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**TWENTY-EIGHTH
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OF THE
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ASSOCIATION OF
OLD REGULAR
BAPTIST OF
JESUS CHRIST**



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Letter of Condolence to Our Sister The Northern New Salem Association

Beloved Brethren:

Accept our deepest sympathy in the passing of your servants, R.Z. Castle, Marvin Hunter and Rayful Griffith. It is good to believe they are at rest.

Philadelphia Association
David Gilliam, Clerk

Dedication to the memory of the Late Elders Garfield Hopson and Joe Hall

By a move and second it was agreed to dedicate this 1985 session of the Northern New Salem Association to the memory of the late Elders Garfield Hopson and Joe Hall. May they rest in peace and may we always remember the joyous days spent with them here and look forward to seeing them again in that glorious morning.

Your servant,
Brother Newsome, Clerk

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FRIDAY SESSION

Not a cloud in the clear blue sky to hinder the bright sunshine from penetrating through the tall trees. Trees that stand tall, surrounded by the beautiful meadows and valleys that lays so peaceful near the Pleasant View Church, where many tired and wearied pilgrims had journeyed the many miles to be among the people of their faith, to worship the God of their salvation.

Lifting their voices high in singing the inspiring songs of Zion. Greeting each other with gladness, causing one to say, "Surely this is none other than the house of the Lord."

Elder Alex Collier being the alternate, came forward in a very meek spirit to introduce the services and lead in prayer.

Being chosen at our 1984 session to preach the introductory sermon Elder Buddy W. Carty approached the stand in a very humble way. By the Holy Spirit he was soon lifted above his fears and carried away and blessed to preach the everlasting gospel, that the believer longs to hear. He preached that we are not our own keeper, but are kept by the power of God. There is a difference in the church and in the world. We are serving the same God, a God that never changes and there is no need for us to change the ways of worship. God's laws will keep us and obedience is better than sacrifice. The world loves darkness rather than light and he got in trouble because of the love for the things of the world.

The introductory sermon being delivered, our beloved moderator Elder Roy Caudill, invited those who were not delegates to remain at the tent where the preaching services would be held, and those who were delegates to assemble in the house where the 28th 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 Elwood Cornett, Indian Bottom, was called on to make remarks and led in prayer.

Elder Roy Caudill, moderator, came forward and announced that the 28th annual session of the Northern New Salem Association was now in working order.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 2, 1985

1. The moderator called for the letters from the churches that compose the Northern New Salem Association to be handed in to the Clerk. On motion by Elder Ray Hamilton, second by Elder Buford Brock the letter from the Pleasant View Church was read by the Clerk. A motion was made by Elder Birtchel Mosley, Jr. second by Elder Bart Potter 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. The following Elders were appointed to take the vote: Walter Akers, Lacy Justice and Elwood Cornett.
Officers elected:
Moderator Elder Roy Caudill
Assistant Moderator Elder Paris Tackitt
Clerk Elder Hillard Newsome
Assistant Clerk Elder C.W. Turner
- (a) Noted by the Association concerning our finance committee and was moved and seconded that our finance committee be appointed at the same time of the election of officers. The committee appointed consisted of Elders Hiram Adkins, Ray Hamilton and Bro. Lowell Adkins.
3. On motion by Elder Buford Brock, second by Elder Larry Hankins the moderator was authorized to make all temporary appointments.
4. On motion by Elder Ray Hamilton, second by Elder Robert Wallen to omit the reading of the Constitution and the Articles of Faith, but to read the Rules of Decorum.
5. Called for legally organized churches of our same faith and order desiring to join our union and received none.
6. Called for Association of our same faith and order desiring to continue a Godly correspondence and the following responded:
 - (a) **New Salem** — Represented by the following delegates: Forest D. Hall, Walter Akers, Offie Bartley, Gene Mullins, Donald Adkins, Ron McCarty, Hiram Adkins, Able Johnson, Clettis Messer, Tom Waddles, Earl Slone, Troy Branham, Aaron Boyd and Johnny Thornsburry. A motion was made by Elder Ray Hamilton, second by Elder Sam Franks 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: Billy R. Jones, Estill Hamilton, Frank Newsome, Gervis Deel, Gary Sanders, Palmer Hamilton and John B. Hamilton. A motion was made by Elder Robert Wallen, second by Elder James Branham 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: Fealden Ruggles, Jr., Douglas Colegrove, Claude E. Coffee, Willis Tolliver, Paul Morrison, Harlan Barney, Ira Adkins, Jr., Walter Morrison, Luther Ramey, Kelby Deel and Lowell Adkins. A motion was made by Elder Jr. Mosley, 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.

- (d) **Sardis** — Represented by the following delegates: Donny Brown, Edwin Hay, R.F. Runyon, Sr., Julius Cochran, Clyde Brown and Emerson Jarrell. A motion was made by Bro. Pet Hensley, second by Elder Sam Franks 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, Lonnie Gregory, Ivan Amburgey, Merle Smith, Tennis Sturgill, Glenn Hampton, Squire Watts and Hays Hatfield. A motion was made by Elder Paul Adkins second by Bro. Darrell Parks, to seat the delegates with us in council and refer their letter to the committee on the bill of arrangements. Bro. Jr. Miller made a motion, second by Bro. Pet Hensley that their letter becomes an item for tomorrow. They were given the right hand of fellowship and seated with us in council.
- (f) **Mud River** — Represented by the following delegates: Kenneth Adkins, Denver Slone and Luther Ball, Jr. A motion was made by Elder Birbage Howell, Jr., second by Elder Squire Hamilton to seat the delegates with us in council and refer their letter to the committee on the bill of arrangements. A motion was made by Elder Jr. Mosley, second by Elder Buford Brock that their letter becomes an item for tomorrow. They were given the right hand of fellowship and seated with us in council.
- (g) **Old Friendship** — Represented by the following delegates: Danny Hurley, David Lester, Leonard Coleman, Orvill Street, Sherman Street, Hurshell Hurley and Lacy Justice. A motion was made by Elder Jr. Mosley, second by Elder Conley Daniels to receive the letter and seat the delegates with us in council. They were given the right hand of fellowship.
7. The moderator appointed a committee consisting of the delegates from the Pleasant View Church, together with one delegate from each of the other churches to arrange the ministry for Friday evening and Saturday morning, who reported as follows: Friday evening — Elders (1) Palmer Hamilton — Union; (2) Bro. Edwin Hay — Sardis; (3) Elder Jr. Ruggles — Philadelphia. Saturday Morning — Elders (1) Lacy Justice — Old Friendship; (2) John B. Hamilton — Union; (3) Walter Akers — New Salem and (4) Donny Brown — Sardis.
8. Called for transient ministers and members of our same faith and order and the following responded: Ralph Caudill, C.W. Turner, Ron Scott, Buddy W. Carty, Mike Slone, Johnnie Bentley, Larry Newsome, Glen Maddix, Jay Mitchell, Bill Dunbar, Danny Carty, Karl Addington, Charles Newsome, Doug McCarty, John Paul Hamilton, Hillard Newsome Marvin Hall, Forest Osborne, Fred Charles, Jessie Bryant, Luther Ball, Jr.
9. A motion was made by Elder Squire Hamilton, second by Elder Danny Hamilton, that we the Northern New Salem Association correspond by letter and delegate with the following associations and the clerk prepare the letters to said associations: (a) New Salem, (b) Union, (c) Philadelphia, (d) Sardis, (e) Old Friendship. Note items 16 and 17 of Saturdays work.
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) A motion was made by Elder Robert Wallen, second by Elder Don Gibson that the Association adjourn until 9 a.m. Saturday morning.
- (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 (1) Palmer Hamilton — Union (2) Bro. Edwin Hay — Sardis and (3) Elder Jr. Ruggles — Philadelphia.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 3, 1985

The delegates met pursuant to adjournment Friday evening at the house to continue the work of the Association. As the bright sun shine was breaking through the clouds, drying the dew of early morning. Pilgrims from far and near were making their way to the Pleasant View Church to continue the work of this beloved old Association. After singing several of the glorious songs of Zion, Elder Willis Tolliver, Philadelphia Association, introduced the services, begging all to live the same seven days a week, to live humble and the love of God will flow from breast to breast. Prayer by same.

1. Called the roll of delegates and marked the absentees.
2. The Bill of Arrangements was read by the Clerk. Elder Jr. Mosley made a motion, second by Elder Buford Brock to receive the Bill of Arrangements and discharge the committee.
3. The Circular Letter written by Elder Kennis Robinson for our 1985 session was read by him. A motion was made by Elder Ray Hamilton, second by Elder Robert Wallen to receive the letter and have it printed in our 1985 minutes. By the same motion, Elder Sam Franks was chosen to write a Circular Letter, subject to approval at our 1986 session.
4. The finance committee appointed Friday, Item 2a consisting of Elders: Hiram Adkins, Ray Hamilton and Bro. Lowell Adkins gave their report as follows:

1985 Church contributions	\$3,825.00
1985 Picture Contributions	306.00
Other Contributions	162.00
Total money received for 1985	\$4,293.00

A motion was made by Elder Larry Hankins, second by Bro. Hank Forgey to accept the report of the finance committee and discharge them of their duties.

