clock oh, what an awful feeling I got. I found out that she had gone to sleep forever. Just went to sleep in the arms of Jesus never to come back and be with me any more. The Bible says you are no more twain but one that is if you have pure love for each other. So I feel like half of me died when she went away to live with sweet Jesus. No one knows the loneliness and what a lonesome life you have after your companion is gone except the ones that had the experience.

Written by a lonely husband
John Mullins



JOE PRATER

I now make the feeble attempt to write something about our dear Brother, Joe Prater, who was

born in Huysville, Ky. on February 23, 1896 and died April 25, 1971. He was the son of Daniel and Rhoda Prater. He was married to Jenny Ousley and unto this union was born eleven children, six of whom still survive. They are Luke and Casey of McArthur, Ohio; Joe Ed of Beverly, Ohio; Ruffus of Catlettsburg, Ky.; Charles of South Point, Ohio; and one daughter, Cledith Oiler of McArthur, Ohio.

Brother Joe Prater was baptised into the fellowship of the Old Regular Baptist Church in February, 1952 and lived from that time up until his death, a faithful member. He seemed to live up to the Commandments of God, as near as any member of the church. He was sick a few years before his death with heart trouble, but bore himself with patience and fortitude during his sickness. Brother Joe was also good and patient to his companion, Sister Jenny, as she lay in bed sick, most of the winter before his death.

I am a young member in the church, but I had worked with Brother Joe quite a few years, before he retired from Austin Powder Co., while I was still a sinner man. Brother Joe always stood out among the working men and seemed so different from the rest of us. We all thought he was such an old person; cbeause he didn't mix in with the rest of us with our card playing and jokes during lunch hour. But, oh, how I can see Brother Joe thru different eyes after I became a child of God. I guess now, I seem odd to my fellow workers. I can honestly say, Brother Joe walked a true and Christian

life at work as well as away from work.

When it pleased God to call his spirit home on high, how sad we all were and how we do miss our dear Brother when we gather at the Maggie Home Church and see his vacant seat. But we do hope our great loss is his eternal gain. Brother Prater was a man respected and loved by all who knew him, and I would like to say to his children; walk in the footsteps of your dad. He left a light hanging for you in the window. If you ever hope to see daddy again, and you aren't already saved, you will have to follow in his footsteps and believe in the Lord Jesus Christ.

Farewell, my dear brethern, farewell for awhile,
We'll soon meet again if kind Providence smiles;
But while we are parted, and scattered abroad,
We'll pray for each other and trust in the Lord.
Farewell, faithful soldiers, you'll soon be discharged,

The war will be ended ,the bounty enlarged;
With shouting and singing, though Jordon may roar,

You'll enter fair Canaan and rest on the shore.
Farewell, my dear brethern, farewell all around,
Perhaps we'll not meet till the last trumpet sounds,

To meet you in glory, I give you my hand,
Our Savior to praise, in a pure social band.

Written by a brother-in-hope,
Bobby L. Baker



ISAAC ROSE

It is with a sad heart and the help of the Lord that we try to write this obituary of our Daddy, Isaac Rose.

He was born July 20th, 1898 at Jenkins, Kentucky and departed this life July 15th, 1971 being 72 years, 11 mos., and 25 days. He was the youngest child of Samuel and Jaley Powers Rose. To this union was born the following children: Patrick, Martha, Melissa, Ellen, Lindsey, Melvin, Bertha, and Isaac. Of these only one brother, Melvin, survives.

He was married to Vina Jane Vanover in December, 1931, who survives along with the following children—Alma, Estelle, Edith, Ella, Jim, Emile, Douglas, and Windell. An infant, Gerald, preceded him in death in 1938. There also survive 22 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren along

with a host of relatives and friends to mourn his loss.

Daddy made his profession of faith and was accepted into the Maggie Home Church of the Old Regular Baptist Church of Jesus Christ in August, 1935 and was baptised by Brother Joshua Hicks and Brother Anthony Hamilton.

We have every assurance that Daddy is at rest with Jesus. Words cannot begin to express how much we will miss him, but knowing he is at rest with his Savior makes our burden easier to bear.

Written by loving children



VIRGIE WICKER

Virgie Wicker, born March 26, 1889 was married to Rob Wicker who dec. this life in 1939. Unto this union was born 10 children at which 6 of them preceded her in death, 4 still living. Mrs. Flossie Corkhill, Huntington, Indiana; Mrs. Minnie

Triplett, Tiro, Ohio; Mrs. Elmer Wicker, Tiro, Ohio and Mr. Mitchell Wicker, Detroit, Michigan. One stepdaughter, Carrie Watts, Mousie, Ky.; two sisters living, Mertie Triplett, Marion, Ohio; Mary Parson, Whitehouse, Ky. Four sisters and five brothers preceded her in death. Twenty-four grandchildren, nine step-grandchildren, thirty-one great-grandchildren and a whole host of relatives and friends to weep her loss.

