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**OF THE
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ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
NORTHERN
NEW SALEM
ASSOCIATION OF
OLD REGULAR
BAPTIST OF
JESUS CHRIST**



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Little Angel Church
Columbus, Ohio**

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Let us never depart from what sayeth the word of God.

- (1) Let younger brethren always be reminded that they are to be courteous, and to treat elder brethren as fathers.
- (2) All churches and moderators should bear in mind that when a church is newly organized and has selected its officers, they become an independent working body.
- (3) Be ye also reminded that all preaching brethren should be courteous and kind one to another, and to never, no never, be guilty of telling visiting brethren that you don't need their help. It's an open violation against you to do so.
- (4) Let all our churches be reminded that they are not to lord anything over a sister church in regards to the way they take communion. If you do not feel right in taking the communion the way sister churches practice it, please excuse yourself quietly, and don't talk, or make remarks as to their failures, or the way they have been taught. Remember, it is still God's house and you may be held responsible to God for the remarks that you make concerning them or about them.

Dear brethren, if you meet with brethren who handle loose talk, or tell tales on other brethren, don't join in with them, lest you become as guilty as they. But rather shame them and kindly ask them not to talk and make remarks about the imperfections of their brethren. If a brother has aught against another, let him do as the Bible says: "*Go to them, and them alone.*" If you regard my advice as unselfish, and coming from the heart, you will obey it. I feel that if you will practice these simple rules, it will help to bring about a great and unbounding peace to our association.

Humbly,

Elder Baxter Osborne

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Dedication to the memory of the Late Elders, R. Z. Castle, Rayful Griffith, and Marvin Hunter.

By a move and second it was agreed to dedicate this 1984 session of the Northern New Salem Association to the memory of three of our humble servants, the late Elders R. Z. Castle, Rayful Griffith and Marvin Hunter. Brothers that lived humble, yet strong, cried loud for his cause, yet not boastful. Encouraged others, for his glory and honor, laid down the cross, to win the victory.

We that remain, shall we always strive to leave footprints as they have. That those that follow, may realize we passed this way, as we shall remember them.

Your servant,
Brother Newsome, Clerk

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FRIDAY SESSION

As a lite mist began to fall, pilgrims from far and near, began to assemble together at the Little Angel Church. For this the twenty-seventh annual session of the Northern New Salem Association. Greeting each other with a warm handshake and a friendly smile, causing all to realize how good our God is. That through and by his mercy we are blessed to meet once more. As they began to mingle their voices in singing Zions songs in praise to the God of our Salvation. One soon forgot the long tedious journey, they had traveled to be among their people.

In the absence of Elders Lawrence Day and Wril Tuttle, due to illness, Elder Jay Mitchell was called on to make remarks. They were brief, yet filled with good advice and counsel. He begged the congregation to love one another and to let brotherly love continue. He advised all to build on a solid foundation. Prayer by same.

Our Elder Brother, Elder Whipple Reynolds, one who has carried the cross for many long years came forward to preach the introductory sermon. Quoting from the 24th chapter, 27th verse of Genesis, "I being in the way, the Lord led me to the house of my master's brethren." He pleaded for peace and harmony during our gathering.

The introductory sermon being delivered, Elder Roy Caudill, our beloved moderator invited those who were not delegates to remain at the pavilion where the preaching services would be held, and those who were delegates to assemble in the house where the 27th annual session of the Northern New Salem Association would begin.

After the delegates being assembled in the house to conduct the business of this another annual session of the Northern New Salem Association, Elder Clifford Colley, moderator of the Philadelphia Association was called upon to make remarks. Elder Colley was blessed to gather corn from the mountain top, to bring honey from the rock, that gives us strength, and increases our faith in these trouble times, that the God of our salvation will see us through. He preached how the spirit of God leads his children, causing them to love one another. Not to lean to the arm of flesh. That the spirit of God binds us together, the spirit of Satan tears us apart. He was blessed to pray an humble prayer that surely reached the throne of heaven.

The moderator Elder Roy Caudill, came forward and announced that the 27th annual session of the Northern New Salem Association was now in working order.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 3, 1984

1. The moderator called for the letters from the churches that compose the Northern New Salem Association to be handed into the Clerk on motion by Elder Johnie Bentley, second by Elder Buford Brock the letter from the Little Angel Church was read by the Clerk. A motion was made by Elder Birtchel Mosley, Jr., second by Elder Zee Holbrooks to receive all the letters and seat the delegates. By the same motion, all queries and requests were referred to the committee on arrangements.
2. The Northern New Salem Association of Old Regular Baptist faith organized by electing the following officers to serve the next 12 months:

Elder Roy Caudill	Moderator
Elder Paris Tackitt	Assistant Moderator
Elder Hillard Newsome	Clerk
Elder C. W. Turner	Assistant Clerk

 - (a) Noted by the Association concerning our finance committee and was moved and second that our finance committee be appointed at the same time of the election of officers. Committee appointed Elders: Ray Hamilton, Hiram Adkins and Elwood Cornett.
3. On motion by Elder Birtchel Mosley, Jr., second by Elder Buddy Carty the moderator was authorized to make all temporary appointments.
4. On motion by Elder Joshua Hicks, second by Elder Frank Harvey to omit the reading of the Articles of Faith, Constitution, and Rules of Decorum.
5. Called for legally organized churches of our same faith and order desiring to join our union and none responded.
6. Called for Associations of our same faith and order desiring to continue a Godly correspondence and the following responded:
 - (a) **New Salem** — Represented by the following delegates: Tavis Akers, Offie Bartley, Lloyd Hall, Angus Slone, Ronnie McCarty, James Waddles, Forest D. Hall, Liney Boyd, Walter Akers, Jimmie Hall, Jimmy Dye, Woodrow Dye, Delmer Williams, C. B. Smith, Clivan Caudill, Curtis Hall, Hobart Hamilton, Lee Fields, James Tuttle, Hurshell Hamilton, O. A. McKnight, Curtie Hall, James Soward, Burnis Eldridge, Jean Mullins, Carol Tuttle, Chuck Hall, Hiram Adkins, Tilton Dye, Glenn Frasure, Malcolm Little, Ivory Sowards, Cleatis Messer, Gary Compton, Roy Lawson, Roger Hicks, Cobert Bates, Woody Pack, Carlos Akers, Vester Mullins, Teddy Robinson and Mike Stumbo. A motion was made by Elder Robert Wallen, second by Elder Buford Brock to receive the letter and seat the delegates with us in council. They were given the right hand of fellowship.
 - (b) **Union** — Represented by the following delegates: John M. Mullins, J. L. Williamson, Jimmy Dale Sanders, Gary Sanders, Paul Coleman, Orban May, John B. Hamilton, Billy Ray Jones, Amos Bartley, Jess Vires, Howard Coleman, Arvid Blevins, Raymond Mullins, Garland Mullins, Sam Irvins, Jessie Bryant, Mike Sheppard, Lonnie Mounts, Roy Lyons, Arnold Yates and Webster Bartley. A motion was made by Elder Zee Holbrooks, second by Bro. Henry Hobson to receive the letter and seat the delegates with us in council. They were given the right hand of fellowship.

- (c) **Philadelphia** — Represented by the following delegates: Claude E. Coffee, Lowell Adkins, Jack Adkins, Douglas Colegrove, Harlan Barney, Walter Morrison, Rollen Hollen, Luther Ramey, Glen Merritt, Felden Ruggles, Jr., Clifford Colley, Paul Boggs, Craten Elkins, Paul Morrison, John Clark, Homer Ruggles, Willis Tolliver, Coy Tolliver and Ira Adkins, Jr. A motion was made by Elder Squire Hamilton, second by Brother Ira Kendrick to receive the letter and seat the delegates with us in council. They were given the right hand of fellowship.
- (d) **Sardis** — Represented by the following delegates: Donny Brown, W. H. Cochran, Kelly Castle, Chester Cochran, Monroe Ousley, Steve Robinson, Jr., Edwin Hay, Julius Cochran and John Jude. A motion was made by Elder John Paul Hamilton second by Brother Ira Kendrick to receive the letter and seat the delegates with us in council. They were given the right hand of fellowship.
- (e) **Indian Bottom** — Represented by the following delegates: Elwood Cornett, Ivan Amburgey, Bob Turner, Joe Back, Donald Fields, Squire Watts, Merle Smith, Chester Gibson, Evel Ratliff and Glen Hampton. A motion was made by Elder Stoney Blackburn, second by Bro. John Mullins to receive the letter and seat the delegates with us in council. They were given the right hand of fellowship.
- (f) **Mud River** — Represented by the following delegates: Luther Ball, Fred Charles, Kenneth Adkins, Freeman Goode, Wilburn Toppings and Denver Slone. A motion was made by Elder John Paul Hamilton, second by Bro. James Gillum to receive the letter and seat the delegates with us in council. They were given the right hand of fellowship.
- (g) **Old Friendship** — Represented by the following delegates: Elzie Reed, Leonard Coleman, George Baker, Orville Street, Junior Coleman, Lacy Justice, Howard Sliger, David Lester, Danny Hurley and Sherman Street. A motion was made by Elder Buford Brock, second by Elder Zee Holbrooks to receive the letter and seat the delegate with us in council. They were given the right hand of fellowship.
7. The moderator appointed a committee consisting of the delegates from the Little Angel Church, together with one delegate from each of the other churches to arrange the ministry for Friday evening and Saturday morning, who reported as follows: Friday evening — Elders (1) David Lester — Old Friendship; (2) Jimmy Dale Sanders — Union, and (3) Roger Hicks — New Salem. Saturday morning Elders: (1) George Baker — Old Friendship, (2) Orbin May — Union, (3) Bro. Edwin Hay — Sardis, (4) Clifford Colley and (5) Hiram Adkins — New Salem.
8. Called for transient ministers and members of our same faith and order and the following responded: James Branham, Baxter Osborne, Ellis Amburgey, Ralph Caudill, Kilby Deel, Conley Daniles, Bill Dunbar, Savel Combs, Bill Collins, Jay Mitchell, Sam Franks, Ray Hamilton, Pete Hensley, C. W. Turner, Covis Tackett, Junior Miller and Hillard Newsome.
9. A motion was made by Elder Robert Wallen, second by Elder John Paul Hamilton. That we the Northern New Salem Association correspond with the following Associations by letter and delegates and the clerk prepare the letters to said associations: (a) New Salem, (b) Union, (c) Philadelphia, (d) Sardis, (e) Indian Bottom, (f) Mud River, and (g) Old Friendship.

10. Appointed a committee to arrange the agenda for Saturday consisting of one delegate from each church together with the officers of the Northern New Salem Association and the officers and delegates from our corresponding associations. Committee to meet back at the house at 3 p.m. Friday evening.
- (a) By a motion and second the Association adjourned until 9 a.m. Saturday morning. The above motion was made by Bro. Coleman Fields second by Bro. John Mullins.
- (b) Committee met pursuant to adjournment Friday noon and completed its work on the bill of arrangements. The services for Friday evening were opened by Elder David Lester — Old Friendship, (2) Jimmy Dale Sanders — Union, and (3) Roger Hicks — New Salem.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 4, 1984

The delegates met pursuant to adjournment Friday evening at the house to continue the work of the Association. As the cool breezes of the early morning air began to blow, bringing relief from the hot days of summer. The Little Angel Church, being large in size, began to fill to capacity with the Brothers, Sisters, and faithful believers of the Old Regular Baptist faith. Lifting their voices high in singing the glorious songs of Zion, bringing music to the ears of the listeners. Elder Ivory Sowards, New Salem Association introduced the services. After soon approaching the stand, words of wisdom began to fall, causing one to say, "surely this is none other than the house of the Lord." A very warm and uplifting prayer was offered by Bro. Sowards.

After brief remarks from the moderator, business proceeded as follows:

1. Called the roll of delegates and marked the absentees.
2. The Bill of Arrangements was read by the Clerk. By a motion and second they were received and the committee on arrangements was discharged. The above motion was made by Elder Johnie Bentley, second by Bro. Leonard Robinson.
3. The Circular Letter written by Elder James Branham for our 1984 session was read by him. Elder Robert Wallen made a motion second by Elder Zee Holbrooks to receive the letter and have it printed in our 1984 minutes. By the same motion, Elder Kennis Robinson was chosen to write a Circular Letter, subject to approval at our 1985 session.
4. The finance committee appointed Friday, Item 2a consisting of Elders: Ray Hamilton, Hiram Adkins and Elwood Cornett gave their report as follows:

1984 Church Contributions	\$3,670.00
1984 Picture Contributions	360.00
Other Contributions	0
Total money received for 1984	\$4,030.00

By motion and second the finance committee was discharged from their duties. The above motion was made by Elder Joshua Hicks second by Bro. Henry Hobson.

5. The Moderator called for the treasurer to give his report. He reported as follows:

TREASURER REPORT

Balance in Checking Acct. 8-1-83	\$ 484.41
Balance in Savings Acct. 8-1-83	1,227.43
1983 Church Contributions	3,395.00
1983 Picture Contributions	360.00
Other Contributions	10.00
Total money on hand August 7, 1983	\$5,476.84

1983 Expenses

Printer's fee	\$3,944.50
Secretary's fee	200.00
Rental for safe deposit box	31.00
Postage, telephone & supplies	12.63
Traveling expense — Clerk & Assistant Clerk	30.00
Total expenses for 1983	\$4,218.13

Money on hand August 7, 1983	\$5,476.84
Less 1983 expenses of	4,218.13
	\$1,258.71
Plus interest on Savings Account of	66.32
Money on hand August 1, 1984	\$1,325.03

BANK BALANCE — BANK OF LOUISVILLE

Checking Account — 8-1-84	\$ 31.28
Savings Account — 8-1-84	1,293.75
Total money on hand August 1, 1984	\$1,325.03

Plus money received for 1984 **4,030.00**

Total money on hand August 5, 1984 **\$5,355.03**

6. By motion and second, the treasurer's report was accepted. By the same motion Elder Hillard Newsome was appointed recording secretary. He is to have 5,000 copies of the current minutes printed and distributed among the churches according to their contributions. The secretary is to receive \$200.00 for his services. Printer's fee is to appear on the front cover. The above motion was made by Bro. Ira Kendrick, second by Elder Buford Brock.
7. By motion and second, obituaries of deceased members and friends of the Northern New Salem Association be printed in these minutes. They are to be typewritten and double spaced, a charge of \$10.00 for pictures was approved by the delegates. The above motion was made by Bro. John Mullins, second by Elder Johnie Bentley.

8. The following ministers were chosen by the committee to preach Saturday evening and Sunday. Saturday evening; Elders (1) Kelly Castle — Sardis, (2) Jimmy Hall — New Salem and (3) Woody Pack, also of New Salem.

Sunday morning Elders: (1) Hillard Newsome — Northern New Salem, (2) Walter Akers — New Salem, (3) Teddy Robinson — New Salem and (4) Roy Caudill — Northern New Salem.

9. Called for the Elders to make their report of the Union meetings and Associations attended for the year 1983 and 1984. A motion was made by Elder Stoney Blackburn, second by Elder Claude Ousley to omit the making of reports.
10. By a move and second, we, the Northern New Salem Association agreed to correspond by letter and delegate with the following Associations and the Clerk prepare the letters to our Sister Associations. The above motion was made by Elder Robert Wallen, second by Elder John Paul Hamilton.
- (a) **New Salem** - When convened with the following host churches: Old Beaver, Little Rosa, Spurlock, Cold Springs, Salisbury, Philadelphia, Little Martha and Enterprise. To be held at the Association building, Minnie, Floyd County, Ky. Beginning on Friday before the fourth Saturday in September 1984 and continuing the two following days. Delegates to attend: Milton Dye, Troy Beverly, Floyd Stanley, Ballard Brown, Conley Danels, Square Hamilton, Paris Tackitt, David Slone, John Mullins, Joshua Hicks, Zee Holbrooks, Henry Hobson, Don Lawson, Raymond Stapleton, Sam Franks, Birbage Howell, Jr., Merlin Gibson, Buddy Carty, Danny Carty, James Branham, Doug McCarty, Kelby Deel, Pete Hensley, Paul Adkins, C. W. Turner, Hillard Newsome, Jay Mitchell, Baxter Osborne, Virgil Wicker, and Rich Griffith. Letter in the hands of Elder Baxter Osborne.
- (b) **Union** — When convened with the host churches, Wise County Fair Grounds, Wise, Wise County, Va. Beginning on Friday before the third Saturday on September 1984 and continuing the two following days. Delegates to attend: Floyd Stanley, Ballard Brown, Pete Hensley, Forest Osborne, Arthur Thompson, Paris Tackitt, John Mullins, David Slone, Troy Beverly, Charles Newsome. Baxter Osborne, Johnie Bentley and Rich Griffith. Letter in the hands of Elder Paris Tackitt.
- (c) **Philadelphia** — When convened with the South Fork Church at the Association Building. Melrose, Worthington, Ky. Beginning on Friday before the second Saturday in August 1984, and continuing the two following days. Delegates to attend: Milton Dye, Troy Beverly, Jackson Holbrooks, Pete Hensley, Arthur Thompson, Forest Osbourne, Conley Daniels, Squire Hamilton, Paris Tackitt, John Mullins, Mike Forters, Joshua Hicks, Don Lawson, Raymond Strapleton, Hank Forgey, Sam Franks, Darrell Parks, Buddy Carty, Buford Brock, Roy Caudill, Marvin Potter, Ernie Tuttle, Danny Carty, Birtchel Mosley, Jr., Virgil Wicker, John B. Hale, Ira Kendrick, Kilby Deel, Baxter Osborne, Paul Adkins, C. W. Turner and Hillard Newsome. Letter in the hands of Elder Paris Tackitt.
- (d) **Sardis** — When convened with the Sardis Church, Delbarton, W. Va. Beginning on Friday before the second Saturday in September 1984, and continuing the two following days. Delegates to attend: Pete Hensley, Forest Osborne, Arthur Thompson, Paris Tackitt, John Mullins, Troy Beverly,

Buford Brock, Roy Caudill, Buddy Carty, John B. Hale, Ira Kendrick, Paul Adkins, C. W. Turner and Hillard Newsome. Letter in the hands of Pete Hensley.