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

TREASURER REPORT

Balance in Checking Acct. 8-1-84	\$31.28
Balance in Savings Acct. 8-1-84	1,293.75
1984 Church Contributions	3,670.00
1984 Picture Contributions	360.00
Other Contributions	-0-
Total money on hand August 5, 1984	\$5,355.03

1984 Expenses

Printer's fee	\$3,584.70
Secretary's fee	200.00
Rental for safe deposit box	31.00
Postage and supplies	120.97
Traveling expense — Clerk & Assistant Clerk	30.00
Able Instant Print, Ass. Letters and Forms	30.63
\$3,997.30	

Money on hand August 5, 1984	\$5,355.03
Less 1984 expenses of	3,997.30
	\$1,357.73
Plus interest on Savings Account of	51.99
Money on hand August 1, 1985	\$1,409.72

BANK BALANCE — BANK OF LOUISVILLE

Checking Account — 8-1-85	-0-
Savings Account — 8-1-85	1,409.72
Total money on hand August 1, 1985	1,409.72
Plus money received for 1985	4,293.00
Total money on hand August 4, 1985	\$5,702.72

- Elder Ray Hamilton made a motion, second by Elder Bart Potter to accept the treasurer's report. 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.
- On motion by Elder Robert Wallen, second by Bro. Henry Hobson 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 \$12.00 for pictures was approved by the delegates.
- The following ministers were chosen by the committee to preach Saturday evening and Sunday. Saturday evening: Elders (1) Jr. Ruggles — Philadelphia, (2) David Lester — Old Friendship and (3) Frank Newsome — Union. In the absence of Elders Ruggles and Lester the stand was filled with Elders Hillard Newsome and Paris Tackitt.

Sunday morning: Elders (1) Kenny Robinson — Northern New Salem (2) Bro. Edwin Hay — Sardis (3) Elders Ellis Banks and Roy Caudill both of Northern New Salem.

9. Called for the Elders to make their report of the Union meetings and Associations attended for the year 1984 & 1985. Elder Robert Wallen made a motion, second by Elder Bart Potter that the Elders give their reports.
10. Bro. Woodrow Akers made a motion, second by Elder James Curry that we the Northern New Salem Association correspond by letter and delegate with the following Associations and the Clerk prepare the letters to our Sister Associations.
 - (a) **New Salem** — When convened with the following host churches: Elizabeth, Caney Creek, Island Creek, Little Creek, Burning Springs, Pikeville, Long Fork and Robinson Creek. To be held at the Association Building, Minnie, Floyd County, Ky. Beginning on Friday before the fourth Saturday in September 1985 and continuing the two following days. Delegates to attend: Danny Carty, Paris Tackitt, Henry Hobson, Jr. Miller, Doug McCarty, Amos Williams, Ray Hamilton, Johnny Newsome, David Slone, Conley Daniels, Squire Hamilton, Danny Newsome, Howard Parsley, Don Lawson, Troy Beverly, Raymond Stapleton, Harlos Hall, James Branham, C.W. Turner and Milton Dye. Letter in the hands of Elder Milton Dye.
 - (b) **Union** — When convened with the host church at Wise, Wise County, Va. Beginning on Friday before the third Saturday in September 1985 and continuing the two following days. Delegates to attend: Paris Tackitt, Doug McCarty, Pete Hensley, Forest Osborne, Johnny Newsome, James Curry, Baxter Osborne, David Slone, Bart Potter and Nobel Mullins. Letter in the hands of Elder Bart Potter.
 - (c) **Philadelphia** — When convened with the New Mt. Olivet Church at the Association Building, Melrose, Worthington, Ky. Beginning on Friday before the second Saturday in August 1985 and continuing the two following days. Delegates to attend: Danny Carty, Paris Tackitt, Roy Caudill, Buford Brock, Darrell Parks, Ellis Banks, Mike Slone, David Slone, Bart Potter, Howard Parsley, Sam Franks, Don Lawson, Troy Beverly, Raymond Stapleton, C.W. Turner, Hillard Newsome, Paul Adkins and Baxter Osborne. Letter in the hands of Elder Paris Tackitt.
 - (d) **Sardis** — When convened with the Turkey Creek Church, Turkey Creek, Pike County, Ky. Beginning on Friday before the second Saturday in September 1985 and continuing the two following days. Delegates to attend: Paris Tackitt, Pete Hensley, Forest Osborne, Baxter Osborne, Johnny Newsome, James Curry, Ellis Banks, Bart Potter and C.W. Turner, Letter in the hands of Pete Hensley.
 - (e) **Indian Bottom** (See item 6-e of Friday's work and item 16 of Saturday's work of the current minutes.) When convened with the New Bethlehem, Hurricane Gap and Poor Fork Churches at the Association Building, Sassafras, Knott County, Ky. Beginning on Friday before the first Saturday in September and continuing the two following days. Delegates to attend: Bill Ison, Astor Eldridge, Clarence Jenkins, Baxter Osborne, Forest Osborne, Pete Hensley, Buddy W. Carty, Jr. Mosley, Roy Caudill. Letter in the hands of Elder Baxter Osborne.

- (f) **Old Friendship** — When convened with the Bee Branch Church, Stacy, Va. Beginning on Friday before the fourth Saturday in August 1985 and continuing the two following days. Delegates to attend: Paris Tackitt, Roy Caudill, Buford Brock, Johnny Newsome, Bart Potter, Don Lawson and Raymond Stapleton. Letter in the hands of Elder Roy Caudill.
11. A motion was made by Elder Jr. Mosley, second by Elder Buford Brock to grant the request from the Little Family and Little Pilgrims Home Churches. Requesting that item #15 of our 1964 minutes be reprinted in our current minutes, which reads as follows: "By move and second the Association agreed to answer the request from several Churches touching upon the question of sisters cutting their hair, using make-up etc. It is the duty of every moderator of every Church to exercise strict disciplinary action toward the violation of established practices. To insist on strict compliance with what sayeth the scripture, concerning a woman of righteousness. Mark them that would creep in the assembly just to destroy the peace and salvation of the Church."
 12. Elder Larry Hankins made a motion, second by Elder Squire Hamilton to grant the request of the Little Pilgrims Home Church. Requesting that item #11 of our 1964 minutes be reprinted in our current minutes, which reads as follows: "By a move and second it was agreed that each Church shall hold it's own key and is to be the sole judge of it's members so long as it does not violate the word of God, the order of the Association, or the Old Regular Baptist principles of faith and practice."
 13. A motion was made by Elder Ray Hamilton, second by Elder Bart Potter to grant the request of the Antioch Church in removing the name of Elder Marvin Sparkman from the list of ordained ministers as he has been excluded from said Church and returned to an association not of our correspondence.
 14. A motion was made by Elder Bart Potter, second by Elder Conley Daniels to grant the request from the Morning Star Church. To publish Elder Gary Brown in disorder and remove his name from the list of ordained ministers as he has been excluded from said Church.
 15. Elder Paul Adkins made a motion, second by Bro Jr. Miller that a committee be appointed to visit the Little Jewell Church and investigate the allegations, preventing granting them their request in requesting a letter of dismissal from the Northern New Salem Association. Committee appointed was Elders Roy Caudill, Paris Tackitt, Jr. Mosley, C.W. Turner and Forest Osborne.
 16. A motion was made by Elder Baxter Osborne, second by Bro. Pete Hensley to send a request with our letter to our sister the Indian Bottom Association. Asking them to reprint item number 6, page 3 of their 1958 minutes, which reads as follows: "In regard to the query from the Hurricane Gap Church. We wish to advise all our churches not to receive into your fellowship any woman with bobbed hair unless she agrees not to have it bobbed any more. And after you receive them to exclude from your fellowship all those who violate this agreement or continue to have their hair cut, and not to restore them back to fellowship except by an experience of grace." We the Northern New Salem Association ask the moderator of our Sister the Indian Bottom Association to advise the moderators of your Churches to advise their sister with short hair and their brothers with long hair to adhere to the advice given and to comply with the 11th chapter of First Corinthians.

Advice given to the Churches of the Northern New Salem Association by the Moderator, Elder Roy Caudill. Advise all our church moderators to comply with the advice given to our sister the Indian Bottom Association.

17. A move was made by Elder Jr. Mosley, second by Elder Buford Brock that we the Northern New Salem Association withdraw the right hand of fellowship from our sister the Mud River Association. Because of the doctrine of complete predestination and that when the light shines one receives eternal life. There is nothing one can do about his salvation. If any orderly church or member wishes to have fellowship with the Northern New Salem Association the door is open and there is a way provided.
18. A motion was made by Elder Harold Senters, second by Bro. John Mullins that the 1986 session of our beloved Association be held with the Little Rebecca Church, Plymouth, Ohio. To begin on Friday before the first Saturday in August 1986, and continuing the two following days.
19. By a secret vote of the delegates present Elder Ray Hamilton was chosen to preach the introductory sermon at our 1986 session and Elder Bill Collins is to be his alternate.
20. A motion was made by Elder Bart Potter, second by Elder Hendricks Hampton to dedicate this 1985 session of the Northern New Salem Association to the memory of two of our beloved ministers, who have crossed the tide since our last gathering, Elders Joe Hall and Garfield Hobson.
21. Elder Buford Brock made a motion, second by Elder Larry Hinkle, to omit the reading of the current minutes.
22. On motion by Elder Ray Hamilton, second by Elder Sam Franks, the Association agreed to adjourn to the time and place mentioned in the eighteenth item of the current minutes.

Approaching the stand in a very humble spirit was Elder Frank Newsome of the Union Association. Bringing to a close this the Twenty-eighth Session of the Northern New Salem Association. As he began to tell of the goodness of the Lord and his great mercies, he has upon his creation, eyes of the listeners become fountains. The voice of the turtle could be heard in our land. Joy appeared for a while, then sadness, as we began to give each other our hand in a token of our never ending love. Thanking God for his many blessings, great and small, and a prayer in our hearts, that he would keep us safe in his care, until we are blessed to meet again here on life's pathway. If not here, over home where parting never comes and, "peace abounds like a river," they say. A very warm and uplifting prayer was offered by Elder Newsome.