Sister Virgie belonged to the Old Regular Baptist Church for about 50 years and no doubt in my mind lived a faithful life until death. She was very ill for seven days in the Shelly Memorial Hospital. November 22, 1970 at 2:30, Sunday afternoon the death angel slipped in and took her from us, making her stay here on earth 81 years, 7 months and 4 days.

She resided at Tiro. Moved from Knott Co., Mousie, Ky. in 1951 and her membership was at the Little Rebecca Church. Her seat will be missed, but we feel God had a better home in Heaven. Children I know you will miss mother, but look at the bright side. Her suffering is over, her race is run. Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord. They do rest from all their labor. May I say this to the family. Mother's footsteps will be safe for you to follow. She will be hid away for awhile, but God has a set time. He will call and she will answer, get up and go shouting to her sweet Eternal Home. Farewell.

Written by her Brother In Christ
Elder Claude Ousley



NOAH WILLIAMS

It's with much sadness and broken hearts, we will try with the help of God, to write an obituary of our beloved brother and cousin, and we so deeply feel a Brother in the Lord.

Noah Williams was born January 30th, 1921, at Honaker, Ky., and deceased this life July 31st, 1970, making his stay on earth forty-nine years, six months, and one day. He was the son of Tan and Tona Moore Williams.

In the year of 1940, Brother Noah, entered the U. S. Army. He left the U. S., for the Pacific, Dec., 1941, and returned back to the U. S., Jan., 1945 serving most of his time across the sea. In April, 1945, he received an Honorable Discharge, so we feel with our hearts, that he served his country well. He received the following medals:

Combat Inf. Badge, Good Conduct Medal,

American Defense Medal, Asiatic Pacific Medal.

As a Sgt., Occupational Specialty Rifleman, he fought in five major battles or campaigns, for which he received the Purple Heart, for wounds he suffered in the defense of his country.

On February 5th, 1945, he was married to Martha Roberts, and to this Union, there were no children. He had five brothers and six sisters. A loving brother, Okie, and father, preceded him in death. We feel their souls are in the Paradise of God this day. He leaves a loving wife, a dear mother, four brothers, six sisters, and a host of friends, to mourn his passing. We feel, our loss is Heaven's gain. He was loved by all who knew him.

He joined the Old Beaver Church of The Old Regular Baptist on Feb. 19, 1967, and was faithful to fill his seat and to help do all he could for the church. He was an Ordained Minister and was so willing to go and do the work he felt God had laid upon him to do.

He was attending the Northern New Salem Association at the Little Polly Church in Michigan. When singing began, he helped sing the Songs of Zion, and shortly after prayer, he was taken with a heart attack and was taken to the hospital. A very few minutes later, he was pronounced dead. Many brothers and sisters, that were attending the association were deeply saddened by the news of his death. Many tears began to flow from their eyes, and we know that we will all miss him deeply. But Sister Martha, no doubt in our minds, you will miss him more than all of us. You have

lost a loving husband, the best friend you ever had on this earth, but we feel not for long. We feel we will meet him again on the Resurrection Morning on the last day. The Bible says, blessed is the dead, that dies in the Lord, henceforth, says the Spirit, they do rest from their labor, and their works do follow them. So we want to say to his brothers and sisters, you that are still in sin, if you want to see Brother Noah again, you must fall out with sin, quit doing the things of the World, and be born again. That is the only way you can go to Heaven. Sister Martha, we feel it won't be long till you and Noah will meet again, never to part no more. May God bless you to bear your heartache. There's so many good things we could say about Brother Noah, but space will not permit. We will close this obituary, by thanking all the good Brothers and Sisters, Friends and Neighbors, who lent a helping hand, in the time of sorrow. May God Bless You All, is our Prayer.

His Memorial will be preached the third Saturday and Sunday, in August, 1971.

Written by a broken-hearted Cousin and
Brother, who will miss him deeply.
Elder Delme rWilliams, and
Elder Clifford Williams



EARL HALL

With much sadness in my heart, I will try to write an obituary of my beloved father, Earl Hall. He was born in Knott County Kentucky, on March 10, 1916 and departed from this life October 11, 1969 at the age of 53 years, 7 months and 1 day. Early in his life he met and married Carrie Johnson and to this union were born four children and ten grandchildren.

Dad never belonged to any church, but I saw him change the last 3 to 4 years of his life. He would get out and go to church and I know that he was praying for, I saw him on his knees so many times. He loved to talk about the Lord. He would come and visit me and talked about the Bible. I don't believe God ever turned down a praying heart.

Dad we miss you since you went away. We miss your smiling face since God took you away. I want to say to my Brothers and my Sister, if you want to see Dad again, PRAY.

Written by a broken-hearted Daughter,
Gladys



CARRIE JOHNSON HALL

With much sadness in my heart, I will try to write an obituary of my beloved mother, Carrie Johnson Hall. She was born in Floyd County, Kentucky, on August 13, 1915. Departed this life June 29, 1970, at the age of 54 years, 10 months and 16 days. She met and married Earl Hall and to this union were born four children and ten grandchildren.