- (e) **Indian Bottom** — When convened with the Association at the Association Building, Sassafras, Knott County, Ky. Beginning on Friday before the first Saturday in September 1984, and continuing the two following days. Delegates to attend: Albert Osborne, Melvin Watts, Bill Ison, Astor Eldridge, Danny Adams, Covis Tackett, Chester Allen, Delano Newsome, Baxter Osborne, Elmer Adams, Carlos Little and C.W. Turner. Letter in the hands of Elder Baxter Osborne.
 - (f) **Mud River** — When convened with the Sarah Church, Foster, Boone Co., W. Va. Beginning on Friday before the fourth Saturday in August 1984, and continuing the two following days. Delegates to attend: Elder Troy Beverly and Pete Hensley. Letter in the hands of Elder Troy Beverly.
 - (g) **Old Friendship** — When convened with the Mary Lou Church, Paynesville, W. Va. Beginning on Friday before the fourth Saturday in August, 1984, and continuing the two following days. Delegates to attend: Joshua Hicks, Buford Brock, Roy Caudill, Marvin Potter, Ernie Tuttle and Buddy Carty. Letter in the hands of Elder Roy Caudill.
10. A motion was made by Elder Buddy Carty, second by Bro. Darrell Parks to deny the request from the Little Jewell, Little Memory, House of Prayer and Macedonia Churches, asking the Association to remove item number 13 of our 1982 minutes. Concerning men preaching with two (2) living women (or whose wife has two (2) living men). An objection was made to this move by Elder Carlos Little, Little Jewell Church. A vote was taken, 65 voted in favor of the motion, 13 against. Motion carried, request denied.
 11. A motion was made by Elder Claude Ousley, second by Elder Squire Hamilton, that the 1985 session of our beloved Association be held with the Pleasant View Church, 3589 Beat Rd., Litchfield, Ohio, (see map in current minutes). To begin on Friday before the first Saturday in August 1985, and continuing the two following days.
 12. Elder Birtchel Mosley, Jr. made a motion, second by Elder Buford Brock. That this the 1984 session of the Northern New Salem Association be dedicated to the memory of the following Elders who have departed since our last assemble, R. Z. Castle, Rayful Griffith and Marvin Hunter.
 13. A motion was made by Bro. Marvin Potter, second by Bro. Leonard Robinson that we send a note of Condolence to our sister the Union Association in the departure of two of their respectful ministers to wit; Elders Delbert Sanders and Lester Hubbard since our last gathering.
 14. By secret vote of the delegates Elder Buddy W. Carty, was chosen to preach the introductory sermon at our 1985 session and Elder Alex Collier is to be his alternate.
 15. Elder Johnie Bentley made a motion, second by Elder Robert Wallen to omit the reading of the current minutes.

16. On motion by Elder Johnie Bentley, second by Bro. Coleman Fields, the Association agreed to adjourn to the time and place mentioned in the eleventh item of the current minutes.

The Twenty-seventh Session of the Northern New Salem Association was concluded by Elder Woodrow Dye of the New Salem Association. With tears flowing from his eyes, and the voice of a great eagle, he begged the children of God to continue for good order and a clean church. Preaching that the world is one thing and the church is different from the world. He had been satisfied with her ways for these many years. As an old time song was being sung, one could help but notice the sadness one felt as the hour of parting was near. Giving each other our hand in a token of our love, and our prayers that God would keep us humble and safe in his care until we meet again. May I beg you dear children, be good to each other and never do anything to disturb that sweet peace that has been in our midst the last three days. An humble prayer was offered by Elder Dye.

Done and signed by the officers of the Association.

Elder Roy Caudill	Moderator
Elder Paris Tackitt	Assistant Moderator
Elder Hillard Newsome	Clerk
Elder C. W. Turner	Assistant Clerk

SABBATH MORNING AUGUST 5, 1984

As the fog hung low around and about the Little Angel Church, and the cool breeze of an early August morning continued to blow, the large pavilion began to fill up with the Brothers, Sisters and the acquaintance of the Old Regular Baptist faith. Lifting their voices high in singing the inspiring songs of Zion. One soon forgot the chilly breeze and began to beg God for a breeze from Beulahland, that gladdens the hearts of his children.

Brother Newsome, Clerk

Approaching the stand in an humble manner, to the words of "Keep Your Lamps Trimmed And Burning," was our Clerk, Elder Hillard Newsome. Reminding all to keep their lamps trimmed and a burning. Bro. Newsome preached that we are old time Baptist, because we are different from the world. That we are chosen out of the world, and there is a travel from nature to grace. That you don't need the things of the world for salvation, you need Jesus. Prayer by same.

Assistant Clerk,
Elder C. W. Turner

In the absence of Elder Walter Akers, was our second witness, Elder Junior Ruggles — Philadelphia Association. Approaching the stand in a very humble manner, begging the Lord for a crumb. That he lived for this old time way and there was plenty in the store house of the Lord. Elder Ruggles preached, "As in the days of David, there are giants out in the world, but with God's power we can win the battles of this life.

Third on the stand was Elder Teddy Robinson, New Salem Association. With the spirit our Brother was blessed to preach how wolves in sheeps' clothing had crept in while men slept the enemy crept in. How that low still voice would talk to people teaching them God doesn't like a proud look. He begged all to keep order in the house of the Lord. He came in to change nothing, only to live with them. Saying, "he loves her orders and her rules, and that the ways of the church aren't grievous." With the holy spirit he was blessed to preach how God calls qualified men to preach his own everlasting gospel.

As Elder Woody Pack, New Salem Association, approached the stand, singing one of Zion's songs. A little lamb, the daughter of Elder Forest Osborne, began to lift her voice high in praise to our Heavenly Father for his goodness. Bringing the olive leaf and giving a reason of her hope, she gave her hand to become a member of this blessed old church. Moving down to the river bank, where she had a desire to be baptised, a young man gave his hand and a reason of his hope to become a member of this great army, causing your unworthy to remember the days of youth. On bending knees, beside the waters edge, our beloved moderator, Elder Roy Caudill offered a very humble prayer. Thanking God for the love and peace that had abound in our assembly, and begging his love, care and keeping upon all as we departed on our separate ways.

Your humble servant,
Elder Hillard Newsome, Clerk

Webster doesn't have the words, neither do I, to express to you the Little Angel Church our thanks. We are so grateful for each one, that did anything, great or small, to make this blessed old Association one to be remembered for years to come. Your hospitality made one feel right at home. Let us never forget our dear Sisters from Little Family, Little Children's Home, House of Prayer Churches and to one and all who gave of their time and money to help in caring for us. We love you greatly and pray you shall always find liberty wherever you go, as we have found with you.

Your humble servant,
Brother Newsome, Clerk

To you in Campers Village, a big thanks. Was so good you stopped by to be with us. May God continue to bless you for being here in a time of need. On behalf of the Little Angel Church, I want to say "thanks" for the generous contribution you gave, surely, a token of your love. May God bless you to keep on rolling safely, but be sure and stop at Pleasant View come August '85. If not we will surely miss you. Thanks again and we care. Your donation of \$240.00 is appreciated.

To Dotty and Bea, my heart felt thanks for the act of kindness you've shown me in a time of need.

Brother Newsome, Clerk

Letter of Condolence to our Sister the Union Association

To the officers, delegate and members of our Sister the Union Association. Shall we express to you our deepest sympathy, in your loss and ours in the passing of two of your highly respected Elders, the late Delbert Sanders and Lester Hubbard.

May you take comfort in the thought that we are stronger and the way has been much easier to travel. All because we had them here for a while to help defend this old time way. As we journey on in hope of the promise land, shall we remember the happy days spent with them here, and live in hope of seeing them again in that glorious morning. Where we can understand all things better and no sorrow can never come.

Northern New Salem Association
Elder Hillard Newsome, Clerk

CIRCULAR LETTER BY ELDER JAMES BRANHAM

Dear Brothers and Sisters of the Northern New Salem Association:

I was chosen to write a circular letter for our 1984 session. Let this letter be approved or rejected. I pray that God's will be done.

Brother Delegates, I have prayed very much about this letter and for God to give me the mind to write what he wishes me to write. I heard a voice say: I am spirit and you are flesh; you dwell in the flesh and I dwell in you, and I will tell you how to walk and how to talk.

Brethren, my mind is on two men: a natural man and a spiritual man. But as it is written, eyes hath not seen nor ears hath not heard. Neither have it entered into the heart of man the things which God hath prepared for them that love and serve him. But God has revealed some of them unto us by his Holy Spirit; for the Holy Spirit searcheth the deep things of God and gives the spiritual man a shadow of the good things to come.

We have received not the spirit of the world but the spirit which is of God that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God. Also, we speak not in the words of man's wisdom but in spiritual wisdom sometimes comparing natural things with spiritual things.

Ministers of God, when we are speaking of spiritual things, let us say that they are spiritual things and when we are speaking of natural things, let us say they are natural things. So, the people that hear us will not be confused. Sometimes we fail to make it clear that there is a natural man and a spiritual man in the race. God is a spirit that dwells in a true-born Christian. God will not dwell in an uncleaned temple, and your body is the temple of God to dwell in.

They that are Christ's children have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts. If we live in the spirit, let us also walk in the spirit and not be desirous of vain glory. Let us also keep this old outward man unspotted from the world, and let our lights shine so the world can see our good works. For we have put off the old man with his deeds and have put on the new man which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created us. For we do believe in creation not evolution.

We shall delight in the law of God after the inward man that Jesus might be made manifest in our bodies. For we which live are always delivered unto death for Jesus' sake and that the life of Jesus might be made manifest in our mortal flesh. Because what is in the inside will show on the outside and will tell whether you are good or bad. By their fruit, you shall know them.

So Brethren, when we tell how perfect we are, let us say that we are speaking about the inward man which is Christ's Spirit that dwell in us. For the natural man, the flesh sometimes is contrary to the spiritual man and then there is a warfare between the innerman and the outerman. That which is spiritual is greater than that which is natural. Yet, both men are in the race, and the inward man will win every battle because the inward man is perfect and cannot sin.

Because of the spirit of God dwelling in you, sin is condemned in the flesh. Apostle Paul called it a thorn in the flesh, the messenger of Satan to buffet me and would have had it removed. But, God said my Grace is sufficient for you. I will not let you be tempted without making a way for you to bear it lest we should be exalted above measure. God said my Grace is sufficient for thee for my strength is made perfect in weakness.

Brethren, if the thorn (which is sin) was not in the flesh, then we would get exalted from all of the glory of man and from pats on the back that we would leave God out of the things of our life and start to trust in our own arm of flesh. Let us not trust in our own arm of flesh but trust in God's spirit that dwell in us everly looking to God for all things: natural and spiritual.

Brethren, when you see someone desiring to make a big show in the flesh and desiring a pat on the back, then beware of that person. They are living after the flesh, and trouble and sorrow will fall upon their door.

God forbid that we glory after the flesh, but we glory after the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ by whom the world is crucified unto us and we unto the world. For nature does not worship a true and living God, we worship in spirit and in truth.

Many times, Brothers, when we see things different from one another, it is because that one of us is in nature and the other is in God's Holy Spirit. One looks at it in the flesh, while the other one looks at it on the spiritual side. Let us not be hasty to speak evil or cross the minds of our Brothers or Sisters unless we are sure that God's spirit is directing our speech. Then let us speak in love and with a humble spirit. Let us always remember that our tongue is more trouble to us then any other part of our body.

We cannot drink the cup of the Lord and the cup of the devil. You cannot be partakers of both the Lord's table and the devil's table. Ye love the one, not both. You cannot love the Lord and the devil both at the same time.

Let us give God the thanks for all the things we possess upon this earth. Live each day as it being the last day that we will live upon God's earth. For we have no promise of the next day; may the Lord make you increase and abound in love toward one another and to all men and to establish your hearts unmovable in holiness before God our Father.

Written by your humble servant,
Elder James R. Branham

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

NORTHERN NEW SALEM ASSOCIATION

WHEN ORGANIZED IN 1957

From a long series of experiences we, the **Old Regular Baptist Church of Jesus Christ**, being baptized upon a profession of faith in Christ are convinced of the necessity of a combination of Churches in order to perpetuate a union and communion among us and to keep the order and rules of an Association according to the following plan of government.

ARTICLE 1. The Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different Churches in our union and sent to represent them in the Association and, upon their producing Letters from their respective Churches certifying their appointment, they shall be entitled to a seat.

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

ARTICLE 3. The members thus chosen and convened shall have no power to lord anything over God's heritage nor shall they have any clerical power over the Churches nor shall they infringe on any of the internal rights of any Church in the union.

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

ARTICLE 5. The Association shall have a Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk, and Assistant Clerk, each chosen separately by a majority vote of the delegates present.

ARTICLE 6. New Churches may be admitted into this union who shall petition by Letter and delegates and, if found upon examination to be orthodox and orderly, shall be received; and every Church in the union shall be entitled to a representative in the Association.

ARTICLE 7. Every query presented by the Church to the Association, being first debated in their own Churches, shall be taken up by the Association.

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

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

ARTICLE 10. We think it necessary that we should have an Association fund for defraying expenses of the same. We think it the duty of each Church in the union to contribute such sums as they think proper and to send it by their delegates to the Association; and such sums be deposited in the hands of the Treasurer chosen by the Association who shall be accountable for the money paid him by the Association, and paid out according to the Association.

ARTICLE 11. There shall be an Association book kept wherein the proceedings of every Association shall be recorded by a Secretary appointed by the Association who shall receive a compensation for his services.

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

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

ARTICLE 14. All matters coming before the Association shall be decided by will of a majority of the delegates present, except in receiving and dismissing churches and Associations which shall be by a unanimous vote.

ARTICLE 15. The Association shall have the power for the general union of the Churches; to preserve inviolable a chain of communion among the Churches; to give Churches all necessary advice in matters of difficulty; to inquire into the cause of the Churches failing to represent 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 members, by their consent, to transact any business which they see necessary; and they shall have power to withdraw from any Church in the union which violates the rules of the Association or deviate from the orthodox principles of religion; and to admit any orderly Minister of our order to a seat with us. The Association shall have the right to adjourn themselves to any future time or place they may think most convenient to the Churches.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

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

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

ARTICLE 2. We believe in the scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the written words of God, and the only rules of Faith and practice.

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

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

Acts 15:11, Titus 2:11

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

Gen. 3:6, Romans 5:12

ARTICLE 5. We believe that sinners are called to repentance, and believe in the gospel, and regeneration of the soul, sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise, and none such shall fall away and be lost.

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

ARTICLE 6. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God, only by the imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ.

2nd Tim. 1:9, Luke 18:13-14, Acts 13:39

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

Matt. 3:13-16, John 1:31-33, Rom. 6-4, Eph. 4:5

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

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

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

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

ARTICLE 10. We believe that no minister has a right to administer the ordinances and commands of the gospel, except such as are regular 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 13:2-3, Romans 1:6, Titus 1:5-9

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

Acts 11:29, Romans 15:26, 1st Cor. 16:1-2

ARTICLE 12. We believe that every doctrine that goes to encourage, or indulge people in their sins, or cause them to settle down on anything short of saving faith in Christ for salvation, is erroneous, and such doctrine will be rejected by us.