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 4, 1985

Arising early to be about our Father's business and viewing the dawn of a new day. Gladdened were the hearts of God's people as they began to see the beautiful sun rise, that they had witnessed for the last three days. To feel the cool breeze of early morning, and to hear the sweet songs of Zion, sung by his creation, in praise to the God of our Salvation, yes our hearts were gladdened, our hopes become real, as we his children gathered around his table, to be fed by the Master's hands.

Approaching the stand in a very humble spirit was our beloved Brother, Elder Kenny Robinson. As the spirit began to move, he was blessed to preach from the 23rd Psalm, moving all fear of crossing the river, assuring the congregation that the good shepherd would be there to lead us through the valley and over the river, safely home. Elder Paul Adkins lead in prayer, that surely caused our Holy Father to take notice of our gathering.

Our second witness was Bro. Edwin Hay, Sardis Association. Preaching from the 1st chapter of Genesis, second and third verses. Bro. Hay was well blessed to preach the separation of light and darkness. The separation of the Church and the world.

Elder Ellis Banks, Northern New Salem Association, approaching the stand with a very fearful feeling, but it was soon made known that he was among his people. As he was soon blessed to preach from the 5th chapter of Proverbs 15th through 18th verse. Drink waters out of thine own cistern, and running waters out of thine own well. Let thy fountains be dispersed abroad, and rivers of waters in the streets. Let them be only thine own, and not strangers' with thee. Let thy fountain be blessed: and rejoice with the wife of thy youth. Elder Banks was greatly blessed to preach on the living water that Christ gives, that causes men and women to be different from the world, and ones everyday life will prove to the world that they have drank from the fountain of life and have received that living water.

Elder Frank Newsome, Union Association was blessed to preach from the Song of Solomon. In the midst of great rejoicing, one could surely say, "My love, my dove, my garden of lillies, my rose of Sharon, my cedars of Lebanon. Her spices give off a sweet odor, her honey is sweet and her food gives us strength in these troubled times. Oh! praise this old church for her qualities. The garden where we can rest our worried soul, and listen to the voice of the turtle dove as she makes music in the tree of life.

Offering prayer for these three joyous days and thanking God for his many blessings of this life, was our beloved and respected Moderator, Elder Roy Caudill.

Pray that we all will be blessed to meet at Little Rebecca in August of '86 and that until then live humbly, let your light shine, be good to one and all and let your prayer be "Lord keep me humble, but make me strong."

Humble yours,
Bro. Newsome
Clerk

I am lost for words to express to you the members, friends, one and all our appreciation and gratitude to you the Pleasant View Church. Yes you proved by your acts of kindness and hospitality and the welcome that we felt while in the north land, that you love and you care. May God ever bless you, with blessings many for all the long hard hours and days of work you did to host this grand old association.

May God ever be mindful of the dear Brothers and Sisters one and all who laboured the long hours in the kitchen in preparing the wholesome food, which was so delicious and plentiful. To you our friends, who helped in the kitchen and to a nice young man Raymond Gilman, Jr. thanks, we love and we are grateful.

Campers Village, gee, are you nice, such lovely neighbors to have in a time of need. On behalf of one and all, I wish to express to you our appreciation and thanks for being one of us. It was perfectly charming to see how neat and peaceful you live at home away from home. Please come again, stop by the road near Little Rebecca, in Plymouth, Ohio come August '86 and by doing so, you will make our gathering a pleasant one. Happy traveling. Thanks for the donation.

Your humble servant,
Bro. Hillard Newsome, Clerk

CIRCULAR LETTER BY ELDER KENNIS L. ROBINSON

My dearly beloved Brothers and Sisters of the Northern New Salem Association:

Having been chosen to write the circular letter for the 1985 session for your careful examination, I have prayed to the almighty God to help me write this letter.

Words cannot express how little and humble I feel for such a great honor to be bestowed upon such a little servant. I don't think there has been one day passed since I was chosen to write this letter that I haven't thought about it, prayed about it, or worried over it. I know in my heart that I am much too little to write to such a heavenly family, except God would bless me with his holy spirit, and carry me away from nature and natural mind, and put me in my spiritual mind.

In the 4th chapter, the 24th verse of John, Jesus was talking to the Samaritan woman and said, "God is a spirit and they that worship him must worship him in spirit, and in truth." Realizing, my Brothers, then that God seeks true worshipers to worship him in the spirit and in truth that God the Father is a spirit and Jesus Christ, his only begotten Son is **the** truth.

We hear Jesus saying in the 8th chapter of John, the 31st and 32nd verse, "if you continue in my word, then are you my disciples indeed, and ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." Also in the 14th chapter and the 6th verse of John, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No man cometh unto the Father, but by me."

Hear our Lord saying in John the 14th chapter, 7th verse, "if you had known me, you should have known my Father also and from hence forth ye know him, and have seen him."

My Brothers, more than anything on this earth, I want this letter to be the truth, about the truth and for the truth. I want you, my Brothers, to remember the cross and calvary, and the suffering that our Lord went through that day, and I want you to remember his last commandment to us, his children, at the Last Supper. "Little children, love one another as I have loved you." Hear him saying on the cross, "Father, forgive them for they know not what they do." My precious Brothers, when we disagree on anything, let us disagree in love, looking to almighty God for the answer. Let us go to his Holy Bible for the answer, for I believe that every word in it is the truth. I believe that it surely is the written word of God.

Brothers, if Jesus who knew everything about us, could freely forgive, then we, as his children, must also forgive freely. When we are persecuted, when we are misjudged, misunderstood, or talked about, let us never do anything to cause trouble in the church. Let us remember that the church is the Lord's bride. The Articles of Faith, let us cherish them and thank God for them. The Rules of Decorum, may they always be precious to us. My Brothers, when we see people of another denomination, let us greet them in love, never laughing or mocking or making fun of them. For we read in the scriptures of how the disciples came to Jesus and said, "Lord, we found one casting out devils in your name, but he was not like us." Jesus commanded, "leave him alone, if he is not against us, he is for us." Let us remember that God created his children red, yellow, black, and white. Let us love our brothers and sisters with the pure love born in us of God, never looking to the color of their skin. A man that is born of God is born of love. My Brothers, hear our Lord telling Nicodemus in the 3rd chapter of John, 16th verse, "for God so loved the world that he gave his only Begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him shall not perish, but have everlasting life."

My precious Brothers, it is now the second week in June. All year, another subject was on my mind, but this day and night, all that God put on my mind is love, forgiveness, compassion for my brothers and sisters and all mankind.

I pray from the depth of my love that if time lasts, and Jesus does not come back after his Bride before I die, that after I am gone from this world and my natural body is buried in the ground, that mother's sons and mother's daughters everywhere can read this letter and say, surely it was written in God's love and spirit, and it is the truth.

Your humble servant,
Elder Kennis L. Robinson

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, Jude 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, 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 reprovved by the Association as they think proper.

UNION MEETINGS AND MINISTERS CALLED FOR THE YEAR 1986

APRIL

HOUSE OF PRAYER — First Saturday and Sunday in April. Baxter Osborne, Roger Hicks, Woody Pack, Elwood Cornett, Jeffrey Dillon, Walter Akers.

PLEASANT VIEW - First Saturday and Sunday in April. Roger Hicks, Estil Hamilton, Covis Tackett, Ivan Amburgey.

ROSE OF SHARON — Second Saturday and Sunday in April. Buddy Carty, Feldon Ruggles Jr., Woody Pack, James Brahnham, Joshua Hicks, Hays Chaffins, Okie Kent, Hobart Hamilton.

LITTLE JEWELL — Fourth Saturday and Sunday in April. Ivan Amburgy, Garland Mullins, Forest Osborne, Earshell Huff, Ellis Amburgy.

MAY

ANTIOCH — First Saturday and Sunday in May. Eddie Tackett, Teddy Robinson, Buddy Carty, Junior Ruggles, Parris Tackitt.

LITTLE IDA — First Saturday and Sunday in May. Johnny Newsom, Jimmy Hall, Woody Pack, Hurchel Huff, Earl Lawson, Baxter Osborne, Jay Mitchell, Roy Caudill.

MAGGIE'S HOME — First Saturday and Sunday in May. Hiram Adkins, Don Little, Russel Hicks, David Slone, Sam Franks, Buddy Carty, Bill Collins.

LITTLE MEMORY — Second Saturday and Sunday in May. Jr. Mosley, Tennis Sturgill, Ron Scott, Stoney Blackburn, Ivan Amburgey.

LITTLE RUTH — Second Saturday and Sunday in May. James Branham, Kenny Robinson, Howard Coleman, Teddy Robinson, Buddy Carty, Doug McCarty.

LITTLE ZION — Second Saturday and Sunday in May. Tennis Sturgil, Charles Newsome, Howard Coleman, Ralph Caudill, Stoney Blackburn, Gene Johnson, Walter Akers.

LILLY OF THE VALLEY — Third Saturday and Sunday in May. Birbage Howell Jr., Johnny Newson, Paris Tackitt, Zee Holbrook, Carol Adkins, Hargus Tuttle, Kenny Roberts, Estil Hamilton, Roy Caudill.

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

MACEDONIA — Third Saturday and Sunday in May. Alex Collier, Stoney Blackburn, Hays Chaffins, Baxter Osborne.

MORNING STAR — Third Saturday and Sunday in May. Paris Tackitt, Baxter Osborne, Earl Lawson, Jr. Mosley, Alex Collier, Woody Pack.

JUNE

LITTLE BETHEL — First Saturday and Sunday in June. Johnnie Bently, Danny Adams, Paris Tackitt, Johnnie Newsom, Karrel Addington, Dave Slone.