Mom had been sick for a long time. Mom never joined any church, but she told some of the Brothers in church that she believed the Lord had forgiven her, and that she wanted to be baptised. But she never lived to be baptised. She loved for the brothers and sisters to come and see her, they would sing and pray and rejoice in the Lord.

I want to say to my two brothers and my only sister, if you ever want to see mom again, PRAY.

Written by a broken-hearted daughter,
Gladys



BESSIE THORNSBURY SLONE

I, a young servant of God, will try to write an obituary of my blessed mother, Bessie Slone, who passed through the immortal gates of glory, where all nature is left behind.

God permitted mom to stay on this earth 61 years, 2 months, and 18 days before sending His angel to take her home, where there will be no sorrows or sickness. There she can sing that new song and give God the praises forever.

Surviving mom are a husband, Elmer Slone, and five sons: Omer and Alex of LaGrange, Ohio; Nelson of Elyria, Ohio; Paul of Shelby, Ohio, and Jerry of Shiloh, Ohio, and three daughters: Evalee Slone and Minnie S. Forbush of LaGrange, Ohio, and Mary L. Ramsey of Olmstead Falls, Ohio; a mother, Minnie Thornsburg; two brothers and two sisters; 22 grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

Mom was baptised into the Old Regular Baptist Church fifteen years ago and was a faithful member until her death, November 27, 1969. She surely has been a great servant for God, always devoted to the cause of Christ, with much humility and compassion. "Redeeming love" has been her theme; she was never harsh or critical but always kind and tender toward her children and her friends, and strangers, too. She had a gift for giving encouragement at the darkest hour.

There are four of us children following her footsteps, a testimony to her example, and I pray much that Dad and the other four will turn to Jesus and meet Mom in Heaven.

A servant in Christ,
Brother Nelson Slone



EDISON D. MOORE

There comes a time in life when every servant of God meets a sad hour and needs someone

stronger to lean on. Then we call in mind what Jesus said before he went away. "SORROW HATH FILLED YOUR HEARTS, BUT I WILL SEE YOU AGAIN".

This obituary of Edison D. Moore, who was the son of A. J. More and Jamina Moore. Born March 23, 1903 at Hippo, Kentucky. He was 67 years and 10 months old. Deceased from this life January 24, 1971. He was first married to Therba Gearheart and unto this union was born 4 children. They are Gladys and Lucille Moore of Plymouth, Ohio, Gleen Moore of Hueysville, Kentucky, and Gorner Moore of Plymouth, Ohio. He had 2 grandchildren and 5 brothers and sisters. They are E. C. Moore of Martin, Kentucky, R. E. Moore of Martin, Kentucky, R. E. Moore of Ashland, Kentucky, Virgie Hughes of Ravenswood, W. Va., Emma Ousley of Shelby, Ohio, and Alice Ousley of Hippo, Kentucky.

Some few years ago Therba, his first wife, departed this life at Plymouth, Ohio. He was then married to Edna Mae Bailey. For the last year Ed was in poor health, no doubt more ill than we all realized. He didn't belong to any church, but I know he had made a big change in both his talk and actions.

Dear children I wish I could say I know your father has gone to rest, but what he told Sister Ellen Shepherd, Anna Prater, and his wife, Edna Mae he was alright. There is a judge yonder in Heaven who will give every man and woman a

rightous and eternal judgment. So children be good to one another and seek the Lord in this life. So dear friends farewell.

Written by his Brother-in-Law
Elder Claude Ousley



SILAS C. WILLIAMS

Silas C. Williams was born April 5, 1894 to Jimmy and Cynthia Case Williams, at Honaker, Kentucky. He was married to Cassie Moore January 1, 1917. To this union was born 11 children. One son preceded him in death, leaving Delmar and Amos of Newark, Ohio, Dingus and Allen of Shelby, Ohio, Ruford and Ballard of Honaker, Kentucky, Stallard and Howard of New London, Ohio. Two daughters, Juanita Kidd of New London, Ohio and Vernita Meade of Honaker, Kentucky. He had 54 grandchildren and 31 great-

grandchildren. He has one brother and two sisters still living to weep over his loss here on earth.

On April 19, 1971, after the sun came out and warmed up the day he and Sister Cassie began to beautify their yard by planting flowers. Not really knowing that this would be the end of his work. God had a more beautiful garden for him, when they had completed their flower garden. He sat down on the porch to rest and Sister Cassie noticed he had gone to sleep. God had given him that eternal rest. This made his stay here 77 years and 14 days. He was a member of the Old Regular Baptist Church for 55 years. His membership was at the Old Beaver Church.

The writer truly believes, with the acquaintance and love, I had in my heart for him, he was a brother indeed and he loved his family and all his brothers and sisters so much.