Matt. 16:12; Acts 8:16-21; Romans 16:17-18; Eph. 4:14-15, Gal. 1:8-10

ARTICLE 13. We believe that the church of Christ is a congregation of faithful believers in Christ, who have obtained fellowship with the Lord and with one another, and have given themselves to the Lord, and have agreed to keep us a Godly discipline, according to the rules of the gospel.

Acts 2:42, 1st John 1:3

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

Isaiah 9:6-7, Ch. 22:21-22, Luke 1:33

ARTICLE 15. None of the articles shall be considered as to hold with particular election and reprobation, so as to make God partial directly, 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

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

ARTICLE 2. The Association shall have a moderator, an assistant moderator, clerk, and assistant clerk, each chosen separately by a majority vote of the delegates present.

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

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

ARTICLE 5. He shall strictly adhere to the subject and in no wise reflect on the person who has spoken so as to make remarks on his slips of imperfections, but shall fairly state the cause as nearly as he can so as to convey his ideas.

ARTICLE 6. No person shall abruptly absent himself from the Association without leave of the Association.

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

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

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

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

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

ARTICLE 12. The Moderator shall have the same right of speech as any other member provided the chair be filled. And he shall have no right to vote unless the Association be equally divided, then he may give the deciding vote.

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

UNION MEETINGS AND MINISTERS CALLED FOR THE YEAR 1985

APRIL

HOUSE OF PRAYER — First Saturday and Sunday in April. Baxter Osborne, Jimmy Fields, Ralph Caudill, Elwood Cornett, Woody Pack, Roger Hicks.

PLEASANT VIEW — First Saturday and Sunday in April. Covis Tackett, Bill R. Collins, Ron Scott, Larry Hankins, Birtchel Mosley Jr., Ralph Caudill.

ROSE OF SHARON — Second Saturday and Sunday in April. Bill Collins, Raymond Stapleton, James Branham, Anthony Hamilton, Rich Grffie, Joshua Hicks, Buddy Carty, Wendell Hamilton.

LITTLE JEWELL — Fourth Saturday and Sunday in April. Robert Haney, Earshel Huff, Garland Mullins, Keith Slone, Ivan J. Amburgey.

MAY

ANTIOCH — First Saturday and Sunday in May. Eddie Tackett, Hiram Adkins, Buddy Carty, Jimmy Hall, Junior Ruggles, Teddy Robinson.

LITTLE IDA — First Saturday and Sunday in May. Hershel Huff, Woodrow Pack, Jimmy H. Hall, Alex Collier, Baxter Osborne, Jay Mitchell, Earl Lawson.

MAGGIE'S HOME — First Saturday and Sunday in May. Hiram Adkins, Sam Franks, Teddy Robinson, Dave Slone, Bill Collins, Buddy Carty, James Branham.

LITTLE MEMORY — Second Saturday and Sunday in May. Ivan Amburgey, Ralph Caudill, Stoney Blackburn, Elwood Cornett, Dwight Amburgey and Moderator.

LITTLE RUTH — Second Saturday and Sunday in May. Howard Coleman, James Branham, Kenny Robinson, Teddy Robinson, Joshua Hicks, Ray Hamilton, Forest Osborne.

LITTLE ZION — Second Saturday and Sunday in May. Howard Coleman, Stoney Blackburn, Gene Johnson, Ralph Caudill, Carlos Little.

LILLY OF THE VALLEY — Third Saturday and Sunday in May. Rollen Hollens, Rush Stanley, Hargus Tuttle, Johnny Newsome, Kenny Robinson, Zee Holbrook, Birbage Howell, Arthur Hamilton, Moderator and assistant moderator.

LITTLE CHILDREN'S HOME — Third Saturday and Sunday in May. Bill Dunbar, Ron Scott, Doug McCarty, Johnny Bently, Ralph Caudill, Hillard Newsome, Hendricks Hampton, Billy Miller.

MACEDONIA — Third Saturday and Sunday in May. Alex Collier, Stoney Blackburn, Hayes Chaffin, Ellis Amburgey, Baxter Osborne.

MORNING STAR — Third Saturday and Sunday in May. Alex Collier, Wendell Hamilton, Hobart Hamilton, Curl Dixon, Tennis Sturgle, Robert Haney.

JUNE

LITTLE BETHEL — First Saturday and Sunday in June. Paris Tackitt, Roy Caudill, Harold Senters, Squire Hamilton, Dannie Hamilton, Johnie Newsome.

LITTLE FLOSSIE — First Saturday and Sunday in June. Kenis L. Robinson, Woody Pack, Doug McCarty, David Slone, Don Gibson, Buddy Carty, Roy Caudill, Buford Brock, Buck Tuttle.

MT. ZION — First Saturday and Sunday in June. Roy Caudill, Morris Wicker, Claude Ousley, Savel Combs, Bill Collins, Henderson Hamilton, Virgil Wicker, Buddy Carty.

LITTLE FAMILY — Second Saturday and Sunday in June. Hillard Newsome, Ralph Caudill, Paris Tackitt, Birtchel Mosley, Jr., Johnie Bentley, Ellis Banks.

LITTLE PILGRIM'S HOME — Second Saturday and Sunday in June. Johnie Bentley, Mike Camble, Teddy Robinson, Johnie Newsome, Bill Tackett, Squire Hamilton.

LITTLE POLLY — Second Saturday and Sunday in June. Earl Lawson, James Branham, David Slone, Danny Carty, Zee Holbrook, Hobart Justice.

LITTLE REBECCA — Third Saturday and Sunday in June. Clifford Colley, Woodrow Dye, Hillard Newsome, Paul Adkins, Bill Tackett, Ivory Sowards.

FAMILY OF LOVE — Fourth Saturday and Sunday in June. Woody Pack, Teddy Robinson, Hillard Newsome, Paul Adkins, Birtchel Mosley Jr., Ray Hamilton, Paris Tackitt, Edwin Hay.

LITTLE EDNA — Fourth Saturday and Sunday in June. Ron Scott, Bill R. Collins, Birbage Howell Jr., Frank Harvey, Covis Tackett, Ivory Sowards.

MT. OLIVET — Fourth Saturday and Sunday in June. Winston Sloan, Robert Haney, Larry Newsome, Ellis Amburgey, Alex Collier, James Branham.

JULY

LITTLE FLOCK — Third Saturday and Sunday in July. Wendell Hamilton, Johnny Bently, Ray Hamilton, Rich Griffith, Hendricks Hampton, James Branham, Virgil Wicker, Buddy Carty, Roy Caudill.

LITTLE ANGEL — Fourth Saturday and Sunday in July. Clifford Colley, Jimmie Dye, Roger Hicks, James Branham, Bill Collins, Jimmy Dale Sanders, Tilton Dye, Teddy Robinson.

AUGUST

TRUE VINE — Third Saturday and Sunday in August. Don Gibson, Alex Collier, Claude Ousley, Teddy Robinson, Buddy W. Carty, Orban May, Paris Tackitt.

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MEMORIAL MEETINGS

LITTLE REBECCA — Third Saturday and Sunday in August. Buddy Carty, Donel Gibson, James Branham, Moderator and assistant moderator.

LITTLE JEWELL — Fourth Saturday and Sunday in October. Ivan J. Amburgey, Baxter Osborne, Carlos Little, Stoney Blackburn, Ellwood Cornett.

MAGGIE'S HOME — First Sunday in June.

LITTLE POLLY — Second Saturday and Sunday in August. All ordained Old Regular Baptist ministers invited.

MT. ZION — First Saturday and Sunday in September. All ordained authorities invited.

LITTLE FLOCK — Third Saturday and Sunday in June. Hobert Hamilton, Teddy Robinson, Ivory Sowards, Mike Campbell, Offie Bartly, Dave Sloan. **MARCUM MEMORIAL:** June 30, 1984 Teddy Robinson, Ivory Sowards, Paris Tackitt, Mike Campbell and all Little Flock preaching brethren.

LITTLE RUTH — Second Saturday and Sunday in July. James Curry, Bill Collins, Kenny Robinson, Claude Ousley, Amos Williams.

LITTLE MEMORY — Second Saturday and Sunday in August. Forest Osborne, Ron Scott, Jimmy Hall and Buddy Carty.

LITTLE EDNA — Fourth Saturday and Sunday in August. James Branham, Alex Collier, Jessie Pack.

LITTLE IDA — First Saturday and Sunday in July. Jerry Estep, Harvey Estep, Buddy Carty, Danny Adams, Moderator and assistant moderator.

LITTLE FLOSSIE — First Saturday and Sunday in September.

LITTLE ZION — Second Saturday and Sunday in August. Larry Newsome, Clifford Maynard, Ronald Scott.

LITTLE PILGRIM'S HOME — Second Saturday and Sunday in August. All Old Regular Baptist ministers are invited.

MT. OLIVET — Fourth Saturday and Sunday in August. Danny Adams, Doug McCarty, Charles Newsome, Willis Little.

PLEASANT VIEW — First Saturday and Sunday in June. John B. Hamilton, Jimmy Hall, Moderator Alex Collier.

LITTLE FAMILY — Second Saturday and Sunday in October. Clifford Colley, Buddy Carty, Paris Tackitt.

LITTLE ANGEL — Fourth Saturday and Sunday in March. Paul Adkins, Hillard Newsome, C. W. Turner, Buddy Carty, Hiram Adkins.

ANTIOCH — First Saturday and Sunday in June. Roy Caudill, Edwin Hay.

ROSE OF SHARON — Second Saturday and Sunday in October. Roger Hicks, Sam Franks, Okie Kent, Ivory Sowards, Hobart Hamilton, Hendrix Hampton.

LILLY OF THE VALLEY — First Saturday and Sunday in July.

LITTLE CHILDREN'S HOME — Third Saturday and Sunday in September 1985. Larry Hankins, James Branham, Robert Wallen.

MORNING STAR — Third Saturday and Sunday in July. Ellis Amburgy, Stoney Blackburn, Albert Osborne, Baxter Osborne, Jimmy Fields.

LITTLE BETHEL — First Saturday and Sunday in September. All Regular Baptist invited.

FAMILY OF LOVE — Fourth Saturday and Sunday in August. Clifford Colley, Kenny Robinson, Ivory Sowards, Russel Hicks.

HOUSE OF PRAYER — First Saturday and Sunday in November, Baxter Osborne, Jessie Vires, Robert Haney, Danny Adams, Covis Tackett.

MACEDONIA — Third Saturday and Sunday in October. Alec Collier, Stoney Blackburn, Hayes Chaffin, Ellis Amburgey, Baxter Osborne.

TRUE VINE — NONE SCHEDULED.

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CHURCH ADDRESSES AND MODERATORS

Church	Address	Moderator
Little Rebecca	Henry Road, Plymouth, Ohio	Claude Ousley
Little Jewell	207 Wheatley, Ashland, Kentucky	Baxter Osborne
Maggie's Home	Dundas, Ohio	Paris C. Tackitt
Little Polly	19545 Homer Road, Marshall, Michigan	Richard Griffith
Mt. Zion	McGuffy, Ohio	Maynard Ratliff
Little Flock	Route 1, Ray, Ohio	Anthony Hamilton
Little Ruth	Route 3, Marengo, Ohio	Maynard Ratliff
Little Memory	Sunman, Indiana	Baxter Osborne
Little Edna	5160 Bond Avenue, Lorain, Ohio	Walter Parker
Little Ida	4060 Drennen Street, Ecorse, Michigan	Ralph Caudill
Little Flossie	Lisbon, Indiana	Richard Griffith
Little Zion	53181 Romeo Plank Road, Romeo, Michigan	Glyn Maddox
Little Pilgrim's Home	Highway 224, Ruggles, Ohio	Robert Wallen
Mt. Olivet	Route 1, Stockbridge, Michigan	Richard Griffith
Pleasant View	3589 Beat Road, Litchfield, Ohio	Alex Collier
Little Family	S. R. 744, 1 mile West of Jacksonburg, Jacksonburg, Ohio	Roy Caudill
Little Angel	5733 Saltgaber Road, Columbus, Ohio	Hiram Adkins
Antioch	10817 Barricks Road, Louisville, Kentucky	Paul Adkins
Rose of Sharon	3744 Carlton Rockwood Road, Monroe, Michigan	Ray Hamilton
Lilly of the Valley	Geneva, Ohio	Squire Hamilton
Little Children's Home	Laurel, Indiana	Roy Caudill
Morning Star	44441 Clay Road, Belleville, Michigan	Covis Tackett
Little Bethel	State Road 228, Greensprings, Ohio	James Branham
Family of Love	Wyandotte, Ohio	Buddy W. Carty
House of Prayer	1220 Wallaby Drive, Beaver Creek, Ohio	Melvin Watts
Macedonia	Grahn, Kentucky	Burl Stevens
True Vine	Canal Fulton, Ohio	Kennis L. Robinson

1984 DELEGATES TO THE NORTHERN NEW SALEM ASSOCIATION

Little Rebecca	Claude Ousley, Landas Beverly, Dannie Carty
Little Jewell	Carlos Little, Chester Allen, George Collins
Maggie's Home	John Mullins, Ira Kendrick, J. B. Hale
Little Polly	Morris Wicker, Andy Damron, Tom VanZandt
Mt. Zion	Raleigh Ousley, Jim Gilliam, Rufus Slone
Little Flock	Joshua Hicks, Duane Graves, Mike Fortner
Little Ruth	Bill Staton, Adran Counts, Dempsey Deel
Little Memory	Bill Ison, Ronnie Miller
Little Edna	David Slone, Elmer Edwards, Matt Slone
Little Ida	Thurlow Barton, Gary Holbrook, Billy Miller
Little Flossie	R. J. Combs, Larry Dixon, Birtchel Mosley, Jr.
Little Zion	Lacy Hale, Archie Akers, Frank Powers
Little Pilgrim's Home	Robert Wallen, Danny Hamilton
Mt. Olivet	Elmer Adams, Carl Ousley, Jerry Griffith
Pleasant View	Alex Collier, Stoney Blackburn, Larry Newsome
Little Family	Hendricks Hampton, Coleman Fields, Marvin Potter
Little Angel	Ballard Brown, Urcie Burk, Floyd Stanley
Antioch	Paul Adkins, Darrell Parks, Claude Dixon
Rose of Sharon	Johnie Bentley, John Paul Hamilton, Clarence Bentley
Lilly of the Valley	Squire Hamilton, Danny Newsome, Junior Jent
Little Children's Home	Buford Brock, Henry Hobson, Zee Holbrook
Morning Star	Willis Little, Gillis Hamilton, Danny Adams
Little Bethel	Merlin Gibson, Ernest Owens, Kelly Maynard
Family of Love	Buddy W. Carty, George Matthews, Don L. Gibson
House of Prayer	Albert Osborne, Wilmer Combs, Ellis Amburgey
Macedonia	Burl Stevens, Earnest Middleton
True Vine	Leonard Robinson, Mack Adkins, Kennis L. Robinson

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	RECEIVED BY BAPTISM		RECEIVED BY LETTER		RECOMMENDATION		RESTORED		DISMISSED BY LETTER		EXCLUDED		DECEASED		TOTAL MEMBERSHIP		MEETING TIME		CONTRIBUTIONS	COMMUNION TIME
Little Rebecca	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	73	3	\$200.00	July								
Little Jewell	7	0	0	1	4	0	2	57	4	150.00	June									
Maggie's Home	2	0	0	0	0	1	1	49	1	125.00	July									
Little Polly	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	25	2	75.00	July									
Mt. Zion	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	14	1	50.00	July									
Little Flock	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	37	3	150.00	Aug.									
Little Ruth	1	1	0	0	0	0	2	17	2	100.00	June									
Little Memory	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	30	2	125.00	June									
Little Edna	0	1	0	0	1	6	0	26	4	75.00	July									
Little Ida	8	2	0	0	3	3	2	93	1	225.00	June									
Little Flossie	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	24	1	100.00	July									
Little Zion	3	0	0	2	4	1	1	57	2	150.00	June									
Little Pilgrim's Home . . .	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	28	2	75.00	July									
Mt. Olivet	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	19	4	85.00	July									
Pleasant View	3	1	0	1	10	5	2	84	1	300.00	May									
Little Family	0	0	0	0	4	0	1	29	2	160.00	July									
Little Angel	2	1	0	0	1	1	1	50	4	225.00	Aug.									
Antioch	0	2	0	0	0	0	1	43	1	225.00	Oct.									
Rose of Sharon	2	1	0	0	2	1	0	33	2	175.00	May									
Lilly of the Valley	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	26	3	150.00	June									
Little Children's Home	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	16	3	100.00	July									
Morning Star	6	3	0	1	4	4	4	63	3	200.00	June									
Little Bethel	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	23	1	100.00	July									
Family of Love	2	3	0	0	0	0	1	36	4	150.00	July									
House of Prayer	3	1	0	1	0	0	1	81	1	150.00	June									
Macedonia	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	57	3	100.00	June									
True Vine	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	17	3	100.00	Sept.									
Church Contributions for 1984	\$3,670.00																			
Picture Money for 1984	360.00																			
Other Contributions	.00																			
Grand Total	44	21	0	6	37	24	24	1,107	\$4,030.00											

ORDAINED MINISTERS

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LITTLE POLLY

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MT. ZION

NONE

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- ELDER ANTHONY HAMILTON (614) 388-8765
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- ELDER OKIE KENT (614) 682-6676
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- ELDER DENVER MEADE (216) 949-6048
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- ELDER WALTER PARKER (216) 949-6602
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- ELDER DAVID SLONE (216) 233-5580
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- ELDER BILLY MILLER (313) 283-0208
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OBITUARIES

KATHERINE ADKINS

Katherine Alice Adkins, born March 25, 1941, departed this life March 3, 1984, at the age of 42 years. Born in Pikeville, Kentucky, she was the daughter of the late Lilburn and Alice Adkins. She lived most of her life in Michigan.