LITTLE FLOSSIE — First Saturday and Sunday in June. Kennis 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. Buddy W. Carty, Robert Wallen, Bill Collins, Manard Ratlif, Kery Hampton, Squire Hamilton, Claude Ousley.

LITTLE FAMILY — Second Saturday and Sunday in June. Hillard Newsome, Arvid Blevins, Junior Ruggles, Alex Collier, Stoney Blackburn.

LITTLE PILGRIM'S HOME — Second Saturday and Sunday in June. Johnny Newsome, Johnny Bently, Squire Hamilton, Bill Tackett, Claude Ousley, Hillard Newsome.

LITTLE POLLY — Second Saturday and Sunday in June. Earl Lawson, James Branham, David Slone, Danney Carty, Elmar Edwards, Buddy Carty, Carl Adkins.

LITTLE REBECCA — Third Saturday and Sunday in June. Edwin Hay, Paris Tackett, Hershel Huff, Jimmy Hall, Karrel Addington, Paul Adkins, Hillard Newsome, Clifford Colley.

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

LITTLE EDNA — Fourth Saturday and Sunday in June. Ralph Caudill, Squire Hamilton, Covis Tackett, Birtchel Mosley Jr., Karrel Addington, Birbage Howell Jr.

MT. OLIVET — Fourth Saturday and Sunday in June. Alex Collier, Larry Newsome, Ellis Amburgey, Able Johnson, James Branham.

JULY

LITTLE FLOCK — Third Saturday and Sunday in July. Ray Hamilton, Rich Griffiths, Virgil Wicker, Roy Caudill, Hendrix Hampton, Wendall Hamilton.

LITTLE ANGEL — Fourth Saturday and Sunday in July. Woodie Pack, Bill Tackett, Ray Hamilton, Junior Mosley, Woodrow Dye, Kenny Robinson, James Branham, Baxter Osborne.

AUGUST

TRUE VINE — Third Saturday and Sunday in August. Karrel Addington, Squire Hamilton, Ron Scott, Johnny Bentley, Orban May.

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MEMORIAL MEETINGS

LITTLE REBECCA — Third Saturday and Sunday in August. Feldon Ruggles, Earl Lawson, Hiram Adkins, Ralph Caudill, Mike Slone.

LITTLE JEWELL — Fourth Saturday and Sunday in October, 1985. Stoney Blackburn, Forest Osborne, Keith Sloan, Danny Adams.

MAGGIE'S HOME — First Saturday and Sunday in June. All Old Regular Baptist ministers that are in correspondence with us are invited.

LITTLE POLLY — Second Saturday and Sunday in August. All ordained minsters.

MT. ZION — First Saturday and Sunday in September. All ordained Old Regular Baptist minsiters invited.

LITTLE FLOCK — Third Saturday and Sunday in June. Ivory Sowards, Buddy Carty, James Brannon, Don Gibson, Junior Ruggles.

MARCUM MEMORIAL — June 1, 1986. Paris Tackitt, Ivory Sowards, Sam Franks, Mike Cambell, James Branham, Junior Ruggles, Russell Hicks.

LITTLE RUTH — Second Saturday and Sunday in July. Kenny Robinson, Buddy Carty, Amos Williams, James Curry.

LITTLE MEMORY — Second Saturday and Sunday in August. Jimmy Hall, Roy Caudill, Forest Osborne, Karrel Addington and moderator.

LITTLE EDNA — Fourth Saturday and Sunday in August. Moderator and all ordained ministers in the same faith and order.

LITTLE IDA — First Saturday and Sunday in July. Bufford Brock, Junior Ruggles, Stoney Blackburn, Harvey Estep, Karrel Addington.

LITTLE FLOSSIE — None Listed.

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

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. Karrel Addington, Doug McCarty, Edgar Little, Charles Newsome, J.C. Tackett.

PLEASANT VIEW — First Saturday and Sunday in June. Jesse Pack, Evan Hamilton, Kenny Robinson, moderator and asst. moderator.

LITTLE FAMILY — Second Saturday and Sunday in October, 1985. C.W. Turner, Larry Newsome, Buddy W. Carty, Willis Tolliver.

SPECIAL 30th ANNIVERSARY SERVICE — Second Saturday and Sunday in May. Jr. Mosley, Ralph Caudill, Clifford Colley.

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. Frank Hay, Roy Caudill.

ROSE OF SHARON — Second Saturday and Sunday in October, 1985. Danny Carty, Sam Franks, Ishmal Hall Jr., David Sloan, Elish Brahnam. Danny Adams, Birchel Mosely, Jr.

LILLY OF THE VALLEY — First Saturday and Sunday in July. All ordained ministers are welcome.

LITTLE CHILDREN'S HOME — Third Saturday and Sunday in September, 1986. Larry Hankins, James Branham, Robert Wallen, Larry Newsome.

MORNING STAR — Third Saturday and Sunday in July. Jimmy W. Hall, Harvey Estep, Buddy Carty, Doug McCarty, Albert Osborne, Jerry Estep.

LITTLE BETHEL — First Saturday and Sunday in September, 1986. Elisha Branham. All Old Regular Baptist ministers.

FAMILY OF LOVE — Fourth Saturday and Sunday in August. Ralph Caudill, Clifford Colley, Ivory Sowards.

HOUSE OF PRAYER — First Saturday and Sunday in November. Baxter Osborne, Covis Tackett, Danny Adams, Jr. Ruggles, Forest Osborne.

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

TRUE VINE — Third Saturday and Sunday in July. Ray Hamilton, Orban May, Junior Mosley, moderator.

Brother Cecil & Sister Rita Mae Hampton Memorial Services will be the odd Saturday & Evening in May 31st & First Sunday in June. Services on Saturday at 6 p.m. at the Family of Love Church in Wyandotte, Ohio.

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CHURCH ADDRESSES AND MODERATORS

Church	Address	Moderator
Little Rebecca	Henry Road	Plymouth, Ohio Bill Collins
Little Jewell	207 Wheatley	Ashland, Ky. Baxter Osborne
Maggie's Home		Dundas, Ohio Paris Tackitt
Little Polly	19545 Homer Road	Marshall, Mich. Richard Griffith
Mt. Zion		McGuffy, Ohio Amos Williams
Little Flock	Route 1	Ray, Ohio Anthony Hamilton
Little Ruth	Route 3	Marengo, Ohio Maynard Ratliff
Little Memory		Sunman, Ind. Baxter Osborne
Little Edna	5160 Bond Avenue	Lorain, Ohio Walter Parker
Little Ida	4060 Drennen Street	Ecorse, Mich. Ralph Caudill
Little Flossie		Lisbon, Ind. Richard Griffith
Little Zion	53181 Romeo Plank Road	Romeo, Mich. Glyn Maddox
Little Pilgrim's Home	Highway 224	Ruggles, Ohio Robert Wallen
Mt. Olivet	Route 1	Stockbridge, Mich. 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, Ky. Paul Adkins
Rose of Sharon	3744 Carlton Rockwood Road	Monroe, Mich. Ray Hamilton
Lilly of the Valley		Geneva, Ohio Squire Hamilton
Little Children's Home		Laurel, Ind. Roy Caudill
Morning Star	44441 Clay Road	Belleville, Mich. 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, Ky. Burl Stevens
True Vine		Canal Fulton, Ohio Kennis L. Robinson