Matters not what hour of the night they would come in, he would always be waiting to greet them with love and do everything he could to provide comfort for them. He worked hard all his life and loved to go to church. He always loved good strong preaching and was a wonderful singer. I know the Old Beaver Church, his children, and Sister Cassie misses him so much. God loved him so well he just called his home to Glory, because the Bible says, "BLESSED ARE THE DEAD WHO DIE IN THE LORD FOR HENCEFORTH THEY ARE AT REST FROM ALL THEIR LABOR". I believe his work will follow on after him.

Dear children God has hid him away in the

grave, but he has a set time he will call, and Brother Sie will answer. So may I say to you, those that don't know God, in the Pardon and Remission of your sins, if you want to see Daddy again please let me beg you, pray to God. Have your sins blotted out and then you can go home to live with him and Mom forever.

So farewell, May God bless everyone of Brother Sie's family.

Elder, Claude Ousley



R. E. HOLBROOK

By the request of the family, I will try to write an obituary of R. E. Holbrook. He was born in Letcher County, in the year of 1897. Passed from this life June 20, 1970 at home with a heart condition. Being 73 years, and 5 months old. He was the son of the late Bill and Sarah Holbrook, and was married to Lizzie Hall, the daughter of Alex and Clerinda Hall, in the year of 1916, and to this

union was born eleven children, four which preceded him in death, seven still living. Four girls, Rushie, Viola, Amalean and Geraldine. Three boys, Elford, Zee and Oceanus. He has twenty-five grandchildren and fifteen great grandchildren, also two brothers, Bumer and Sandy. Two sisters, Louise and Della to mourn his death, and a host of relatives and friends. Brother Eppie professed a hope in the Lord, and joined the Elizabeth Church of The Old Regular Baptist about 1922, and lived a faithful member. His wife joined the Rebecca Church, and being so close to his companion in the year of 1933, he lifted his letter, and came to the Rebecca Church at Hall, Ky., and he soon felt his calling to Ministry, and the brethren set him apart to exercise his gift, and was ordained in 1934 to go preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ. In the same year he was appointed moderator, and served this church until death.

I want to say to Sister Lizzie and the children, as much as you have lost a good companion and father, the church has lost a good soldier, and I am sure all that knew Brother Eppie will miss his presence in several churches, which he has preached, and the homes he has been in, to try to comfort the broken hearted and share their grief with those that weep. The nights never got too dark, and the weather too bad for him to go to someone that was in need of help or comfort.

He traveled over hills and mountains, and highways in the dark hour of midnight going to the rescue of the broken hearted and preaching re-

pentents to the world of man kind, but lo his voice is stilled in the land of Judah and will not be heard any more, as Jobe says we come forth as a flower and cut down, and continueth not. I want to say to Sister Lizzie, from the life Brother Eppie live you have nothing to worry about, except his presence in the home. I know our grief is heavy, but the Lord has promised to help us to bear our griefs if we only trust in him, and to the children who have not made peace with the Lord, weep not for Daddy, but weep for yourselves, fall out with sin and follow the good council, and follow the footstep. I believe it will lead you to the fountain of living water that Daddy drank from, as most of us know the life of Brother Eppie. I could go on writing about the good works of him, but it's not needful to take the time.

May God bless Sister Lizzie, and her children.

Written by a Brother in Hope
Orsker Hall (Clerk)



VANIE FRANCIS AKERS

I will try by the help of the Lord, to write an obituary, of my beloved aunt, Vanie Francis Akers. She was born January 25, 1909, and departed this life, March 9th, 1971, making her stay here on earth 62 years, one month and twelve days. Aunt Vanie was the daughter of the late William Lee Compton, and Martha (Keathley) Compton, of Pike County, Kentucky.

Early in life, she met and married Sam Akers, on December 9, 1932, and to this union was born three daughters, and one son. One daughter, Wanda Vivian, preceded her in death, leaving to mourn her loss Betty Lee Caldwell of Bell Garden, Calif. and Margarette Ann Lewis of Blue Ridge, Ga. and Carmon, who lives at home. Also seven grandchildren, and one brother, Steve Compton, and two sisters, Ruth Virginia Hall, and Pauline Carpenter.

Sister Vanie joined the Little Ida Church, of Old Regular Baptist, and was baptised June 21, 1964. She was a devoted wife, and mother, and was always concerned about her children. She loved the Church, and always filled her seat faithfully. After Brother Sam was ordained as a Deacon, she was much help and strength to Brother Sam in his duties and remained true to the faith until the end.

The Church has lost a dear Sister, and brother Sam a devoted wife, and the children a beloved mother, she will be sadly missed by all who knew her. So children be good to your dear father, and you can see mother again if you will only serve

the true and Living God, she lived and served her life for, while she was here.