She leaves to mourn her passing her loyal and devoted husband, Cecil Adkins, who shared with her life's joys and sorrows for 25 years. This union brought forth one daughter, Brenda Gail Adkins and two sons, David Cecil Adkins and Jeffrey Dale Adkins.

Katherine is also survived by four brothers: Henry, Vernon, Claude and Jimmy Adkins, and one sister, Betty Holland, and three grandchildren, Jason, Joel and Ryan.

Let it be said that Kathy was a loving wife and mother, a kind and thoughtful neighbor and a friend whose kindness knew no bounds. She was a rock, a tower of strength, the kind of person whom one could truly depend on. And she spent her life helping others in any way she could.

Her baby grandsons were her pride and joy, and in such a short time she spent as much time with them as possible and gave them enough love to last a lifetime.

Reborn in the Lord on June 24th, 1972, she was baptized the next day. She became a member of the Little Ida Church, in Ecorse, Michigan and later went to the Morning Star Church in Belville. Only days before her passing she said that she loved both churches and every member in both churches.

Our beloved Kathy shall never be forgotten. She has touched so many hearts through her life's journey. And she loved everyone she met. But more than this, she was an inspiration to all, and showed great courage through all her trials and tribulations. Through her great faith in Jesus she taught us not only how to live but also how to die. Her memory will always be treasured in the hearts of all those who loved her.

Although she was ours for such a short while, we find comfort in knowing that she is at peace now in God's loving arms. It is with great sorrow that we say good-bye to the most loving, caring and sharing person that we have ever known. But how it eases our troubled hearts to know that she is receiving her reward in heaven through God's love and grace.

Yes, it is with the heaviest of hearts that we say good-bye to this wonderful woman who gave us so much of herself, and who let her light in Christ shine through. Katherine, we love you so much. And though your passing grieves us deeply, we know that through God's power and grace we may again someday walk hand in hand with you, down heaven's streets of gold.



Written by her loving daughter, Brenda Adkins
and son-in-law, David Adkins

LEXIE BENTLEY

I'm going to attempt to speak in loving memory of my mother Lexie Bentley.

She was born in Pikeville, Kentucky in June on the 9th day of 1913. She was the daughter of Loris and Rilda Smallwood, out of this union was born nine children. She was preceded in death by her mother and father, three brothers: Cecil, Oles, Phimas Smallwood and one sister Melster Sloane.

She was survived by three sisters: Pluma Bentley, Maggie Fohl. Elsie Jury, and one brother Rufus Smallwood.

She has lived here on this earth for 70 years and served the Lord 37 of those years.

She was saved and baptized at Maggie Home Church approximately in 1937 in Ohio. She moved to Michigan in 1967 and had her letter at Morning Star at the time of her departure to meet the Lord.

She always welcomed her Brothers and Sisters of the Church into her home, when she was no longer able to attend Church. Before they would leave songs and prayer would be her request. She always praised the Lord for her strength and many times she was lifted up and healed by his great mercy.

She was a shining example to her family and all that knew her.

She married a wonderful man Asberry Bentley who is my Dad and also a brother in the Lord. Out of that union was born five sons: (deceased: Robert Desley Bentley) and surviving are Thomas, Robert, Ronnie and Richard Bentley. Two daughters: Anna Brown, and Sandra Bennett, and also 10 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren.

I know we'll meet Mom in that wonderful city, the Lord has prepared for us that love him.

If we stay faithful and finish our course the Lord will call us home.

Written by her broken hearted daughters: Anna Brown and Sandra Bennett and granddaughter Tina Hubbard. All sisters in the Lord to Mom and Grandmothers.

ORVILLE (CUTCH) BLEVINS

It is with a sad heart that I try to write an obituary of my husband, Orville (Cutch) Blevins. He was the son of George and Lona Gibson Blevins. He was born September 1st, 1913 and passed away February 8th, 1984. He was born in Honaker, Kentucky.

In early life, he married Anna Akers on November 7th, 1936. We were married for 47 years. We moved to New London, Ohio in 1957.

To this union, 5 children were born. Our oldest child, Phyllis was only 6 weeks old when we lost her. We have 2 sons and 2 daughters: Charles of Lexington, Kentucky and Donald of Norwalk, Ohio, Sue Staschke and Joyce Chaffins of New London, Ohio and 15 grandchildren.

He is also survived by 2 brothers: Andrew and Lee Blevins, both of Kentucky and 3 sisters Jeanette Hall, Octavia Deel and Frankie Tackett, all of Kentucky.

He was a former coal miner in Kentucky and was a retired employee of Sterling Foundry in Wellington, Ohio.

He joined the Pleasant View Church of Old Regular Baptist the first Sunday in December, 1980. He had a pacemaker put in and he was in the hospital so much. He loved to attend Pleasant View Church in Litchfield, Ohio.

He was buried at Grove Street Cemetery, New London, Ohio.

Children, if Dad could call one word back,
It would be, you have only one life to live
It will soon be past
Only what's done for God will last.
Memories are treasures that no one can steal,
Death is a heart ache that no one can heal
Tears may dry and fade away
But in our hearts you will stay.



Written by his broken-hearted wife, Anna Blevins

EDISON BOLEN

With a sad and aching heart I will try to write an obituary of my dear brother, Edison Bolen. He was born Nov. 8, 1934, and died April 27, 1984. Age 49, he was the son of deceased Nathan and Rosie Bolen of Knott Co., Kentucky.

He came to Jackson, Ohio in June of 1948. He did construction work and was a hard working man, until he had a accident in 1961, never being able to work any more.

His father, mother and brother preceeded him in death. He leaves a son Clyde and a daughter Janet Bolen, both of Jackson, Ohio. He leaves three sisters, Mrs. Joshua (Sylvia) Hicks of Lancaster, Ohio, Ms. June Bolen and Mrs. James (Judy) Hill both of Jackson, Ohio, several nieces and nephews.

He was well liked in the neighborhood. He was always ready to give a helping hand if he could. We hope he made peace with the Lord and has gone to a better home.



Written by his sisters



FORD BOLEN

With a sad and aching heart I will try to write an obituary of my dear brother Ford Bolen. Born April 6, 1932-died Feb. 1, 1984, to Nathan and Rosie Bolen of Knott Co., Kentucky, both deceased.

He came to Jackson, Ohio in June 1948. He did construction most of his life traveling from state to state. He was a hard working man. He worked up until the day he went into the hospital. The Dr. said he had cancer. He called home and said he had to have surgery and wanted us three sisters to come to him in Houston, Texas. As soon as he thought he was able, he came home to Jackson, Ohio. He was in and out of the hospital. The last three months he stayed at the home place with his two sisters and daughter Brenda, who did all they could for him.

He leaves three daughters, Mrs. Van (Barbara) Bentley of Jackson, Ohio, Mrs. Brenda Brown, and Mrs. Ralph (Linda)



McCrea both of Mansfield, Ohio, a grandson Ford Douglas he thought the world of, and five grandchildren, several nieces and nephews. He also leaves one brother Edison Bolen, three sisters, Ms. June Bolen and Mrs. James (Judy) Hill of Jackson, Ohio, and Mrs. Joshua (Sylvia) Hicks of Lancaster, Ohio.

We would like to thank Bros. Paris Tackett and Ivory Sowards for their visits and prayers with Ford and his family.

We also want to thank Bro. Sam Franks for his visits to the hospital. Also the other church people. Bro. Paris said Ford prayed the same prayer he prayed when he was a sinner.

Two of his daughters and his three sisters stayed by his bedside the last two days and nights. I feel in my heart Ford has gone to a better home where he will have no more pain.

Written by his sisters.



JAMES LAWRENCE CARVER

Write, blessed are the dead that do die in the Lord, yea says the spirit, henceforth they do rest from their labor, and their works do follow them.

James Lawrence Carver, age 27, of Hilliard, Ohio, passed away in Riverside Hospital December 10, 1983 at 11:00 p.m. after losing a battle with that dreadful disease, cancer.

James was the son of Junior and Jewel Wicker Carver. His father preceded him in death in 1963. He was married to Patricia Sparks on September 3, 1975. He also leaves to mourn his loss 2 brothers: Rick of Waverly, Ohio and Roger of Chillicothe, Ohio and a grandmother, Ethel Wicker of Columbus, Ohio. A host of nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles and a host of friends to mourn his passing.

I visited James in the hospital several times during his illness and the most of his talk was about the goodness of God and the Bible and how good the Lord had been to him in his short life here on earth. He told me he was not afraid to die, but he worried about his family and wanted them to meet him in heaven. So I would like to say to the rest of his family, life is short here on earth and we don't know who will be next on the list to leave this world. So be ready to meet God in peace when that death angel comes. As the song says, get on that old ship of Zion, for it's only coming this way one time. James wanted to come to the Little Angel Church one more time.



Elder Forest Osborne

GEORGE PRESTON CASTLE

With a sadness in my heart, And the help of god I'll try to write an obituary of dear old dad. He left this world Sept.29-1983. George Preston Castle was born April 25-1897 at Prestonsburg, Ky. The son of Henry Castle and Jahazel Castle. He left behind to mourn his death. His faithful companion of 64 yrs. Lousinda Castle. Eight children. Hillard M. Castle, Henry H. Castle, Ruby Jean Castle, Mary Ann Smith, William Castle, and Ballard Castle, All of Stockbridge, Mi and Elbert Lee Castle of Mason, Mi And Franklin D. Castle of Leslie, Mi, And one Daughter Febie Shepherd, of Hueysville, Ky, who proceeded him in death. And 37 Grand Children, Fifty Great Grand Children. Dad joined the old regular baptist church in 1949, At the old stone-coal church. He was in this race along time. Just to have two children join him in the old church. Dad didn't have much in life, according to some standards. But the race is over now. He's won the grand prize. A heavenly home. Dear love one's, Please turn to God. And we can share Dad's prize at the end.



Written By His Loving Son Elbert Lee Castle
Hope to meet you in heaven someday.



OBITUARY OF SUSANNA CAUDILL

It's with much sadness, that I will try by the help of the good Lord to write an obituary of Sister Susanna (Adams) Caudill. She was the daughter of Mose Adams and Betty Jane (Caudill) Adams, borned at Jeremiah, Ky. (Letcher County) April 7, 1908. And deceased this life December 13, 1983. Making her stay here seventy five years eight months and five days. Sister Anna as we called her had five brothers and three sisters all have out stripped her and gone except one brother James H. Adams he is in a nursing home at Hazard Perry County Ky. At the time of her passing she had been in a nursing home at Coistal Manor Miamisburg, Ohio for a while, she seemed to grow weaker all the time. She was there in the last two months and had pneumonia and the last time she had a heart attack with pneumonia, and the Lord just took her home. While just a



young woman, she met and married Alamander Caudill, and to this union was borned eight children, to wit Carrol Mills Talahassee, Florida, Millie Ann Clifford Farmersville, Ohio, Mose Reed Caudill, Premium Ky., Betty Jane Gray, Premium, Ky. Lee Caudill U.S. Navy, and one son Wesley Caudill deceased at birth. Her husband also preceded her in death December 31, 1972. She also had twenty four grandchildren to mourn for her, and a great host of friends and relatives. Many many years ago Sister Anna saw and felt the need of a saviour, even before she was married to Alamander. I have heard my Grandpa Mose Adams tell of the times he heard Anna praying after night when they were all in bed, and not long after this she felt the merciful Lord had taken her many sins, and cast them into the sea of forgetfulness, never to be remembered against her in this world, neither in the world to come. It was some years later when she gave her hand to the Old Regular Baptist Church, and telling of that good news, what the Lord had done for her. She was baptised the last Sunday of September 1954. Bro. Lee Caudill and Sister Centa Caudill was baptised that day also by Eld. Wesley Caudill, and Eld. Lawrence Day. Sister Anna was a charter member of the Little Family Church. It was organized in my home on May 12, 1956 Sister Anna loved to go to church so good. My wife Sister Vivion and I use to keep her on the weekends, so she could go to church with us, and she would just clap her little hands, and be so happy getting to go to church. To her children and grandchildren Momma and Grandma, has left a fine example for you to follow if you ever want to go where she has gone to, for I believe with all my heart her soul is resting in the paradise of God awaiting that great day when she will get that new body liken unto the Lord's most glorious body, and to ever be with the Lord. Now children and grandchildren you will have to do the same thing, Mom and Grandma done, seek the Lord with every thing you have, with all your heart, that you may find rest for your souls in that great judgement. There is no short cuts, no easy routes to salvation, you must be borned again. May the good Lord bless each and every one of you.

Written by Eld. Hendricks Hampton



DOVIE CONLEY

With the help of the Lord, I'll try to write an obituary of my mother. She was born July 12, 1896 and passed away Oct. 30, 1983, making her stay here on earth 87 years, three months and 18 days.

She was the daughter of Rilda Wallen Conley, born in Knott County, Kentucky. She lived the last 33 years in Willard, Ohio.

She married Bill Conley in 1915 and was blessed to have 11 children, five boys and six girls. Manis Conley of Willard, Ohio, Curtley Conley and V. C. Conley of Utica, Ohio, Norcie Bolen and Thelma Shepherd of Willard, Ohio, Corsie Peder-son of Utica, Ohio, Garnet Wicker of Lima, Ohio, Marie Lafferty of Edgewater, Florida, Gladys Ousley of Moore, Oklahoma. Her husband Bill, a son Herbert, and an infant son Junior preceded her in death.

Mom has 26 grandchildren, 33 great



grandchildren and a lot of great great grandchildren, I don't remember how many.

Mom joined the Old Regular Baptist Church about 50 years ago and was a member of the Stone Coal Church at Garrett, Kentucky.

Mom worked hard all her life to help raise her children. She enjoyed cooking dinner for the church and having people to come and eat with her and dad. They would feed anybody that would stop in to visit for a while. They would invite strangers to eat and stay all night and always asked them to come back.

The last time I had mom in my home, it was about a week before she passed away. We had a good talk, She told me she prayed every night for her children and asked the good Lord when it was time to leave this unfriendly world, just take her home for she didn't want to be sick a long time and be a burden to her children!

I believe the good Lord heard mom's prayers, one lonesome Sunday afternoon, mom just went to sleep.

Mom, we miss you, but you will always be remembered by the ones who love you.

Written by her daughter
Thelma Shepherd



JOSIE CONWAY

By request, I shall try in my weakness to write an obituary of a very special Sister in Christ, Sister Josie Conway. I have sweet memories of this dear Sister, of which I trust God will bless me to write a few, all to his glory and honor.

She was the daughter of the late Josh and Lille Bell O'Quinn. Borned May 9, 1913 and departed this life on July 22, 1983. God bless Sister Josie to live up on his good earth 70 years, 2 months and 13 days, bringing joy and happiness to those she met along life's pathway. On February 25, 1935 she became the devoted wife of Elder Casby Conway, who remains to mourn the loss of a sweet and understanding wife. She also leaves 2 Brothers, Marion and Morgan of Haysi, Va. and one half Brother, Riley Thomas.

Like Mary, Sister Josie chose the good part about 34 years ago. She always let her light shine and by her everyday life and the way she dressed and conducted her life, caused one to surely say, "she was different from the world." She was a member of the Solid Rock Old Regular Baptist Church, Union Association.