1985 DELEGATES TO THE NORTHERN NEW SALEM ASSOCIATION

Little Rebecca.....	Roy Collins, Lon Beverly, Birbage Howell, Jr.
Little Jewell.....	Carlos Little, Chester Allen, Baxter Osborne
Maggie's Home.....	John Mullins, Jerry Runyan, Donald Mullins
Little Polly.....	Rich Griffith, Andy Damron, James Poe
Mt. Zion.....	Amos Williams, Clifford G. Bradley, Perry Williams
Little Flock.....	Sam Franks, Hank Forgey, Don Lawson
Little Ruth.....	James Curry, Adran Counts, Kenneth R. Mullins
Little Memory.....	Clarence Jenkins, Bill Ison
Little Edna.....	David Slone, Elmer Edwards, Matt Slone
Little Ida.....	John Mitchell, Gary Holbrook, Billy Miller
Little Flossie.....	Virgil Wicker, Morris Wicker, Birtchel Mosley, Jr.
Little Zion.....	Woodrow Ackers, Larry Hankins, Frank Powers
Little Pilgrim's Home.....	Landis Beverly, Robert Wallen, Danny Hamilton
Mt. Olivet.....	Danny Adams, Elmer Adams, Carl Ousley
Pleasant View.....	Harlos Hall, James Sexton, Alex Collier
Little Family.....	Earnie Tuttle, Hendricks Hampton, Marvin Potter
Little Angel.....	Paul Parsons, Harold Senters, Ballard Brown
Antioch.....	Ellis Banks, Paul Adkins, Darrell Parks
Rose of Sharon.....	Jesse Francis, Otto Collins, Ray Hamilton
Lilly of the Valley.....	Conley Daniles, Dan Newsome, Squire Hamilton
Little Children's Home.....	Mike Hiatt, Buford Brock, Henry Hobson
Morning Star.....	Morris Bryant, Don Little, Willis Little
Little Bethel.....	James Branham, Roby Maynard, Ernest Owens
Family of Love.....	Hargus Ratliff, George Matthews, Donel Gibson
House of Prayer.....	Troy Beverey, Junior Miller, Pete Hensley
Macedonia.....	George Moore, Orville Blevins, Ernest Middleton
True Vine.....	Bart Potter, 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.....1	0	0	0	0	1	1	73	3	200.00	July	
Little Jewell.....6	2	0	0	2	3	1	59	4	150.00	June	
Maggie's Home.....1	0	0	0	0	0	1	49	1	125.00	July	
Little Polly.....0	0	0	0	0	2	0	23	2	75.00	July	
Mt. Zion.....0	0	0	0	1	0	2	11	1	25.00	July	
Little Flock.....0	0	0	0	0	0	0	37	3	200.00	Aug.	
Little Ruth.....1	2	0	0	1	0	1	17	2	100.00	June	
Little Memory.....1	0	0	0	0	1	1	29	2	100.00	June	
Little Edna.....0	0	0	0	0	0	0	26	4	75.00	July	
Little Ida.....2	2	0	0	4	1	2	90	1	250.00	June	
Little Flossie.....3	1	0	0	1	0	1	25	1	150.00	July	
Little Zion.....0	0	0	0	1	2	1	52	2	150.00	June	
Little Pilgrim's Home...2	1	0	0	3	0	0	28	2	90.00	July	
Mt. Olivet.....0	2	0	0	1	0	0	20	4	75.00	July	
Pleasant View.....3	1	0	0	0	1	0	87	1	300.00	May	
Little Family.....0	1	0	0	0	0	0	30	2	160.00	July	
Little Angel.....2	0	0	0	0	0	1	51	4	250.00	Aug.	
Antioch.....3	0	0	0	0	0	1	45	1	225.00	Oct.	
Rose of Sharon.....0	7	0	0	2	0	0	40	2	175.00	May	
Lilly of the Valley.....2	0	0	0	1	1	1	25	3	100.00	June	
Little Children's Home...1	0	0	0	0	0	1	16	3	100.00	July	
Morning Star.....2	0	0	0	4	4	1	56	3	200.00	June	
Little Bethel.....1	2	0	0	0	1	0	26	1	100.00	July	
Family of Love.....2	3	0	0	0	0	2	40	4	100.00	July	
House of Prayer.....4	1	0	0	19	2	2	63	1	150.00	June	
Macedonia.....0	0	0	0	0	0	1	57	3	100.00	June	
True Vine.....0	0	0	0	0	0	0	17	3	100.00	Sept.	
Church Contributions for 1985.....									\$3,825.00		
Picture Contributions for 1985.....									306.00		
Other Contributions.....									162.00		
Grand Total.....37	25	0	0	40	19	21	1,129		\$4,293.00		

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OBITUARIES

VADA BACK

After many long years of climbing the hill, laden down with the burdens and toils of this life and slowly descending down the other side. Looking back and saying her last good-byes and fairwells to her love ones left behind, Sister Vada Back gently gathered her robe around her and was led by the Master's hand gently and peaceful through the valley and over the river into the land of rest. On Saturday evening March 30, 1985, as the light of day was giving away to the darkness of another night, around the hour of seven o'clock, this our precious one went to sleep in the arms of Jesus, never to awake until the morning of the resurrection.

Sister Vada Marshall Back was borned April 22, 1902 in Brethett County, Ky. Daughter of the late James Harrison Marshall and Marinda Caudill Marshall. God blessed Sister Vada to live upon his good earth 83 years, 11 months and 8 days. She was a retired nurses aid and a resident of Nelson County for the past 45 years. When a very young lady she was married to the late Samuel Back. They shared life's heartaches, trials and disappoints, along with it's joys, happiness and pleasures for 43 years. God trusted into the hands of the young couple eight little children, who through and by the hands of love, guidance and advice of a devoted father and mother grew up to be fine men and women. Left behind to mourn the loss of a loving mother are the following daughters, Mrs. Opal Burton of Bardstown, Ky., Mrs. Lola Culver of New Haven, Ky., Mrs. Emaline Pettit of Holton, Ind., Mrs. Orevia Douglas of Boston, Ky. and Mrs. Ruth Ambrose of Louisville, Ky. Sons Emmett of Bardstown, Ky., Orville of Upton, Ky. and Johnny of Louisville. two sisters Edith Back of New Haven, Ky. and Ellaree Greenwell of Dayton, Ohio. Two brothers Everett of Carlisbad, N.M. and Drewery of Downey, Calif., also 37 grandchildren and 57 great-grandchildren. All who will have sweet memories of this devoted mother and grandmother.

On May 27, 1946 Sister Vada made a profession of her faith, giving a reason of her hope and was baptized into the fellowship of the Clear Fork Old Regular Baptist Church, by the hands of Elder David Caudill. On August 4, 1974 she came by letter to the Antioch Old Regular Baptist Church in Louisville, Ky. Here she was blessed to refresh her soul many times in the presence of her Brothers and Sisters. She was a quiet, gentle sister, always adorning herself with a quiet spirit, as becometh a woman of holiness. Sister Vada was never boastful, yet thankful and grateful for her blessings of this life. The changing fashions and lifestyles of this life never worried her. Never trying to keep up with anyone, always following along after the good Master. Gleaning in the field like Ruth, humble like Mary and having faith like hagar, that God would supply her needs. Through that faith she would receive a home in heaven. Sister Vada dressed modest, yet beautiful, common, yet devoted. I feel the oil she had in her little



lamp, gave light to others, that they would do well to walk in her footsteps, and by doing so their lives would be more meaningful and happier.

To you her children and loved ones, especially to her devoted daughters, God will surely bless you for the care and love you gave this dear mother in her last days. To you that have no hope in Christ, please let this day be the day that you will say, "I want to be like you mother, I want your God to be my God, your home to be my home, your people to be my people and in the morning of the resurrection we can all live together in peace, in a land of everlasting rest."

Sleep, sleep on sister Vada and take your rest, and we that remain will always remember the happy days spent with you here and look forward of living with you there in Heaven, Sweet heaven.

Your humble servant,
Elder Hillard Newsome



LEXIE BENTLEY

I'm going to attempt to speak in loving memory or 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. Shye always praised the Lord for her strength and many times she was lifted up and healed by his great mercy.

She was 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 Delsey 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 Hummard. All sisters in the Lord to Mom and
Grandmothers.



By the help of God, I will try to write an obituary of Sister Virgie. She was born June 14, 1904, and passed from this life Nov. 14, 1983. Sister Virgie preceded in death by her husband Goble, and one son Hargis. She leaves to mourn her passing one son Delmer and six daughters, Vivian, Carol, Marcella, Zola, Sally, Nannie. She had 39 grandchildren and 19 great grandchildren.

Sister Virgie joined the Old Regular Baptist Church, August 19, 1969. She was baptized by Elder Chester Newsome and Ivan Amburgey on December 28, 1969 and was a member of the Lilly of the Valley Church until her death.

Sister Virgie was very sick and was confined to a wheelchair for a long time, but still loved to come to church when she was able.

She loved her children and those who came to see her and loved everyone else too.

I would love to say to Sister Virgie's children, the Bible says in John 3:16 that God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish but have everlasting life.

So children as you read this obituary we feel that God has opened that beautiful mansion to her and her toils and burdens of this life are ended. For her soul is at rest beneath the altar of the Lord. Children and loved ones left behind think in your sorrows what your lot be? Will you be able to go to the beautiful place where we feel she is at rest, and often spoken of?

Written by Brother in Christ
Bro. Danny Newsome

ALVIN BOLEN

My words are inadequate to express the sorrow in my heart, yet trusting that my strength holds true, I to the best of my ability will attempt to write the obituary of my father, Alvin Bolen.

Born August 23, 1911, to the late George Washington and Della Bolen of Bolyn, Kentucky. Alvin, a veteran of WWII with the U.S. Army, served his country with courage and honor.

Alvin has been ill with cancer since January 1984. He bore the treatments with courage, knowing his strength would aid his family. During his fight for life, he found his Savior through many friends and should be in his place with the blessed angels above. Alvin welcomed friends into his heart and into his home, always with a tender smile.

His prayers were answered on the evening of January 25, 1985, when his suffering ended. We, the family, his wife, Ruthie; his daughters, Ann and Connie; his sons, Clonas, Jonas, Burt, Ken and John; his sisters, Naomi, Viola, Nancy Ann (deceased), and Creola; his brothers, Galvin (deceased), and William Wrice; along with his many friends, greatly mourn the loss of Alvin. We all have many treasured memories to share when necessary. We have only lost him for a time, for we will all meet again one day. If we have Jesus, and Alvin is with Jesus, then he is never far away. This should be a great comfort to all of us.

May God bless the many friends who have been so kind to Alvin and the family during his illness and since his departure. God will surely reward all of you.

Written by his son, Kenneth Bolen



KELLY BOYD

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

Daddy was born Jan. 17, 1917 to Lizzie and Andy Boyd of Dana, Kentucky, making his stay here on earth 68 years. Daddy was married to mother, Lola Jarrell on July 25, 1933. Born unto them were four children. A son preceded him in death. Three daughters, Neola Litteral of Ashland, Ky., Alva Hamby of Hilliard, Ohio and Ella Mae Deerfield of Rush, Ky. Surviving are one sister, Dina Smiley of Johannesburg, Mich., 10 grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren, numerous neices and nephews and a host of friends who all loved daddy and miss him so very much. Daddy gave his heart to God Aug. 26, 1979, and was baptized into Little Angel Church, which he loved dearly and wanted to go back just one more time. He went to



church as long as he was able to go. He loved for the brothers and sisters to come and see him while he was so sick and in Mt. Carmel Hospital. They always prayed when daddy would ask them to. We all loved daddy but Jesus loved him more.

The death angel came for daddy May 1, 1985 at 9:30 a.m. Daddy had suffered so much for three years. He had heart surgery and never did get well again. His suffering is over now. God needed another rose for his garden. Daddy 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.