Written by a niece, and a sister in Christ
Martha Potter



JOHN LEE FARLEY

In much sadness and with Gods help, I'll try and write the obituary of my dad, and brother in the Lord. John Lee Farley was born April 17, 1906, died May 16, 1971, making his stay on earth, 65 years, 29 days. He was the son of James and Judy Murphy Farley. Dad suffered so long, he lost his left leg above the knee, in the Hardy, Ky. coal mines in 1936. He was sick for the last 18 months of his life. He was married to Fern Smith, July 25, 1925, and to this union was born 11 children. Bobby has already crossed over to the other side. He leaves the rest of us to mourn his death, 7 boys,

3 girls. Cletius Farley, Warren Mich.; Cecil Farley, Macon, Ga.; "Jack" Andrew Jackson Farley, Madison Hgts., Mich.; Mrs. Mary Alma Yates, Warren, Mich.; Mrs. Maxine Maynard, Washington, Mich.; Mrs. Pihllis Gene Killala, Highland Park, Mich.; "Pat" Willie Lee Farley, Hazel Park, Mich.; Burl Sessil Farley, Madison Hgts., Mich.; Lester Stirl Farley, Detroit, Mich., and "Little Ray" Raymond Erick Farley, New Baltimore, Mi.

So children, if you want to see your dear Dad, "pop", you will have to get on the road that he traveled. He left the road signs so we could see them, and some day I hope to meet him in the Glory Land, where there will be no more sickness, no more cancer, to take our loved ones. He joined the Narrows Branch, Regular Baptist Church, the 4th Saturday in August, 1948. So he put the whole armor of God on, he was so kind to us children, and understanding. It breaks my heart to try and write this. Dad had two brothers, Lawrence Farley, Hardy, Ky.; and Bob Farley, Hardy, Ky. Bob followed him in death, and was buried July 24, 1971. He had 29 grandchildren, and one great granddaughter. He also left my dear grandparents, his father-in-law, and mother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Mack and Hattie Smith, Hardy Ky. We all miss him so much, but our loss is Heaven's gain. Amen.

Written by a Brother in Hope, and Son,
Cletius Farley



ELDER HIRAM B. RAY

With profound sorrow and joyous relief, I record the demise of my beloved father and brother in Christ, the late Elder Hiram B. Ray. He departed our midst on Saturday evening at 4:30 P.M., December 5, 1970, at the Veteran's Hospital in Allen Park, Michigan.

Born October 1, 1895 to Richard and Cordelia Ray of Virgie, Ky. He spent the greater part of his life, in the surrounding hill of Pike County, Ky. The latter years of his life, his one and only desire and ambition was to return and spend the remaining years of his life in that country. Fate and circumstance denied that request.

A perservering giant in character, a true and loyal soldier, he clung to this life through many years with a body wracked with pain, and a life filled with sorrow. When he knew he could no longer remain with us, he submitted with the re-

peated Prayer of promise "that EVERYONE through Christ might live." He repeated these words in this fashion in the hopes that his family would understand, repent, and come to him later. No state of delirium could dim his minds view of Eternal life.

Many of the earlier years of his life were spent traveling throughout the hills of Ky. and Virginia, preaching the Gospel message of Redemption. Through his works and faithful, helping hands, he endured himself to one and all throughout the North and South. His greatest happiness of all years came when his two daughters accepted his God, and added to his blissful plans of his already established future family, in the Great Beyond. Many lives bear witness to the ever-bright ray of light he cast in his life time, yes to this day. No tongue, no pen is capable of a complete composite of his 75 years of life. Thirty of these years he served with diligence within the fellowship of the Old Regular Baptist Church. With a couple of other sweet old brothers, brother Hiram established the first Old Regular Baptist Church in Michigan, and assisted in the organization of Sister Churches. He preached his last sermon, at the Little Ida Church, in Ecorse, about a month before his passing. He was so weak, brother Lloyd had to help him up and down. Weak and frail as he was, he held onto the stand and preached a strong, beautiful and moving sermon after introducing the services with an appropriate song, "Almost Home." Now that he is home, I am sorry the family missed

hearing the song and his parting remarks.

Brother Hiram's demise widens the circle of vacant chairs in our family, as all the Elders have gone, along with three infant children, which preceded him many years ago. The family that mourns him consists of his wife, Maggie Peters Ray, Detroit Mich.; six children: Ernst B. Ray of Pikeville; Reed Ray of Aberdeen, Maryland; Cheri Sowards Roncifer of New Boston, Mi.; Gayle Tawwater, of Brighton, Mi.; Rose Coleman of Pikeville, Ky., and Kay Austin Henson of Jasper, Ga.; and twenty-one grandchildren.

I am sure it would be my father's desire, that I urge the family to get acquainted with his God, and not have the circle broken in Heaven. They won't visit him here, nor ever again hear him awaken them, singing and preaching in his sleep. Mother, Ernest, Reed, Cheri, Rose and Kay, it's your choice, go to him.

In tribute to his memory, as comfort to the family, and others who may have lost an old time father or mother. I submit a poem which my father loved and read long ago.