I have sweet memories when but a young convert in 1952, of meeting Sister Josie. Her smiles and kind words soon made me realize that she was a true Sister of Israel. She and Brother Casby took me in, spending weeks and days with them. Even though she wasn't blessed with any children, she was always giving me good advice and counsel, which has stayed with me all these many years. I remember the many times she would buy me clothes, give me money and take me to church.

She was so patient in her many months of suffering from that dreadful disease, cancer. She often told the Dr. and Bro. Casby that there wasn't anything in her way. The material things of this world, pride of life and society never worried Sister Josie. I pray our younger Sisters will pattern their lives after her, so they will never bring shame on this blessed old church of which she was an humble member for these many years.

Brother Casby, look beyond the clouds of sorrow and wait for the blessed morning of the resurrection. We hope to see Sister Josie again with a body as pure as our loving Savior, who let Sister Josie pass this way bringing to all she met, rays of sunshine and sweet memories of years spent with her here and that sweet hope of

seeing her some glorious morning.

To one and all, live humble and try to brighten up the little corner you occupy here, that others will remember you passed this way as we shall this our dear Sister.

Your Humble Servant,
Elder Hillard Newsome



ALTA FAY DALES

With the help of the Lord we will write a obituary of our dear mother. Alta Fay Dales she was born to Charles and Ida Stiltner McClannahn July 8, 1912 and died Dec. 24, 1983 making her stay on earth 71 years 5 months 16 days. She was married to Kelly Dales Sept. 12, 1929 and to this union were born 2 sons and 6 daughters to mourn their loss but surely heaven's gain. Sister Fay and Brother Kelly were members of the Little Bethel Church and deacons that served the members well. We miss mom every day but we have memories of a good mother, a good wife, a good neighbor, and the best friend a child could know, but mom was tired of her journey here, of sickness, of sorrows and trouble, and most surely was ready to go at God's command, for this is the way she felt and what she wrote before she died. Some day I will climb that great high mountain I have always



wanted to climb. When I get to the top the birds will be singing and the flowers will be so beautiful and all in full bloom. God is there watching over every one around the throne. When I get to the top Jesus will be there waiting and say well done rest and be at peace. So my dear children, brothers, sisters, if you are troubled and burden talk to God, he will hear your prayers and make you feel so you can climb this mountain to peace. So rest on now mom with dad for a little while. We all love you and miss you both. This place is not the same without you both. Everybody misses maw Dales. I am sure all the children you made coats for and were so good to will never forget you and neither will we.

Written by the children

HATLER ELSWICK

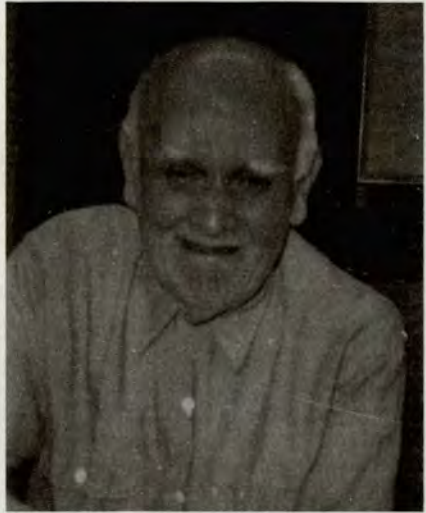
With a sad and broken heart, we will try to write an obituary of our dear and loving husband and father — to wit Hatler Elswick.

Hatler was born March 3rd, 1907 and died May 30th 1984. His father, Thomas Elswick, and his mother, Carrie Sword Elswick, both preceded him in death.

Hatler met and married Mirl Iricks in 1940 and they had one daughter, Betty Jo Stevenson. He retired from General Motors. In later years Hatler was very sick, but he did enjoy talking about the Lord and going to Church. Before he died Hatler said that he had made peace with God and was ready to go at His command. Hatler is survived by his wife, Mirl, and daughter, Betty Jo, both of Wyandotte, Michigan; two sisters, Lillie Dempsey of Ky., and Maude E. George of Va.; three grandchildren, May Jo Swain, Suzanne Fletcher and Billy Ray Stevenson all of Bridgeport, Ill.; and four great grandchildren, Ryan, Justin, Janice and Jeremy. Hatler left a host of other family members and friends to mourn his loss.

Even in death Hatler looked at peace. A short time before he died, we invited some of the members and ministers of the Old Regular Baptist church in to hold services for Hatler. The ministers stated that they felt the Spirit of God and felt that it was a good witness that Hatler had made peace with God.

Written by his broken hearted wife and daughter,
Mirl and Betty Jo.



MYRTIE HALL GALLIHER

It is with a very sad heart that I'll try to write an obituary of my sweet sister Myrtie Hall Galliher. Myrtie was born in 1920 to Craig and Marry Jane Hunter. Myrtie met and married Azzie Hall. They were blessed with one daughter, Shirlee Ann Leisure of Columbus, Ohio, and five sons: Elmer Hall of Ohio, Stevie Hall of New London, Ohio, Gary Hall of Sunbury, Ohio, Lowell Gene Hall of Sunbury, Ohio, and Edgel Hall and Myrtie husband Azzie Hall were killed in an awful train wreck in 1958 in New London, Ohio. Later in life Myrtie met Harlow Galliher and married. They had one son, Billy Galliher.



Myrtie belonged to the church of Old Regular Baptist for around thirty years and lived a good faithful life. She was one of the humblest people you will ever meet. She loved her children and always wanted the best for them. Myrtie had that awful disease, Cancer. She lived about three months after they found it. Myrtie told all of us not to worry about her, because she knew she could not live always and she was ready to go. She said she was going to be happy for what time she had left and she laughed and talked as much as she could. Two nights before she died she said she was going to ride the Glory Bound Train. My sister asked her who told her she could go, she said my Lord told me so, she said yes I want to go. I feel Myrtie got on board and Jesus took her to rest. I know she would want me to tell her children to remember what she told you and pray to God for forgiveness and He will hear you. Someday you too can get on board that Glory Bound Train and see mother again.

It is very hard for all of us to accept. We have lost a very sweet sister and mother. But God knows best, so prepare to meet her again children and her sweet grandchildren, she loved them so much and wanted the best for them. So be good to one another and serve the Lord. He is worth it all in the end. It would be very hard to come down to your dying bed and not be ready to meet Jesus, so children think and pray, God Bless you all.

Written By: Myrtie's sister
Sue Kidd

LONA GRIFFIE

Flesh shall perish and return again unto the dust, and the dust shall return to the earth as it was, but the Spirit shall return to God who gave it. As this, we feel our beloved one to wit: Sister Lona Griffie has done. Her Spirit has returned to God, who blessed her to live upon his good earth, 67 years, 6 months, and 5 days, bringing joy, sunshine and happiness to those she met along life's pathway.

She was borned on September 4, 1916. Deceased this life, for her long sought rest above on Friday March 9, 1984. She was the daughter of Brother George R. Ison who survives and the late Ollie Smith Ison. She was borned and reared in the lovely hills of Eastern Kentucky, on Turkey Creek, Letcher County, Ky. Here she grew up with her playmates, friends, 2 sisters and 7 brothers who will miss the friendship and love of this dear one.



When but a fair young woman, in 1937 she took by the hand a little man by the name of Arnie Griffie of Letcher Co., Ky. She promised to be unto him a faithful, obedient and loving wife, of which she did for 47 yrs. Together they shared life's heartaches, disappointments and troubles, along with its joys, pleasures and happiness for these many years. I can truly say she was a very devoted wife and mother. God trusted into the tender hands of Sister Lona, when but a very young wife, 2 little boys and 2 little girls, who through and by the good counsel and advice of a devoted Christian mother, grew up to be fine men and women.

She leaves to mourn her loss, her faithful and devoted husband Arnie, 2 sons, Alvin and Anthony Griffie, both of Louisville, Ky. 2 daughters, Kay Watts of Taylorsville, Ky. and Bronzetta Griffie of Lawrenceburg, Ky. Her father George R. Ison of Shepherdsville, Ky. 2 lovely sisters, Flossie Poteet of Shepherdsville, Ky., and Reva Callahan of Perry Co., Ky. 6 Brothers, Aaron, Newman, Verlon and McClellan Ison all of Perry Co., Ky. Arvil of Franklin, Ohio and Marble of Madison, West Va., 12 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren.

On the 1st Sunday in November of 1979, Sister Lona was baptised by the hands of Elders Paul E. Adkins and Hillard Newsome into full love and fellowship of the Antioch Old Regular Baptist Church. Here she refreshed her soul in the assembly of her dear Brothers and Sisters and in the presence of God. She was a faithful Sister, always filling her seat, a quiet, soft spoken Sister who let her light shine that others could see that she was different from the world. Very humble, modest in dress, but yet not boastful. The ways of the world, society and the ever changing f life, never caused Sister Lona to falter from her duty as a Christian. She never spoke boastful of her accomplishments in life, but proved by her every day humble life that she was different from the world. We the Antioch Church will miss the fellowship of this our dear Sister, one who set a pattern for others, by the meek Spirit she manifested and the humble life she lived.

On Thursday, March 8, 1984, Brother Paul and I visited with her in the hospital. She was very pleasant, talking of the goodness of the Lord, her love for the Antioch Church. She spoke of her faith in God and of how good he had been to her. The last words she said to me as we were leaving, I said, Sister Lona, "I love you," she said, "I

love everybody." We must say to her love ones, please remember the teachings of this dear one, strive to meet her again, and try to pattern your life after her, in hope that we shall meet her again after this life is over.

She bore her cross, without grumbling, she shall wear her Robe and Crown with happiness in her new home as she waits for us that remain.

Your Humble Servant,
Elder Hillard Newsome



ELDER RAYFUL GRIFFITH

On September 28, 1983 a beautiful life left this world — that of my dear husband and loving father to his children. Rayful was born January 22, 1934 at Garrett, Kentucky — the son of Richard and Vada Griffith. His mother and two small sisters died when he was just a small boy.

He was married on January 5, 1955 to Bonita Hoover and unto them were born three children, Cherylene, Danny and Missy and also two small grandchildren, Stacey and Jason. He is also survived by his father Richard and eight brothers and sisters — Nadine Castle, David Griffith, Faye Van-Zandt, Arnold Griffith, Bobby Griffith, Jerry Griffith, Barbara Pritchard, Henry Griffith and Larry Griffith.

Rayful joined the Regular Baptist Church in May 1969 at the Little Alvie Church and was ordained there in 1970. A few years later he moved his membership to the Little Polly Church and remained there until his death. He was a faithful attender and was always on duty going far and near to visit other churches. The only times he ever missed being at church were the times he would be in the hospital recovering from one of the surgeries he needed. Rayful had been ill with a reoccurring brain tumor for fifteen years. He underwent five major brain surgeries and had numerous treatments that would leave him a most weakened condition, but with the help of the Lord, he would regain some of his strength to carry on.

He had the most extraordinary faith and he talked constantly about how wonderful God was to have blessed him to live all these years with all his afflictions. He was an inspiration to all who knew him. He had a great need to comfort those in distress or to visit someone who was suffering through a tragic situation. He would travel far in order to be of help to someone that might need help.

Rayful had told me a few years ago that he would live until 1983 so he knew he would not survive this last surgery. He lived three months afterwards, but he knew he would be leaving us behind. He talked openly about his death to come, told me how he wanted everything conducted and we spent hours saying our farewells and remembering our past life together, the happy times and the sorrowful times we had shared. He wanted me to keep him at home until the end and I did.



There are a few brothers in the church that I must express my written thanks to. Brother Morris was so good to take him to church when he got so sick he couldn't drive anymore. Also, to Brother Earl who was so gracious and kind to us during this time and thanks to Bro. Raymond Hicks who sat with him for long hours and was such a good moral support.

I also feel that Rayful is looking down from Heaven and he would like me to thank all the Regular Baptist Churches everywhere for your generous financial contributions to our small family in our most trying situation.

As Bro. Earl said at his funeral, Rayful preached his own funeral. His light shown wherever he went. I feel as though all who make it to Heaven will meet him there across the River on the other side but we must suffer the loss till then.

Written by his wife,
Bonita Griffith



CECIL HAMPTON

Cecil Hampton, age 67 years, 6 months, and 9 days old. Born January 3 1917, in Pike County, Ky. to the late Pleasant Hampton and Arlena Tackett Hampton.

He was married to Rita Mae Tackett Hampton Feb. 14, 1940. And to this union born seven (7) children. Five (5) sons, Landon Hampton, Virgie, Ky. Gomer B. Hampton, Wyandot, Ohio, Jim Hampton, Marion, Ohio, Mike Hampton, Wyandot, Ohio and Danville Gene Hampton, deceased. Two (2) daughters, Christine Chapman, Marion, Ohio, and Geraldine Cellar, Caledonia, Ohio. Fifteen (15) grandchildren and one (1) great-grandchild. Also, three (3) brothers, Hassel Hampton, River Rouge, Mich., Forest Hampton and Joseph Hampton of Virgie, Ky. Two (2) sisters, Madge Tackett, Virgie, Ky. and Helen Elliotte of Pikeville, Ky.



Brother Cecil's membership was at the Family of Love Church, Wyandot, Ohio. He will sadly be missed by all that knew him. He has left a seat in this church that can never be filled again. So to the brothers and sisters of the Family of Love Church, we will just say farewell to Brother Cecil for just a little while, till we meet again in that land where there will be no more deaths, but Peace and Joy forever and ever.

Written by the Family and
Elder Clifford Bradley

ELDER MARVIN HUNTER

It is with a broken heart I try to write an obituary of my beloved brother, Marvin Hunter. Marvin was born 1940 to Craig and Mary Jane Hunter; Craig passed away in 1969, leaving his mother, Mary, to mourn his loss.

Marvin met and married Rosetta May Hamilton in 1960. They were blessed with one son, Marvin Jr., and five daughters, Sherry Lynn Palmer, Angie Hunter, Donna Sue Hunter, Jennifer, Myrtie Anne Hunter. Marvin loved his children very much and worked hard for them. He was a meat cutter at Krogers' Meat Plant in Columbus, Ohio for about 16 years.

Marvin belonged to the Little Ruth Church for 14 years. He was ordained in April, 1980. He loved the church with all his heart. He wanted peace with all his brothers and sisters and wanted the church to prosper in love and peace.

Marvin worked up until the day before he went into the hospital. He got very sick, and thought he had the flu. He went to the hospital the next day and they told him he had less than three months to live; that was an awful time for all of us to accept. Marvin said he saw Jesus and John The Baptist, they came into his room walking so softly. He was not afraid so he told his mother not to worry, let God's will be done.

We stord by him in sorrow all week before he died. He talked to us up to an hour before he died. He looked up at Pearl and asked her to go with him. She said yes Marvin. He said I see a bunch of old time Brethren coming and Almighty God and Myrtie, then closed his eyes and went to rest.

So children and Zete, if you ever want to see Marvin again you must prepare yourself and get ready to go. Heaven is real and is worth everything to your soul. The last time I looked at Marvin at the church house, I said Brother I'll see you again. I feel that some sweet day it will be all over and Jesus will welcome His people home, no more cancer, no more troubles, there will be Peace, Joy and Love.

May God Bless all Marvin's children and remember his teachings and you will do well.

Written by his sister, this is the hardest thing that I have ever tried to do. I loved him so much, but God loved him more. I want the kids and Marvin's wife to remember the many prayers he prayed for them and what he saw on his dying bed. He said I see Old Time Brethren and children, it is the old time way. There is nothing new or modern going to heaven. Let's be clean and common and join together and remember The Old Regular Baptist. It is a great light and comfort to me. With great love for all of you.



Written by: Sister — Sue Kidd, Brother - Freddy Kidd

ARTHUR ISAAC

It is with a sad and broken heart that we will try to write an obituary of our dear departed husband and father, Arthur Isaac. Dad was born January 24, 1931 and departed this life January 23, 1984, making his stay here on Earth 52 years, 11 months, and 30 days. He was born in Halo, Kentucky to Perry and Lina Johnson Isaac.

In the year 1951 he met and married Alberta Hall and to this union were born three children; one son, James Arthur, serving in the U.S. Navy; two daughters, Ann Griffith and Bonnie Wilson of Springfield, Ohio. He also leaves six grandchildren. Besides his father, Perry of McDermott, Ohio, he leaves ten brothers and sisters, they are; Sylvester of Wakeman, Ohio; Hearlie of Peebles, Ohio; Allen and Nannie Ewing of McDermott, Ohio; Hiram of Xenia, Ohio; Franklin of Springfield, Ohio; Pearlie of Halo, Kentucky; Anna

Howard of Hebron, Ohio; Gloria Korn of Newark, Ohio; and Virginia Horsley of Otway, Ohio. He also leaves a great host of friends and relatives. He was preceded in death by his mother, Lina; a brother, Albert; and two infant sisters.