We hold dear the memories of daddy who loved us and prayed for us. His life was a light to all of us. If daddy could speak, I have no doubt he would say to Mother and us children "Come and see me in my new home." I had a dream of daddy. He told me, Sis, don't worry about me, I'm living in a mansion in heaven. In closing, we would like to thank Brother Forest Osborne and Brother Urice Burke, who so faithfully stood beside us and all the many prayers they prayed for dad. I'd like to say there is but one door into daddy's new home. Jesus said "I am the door, by me if any man enter in he shall be saved." Lets all prepare to meet daddy so we can have a family reunion in Heaven. Mother has the Lord to lean on in her lonely hours since daddy's gone. We could have him too!

Written by a broken hearted daughter,
Ella Mae Deerfield

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 daddy
In death, we love you still.



OBITUARY OF BILL BRANHAM

With the help of the good Lord, I will try to write the obituary of my most precious Dad. Dad was born to Jack and Sarah Branham, August 10, 1897, making his stay on earth 87 years, 1 month and 1 day. Dad first married Malvy Pack who preceded him in death. To this union was born 2 sons. He later married Dolly Case Branham and to this union was born 10 children - 3 baby daughters preceded Dad in death. Left to mourn his loss is Mom, who Dad cared and treasured for, for 57 years, six sons and 3 daughters - Elzie Branham of Largo, Indiana; Johnny Branham of Dinwiddy, Virginia; Carlos Branham of Willard, Ohio; Malcom and Donald of Plymouth, Ohio; Ronnie Branham of Mansfield, Ohio; Arcolas Goble and Hazel Chaffins of Willard, Ohio; and Addie Langley of Henderson, Kentucky. Dad has 6 brothers who all preceded him in death

except for 1 - Ross Branham of Paintsville, Kentucky. Dad was blessed to have 29 grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren. Dad joined the Old Regular Baptist Church about 55 years ago. He was ordained as a deacon at the Little Dove Church in Honaker, Kentucky the 4th Saturday in June, 1935. He brought his letter to the Little Rebecca Church when he came to this part of the country to live 25 years ago. Dad was a faithful member and filled his seat as long as he could and even sometimes when he was not able. I feel the church will miss him greatly. Dad loved the old time way - he loved order in the church and he stood firm on what he felt and believed was the old time way and would keep order in the church. He hated to see new things come in that would change that.



I was blessed for the past 3 months to have Dad in my home with the help of my sister Arcolas and a daughter-in-law to Dad, Gracie, who was so precious to him - he loved her like his own daughter.

I have many precious memories of Dad - I will miss Dad calling for me, but there is going to be a call in that morning when the trumpet sounds that dad and I will answer together. I feel and believe that we'll board that cloud and go home together.

To the children, grandchildren, the great-grandchildren and friends - you can see Dad again if you want to but first you must lay down the sinful things of this world, repent and be born again - then you will be made a fit subject for Heaven. I feel our loss is Heaven's gain.

Written by his daughter and Sister in the Lord,
Hazel Chaffins.



FLORENCE BREEDING

Florence Breeding was born July 3rd 1905 and departed this life October 3rd 1984, making her stay here on earth 79 years and 3 months. She was the daughter of William Hale and Bell Mullins Hale who preceeded her in death. She had three brothers and two sisters also to preceed her in death.

Left to mourn her loss are one son, Robert Breeding of Hamilton, Ohio, two daughters, Wilma Jean Begley and Marguerite Breeding of Middletown, Ohio, five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. Three brothers, Herman Hale of Mt. Olivett, Ky., Lawrence Hale her twin of Waynesburg, Ky., and Little Hale of Jamestown, Ohio, and a whole host of other relatives and friends. She also leaves a lot of brothers and sisters in the Lord to mourn her loss.

Sister Florence taught school several years in Ky., but in later years she moved to Ohio to be with her children. She joined the House of Prayer Church of Old Regular Baptist in July 1977 and was a faithful member and an inspiration to all of us brothers and sisters. In the last few weeks she lived, she would say to Elder Melvin Watts and Ellis Amburgey that she wanted them to preach her funeral and sing *Precious Memories*. We do believe that our loss is heaven's gain.

Written by the family and Ellis Amburgey

DRAXIE CAUSEY

With a sad heart but fond memories, I will try to write an obituary of my dear mother, Draxie Causey. She was born March 28, 1907, in Pike Co., Kentucky and died December 3, 1981, at the Ross Co. Medical Hospital in Chillicothe, Ohio.

She was the daughter of the late Nelson and Margaret Jane (Riley) Robinson. She was married to Henry Causey who is deceased. Mommy joined The Old Regular Baptist Church in 1950 at Greasy Creek, Kentucky, and was baptised by Willie Kendrick and Lawrence Adkins on September 2, 1951. She had her membership there.

Dad went to church with Mommy until his death on November 30, 1964. I took care of Mommy the last 4½ years. I always took her to church and to see the sick people she wanted to see.

Clifford and his wife and Brandon lived nearby and helped all they could. Brandon was so good to come and sit with Mommy when I had to go somewhere. Thelma stayed and helped all she could.

Vonnie and I was with Mommy when the Lord came and took her home. She always gave us children good advice and told us to be good to one another.

Mommy leaves four daughters and six sons: Geneva C. at home, Zella Kitzpatrick of Columbus, Ohio, Thelma Mullins of Ashland, Kentucky, Clifford, Howard, and Franklin all of Ray, Ohio, Farley of Jackson, Ohio, Millard of Columbus, Ohio, and Noah of Chillicothe, Ohio. She also leaves 32 grandchildren, 21 great grandchildren, and one sister, Maxine Hess. Deceased are an infant daughter, Hermey, and Vonnie Yates who died September 6, 1984.

Mommy enjoyed her brothers and sisters from church who came to visit her. Especially Ivory Sowards who would sing and pray with her.



Memories are treasures that no one can steal.

Death is a heartache that no one can heal.

Tears may dry and fade away,

But in our hearts you will always stay.

Written by a lonely daughter,
Geneva

MALLIE COLLINS

With the help of God, I will try to write the obituary of a dear sister in the Lord.

Sister Mallie Collins was the daughter of Monroe Amburgey and Dicie Collins Amburgey. Born March 28, 1905 and died July 7, 1985, making her stay here on earth 80 years.

In early life she met and married J.R. Collins, who passed away in 1965. To this union were born 10 children, 5 boys all living in Inidana and 5 girls all of Arkansas. The boys names are Ulyssus, Willard, Buford, Eleck, and Ralph. The girls are Christine Ward, Marlene Moore, Edna Wilson, Jeanette Evans, and Sharon McEntire. She also leaves 29 grandchildren, 31 great-grandchildren, 4 brothers Hamon, Willy, Lester, and Monroe, and 2 sisters Verdie and Cindy. To mourn her passing also The Little Children's Home Church that she loved so well, and friends who loved her.



Late in life she saw the need of a Savior and repented of her sins on the 12th day of Sept. 1976. She gave me her hand at the Little Family Church and told how she had prayed and how she felt God heard her prayers and forgave her. I baptized her at The Children's Home Church Sept. 19, 1976 and she took her membership at The Children's Home Church and remained there until death.

I love this Amburgey family. I have baptized 4 of them and preached 3 funerals in this family.

The Little Children's Home Church has lost a good sister, the children a loving mother, the grandchildren and great-grandchildren have lost mamaw who loved them so much. She had that bad disease cancer. I made several trips to Arkansas to see her and have church for her. She loved the old time way so much.

She had told me two times she wanted me and Bro. Buford Brock to preach her funeral. We fulfilled her request. I feel I will meet this sweet sister in a better land some day.

I want to say a few words to her children, if you ever want to see mother again, you must repent and be born again, make Mother's God your God. So may God Bless you all to turn to Him before it is too late.

God Bless you all are my prayers,
Written by Elder Roy Caudill

PEARL FULLER

With sad and lonely hearts, we write the obituary of a dear loved one, Pearl Fuller.

He was born to Samuel and Larcena Fuller on Dec. 18, 1912 at Fisty, Kentucky, and died June 1, 1985 at his home in Rome City, Indiana, making his stay here on earth, 72 years, 6 months, and 13 days.

On Oct. 28, 1933 in Hazard, Kentucky, he married Edna Owens, who survives. To this union was born 13 children, 7 daughters, Dora Mullins, Albion, Indiana, Edith Coney, Ligonier, Indiana, Jannette Lucas, Hazard, Kentucky, Christene Maxwell, Aanhien, California, Betty Bolen, Vedra Kreider, and Linda Caywood all of Wolcottville, Indiana. Five sons survive; Leander and Sammy, both of Rome City, Indiana, Willie and Raymond, both of Wolcottville, Indiana and Otis of Burr Oak, Michigan. One son preceded him in death, at an infant age. His father, mother, one sister and one brother also preceded him in death. Other survivors are 36 grandchildren and two brothers; Willie of Fisty, Kentucky and Alvin of LaGrange, Indiana. He also left a host of brothers and sisters in that blood washed army.



He was a retired coal miner, and a wonderful husband and father. He joined the Clear Creek Old Regular Baptist Church, at Fisty, Kentucky, in 1963, where he was a faithful member, until moving out of the state hindered him from attending.

He moved to Indiana in 1976, so he could be closer to his family. His fellowship was placed in the Little Flossie Regular Baptist Church, at Lisbon, Indiana, on August 2, 1980 and he became a deacon in November 1980.

There are many things that we could write, but everyone who knew him, knows the kind of life that he tried to live. he loved the old church so well, and tried to lead his family and friends in the right direction.

We all miss him so very much, but we feel that our loss is heaven's gain.

Written by his lonely wife, and children.