Father's Eternal Light

I had a kind old father
And loving mother too.
They laid for us a pattern
And showed us what to do.
These were dad's words long ago
In these words his own life story is told.

Written by a loving Daughter
Gale Tawwater



MARY MARTIN

It is with much sorrow we will try to write an obituary of Sister Mary Martin. Born January 24, 1895 and passed away April 13, 1971, of a heart attack at the home of her son, Vernon Martin. She was the daughter of Nelson Tackett and Sarah Elizabeth Tackett who preceded her in death. She was married in 1909 to George Martin who also preceded her in death. Unto this union were born sixteen children, thirteen of whom also preceded her in death. She leaves two daughters, Daisy Dor-ton of Lincoln Park, and Pearl Blevins of Ecorse, Michigan, one son Vernon Martin of Pikeville, Kentucky to mourn the loss of a precious and lov-ing mother. She also leaves 27 grandchildren, and 22 great grandchildren and one sister, Phenie Rice of Geneva, Ohio and many friends and relatives that will miss her so much. She was loved by all

that knew her. She would meet every one with a smile.

She joined the Zion Regular Baptist Church the 1st of August in 1936 and was a faithful member with them until 1950 when she came off in an arm to help establish the Pilgrims Home Church the 1st at the mouth of Branhams Creek. She got her letter in 1964 and took it to the Little Ida Church where she could be with her two daught-ers. She was a faithful member there until death. She will be missed by all. But we wouldn't call her back to this old world if we could. We feel our loss if Heaven's gain.

Written by a Brother in Hope
Troy L. Branham and the Family

G R A N D M A

I loved my Grandma, she was a dear
She lived a rugged life down here.
She's gone to meet God, I know she is
Because God told her, that she was His
She lived a life of grief and pain
She sowed the field, and reaped the grain
She worked all her lif, and I mean hard
She worked in the house and in the yard
She would work all day and never stop
She'd work until I thought she'd drop
She had 16 children, whom al she bore
She loved her children, that's all she lived for.
She lived a Christian life I know
She loved God, she told me so
She bore her fruit, and bore it well
Her destiny was Heaven, instead of Hell

Grandma was a person, who everyone loved
She was a good natured person and was spoke
well of

Grandma was great in every way,
She walked closer to her God every day.

When our Savior calls us we must be ready
We can't say "God wait until our life is steady"
When life is ended and is no more
We shall meet God on that golden shore.
Grandma was ready, I feel that she was
I saw her signs by the way side that sang like a
dove.

The death angel came and said "You've suffered
our score"

And Grandma is with her God forever more.
She had a husband and 13 children who've gone on
before

And this was also some of the grief my Grandma
bore.

I feel my Grandma is at rest.
Because our Savior felt it best.

Written by her Granddaughter
Jonda Blevins

THE PRODUCTION OF GODS ETERNAL GOODNESS

Wherever you find a flower, you know there must have been a seed planted. Wherever you find a river, you know there must be a spring. Wherever you see a flame, you know there must be a fire. Wherever you find an adult, you know there must first have been an infant. Wherever you find rational men and women, who have laid off the old coat of sin, and put on the new coat of salvation. Men and women who have forsaken the pleasures of this life, for the glory of redemption in Christ. Who also, glory in persecution and rejoicing in the blessed hope, who are afflicted, yet they sing the melodious praises of Zion. Who, are laughed to scorn and ridiculed because of their simple faith in Christ Jesus, Who, have suffered indictment by the mouth of false believers, yet never convicted.

Whether it has ever been recorded or not, or whether you are able to see it, it matters not. But, what does matter is the germ of virtue, and the indwelling of the wisdom that teaches that there is a LIVING GOD, the fountain head of mercy and love. A GOD that is the source of warmth and LIGHT that lighteneth the way of true believing born again Christian, if these qualities and virtues be in them, you must know that the seed of faith has been sown in their hearts and has bloomed into a beautiful flower in the garden of love, producing an unyielding faith in the power of the

resurrection of the dead. For it is impossible to please God without FAITH.

As I pause for a moment, I desire to elucidate, or make clear, the specifics related to a useful and fruitful life. I desire to illustrate how easy it is for possessing Christians to scatter a few seeds of righteousness along the tedious journey over which pilgrims of salvation have chose to travel.

Rest stations have been provided all along the highway of life, by a God of great mercy and thoughtfulness. A lonely place in the valley, the highest point of the mountains is likely places that the weary have heretofore found as quiet stations of rest. The shade of the spreading branches of a tree or trees, or a rock in the flowering pilgrim to stop by for a moment of rest and meditation. But the joy, and peace, and soul filling happiness that awaits the hungry hearts of the soldiers of the cross, is found most often inside a quaint old fashion meeting house. It's here that you may join other pilgrims that have experienced some of the hardships, as well as some of the blessings that overtakes the many travelers as they journey toward their heavenly home. Also, while seated among fellow travelers and bearers of the cross, one can enjoy the blending of voices praising the Lord God of their salvation for His infinite mercy. It is here that one may hear the basic truths of how and why the Lord our eternal God gave His only begotten son, expounded by an humble servant in power and in the demonstration of the spirit. How God works out of the sight of puny

man, and after the council of His own will produces a feeling that only comes to them that have experienced a travel from nature to grace, and that by the sovern mercy of God.