Daddy joined the Little Children's Home Church of the Old Regular Baptist in the fall of 1974 at Laurel, Indiana. In later years he moved his letter to the Little Bethel Church in Sligo, Ohio. Even as sick as Daddy was he would take time to go and visit the sick and afflicted. Daddy loved to go to church even when in the last year of his life he couldn't drive he would get Elder Zee Holbrook to drive him. I know he had lots of friends but it always seemed that Elder Holbrook was there when he needed him. Daddy had strong feelings of God after his accident. I feel that Daddy has gone to be with God and if any of his family want to meet him again we'll have to change our ways and get right with God.



In my heart a lonely hurt
In my home an empty chair
If only I could fill the lonely spot
And be with you up there.

Often is the time I heard you say
Lord take me on Home out of my pain
God took you home and left me behind
O' how often I wish I was out of my pain.

How I wish I had gone with you
But God knew best for me and you
I know you had suffered enough
So God stepped in and said it's enough.

You have no more pain where you are
We thank God for your happiness
We'll walk this lonely path
But I have faith God will take me through
Just like he did you.

Written by a broken-hearted family.



OBITUARY OF HENRY DAY JOHNSON

Psalms 34-22:

The Lord redeemth the soul of His servants; and none of them that trust in Him shall be desolate.

Through God's gentle mercies, and by the request of the family, we will try to write the obituary of a beloved brother in Christ, Brother Henry Day Johnson.

Henry was born into this life June 14, 1901 to Joe and Lou (Little) Johnson, Carter County, Kentucky. One of 8 children, mother and father, 2 sisters, Hallie and Polly, preceded him in death. On September 8, 1983, God sent an angel and called Brother Henry home, making his stay here 82 years, 2 months, 3 weeks, and 2 days. He was residing in Sanford, Florida at the time of his death.

Henry met and married Kansas (Elliott) Johnson in 1923, and to this union God granted 11 children. One son, Andy



(Nick) preceded him in death and also wife Kansas. Children left to mourn his passing are: Francis Johnson, North Ridgeville, Ohio, Patricia Fradle, Mt. Clemens, Michigan, Judy Trombley, Mt. Clemens, Michigan, Jerry Solis, Leesburg, Florida, Vivan (Doc) Johnson, Allen Park, Michigan, Mary Lou Holcomb, Parma, Ohio, Eva Engle, North Ridgeville, Ohio, Bill Johnson, U. S. Marine Corp., North Carolina, John Paul Johnson, Corpus Christi, Texas, Gus Johnson, Apopka, Florida. One brother, Andy Johnson, Chillicothe, Ohio, 4 sisters, Ollie Osborn, Chillicothe, Ohio, Ethel Royster, Piketon, Ohio, Edna Glover, Martinsville, Indiana, and Myra Newsome, Pokatilla, Idaho. Also to mourn are 28 grandchildren and 15 great grandchildren.

On August 9, 1953, Brother Henry turned his life into God's hands, joined the Salisbury Church of Old Regular Baptist and was baptized by Elders M. C. Wright and Mack McCloud. Later, on February 2, 1956, he was ordained a deacon of the church and then took his membership to Little Rosa Church, McDowell, Kentucky, where he was a member at the time of his death. Henry was a soft spoken brother, gentle in his ways. He loved the whole baptist family and songs of Zion, two of his favorites being "Link in That Chain" and "I Overtook a Pilgrim".

Brother Henry was never alone as Jesus stood by him in his last hours. Now he is resting in peace under the altar of God, awaiting that promised day of redemption. His

soul has taken flight from the earthly body, waiting to be redeemed as one of God's servants, in a land where God promised for those that trust and serve Him. Redeemed in the blood of the Lamb, to live forever in a peaceful land.

Children, hold dear the memory of Dad who loved you, prayed for you, and served God here on this earth, being blessed to stay here with you for many years. His life was a light to all of you, showing a pathway that leads to a Heavenly land, where all may be united together forever more with the band of God's redeemed.

Our humble prayers,
Your servants in Christ,
Brother Ralph and Sister Leona Caudill



MRS. ARLEE JONES

Mrs. Fannie Elizabeth Jones age seventy-four was called home by her Heavenly Father Tuesday night, September 27th, 1983. She had been a patient at Fayette Memorial Hospital one week, but with failing health for two years. She was born September 8th, 1909 in Greenup County, Kentucky to Andrew Jackson Friend and Roberta Huffman Friend. Her husband Arlee Jones, whom she married April 19th, 1929, died in December of 1955. Others preceding her in death were her parents, a son, Clayburn, two sisters and a great granddaughter.

Survivors included: Four daughters, Mrs. Roberta Doolin, Mrs. Mary Taylor, Mrs. Nellie Cooper and Mrs. Bonnie LeGere all of Connersville, Indiana. Three sons, Casey Jones, Bernarad Jones of Connersville and Elder Paul Jones of Nashville, Tenn. Three brothers Elder John Friend and Andrew J. Friend of Connersville, and James R. Friend of Olympia, Washington. Four sisters, Amanda J. Sizemore of Connersville, Addie Motsinger of Austin, Indiana, Roberta Bannister of Indianapolis, Indiana and Anna Sue Kruss of Tarzana, Ca. Twenty-three grandchildren, three of them she raised, Arlee Jones, Ellis Jones and Mary Elston. Eighteen great grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Fannie's funeral was held on September 30th, 1983 at Thompson, Urban and Brown Funeral Home at 11:00 a.m., with Elder Roy Caudill and Elder Buford Brock officiating. Burial was in the Columbia Cemetery.

Aunt Fannie was a member of the Little Childrens Home Church of the Old Regular Baptist for many years. She loved her church and went faithfully as long as her health permitted. The love and fellowship she held for brothers and sisters in the church was an inspiration to us all. She followed in the footsteps of Jesus. She lived her religion night and day, her prayers were always for her big family, friends, and for the household of Faith. She is missed and always will be in our hearts. We will have with us



bouquets of memories, for she only left flowers behind and the perfume from them will last all our lifetime to remember her by. An example of loving kindness freely gave to us to hold and cherish. Aunt Fannie wouldn't want us to mourn her death but take up our cross and follow Jesus for this is the way that leads home. May God bless and keep us till then.

Written by her niece with love,
Mary K. Mullins



JAY JUSTICE

With much love and sad heart, I write this obituary of our father, Jay Justice. Dad was born the fifth son to Will and Rissie Farmer Justice on April 17, 1902 and passed away May 25, 1984, making his stay here 82 years, one month, and eight days. His father and mother preceded him in death as did six of his brothers. They were Hut, Liburn, Leston, Layne, Bill and Dick. He leaves two other brothers, Charlie and Walter of Pikeville, KY, and one sister, Amanda Rowe of Virgie, KY.

In his young days he met my mother Martha Ray, and on September 29, 1923 they were wed. To this union were born six children. Arland Justice of River Rouge, MI; Mabel Roberts of Macon, GA; Katherine Hoak of Lincoln Park, MI; Beatrice Breakenkamp of Lexington, KY; Barbara Brewer of River Rouge, MI; and Jay Justice Jr. of Southgate, MI. He was a grandfather to 27 of our children and also a great grandfather to 26 of their children.



Our dad was a hard working man all of his life. He was a carpenter by trade. I remember when we were young, he would come home after working all day, then spend hours in his garden and orchard, which he dearly loved.

I don't ever remember a single day we didn't have food on our table, and enough left over for people less fortunate than ourselves. Only now that I am an adult, do I appreciate how hard he had to work to make all that possible.

Our dad became a Christian exactly 10 years to the day before his death. He was baptized at the Old Regular Baptist Church in Pikeville, KY, May 25, 1974. He loved to go to church as long as he was able to go. His eyes had gotten so bad in the last few years, he could no longer read his Bible. Although his sight had decreased, he listened to tapes of the Old and New Testament which my sister had bought for him. He enjoyed these tapes very much because he could listen to what he could no longer read.

Dad's last week with us was the saddest one of our lives. It was so hard to see him lay there so helpless. We are all thankful we could be by his side those last days, and do what we could to make him comfortable.

We would like to thank all the friends, relatives, and the members of Little Ida and

Pikeville Baptist Church, who were so kind and thoughtful. In addition, we would like to especially thank Whipple Reynolds. There was no man our dad respected more.

Our father's resting place is Johnson Memorial Cemetery, Pikeville, KY.

Written by his children and wife

TURN AGAIN TO LIFE

If I should die and leave you
 here a while,
Be not like others, sore undone,
 who keep
Long vigil by the silent dust
 and weep.
For my sake turn again to life
 and smile.

Mary Lee Hall



OSCAR MAYNARD

On August 28, 1983, my loving husband, Oscar Maynard left this world behind entering into the land of promise leaving all his pain and suffering that he endured for so many years.

Oscar was born April 8, 1908, in Pike County, Kentucky, to the parents of A. J. and Ellie Brown Maynard. Oscar married Gladys Jude on October 26, 1929. Out of this union they had one son, William C.

Oscar was a coal miner in Kentucky for over thirty years before moving to Columbus, Ohio in 1953. Oscar worked until he was injured on the job and was forced to retire.

Oscar was a member at the Little Angel Church in Columbus. Oscar had a deep love and appreciation for his brothers and sister in Christ at Little Angel.

Oh Dear Husband, how we miss you since Jesus called you away, but we'll see you again on that Homecoming day.

Sleep on Oscar. You look so peaceful. I believe you are in the land of promise. I'll meet you again.

Your broken hearted wife
Gladys

OBITUARY OF KATHERINE McKNIGHT

With the help of the good Lord, I will try to write an obituary of my good friend and Sister, Katie McKnight.

Sister Katie was born December 22, 1922 and departed this life on December 31, 1983, making her stay on earth 61 years and 9 days. She was born in Waynesburg, Ky., the daughter of the late Melvin and Sarah Muncie Caldwell. Her brothers and sisters also preceded her in death.

On May 11, 1944, she was united in marriage to Arnold McKnight. They were blessed with almost 40 wonderful years together. Although they didn't have any children of their own, she loved and mothered all she came in contact with. Her Special daughter was Monica Atwood, which she has often told us was the daughter she never had. Katie is survived by her husband, Arnold of Pippa Passes, Ky., her foster daughter, Monica Atwood of Elizabeth, Indiana, a host of nieces and nephews and many, many friends.



In the year 1969 Sister Katie saw the need for a Savior and after feeling she had repented and was a child of God, she attached herself to the Old Regular Baptist Church. In the year 1975 she came by letter to the Hollybush Church and served the Lord and Church faithfully and helped her husband in his duties in the leading of the church as our beloved Moderator, until the Lord called her home. I'm sure she will be missed by the church and the whole neighborhood for she was a good Christian, a good neighbor and a mother to everyone.

Sister Katie and her good companion has traveled many, many miles to serve the Lord and to help people in need. They have gone out of their way to get people who couldn't drive or had no way to get to church. Sister Katie was gone a lot of times from her home, taking people to the doctor and visiting the sick. They not only helped the churches of the New Salem Association but were helping churches in other Associations. I'll say again that she will be missed greatly by all that knew her. But she will be missed the most by her dear companion who walked by her side all these years and stayed by her side in the hospital until she was called Home.

I'll say to the Hollybush Church that we have lost a good member and a faithful worker in the upbuild of the Church. So let's all get behind Brother Arnold and help him in this time of sorrow. We're all his family and he has a place in any of our homes. Although Brother Arnold has a lonesome life ahead of him here on Earth, think what a joyful reunion he has to look forward to, when he and Sister Katie can walk down streets of gold together and sing praises to the Lord forevermore.

Written by her good friend and Brother in the Lord,
C. B. Smith

GROVER MOORE

It is with much sadness of heart that I try to write a short obituary of a dear friend, Grover Moore.

Grover passed from this life, May 31, 1984 at 3:45 a.m. at Mt. Carmel Hospital.

Poppy, as we all called him, was born in Knott County Kentucky, to the late Alex and Rosie Hicks Moore, September 1, 1906, making his stay on earth 77 years and 9 months. Poppy was married to Effie Combs Moore on October 1, 1932. To this union was born three children: Bernice Baker, Reynoldsburg, Ohio; Adrian Moore, deceased; and Buford Moore, Columbus, Ohio. Stepchildren: Janice Banks, Columbus, Ohio, Georgia Bazell, New York, and Ellen Pigman, Reynoldsburg, Ohio. He also leaves to mourn his passing, two lovely daughters-in-law, Mary and Dorothy; one son-in-law, Clyde, 9 grandchildren; 4 great-grandchildren. Three sisters: Lora Conley, Mousie, Kentucky, Hester Watson, Garner, Kentucky, and Ellen Hall, Columbus, Ohio. One brother, Sid of Mousie, Kentucky; 1 brother, Frank, preceded him in death. A host of friends, neighbors and church members, especially the Little Angel Church, will miss him.



After Grover retired from his job as a carpenter, he began to get restless and spent a large portion of his time at the Little Angel Church fixing things that needed to be fixed. Poppy was always there when someone needed help as long as he was able. Then it came the time he was taken ill with heart trouble. It was then, and not until then, that he slowed down any, but finally his heart wore out and stopped beating. But, the best thing of all, according to the testimony of his good companion and his family, Grover traded that old heart for a new one that will nevr wear out.

So friends, loved ones and family, prepare to meet God, in peace, on that great glorious morning in that beautiful city God has prepared for his family so there won't be anymore goodbyes.

OBITUARY OF EUNIA NEWSOME

With a sad and aching heart I will attempt with the help of God to write an obituary of our sweet, loving and kind mother and Sister in Christ, Eunia Newsome. Born March 4, 1915 and passed away June 22, 1984. God granting her stay here on his footstool 69 years, 4 months and 18 days before taking her home to Heaven.

She was the daughter of the late Henry Newsome and Matilda Newsome. She was married to Lonnie Lee Newsome on August 19, 1931 who preceded her in death on June 11, 1959. To this union was born ten children, three which preceded her in death. Seven children living. Edward and Charles Newsome of Burton, MI. Josephine Kendrick of Albion, MI. Eunia Marie, Ella Faye and Virgie Newsome of Columbus, Ohio. Mattie Gallivan of Bountiful Utah. She has one brother John B.

Newsome who preceded her in death and one sister Melvina Lusk of Virgie, Ky. Mom joined the Old Regular Baptist Church on February 16, 1952 at Caney Creek. She took her membership to Caney Creek. She was a faithful member before leaving Ky. She then took her membership to the Little White Stone Church in Monroe, MI. Then to Mt. Judah Church in Columbus, OH. where she still had her membership. Mom loved to go to church. She went when she was not able hardly to sit up very long at a time but she would still go.

Two songs mom loved to hear and requested sung at her funeral. They were "One Rose Will Do" and "I'm Going To Die On The Battle Field". We want to thank the family and friends for all they did in our time of sorrow and grief.

Mom had her sorrow and sickness here but now it is over. So children get right with God so you can meet mother in Heaven some day.



Written by her Son and Brother in Christ
Elder Charles Newsome

JOHN B. NEWSOME

It is with much sadness, a lonely heart and the help of the Good Lord, I will try to write an obituary of my dear beloved husband, John B. Newsome. I miss him so much, my home will always be empty without him around.

John B. was born June 24, 1914 and departed this life December 31, 1983. His stay on this earth was sixty-nine years, six months and seven days.

John B. and Martha Newsome were joined in wedlock July 31, 1935. Unto this union was born seven children, two boys and five girls. They are: Charles Rex Newsome, Amherst, Ohio, Geneva Holmes, Wakeman, Ohio, Winona Tackett, Waynesburg, Ky., Roberta Walbom, Huron, Ohio, Larry Douglas Newsome, Vermilion, Ohio, Clara Sue Hall, Galveston, Ky., Willa Jean Tackett, Teaberry, Ky. There are twenty-one grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

John B. was the son of the late Daniel Newsome and Rhodina Hamilton Newsome. He had ten brothers and sisters. Four died in infancy and three have died as adults, leaving three to mourn his loss. They are: Mary Alice McKinney, Chester E. Newsome and Susan Howell. He also has a good stepmother, Rutha Newsome of Detroit, Mich., and a stepsister Shirley Mae Hamilton also of Detroit, Mich. There is also a host of friends and relatives to mourn his loss.