JESSIE ELLEN GRAHAM

Jessie Ellen Graham was born July 27, 1897 and deceased this life May 15, 1985 making her stay on earth 87 years, 9 months and 18 days. She was the daughter of John B. Clayton and Rosetta (Hughes) Moore. She was preceded in death by her husband, Hobart who died in April 1980, and two sons and one daughter. Survivors are three daughters, Oretha Gatliff and Peggy Ann Hilty of Medway, Ohio, Thelma Wellman of Louisa, Ky. Four sons - Walter of Fairborn, Ohio - Claude, Billy and Mack all of Beavercreek, Ohio. One sister, Garnet Keller of Akron, Ohio - 19 grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren.

Sister Jessie saw the need for a change in her life at an early age, which was approximately 16 years old. She belonged to the Old Baptist Church for over 70 years. She belonged to the House of Prayer Church at the time of her passing. I

have had several wonderful talks with Sister Jessie and they certainly made my heart feel good. She has been a great inspiration to me as she always wanted to talk about the goodness of God. The last few years of her life, she was troubled a lot and talked a lot about why her children wouldn't turn to the Lord. I believe I have lost a wonderful friend and neighbor. I believe the House of Prayer Church has lost a wonderful sister. I believe her children have lost a wonderful mother. Then we do believe that our loss is heaven's gain.



Written by Elder Ellis Amburgey and the family

SARAH JANE HALL

With much sadness and a broken heart, I will try to write an obituary of my dear departed mother, Sarah Jane Hall. Mom was born January 5, 1909 to Cleveland and Mary Adams Holbrook and passed away July 24, 1984 making her stay here on earth 75 years, 6 months and 19 days.

In the year of 1925 she met and married Bill Hall and to this union were born 12 children, five sons and seven daughters, two sons preceded her in death, Estill and Cleveland, leaving to mourn her loss her husband Bill, seven daughters, Estie Williams, Ruth Belford, Jean Seiter, and Ethel Kincaid all of Marion, Ohio, Mona Lisa Knight, of Alexandria, Virginia, Joan Welch of Murray, Utah, Mary Ann Romeo of Ashland, Kentucky. Three sons of Marion, Ohio, Lloyd, Bill Jr. and Evin.



She also leaves 30 grandchildren, 20 great grandchildren and 2 great-great grandchildren. She also leaves three brothers: Curtis Holbrook of Jonancy, Kentucky, Bill Holbrook of Pikeville, Kentucky, Grover Holbrook of Lincoln Park, Michigan. Three sisters: Cora Pobanz of Florida, Bertha Holbrook of Virginia and Delcie Taylor of Waynesburg, Kentucky. her mother and father, one brother Carl and three sisters Cindy Caudill, Lear Hall and Virgie Osborne all preceded her in death.

Mom joined the Old Regular Baptist Rebecca Church on August 12th, 1952 at Hall, Kentucky and was baptized by Elder Eppie Holbrook. Mom was a faithful member to fill her seat in church until she moved to Marion, Ohio and then wasn't able to go back as often as she wanted to, but went to church here in Ohio as long as she was able to go. She loved the old time ways and would shout all over the church house. The last few years of her life Mom became very sick but she bore her pain and suffered well, for she had hopes of a better home when she left this old troubled world. While she was in the hospital a few days before she passed away, we had a real conversation together and she said in case she slipped away from us children she wanted us not to worry about her for she had a better home to go to. I told her we wouldn't worry over where she was going but we would miss her so much. She also told all of her children at the hospital on a day when she was feeling real bad that those ones that weren't ready to go home with Jesus for them to get ready and come Home to heaven where was going to. So we all believe with all our hearts that Mom has gone home to heaven where she will never suffer anymore. I thank God that Mom had such a good talk with us telling where she was going. We love and miss her very much but we know that God loved her more.

Written by a broken-hearted daughter and son
Ethen Kincaid and Evin Hall

JOSEPH B. HALL

With a sad and aching heart, and with the help of our Lord, I will try to write this obituary of my cousin and best friend, Joesph Hall.

On August 4, 1910 a son was born to Harlan and Josephine Hall in Knot County, Kentucky. The Lord took him away from us on April 16, 1985. Making his stay here 74 years. He had two brothers and a sister which preceded him in death. A brother, his whereabouts are unknown. An uncle, Elder Jerry Hall, residing in Drift, Kentucky.

Cousin Joe resided at the home of Conley and Loraine (Hall) Daniels for 36 years, where he helped rear their three children, Wanda, Vicki, and Lynn. We always had him around to help us grow up. He's been my baby sitter for over 29 years. He always called me his baby.

Cousin Joe was baptised the third Sunday in March, 1946. He was baptised by Elder Jerry Hall Sr. and Elder Mac McCloud. Joe was an Elder of the Old Regular Baptist Church. His membership was at Lilly of the Valley Church in Geneva, Ohio.

The Lord took him away from our home, now it's sad and empty. Cousin Joe, there isn't a day that goes by that I don't think of you, and miss you so much. I know you're happy there sitting near our Lord, and watching over me. We miss you so.

Written by his cousin,
Vicki Daniels



THE OBITUARY OF LEONARD HALL

By the request of the family with sadness in my heart I will try to write an obituary of my beloved brother Leonard Hall, born at Etty, Pike County, Ky. on April 5, 1915 and departed this life on August 12, 1984, making his stay on earth 69 years 4 months and 7 days. He was the son of the late James Ellis and Judy Bentley Hall.

In early life August 12, 1935, he was married to Arizona Mullins, unto this union was born 6 children. Little Mary and Martha preceded him in death. Leonard and Arizona had been married 49 years on the day he died. He leaves to mourn his loss other than his wife, one son Walter Hall of Circleville, Ohio, three daughters, Juanita Tackett of River Rouge, Mich., Sylvia Turnmire of Wyandotte, Mich., and Barbara Kleinow of River Rouge, Mich., 12 grandchildren, 3 step grandchildren, 4 great grandchildren, 1 brother Milford Hall of Myra, Ky., 1 sister Draxie Tackett of Thurman, Ohio, and a host of fiends and relatives survives.



He spent his working years 22 years as a coal miner before going to the steel industry at Great Lakes Steel in the Detroit area where he worked 24 years. He retired in 1978. He was a member of the United Steel Workers Local 1299.

He had a heart attack 2 weeks before he passed away. My heart was broken that Sunday afternoon when I got the news that Brother Leonard had passed away at the Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit at 9:15 a.m.

He loved this old Baptist family, many times at church I would notice the tears in his eyes when our Brothers and Sisters were singing them sweet songs, Amazing Grace, I Can't Feel At Home In This World Any More and Just One Rose Will Do. Some of our beloved Elders talked with Brother Leonard few days before he died and he told them, he was going to a better home in the land of happiness where no suffering will ever come with sweet Jesus. Our mother died when he was 8 years old, one day we were standing by our mother's grave and he would say if our mother had lived we would have been happy.

Well Arizona your home is lonesome without Brother Leonard, May God Bless you and the children, you loved him and the children loved him very much. Children at his Funeral at The Little Ida Church, I remember how much your hearts were broken, knowing that you would never hear his sweet voice here on earth again, if any of you have not made peace with God, don't wait too late, time is drifting by, to see your daddy again, Jesus is the only way to that Kingdom of Happiness where no dying ever comes.

Brother Leonard was laid to rest in the Oak Ridge Cemetery at Flat Rock, Mich. Our hearts were broken knowing his loving voice and happy smiles will never greet us in this world any more. He has gone home to die no more.

Written by a Brother in hope of Eternal Life,
Milford Hall, Myra, Ky.

RITA MAE HAMPTON

Rita Mae Hampton, following an extended illness, Rita 63, died at 8:09 p.m., Wednesday, March 27, 1985. Born in Pikeville, Kentucky June 19, 1921. She lived in Marion, OH 24 years. In 1940 in Pike County, Kentucky, she married Cecil who died July 12, 1984.

Surviving are four sons, Landon, Pikeville, KY, James, Marion, OH, Gomer and Mike of Wyandot; two daughters, Christine Chapman, Marion, OH, and Geraldine Cellar, Caledonia; five brothers, Arnold and Joe Tackett of Virgie, KY, Frank Tackett, Huntington, IN, Eugene Tackett, Detroit, MI, Maryland Tackett of Chicago, IL; five sisters, Edith Johnson and Tilda Tackett, both of Virgie, KY, Delcie Pack, Kermit, WV, Arizona Bryant, Clarksville, OH, and Nettie Belt, Marion, OH; fourteen grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Her parents and two sisters are deceased.



Another Pilgrim is gone, another Mother that has been a good servant here on this earth. God has called another member away from the Family of Love Church which will be very much missed, but I feel our loss is Heaven's gain.

Sister Rita loved the old church, she labored with her hands taking care of the Brothers and Sisters, that would visit the church, preparing food to sustain the natural needs, showing them love and making them welcome.

With Sister Rita, the Lord and the Church came first in her life, she often told how she had prayed for several years for the Lord to send an Old Regular Baptist Church around Marion, OH. The Lord granted her request.

She came in the arm to organize the Family of Love Church, she loved order in the church, she loved peace in the church, she knew without order you can't have peace.

Sister Rita was a light to the world, there was a sign that went with her, outwardly. it was modest apparel, that said, I am not ashamed of the Old Regular Baptist, inwardly, she showed love, joy, and peace she had with the Lord.

Besides the spiritual love she had for the church she also had a great natural love for her family. After Brother Cecil passed away, anyone could see she was never satisfied here on earth. She only had to live without him eight months, now I feel they're together again.