Being gathered together in the bonds of brotherly and sisterly love brings blissful joy that drives away sadness and love that overcomes hate. Hope that replaces anxiety. And a feeling that Heaven is not so far away. In concert with one another, harmony is made manifest, the weak is made strong, the distressed receives strength, the persecuted finds security, and the perplexed finds the answers that leads to obedience.

Must we grumble because of affliction? The answer is nay. The oracles of God teaches us that Christ is touched by our infirmities. Should we lament or weep or wail because of the roughness of the way? Again the answer is nay. If a man or a woman has received a little WHITE stone upon which has been written a NEW NAME, they can never have a reason to complain. Neither should they ever have a feeling of rejection. It might well be that a child of God may experience a feeling of neglect, or that they have been forsaken by the Lord. This is as it should be. If we allow ourselves to be surrounded with an atmosphere of complacency we might fall victim to self satisfaction to a point that we would settle down on only the things that would satisfy the flesh. Nature is the thorn that remains in the flesh after one has experienced a new birth in Christ Jesus. And this thorn of nature is constantly waging war with the spirit. The

danger is, that one might fall victim to the inviting tricks of nature and follow the directions of the flesh, instead of examining the spirit that motivates their thoughts. Nothing short of a full and complete surrender will ever please God. The word surrender means what the word of God teaches that it does" the yielding of ones heart, soul, mind and strength to the protecting power of God.

As we have already said "Nature is the thorn in the flesh that prompts us to do evil instead of good. This thorn cannot be eliminated except by death. One may say "the Lord has saved me, and removed the desire of sin from me, and I am sanctified both soul and body". If this doctrine was true we would have no desire to go to Heaven. Only when the body has been redeemed by the blood of Christ in the glorious morning of the resurrection of the dead will we be able to enjoy complete purification, and sanctification of the body. For it is after this natural body has put on an immortality, that we can say that the thorn was left in the cold confinement of the grave. If a person has truly been born again they have a never failing promise engraved upon the fleshly table of their heart, that the sovereign grace of God is always present to put to flight the damaging thoughts of sin. The foregoing sentence may give one the impression that the writer is advocating perfection in this life. Far be it from me to advocate that perfection can ever be had on this earth. But I do believe, and the word of God will bear me witness that after Christ takes up His abode in the hearts

of men and women, that their heart and soul becomes perfect, even as Christ is perfect.

The satanic powers never tries in their efforts to confuse the minds of men and women, especially our youth. The devil has devised more ways to deceive the heart than I have time and space to enumerate them. But God whose power far exceeds the power of satan, has pointed out "just ONE way". And that is the way of the cross. We cannot claim justification by assuming that this way, or that way is the acceptable way. "There is a way that seemeth right unto man, but the end thereof are the ways of death," Proverbs 14:12. It may seem right for men and women who have professed christianity and Godliness to patronize swimming pools where 90% of their bodies are exposed to the natural eyes of ungodly men. But is this a true mark of christianity and obedience to the teachings of Christ and his apostles? It may seem right to frequent the halls of picture shows, where the hallmark of HELL is written into every act that the devil could devise? But truthful, can a man or woman claim that Christ dwells in their hearts, and yet permit them to downgrade His name by indulging in a thing so evil and vain as picture shows? It may seem right to believe that a true christian can congregate with the wicked, and set in seats among the scornful, and engage in unholy conversation. But if they find pleasure in yoking up with the beggerly elements of nature, how can they keep themselves unspotted from the world?

It may appear that a woman has the right to usurp the authority that God gave to man by claiming a call to the ministry of Christ. For almost nineteen hundreds years the preaching of the gospel was done by a man wrought upon by the indwelling spirit of God. 2nd Timothy, chapter 2:2. "And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teachers others also." 1st Timothy 3:1. "This is a true saying, IF A MAN desire the office of a Bishop, he desireth a good work." These two scriptures alone should be enough to convince one that God in His infinite mercy and unlimited power did not recognize the ability of a woman to be able to expound the gospel in its purity. The answer to why this damnable doctrine has infiltrated into the churches that claims to be the true church, can be found by reading and meditating upon the inspiring words of wisdom found among the written pages of the new testament. It cannot be emphasized too strongly the impact is deadly and poison doctrine can have upon the human mind. This doctrine is indeed erroneous and will drive men and women farther into the slaughter of dispond if they fail to acquaint themselves with the teachings of apostal Paul upon this subject. No matter what ones personal opinions are, concerning the truth on only one way into the celestial kingdom of God, we will have to admit that a true examination of the facts, that spiritual convictions will, and must supercede

ones personal opinions, or the way that seemeth right. The teachings of the apostals is very strong upon this matter.