John B. joined the Old Regular Baptist Church at Zion on October 25, 1964. He remained a true and faithful member, attending church every Sunday as long as he was able to go. He practiced what he professed.

John B. loved to feed his brothers, sisters and friends. It did him so much good when they would come and eat with us. He worked hard in the coal mines to raise his children. He always gave them good advise.

John B.'s mother called him to her bedside shortly before she died and told him, "you have been a good boy so meet me in heaven."

May the Good Lord bless me and my family.



Written by his broken hearted wife
Martha Newsome

MICHAEL RAY NEWSOME

With a sad aching heart and by the help of God, I will try to write an obituary of our beloved son Michael Ray Newsome. He was borne Sept. 30, 1960 and departed this life Sept. 5, 1983. Making his stay on earth, 22 years, 11 months and 5 days. The death angel came so sudden we will never get over losing our darling baby boy.

He leaves a wife, two beautiful children, a mother, father, 7 brothers, 4 sisters and a host of friends and relatives to mourn his absence. We will never forget the sad day his wife called and said "Daddy come quickly Mike is lying in a pool of water on the basement floor." He was electrocuted and went into cardiac arrest. His body was still warm when we reached the hospital.

I believe with all my heart that he called on the Lord and made peace with him. The Lord showed me in a dream the most beautiful garden of white flowers, Mike was there with me. He picked a beautiful white rose and reached it to me and I did likewise to him. I believe I will be with him in that garden in heaven some sweet day.

Mike was always ready to lend a helping hand to even a stranger in need. When his grandpa Elder Shelby Newsome, passed away he got his old time song books and kept them until he needed them no more.

I would like to say to his brothers and sisters that haven't made peace with God, that today is the day of Salvation. Jesus stands with out stretched arms and they too can spend eternity with Mike. So sleep on Mike a little longer. It won't be long until we will be together in that land of paradise never to part any more. His broken hearted mother awaits the day she can join him in that Holy band.



God looked around his garden
And saw an empty space;
He then looked down from heaven,
and saw your smiling face.

He put his arms around you
and whispered come to rest;
His garden must be beautiful
he only takes the best.

You had no time for last farewells
or even to say good-by,
You were gone before we knew it
and we often wondered why.

A million times we needed you
Down here we always will,
In life we loved you dearly
In death we love you still.

It broke our hearts to lose you
but you didn't go alone;
For a part of us went with you
the day God took you home.

Written by his broken hearted Dad
Elder Chester Newsome



JESSE BOWLING OSBORNE

Jesse Bowling Osborne was born June 19, 1893, the son of William Harvey Osborne and Malinda Akers Osborne. He came to the end of his journey of life on earth June 30, 1984, making his stay on earth 91 years and 11 days.

In his youth, he met Bessie Tackett and they were married on July 29, 1920. To this union was born 9 children. Three preceded him in death — Jesse B. Jr. and Freda June (both died in infancy) and Elder Charles Osborne, who died in March, 1983.

Bro. Jesse was converted in 1933 and baptized at the hand of Elder John Hopkins. He took membership with the Enterprise Church of Old Regular Baptists in Pike Co. Kentucky. In later years, he moved his membership to the House of Prayer, where he remained faithful until the Lord released him and took him Home.

Bro. Jesse leaves to mourn his passing his ever loving and faithful wife of nearly 64 years, Bessie; his 6 loving children — 3 sons, Jimmie of Louisa, Ky., Roger of Fairborn, Ohio, and Lewis of Titusville, Fla.; 3 daughters, Leone Preston of Springfield, Ohio, Ruth Sharon Patterson of Venus, Fla., and Virginia Lynn of Titusville, Fla.; 25 grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren, and a host of friends and relatives.

For the last few months, he had made his home with his youngest son, L.R., in Titusville, Fla., where his youngest daughter, Virginia Lynn, dutifully waited on him, as she had done in her own home for several years, until he left for his mansion in heaven.

Bro. Jesse saw many events come to pass in this life, but in February 1933 he placed his sight on a home in heaven. That sight never left his eyes nor his heart, but steadily grew brighter, and for the last while he had wanted to leave this troublesome world and go to that home in heaven. His life has been a shining example for his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. If they will follow in his footsteps, never turning to the left nor the right, it will certainly lead them to a home in heaven, where they, like Grandpa, will wear a long white robe and a Crown of Glory.



Written by the family

PALMER E. ROBERTS

By the request of the family, I will try to write an obituary of Bro. Palmer E. Roberts. By the help of God I will try to write about a man who was a faithful husband, a kind and loving father, and a wonderful friend.

Bro. Palmer was born on April 7, 1936 to John H. and Geneva Roberts, he departed this life and entered into his eternal rest June 7, 1984. Making his stay here in this troublesome world 48 years and 2 months.

On March 21, 1959, Bro. Palmer was joined in Holy Matrimony to Opal Bowman. Bro. Palmer and Sister Opal labored and raised three fine sons Palmer Jr., Jeffrey Neil, and Roger Lee.

Bro. Palmer leaves behind to mourn his loss, his loving wife, Sister Opal and their three sons. He also leaves behind one brother Doyal Roberts, and three sisters Oma Shortt, Ota Jones, Audrey Day. And one special niece Lois Balling who he loved as a sister. He also leaves behind two grandchildren Adam Paul and Debbie Lynn. And a host of friends and loved ones.

Bro. Palmer realized at some point in his life that he had no peace in this world and that it offered nothing but trouble. But Bro. Palmer found peace in the Lord Jesus Christ and grace sufficient to face this life. Brother Palmer joined the Morning Star Church in February of 1973 and served the church as a Deacon until his death.

I talked with Brother Palmer many times in the last six years and I can never remember him ever saying anything about anyone. You could tell that he had great faith in God's power and a deep love for the Lord Jesus Christ. I have to say that I'm proud that Brother Palmer was my friend.

Brother Palmer showed us great courage as he battled against cancer. You could tell he was suffering so bad but he never let go of the Lord, his name always fell from his lips. He knew where he could draw his strength from. He was like David was when he said "I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help." Why did Brother Palmer suffer so, you may ask, but that's best known unto the Lord. But in some special way Palmer's unending faith gave glory unto God. The Bible says that precious in the eyes of the Lord is the death of his saints.

If Brother Palmer could speak through me now, I have no doubt that he would say unto his sons "come and see me in my new home".

In closing I will say there is one door into that new home, Jesus himself said "I am the door by me if any man enter in he shall be saved..."

Written by a brother in hope of eternal life:
Bro. Danny Adams

ERCELLE ROBINSON

In my weakness, with the help of God, I will try to write an obituary of a dear friend, Ercelle Robinson. Ercelle was born in Pike County, Kentucky on July 15, 1923 and passed from life on earth, January 27, 1984. Making his stay here in this world, 60 years, 6 months and 12 days; many of these years was with affliction in the natural body.

As a young man, he was unite in matrimony to Katherine (Prater) Robinson, to this union was born two sons, Terry Robinson, and Kieth Robinson, both at home. Ercelle had three brothers, and one sister. Brother Leonard of Akron, Ohio; Clinton Robinson of California, Corburt Robinson, and sister Marie (Robinson) Adkins preceded him in death.

Ercelle was employed with Ford Motor Co. Brookpark, Ohio for many years, until he had to take a medical pension.



He was interested in his sons getting a good education. The oldest son is in college, and the younger one is in high school, but boys your Father taught you more than you ever learn in books, that is honesty, trustful to all people. Another goal he had was to see the True Vine Church have a permanent building.

Ercelle never attach himself to any church, but for all his life, he attended Old Regular Baptist. I understand one goal was about to happen, about two weeks before God called him home. Ercelle and Sister Katherine was planning on being Baptized together, never-the-less the Baptizing of the Holy Ghost is the only way you can enter into Heaven. Sister Katherine still kept her promise to "God" even though, she couldn't be Baptized with her husband.

So Terry and Kieth your father has done all he can, for you; neither can you do any more for him, but he want me to remind you both. You must be Born again to go to Heaven, where I believe your dad is resting. My advice is to both of you, be good to your mother; if you have any flowers to give her, do so while she is living. The Bible say honour thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee. We know God will do just by all people; so I believe our lost of Ercelle was Heaven's gain.

Written by Elder David Slone

By request: Sis Katherine Robinson

Note: Memorial of Ercelle Robinson will be preached at the True Vine Church third Saturday and Sunday in July 1985. Ministers: Buddy W. Carty, Paris Tackitt, Claude Ousley, Johnie Newsome, Orbon May, Jim May and David Slone.

OBITUARY OF ESSIE FORD ROBINSON

By request of the family, and the help of our Lord, I will try to write an obituary of my beloved aunt and sister in Christ, Essie Ford Robinson.

Essie was born into this life on October 31, 1900 in Pike County, Kentucky to James William and Rebecca (Sword) Robinson and departed this life February 11, 1984 making her stay on God's footstool 83 years, 3 months and 11 days. She was laid to rest in Oak Ridge Cemetery, Flat Rock, Michigan.

She met and married Tilden James Robinson on July 13, 1916. To this union was born five children, three daughters, Myrtle E. Malenfant, Juanita Kovalchick, and Billie Loraine and two sons, James Tilden and Jackie Lamar. Also left to mourn are 18 grandchildren, 29 great grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews. One daughter, Billie Loraine, and 2 grandsons preceded her in death, leaving 51 surviving descendants.

Her pallbearers were 6 grandsons, Ernest Malenfant, Robert Malenfant, James Samuel Robinson, Liney Robinson, Richard Kovalchick, and Michael Robinson.

Aunt Essie and her sister, Sarah Damron, were among the first to be baptized into the Little Ida Church after it was organized in 1952.

She was one that believed very strong in the faith and order of the church and attended faithfully. She lived closed to the Little Ida Church and could see everyone going in. She always wanted to take someone home with her. She was always prepared with something to eat or drink and made up a big basket of food for the communion. The church was the biggest part of her life.

She was very precious to our family. She was the youngest of my father's, John McClellan (Clell) Ford, and she was the last one of that generation. It always seems saddest when they are the last. We will all miss her, but I will just say sleep on, dear precious one. The redeemed will all meet again on the other side of Jordan.



Written by her nieces and Sister in Christ,
Martha Potter

DELLA AND NICK RUNYON

With the help of the Lord I will try to write the obituaries of my parents Nick and Della Runyon. Mommy was born in Mingo Co. West Virginia on August 12, 1912, and past away on Oct. 1, 1982. Making her stay on earth 70 years, 2 months and 4 days. She was the daughter of Ida and George Adkins.

Poppie was born Dec. 16, 1903 and past away Oct. 20, 1983 making his stay on earth 79 years, 10 months and 4 days. he was born in Martin Co. Kentucky and was the son of Harrison M. and Louise Runyon.

They were married Nov. 19, 1933 and to this union was born 9 children, Albert, Harrison, Daniel, David, Jerry and Donald, 3 daughters Jaunita Runyon, and Garnet Sue Calvin, Ida Louise preceded them in death.

Mommy never joined the church but, she went to church regular. Mommy went to West Virginia visiting our aunt, she stated home and had a heartattack. She told our aunt she was going to join the church when she got back. I was worried about Mommy but one night I dreamed I was in a beautiful place and I was singing and Mommy was helping me sing so I stopped worrying about her.

Poppie joined the Old Regular Baptist in 1932. Poppie lived a strict and close life. He was the same whenever you saw him. Poppie and Mommy never missed church much. Poppie's membership was at Maggie Home, but he loved them all. Poppie was a sawmill man he worked very hard for his family, but, I am sure he is resting now.

Poppie and Mommy has three children that belong to the church and their desire was for all to get right with the Lord. For the one that has not repented, if you want to see Mommy and Poppie again you better get right with the Lord. Maggie Home Church lost a precious member. But, heaven gained one.



Written by their son
Elder Harrison Runyon

CARRIE DRAUGHN SLONE

"But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethern, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope." I Thess 4:13.

When we think of death, we think of sorrow, as "those without hope." Sleep in death, one can't be troubled, when you sleep.

Sister Carrie, an aunt of mine, by marriage, was borned to the late Kell and Jane Johnson Draughn on Aug. 26, 1892, being 91 years old, when the death angel called her HOME on Dec. 7th, 1983. She was married to David Fair Slone Nov. 29th 1909 at Raven, Knott County, Kentucky. She is survived by three sons, Delzie of Jeffersonville, Ind., Roy Slone, of LaGrange, Ohio and Ernest Slone of Dayton Ohio. Five daughters, Lora Dobson and Mae Gibson of Raven, Knott Co. Kentucky, twins daughters Allie Gibson of Marion, Ohio and Ollie Terry of LaGrange, Ohio and Ruie Steugell of Titusville, Florida. Two brothers, Troy and Leslie Draughn and one sister Rettie Watts of Garner, Kentucky. She was blessed to have 32 grandchildren. Two children died in infancy, two sons preceded her in death, Merrit Slone of LaGrange, Ohio and Clemon Slone of Dayton, Ohio and one daughter, Elsie Moore of Raven.

Aunt Carrie joined the Caney Fork church at Raven, Kentucky on the third Sunday in May 1920, was baptized by Elders Lindsey Mosley and her father-in-law Morgan Slone. She loved children, anytime a child would visit her, her first concern it must have something to eat, or anyone else. I have many fond members of her, during my childhood.

Her delight was in the Lord, tho, she wasn't able to attend church always, she was dedicated to reading what saith the Word of God. As the years passed on, she lost her hearing to a great degree, but you never had to worry about it, when you visited her. She had so much to tell you, about the goodness of the Lord, and how she loved Him, you would never be lost for words, all you needed to do, was just listen. You would leave with your Faith renewed, you wouldn't be with her very long, until her conversation was about the Lord.

How precious to know that the God who is with us in this life, is with us in death, how precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His Saints. Psm. 116:15 A hope in Christ is something real, for He is our hope. Paul speaks of this hope, something real and confident. A confident expectation that to be absent from the body, is to be present with the Lord. He has claimed victory over death for us. The person who has no hope in death, has no hope in life either. Death brings immediate sorrow, but that gives way to Eternal Joy in the very presence of God! James describes death as the body without the Spirit. What a Blessing for the Christian who dies with the expectation of being present with the Lord!

To those who do not know Jesus Christ, as your personal savior, in Aunt Carrie's family, I pray that you will be washed by His precious-eternal blood, and be borned again, that Heaven will be your home, when this life is over. May God Bless Lora, her daughter, who worked and labored, cared so faithfully for her mother. The family wishes to thank all members and friends of the Caney Fork church and elsewhere, for your thoughtfulness during the funeral and also thanks to the Knott Funeral Home of Hindman, Kentucky.

God Bless you all.

A Niece, by marriage,
A Sister in Christ
Sister Marjorie Slone
LaGrange, Ohio

TONEY SPARKMAN

With many sweet memories and a lonely and sad heart, I'll try to write the obituary of our dad and loving husband.

Dad was born on Sept. 29, 1912 to Roach and Anna Sparkman of Hueysville, Ky., making his stay here on earth 71 years. Dad was married to Mom, Julia Bentley on March 28, 1931. Born unto them were three children. They were Gladys Compton of Shiloh, Ruby Tackett of Shiloh and Dalphine Spencer of Moorehead, Ky. Surviving are three brothers. They are Willie and Johnny Sparkman of Hueysville, Ky and Homer Sparkman of Willard, Oh. There are eleven grandchildren and fourteen great grandchildren who miss him very much.

Dad gave his heart to God 51 years ago and was baptized into the Old Regular Baptist Church. Dad has been a light to his children in the world. He went to church as

long as he was able. After he could no longer walk and go to church, he loved for the brothers and sisters to come to his house and have meetings. I know it helped on his journey.

The death angel came the 14th of October in 1983, leaving our home so lonely and sad. I believe Dad fell asleep in the arms of Jesus. Dad couldn't speak to us before he left us. There was much sadness and sometimes joy in his loving face. We know Dad hated to leave us in this sinful world. We love and miss Dad very much, but, God loved him more. God needed another rose for his Garden.

I believe Dad could see into Glory Land just before he went to sleep. As my sister, Ruby, stood beside his bed, he pointed his finger out the window. He was trying to show her something that in nature eyes cannot see. She said his eyes sparkled and were so bright, no doubt what he saw was beautiful. Oh, how I longed to see what Dad had seen.

I know Mom misses Dad very much. She's like the little dove mourning because she has lost her mate. I hope and pray, if it's the Lord's will, that he'll leave Mom with us awhile to fill in the sadness and the emptiness since Dad has gone.

Dad labored hard in the coalmines to raise his children. But, now his laboring and suffering is over. When he became sick and unable, he didn't complain. He took it like a soldier.