We must hear the conclusion of hte whole matter concerning the equality of men and women as it affects the preaching of the Gospel. This doctrine is the results of men that have not experienced a divine call to the ministry. It is obvious that God has hid His face from them, and has not included them in the pattern of the ministry as messengers bearing the good news of salvation by the soverin grace of God. A man that chooses to go to an institution of learning, to equip himself to preach the gospel, learned only that which the wisdom of man was able to teach. He laid aside the Bible that contains all the answers to every problem that confronts mankind in search of the wisdom that controls the laws of society, in search of political and economic philosophy, and how to climb the ladder of natural success. He learned all about how to apease the evil mind of men by agreeing with them, than he did on how to expound the words of truth as it is in Christ Jesus. Their works have become the works of iniquity revealing that the cocatrices eggs have hatched in their mouths causing them to spue forth poison as vipers. The Bible contains all the answers to these and any other question that may burden the humble and obedient man. To uphold and defend these principals, marks one as a trator to the cause of Christ.

There are some men agong us that are bearing

the name "Old Regular Baptist" that are advocating the doctrine of recreation as opposed to the doctrine of that most glorious resurrection of the dead. They call themselves Regular Baptist in the hope that it will take away their shame. The doctrine of recreation as a substitute for the resurrection is not only poisonous, it is a deadly poison. It is the brainwork of the satanic powers put forth by men and devils. Its purpose is to divert, to amuse, and confuse the minds of the simple, and divert them from the way, the highway of holiness. Resurrection means the bringing back that which was dead. And who then but our eternal God can collect the buried remains of the dead and stand them up again, some to eternal life in glory, and some to everlasting contempt and shame.

There is much more that I could write concerning "THE PRODUCTION OF GODS ETERNAL GOODNESS". At some future time I hope to do that if the Lord will direct my mind. As I trudge along this narrow pathway of righteousness, I find that I with my own wisdom am unable to surmount all the obstacles that satan thrusts in my way. But when I am reminded that with Christ as my helper and supplier of strength, I am able to do all things to the glory and honor of the cross. I shall never forget from whence cometh my help. For me to suffer for the cause of Christ, is heavenly gain. In the language of the apostal Paul I can gladly say; "For I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that He is able to keep that which I have committed unto Him against that

day. That day beloved, is the day when the dead in Christ shall come forth from the grave to ever be with the Lord.

Finally beloved let me beg every God fearing man or woman that feels that they have been delivered from the snares of satan, to withdraw yourselves from every one that fails to walk uprightly before God. Let your conversation be free from the evil surmisings of men. Set righteous examples so that they who chance to follow in your footsteps will not be ashamed. Let your thoughts be free of enmity and unthankfulness. Fight the good fight of faith. By doing these things the world can behold the SEEDS of faith that you have scattered along this tedious journey. Remember that God hath not given us the spirit of fear, but He has given us the power of love, and the power of forgiveness and a sound mind that we might be able and qualified to bring men and women to the knowledge of eternal life by peaceful persuasion.

I remain your unworthy, but willing servant in the moral vineyard of the Lord.

Roy B. Akers

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	Received by Baptism	Received by Letter	Recommendation	Restored	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Total Membership	Meeting time	Money sent
Little Rebecca	4	0	0	0	2	0	1	97	3	\$ 60.00
Little Jewel	2	1	0	0	2	0	1	54	4	50.00
Maggie Home	6	1	0	0	0	0	2	51	1	40.00
Little Polly	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	2	30.00
Mt. Zion	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	20	4	20.00
Little Flock	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	18	3	35.00
Little Ruth	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	23	2	25.00
Little Memory	1	1	0	0	6	0	2	28	2	50.00
Little Ida	1	15	0	2	9	10	3	135	1	125.00
Little Flossie	1	0	0	1	2	0	1	13	1	30.00
Little Zion	1	0	0	1	0	2	0	41	2	60.00
Little Pilgrims Home	7	2	2	0	1	1	0	47	2	50.00
Mt. Olivet	4	0	0	0	2	0	0	15	4	25.00
Little Oval	2	1	0	0	2	0	1	17	4	25.00
Mt. Ararat	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	18	3	25.00
Pleasant View	15	6	5	0	2	0	0	57	1	50.00
Little Family	0	1	0	0	1	3	0	23	2	35.00
Little Angel	5	0	0	0	1	2	48	4	50.00	
Antioch	1	2	0	0	5	0	1	30	1	50.00
Rose of Sharon	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	23	3	30.00
Lilly of the Valley	1	2	0	0	7	0	0	22	4	30.00
Little Childrens Home	3	1	1	0	1	0	0	12	3	25.00
Morning Star	10	1	0	1	6	3	0	37	3	25.00
Little Bethel	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	13	1	20.00
Church Contributions										965.00
Donations for pictures										136.00
Grand Total	70	32	9	6	51	10	14	854		\$1101.00



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