He's much more than a dad or grandfather. He was a friend who was always there when we needed him. He left us so many good memories to keep us all going on. He had the patience of Job and wisdom of the Bible that God had given him throughout the years. His place at the table is empty now, but I'm sure he's feasting on God's Glory.

All the atomic bombs cannot wake Dad. But when Gabriel blows his trumpet, Dad will awaken and go home with that blood washed band. I have hopes of seeing Daddy again and I believe, I'll know him on that bright and heavenly shore. Sleep on Dad, take your peaceful sleep. I know it's what you were longing for.

Oh my children and loving sisters, if you want to see Daddy again, get your ticket while there is still time, for time is running out.



The entire family would like to express thanks and appreciation to all the friends and brothers and sisters of the church who helped ease the pain.

Written by his broken hearted Family.



OBITUARY OF RUSSELL SPENCER

By the help of the Lord we'll try to write an obituary of our Brother in the Lord, Brother Russell Spencer.

He was married to Daisy Moore in 1933. To this union was born 12 children. One daughter preceded him in death. He is survived by 8 girls, Colletta Bolen, Ann Thurston, Linda Jones, all of McGuffey, Ohio; Betty Tuttle, Gail Sowers, Patty Henry of Willard, Ohio; Muriel Johnson of Shelby, Ohio; Ruth Howard of Mansfield, Ohio and 3 sons, J. C. of Moorehead, Kentucky, Ova of Hueysville, Kentucky and Darvin, Prestonsburg, Kentucky.

There are 28 grandchildren and 16 great grandchildren.

Daisey passed away October 26, 1961.

He belonged to the church around 37 years. His membership was at the Stone Coal Church. He later moved his membership to the Little Rebecca Church.

He was married to Ettie Cook Wireman September 4, 1962. To this union were no children born but she loves Brother Russell's children as her own.

He passed away Wednesday morning, February 1 in the Willard Hospital.

The Little Rebecca church has lost a wonderful brother. It's not only sad for his natural family, but it's sad for the church, who loved him so much.

Even though we hated to lose him, there's one thing for sure, God does all things well. He never makes a mistake. Brother Russell would tell you God was good to him in all things.

No doubt God extended his life for 5 years from his first heart attack, he got well enough to come back to church, we thank God for that.

Oh what joy and peace it must have been when he fell asleep in the arms of our Lord! I feel he has made a wonderful exchange.

So many good things could be said about Brother Russell. He always had an humble voice, he set a good example for the young brothers to follow, he left his footprints in the sand as many Pilgrims that walked this way. All the pain and suffering that he did, I never once heard him complain but stated plainly he was seeking a better country.

Now he has laid his cross down, he will suffer no more, but will receive a glorious crown. So sleep on Brother Russell, take your rest, I don't think you will sleep long. I feel Jesus is coming soon. We will meet again in that great reunion. My prayer is that God will help us to keep the Faith and order and live in peace with one another.



May God Bless you children and Sister Ettie to except this great loss.

Written By:
Brother Buddy and Sister Carlene Carty

Dad, words cannot express how much we love you. You were such a loving and caring dad. You knew we loved you but somehow it seemed we couldn't tell you enough. There will be a great void in our lives without you but we know our loss is Heaven's gain. Dad we know what we have to do to meet you in your new home for you taught us the very best way a father could so Dad sleep on until we meet you again.

Sadly missed by all your children and loving wife.

His memorial will be held the odd weekend in June.



BARBARA E. TACKETT

She was born October 16, 1949.
Deceased June 15, 1984. Making her stay
here 34 years, 8 months.

She was the daughter of Edd Elswick and Gladys (Yates) Elswick whom preceded her in death. In 1980 she married Clarence Tackett Jr. There were no children born to this union. Although she enjoyed a stepdaughter Dawn. Barb has two sons by a previous marriage, Thomas and Joe Harper. Also left to mourn her passing are a twin brother Bill Elswick of Florida, Joyce, Chariel and Dorothy also half sisters Margie, Mollie and Georgie. She will also be greatly missed by her in-laws Clarence and Clara Mae Tackett Sr. Sister in-laws Marlene, Rose, Mary, Nancy and Gloria. Besides a great host of relatives and friends who miss the love and kindness that she has shown many of us. God has added but yet another flower to his garden.



Written by her broken-hearted father in-law
Clarence Tackett Sr.

JAMES D. TACKETT

I pray that God will help me write this obituary. The past six years has been especially hard on the family mentally and physically. But the Good Lord has promised that he will not put no more on us than we can bear.

Brother Jimmy was born November 2, 1926. And deceased on April 10, 1984. He was the son of Sol and Annie (Osborne) Tackett. He had one daughter, his father, mother, four brothers to proceed him in death. He leaves his wife Leona, two daughters Carol and Donna, seven sons James Jr., Ronald, Bill, Gary, Jerry, Larry and Terry, sixteen grandchildren, four step grandchildren, one brother Clarence, five sisters Katherine, Bertha, Margie, Mae and Mary all of Michigan to mourn their loss.

But I believe brother Jimmy is resting around the Altar of God. With all his pains and sorrow behind him. He was a very sick man for many years. Now his suffering is over.

We all miss him so much. I am sure his wife and children will spend many lonely hours. I pray that God will be with them and comfort them. He loved his Church and family. If he could talk to us he would say repent and live for Jesus. For he is the only way from earth to Glory, the Good Shepherd watches over us all.



Written by his loving sister,
Margie Burke

VELMA TAYLOR

With a sadden heart I attempt to write the obituary of our beloved mother whom we've had the pleasure of having for 67 years, 8 months and 1 day. Mother was born on September 3, 1916 to Issac (Ike) Reynolds and Nancy Ann.

Mother grew up at Mallie, Kentucky where she met and married our dad Willis Taylor. To this union was born 4 children. One daughter; Evelyn Robbins of Beaver-creek, Ohio. Three son; James M. of Dayton, Ohio; Charles of Fairborn, Ohio; Rudolph of Hillsboro, Ohio. Mother was the eldest of 10 children; 6 sisters; Clovia Lowe of Rising Sun, Indiana; Mary Jane Combs of Jacksonville, Florida; Floys Short of Sunman, Indiana; Ruby Sutton of Connersville, Indiana; Maxine Sparkman of Dayton, Ohio and Betty Miller of Vandalia, Ohio. Three brothers; Paul Reynolds of Dayton, Ohio; T. J. Reynolds of Mallie, Kentucky and Charles of Connersville, Indiana. There are 15 grandchildren, 6 great-grandchildren and 3 step-grandchildren with a host of friends and relatives.

Her illness was sudden and short with little pain. God granted a final wish to her and that was that she wouldn't be a burden to anyone. Mother is gone, but she has left precious memories.

We know our loss is heaven's gain and she will be missed by all who knew her. She had repeated to family that she was alright and ready to go home. Although mother wasn't a member of the church, she was raised in the faith and lived a good life. If she could convey a message I'm sure it would be for all of us to join her in heaven. I'm trusting in the Lord for strength for the coming days.



Written by Evelyn Robbins
A heart-broken daughter

ADD VANDERPOOL

With a heavy heart I will try with the help of the good Lord, to write an obituary of a dear husband and wonderful father.

Dad was born in Floyd County, Ky. to John and Lizzie Vanderpool on June 2, 1907 and separated from this life Nov. 19, 1983, making his stay here on earth 76 years, five months and 17 days. He was married to Emma Vanderpool April 13, 1929 and to this union was born nine children, three boys and six girls, Phil (deceased), Quince of Willard, Ronald of North Fairfield. Avel Hicks and Gwendale Gibson of New Haven, Linda Robinson, Donna Hicks, and Diana Stevens of Willard and Annetta Beverly of North Fairfield. 42 grandchildren and 42 great grandchildren.

He had three brothers, Edd of Plymouth, Clarence of Norwalk, Hiram of Hueyville, Ky., Gwendora Caudill of Arizona and Frances Caudill of New Haven.

Four sisters and one brother preceded him in death.

He was such a good husband to me, the longer we lived together the closer we were to one another. It is so hard to have to be separated, but I believe with all my heart we will be together in that sweet land. I have watched him so many times in the past months, I believe he has been praying for a long time. He always said he didn't believe the Lord would turn a praying soul away. He always believed in the old time way and defended the Old Regular Baptist Church. He always spoke well of it and didn't like to hear anything said about it. The last few months he loved to talk on the Bible with anyone that came to see him. He worked so hard for his children. I prayed so hard that we could walk together for a while, but the Lord knew all things.

I believe we can walk some sweet day together in heaven. Dad was always so kind and gentle to his children, he was good to anyone that came and visited him and didn't have anything harsh to say about anyone. The last time he was in the hospital he said he was trying everything he knew what to, to make it right with the Lord. The day God called him away, we went over to see him, he wanted us to sing some old time songs and hold prayer. How thankful I am that we was blessed to see him shed so many tears and felt what I felt about three or four hours before he left this land. The last song he heard was the Old Ship of Zion, I believe he got on that old ship and went home and left his troubles and heartaches behind.

To all the children that have not made peace with God, you better look to God and become sorry for what you have done if you want to see daddy again. I know we will miss him, but mom will miss him more, but she had the Lord to lean on and comfort her in her lonely hours. The best present to give mom is bring her that Rose that only Jesus can give and say to her that the Lord has forgiven you of your sins. Mom will have a lonely life but with the help of the Lord, he will help her through it. Let's be good to mom and take her advice and council. The Lord loved dad and I believe in my heart he has added him to his beautiful garden. I am not going to say good-bye just farewell for a while. We can have that family Reunion for all God's children some sweet day in that good land where we'll live forever in peace and joy of our Lord, who has prepared for all of those who love and serve him.



Written by his broken-hearted wife
Emma and daughters Gwendale Gibson and
Annetta Beverly

His memorial will be preached the fifth Saturday night and Sunday in September at the Little Rebecca Church. Brothers called are: Buddy Carty, Donel Gibson, Teddy Robinson and Claude Ousley.



DONALD JOSEPH VAN HORN, JR.

It's with a mixture of joy and sorrow that I attempt to write a few words about our dear departed loved one to wit: Donald Joseph Van Horn, Jr., age 40.

He leaves his lonely wife, Sandra and 3 children, Don, III, Ron and Shari at home, mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. Don Van Horn, Sr., of Columbus, Ohio, brother Mike of Dallas, Texas, father and mother-in-law, Elder and Mrs. Forest Osborne of New Albany, Ohio, who devoted the last four months taking care of Don, several Aunts, Uncles, Nieces and Nephews and cousins and a great host of friends to mourn his loss. Don was the owner of the House of Portraits in Columbus, Ohio for 18 years. He only missed 2 days of work in those 18 years.

We sorrow because of our loss, but we rejoice because of the testimony he left for us.

Don started feeling ill last summer. He went to the doctor and his disease was diagnosed as terminal. The doctors gave him 6 months to live. He couldn't accept this at first. He believed God had a miracle for him. He did!! The miracle that God had for Don was not the healing of his body, but the cleansing of his soul. He left a wonderful testimony that he was going home and had many wonderful dreams and visions in the last few weeks. One dream was that he was confronted with a black mist and wisps of white began to emerge out of the blackness until all in front of him was the purest of white. Another dream Don had was that he had built 2 beautiful mansions and was planning to show them to the public. A large group of people riding in luxury limousines, dressed in all the fine apparel with much jewelry, furs, tuxedos and other finery arrived to witness the grand opening of the mansion on the left, which was to be shown first. The guide reached to pull the electric switch and before Don could prevent the switch from being pulled — it made contact and the building exploded and was destroyed. After this building exploded, the contractor took Don by the hand and said, "now let's go to our mansion" and they entered the building on the right, which was solid white.

Don wanted to go to the Little Angel Church, even if we had to hire an ambulance to take him there.



At 4:00 a.m. 2/17/84, Don pulled me near him and whispered 3 angels were kissing him — he then raised his right hand upward. He was going home. He passed away at 11:00 a.m. in the arms of our sweet Saviour.

Now the angels who kissed him while he was in the hospital will watch over his body until the resurrection day.

Written by,
His brokenhearted wife Sandy and
Sister Dorothy Osborne



ELDER WILLIE VARNEY

It is with a broken Heart, with the help of God, that I will attempt to write an obituary of my sweet and loving daddy, Elder Willie Varney.

Daddy was born in Pike County, Kentucky, March 14, 1914; deceased this life April 24th, 1984, at home.

He was the son of the late Don Varney and Mintie (Francis) Varney.

He leaves to mourn his loss, my precious mother Parlee (Justice) Varney, to whom he was married forty-seven years. Nine children: Ronald Varney (who preceded him in death), Donald L. Varney of Pataskala, Ohio, Margaret Ann Sleeper of Reynoldsburg, Ohio, James H. Varney of Ragland, W. Va., Mintie G. Gilman of Lorain, Ohio, Dolly Fay Baisden, Johnny Ray Varney, and Clayburn Varney of Ragland, W. Va., and Glenna Sue Robinson of Delbarton, W. Va. Eleven grandchildren and one great-granddaughter, one brother John L. Varney, Delbarton, W. Va., one sister Fannie Maynard Thorsbury of Stone, Ky.

Daddy belonged to the Old Regular Baptist church called Sardis at Delbarton, W. Va. where he was Moderator for many years. He also served as Moderator at other churches through the years. Daddy was blessed to preach God's word until the day he died, thirty some years.

Daddy suffered a lot in the last several years with heart attacks and strokes, but he always told us, he wanted to do his suffering here. He had two blockages to his brain and the doctors told us that he shouldn't have been able to have a conversation. But Thanks be to God, he could always talk with us and preach, because he had the greatest doctor within him, Our Lord. He always prayed for the Lord to let him die at home and in his right mind, and I thank the Lord, that was the way he took him. It seemed he just went to sleep. And I believe he died, in the arms of Jesus.

I know he is deeply missed at the Old Sardis Church. He was not only a light to the Church and to us children, but also to the community in which he lived. He was loved and will be missed by all who knew him.



I guess, where I miss him most is at the table, saying his own special Table Grace, and at Christmas time he would tell us all to gather round and sing a song and hold prayer, before any gifts were opened.

I could go on and on but space just wouldn't hold all I could say about my sweet daddy.

So to mom, who so patiently took care of him so many years, I know you will miss him most of all. And to the children, let's live the way dad taught us, and take care of mom. And most of all, you who haven't made peace with God, I pray that you will take heed to what daddy taught us and turn to the Lord as some of us have done, so our family circle will not be broken in Heaven.

Written by his loving, broken-hearted daughter,
and Sister-In-The-Lord,
Mintie G. Gilman

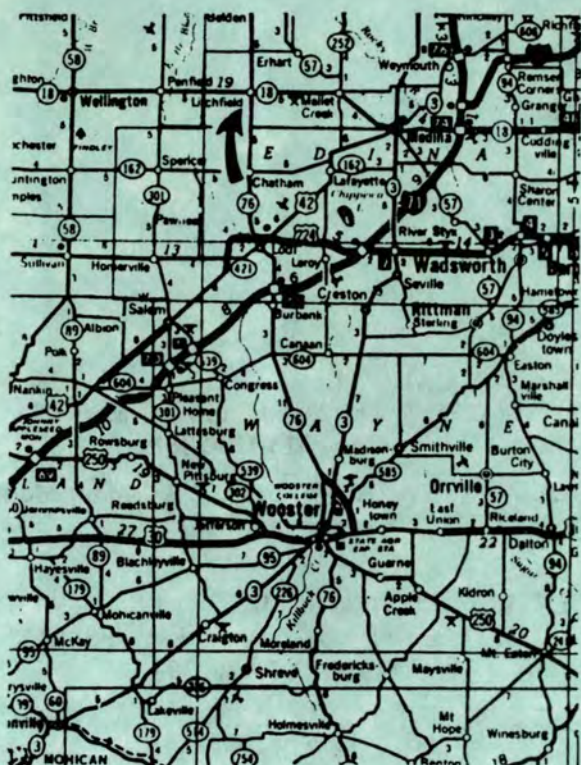
Daddy, how we loved you
No one could ever tell
We watched you suffer here on earth
but up there I know you're well.

We watched for you both to be on the porch
You and mom sitting there alone,
and we would see your smiling faces,
Oh! How good it felt to finally be home.

And at the table before the meal began
We would bow our heads in prayer,
And you would say "Watch over my children Lord,
And keep them in your care."

Now the table has a vacant chair
At the head where you use to be,
But there are a few following in your footsteps,
Who now can, "thank God," still say the Grace for me.

Although you are gone from us daddy
Precious memories flood our heart
But we're going to join you some sweet day
Where we'll never have to part.



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