Children, if you're not ready to meet mom, don't wait too late to start praying, how sad it would be for you when mom comes out of the grave, rejoicing, going to her new home, and you can't go with her. The Lord has so much more to offer than the world could possibly have. When it's too late how willing you would be then to pray. If you gain the whole world and lose your soul, there's nothing you'd give in exchange.

Written by Elder Buddy and Sister Carlene Carty

What Is A Mother?

A mother is someone who's always around,
Someone who listens you've found.
A mother let's you shed the tears
she gives you her shoulder through the years.
A mother tells you of the Life above
Someone who gives you all of her love.
We love you mom, you were our guiding light,
Thank you for making our world so bright.



IDA HICKS

Ida, 88 died at 8:45 a.m. Thursday, May 23, 1985, in Lima Memorial Hospital. She was born October 5, 1886, in Knott County, Ky. to George and Tildy (Angles) Hicks. She married Tim Hicks on August 24, 1914 and he died June 28, 1980. Surviving are a son Lewis of McGuffey, two daughters, Shirley Wells of Dayton and Roxie Keens of Wayland, Ky., 34 grandchildren, 65 great-grandchildren, 15 great-great grandchildren, a brother Rex of Handshou, Ky., and a sister, Mrs. Charles (Exxie) Vanderpool of Handshou, Ky. A son, Rush, three daughters, Cory Hicks, Nora Ramey, and Delcie Cox, two grandchildren, three great-grandchildren, seven brothers, and five sisters are deceased. She was a house wife, and a member of Mount Zion Church. Ida joined the Old Regular Baptist Church at Mousie, Ky., August 17, 1974. She was baptized by Rev. Elliott Coburn and Rev. Earl Howard.



Written by her son,
Lewis Hicks

THELMA HOLBROOK

"Weeping may endure for a night but joy cometh in the morning." Psalm 30:5. This is the promise we are claiming as we grieve for our loved one. Thelma Holbrook was born on February 21, 1911 to Saul and Emma Stevens Wilson in Greenup County, Kentucky. After she grew up, she met and married Owen Brown. They settled in Carter County and to this union was born one son and two daughters. Owen preceded her in death in 1939. Later, she married Edward Holbrook, who also had two daughters. God helped them put together a happy family which became ver close-knit and loving. They endured the usual childhood illnesses, growing pains, and hardships that were a part of the times . . . and still found much to be thankful for . . . the good times more than compensated for the few discomforts they experienced.



Mom left us on March 31, 1985. She was 74 years of age and we never missed a chance to tell her how beautiful her peaches and cream complexion still was after all those years. She died of a massive coronary at Bellefonte Hospital after being hospitalized for treatment of high blood sugar. Even in her last hours, true to form, she was concerned about the well being of others. She worried about her family being overtired and about the nurses caring for her around the clock . . . she was a truly kind and gentle person.

She had a genuine love for God and her church. For more than 50 years she was a member of the Church of Macedonia at Grahn, Kentucky. She looked forward to each meeting time and thoroughly enjoyed being with all her church friends. She especially looked forward to planning and preparing delicious meals so that those who came from far away would not have to return home before eating. These times of fellowship were very special to her.

Mom's passing has left an emptiness in our hearts . . . one that only you who have experienced it can know and relate to. But we know that God had a special plan for her life. We wouldn't have wanted her to linger and suffer a long time. Her prayer had always been that God would take her quickly when her time came. We thank God for honoring that request and we thank Him for the promise that we will see her in Heaven one day. How wonderful to know that we do have life in the hereafter, eternal life!! We know, too, that in time God will heal the hurt . . . He tells us so in Psalm 30:5. "Weeping may endure for a night but joy cometh in the morning."

Her Loving Family

JAMES GARFIELD HOPSON

It is with a sad and aching heart that I will try to write an obituary of my dear beloved husband, Garfield Hopson. He was born Feb. 14, 1906, he departed this life Oct. 25, 1984, making his stay here on earth 78 years & 9 months. He was the son of the late Noah & Ruthie Hopson, born in Wise co., VA. He was 8 months old when his mother passed on, and he was in his early twenties when his dad passed on. Also 4 sisters preceded him in death, Ellen Mullins, Lizzie Adkins, Pricie Rowe, & Mary Hopson and 4 brothers, Dee Hopson, Lit Hopson, Dewey Hopson & Johnny Hopson and 1 half brother, Cleophes Hopson.

At the age of 22 he married Myrtle M. Gibson and to this union was born 1 daughter, Noble Hopson, Campbell, residing at Pontiac, MI, she gave him 4 grandchildren & 14 great grandchildren.

He had 1 step daughter, that preceded him in death, Rosie Marie Bartley (Hester) Kiser, Belcher. She gave him 10 step grandchildren, 18 step great grandchildren and 2 step great-great grandchildren. He leaves to mourn his loss, his wife Myrtle Hopson and lonely daughter Noble and her husband Leo Campbell, plus his grandchildren, great grandchildren, 1 sister, Neneveh Woodall of Dayton, OH and 3 half sisters and 1 half brother of Bristol, VA.

We joined the Old Regular Baptist Church Oct. 4th, 1947 and was baptised by Brother Jake Gibson at the Sweet Home Church, at Elkhorn City, Ky. He was a faithful servant and Minister of the Lord for 38 years. he performed our daughters second marriage vows to Leo Campbell, and a few years later he had the pleasure of baptising them into the Old Regular Baptist Church at Little Zion of Romeo, MI, with tears of joy, he said that was a fulfillment for him. Also, to mourn his loss is a great host of brothers and sisters in the church, plus many, many friends and relatives, as he was loved by everyone that knew him.

He was a hard working man and was so good to his family. He loved to go to church more than anything else and filled his seat as long as he was able. he had to retire early from his job, because he was a very sick man, but he bore his sickness with patience and humor. He had black lung, heart trouble, ulcers and God only knows the rest, the doctors said they couldn't treat one disease for going against the other. When he got disable to go to church, I would call and have the brethren to come and have church at our home for him, and he would get so happy and try to help sing. He loved to hear good singing. He would call for his two grandsons, Vaughn and Johnny to help him sit up in bed and he would say I want Noble & Leo to come and sing for me, and he would try to help us sing. I would sing for him at night and in the morning, he would say the songs you are singing is so sweet to me, I love to hear you sing.



I sure hated to give him up, he was so dear to me, but the good Lord said you have suffered enough, now come on home my dear and faithful servant to the beautiful home that I have prepared for you, where you won't have to suffer no more heartaches, or pain, it will all be peace, love and happiness forevermore.

After he became bedfast, he would look at me and reach up to the ceiling and say, honey this is not my home, I am ready to go home, are you ready to go with me, and I would tell him yes, honey I am ready to go when the Lord calls for me. He would hold my hand and kiss me, I miss him so much, my home on earth is so lonesome since my loved one went away, but by God's great mercy I will meet him some sweet day. I believe he just fell asleep in the arms of Sweet Jesus.

Written by Wife, Myrtle Hopson
& Daughter, Noble Campbell



THE OBITUARY OF PEARL HUNT

With a heavy heart we will try with the help of the Good Lord to write an obituary of our dear wife and mother, Pearl Hunt, whom we've had the pleasure of having for 64 years, 11 months and 5 days.

Mom, who left us on March 12, 1985, was born on April 5, 1920 to John and the late Margaret Hamilton Tackett in Craynor, Kentucky where she met and married Edgar Hunt on October 14, 1936. To this union was born 8 children, two of which have preceded her in death. She is survived by her husband Edgar Hunt, four sons and two daughters in Marion County. The children's names are: Ralph Hunt, John Ed Hunt, Tommy Hunt, Windell Hunt, Mrs. Leo (Margaret) Gilliam, and Mrs. Malcom (Sue) McCloud. Seven brothers and one sister: Kenis Tackett of Michigan; Charlie Tackett, Emmitt Tackett, Willie Tackett, and Mrs. Robert (Nan) Newman all of Floyd County Kentucky. There are 17 grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren with a host of relatives and friends.



Mom was a member of The Family of Love Church in Wyandot. She was baptized and became a member on July 22, 1978.

Mom was a loving wife and mother, a kind and thoughtful neighbor to everyone. We all loved her so much and she shall never be forgotten. She would always call each day to check and make sure we were all okay. When we would come in she would always want to fix us something to eat even though sometimes her health was not up to par. She loved doing things for her family and friends.

We miss mom so much, but we know she is with our Heavenly Father in a land where there's no more sorrow, sickness or pain but a grand and glorious place. United again with her mother, that she missed so much and her two children, Lola and Randall, that went on before her.

These have been hard and sad days since mom has been gone, but with Our Lord's help he has given us strength and peace through this Storm of Life.

Mom's memorial will be preached on the 4th Saturday and Sunday of August, 1986 at The Family of Love Church, Wyandot, Ohio. Preachers will be Bro. Buddy Carty, Bro. James Branham, Bro. Hershel Huff.

Written from our hearts,
Her loving family



CHARLES EDWARD NEWSOME

It is very heart breaking as I sit here trying to write the obituary of my dad. Dad passed away one year ago today.

Charles Edward Newsome was born June 7, 1928. One of the sons of the late Lawrence and Zetta Hall Newsome. He is survived by his wife, two sons, Charles Ray and Steve Dwayne Newsome, and two daughters, Dorothy Ann Little and Glenna Johnson. He is also survived by eight grandchildren.

With the help of God I will try to keep writing. I miss him so much. We had so many wonderful talks about God.

The last week I went home and stayed with him. He was so sick. One of the last things he told me, that morning before I left, was, "Dot, daddy is all right, don't worry about me. Just pray for me. Come meeting time at the Old Joppa Church I will be joining." Daddy passed away on Wednesday, but his funeral was held at the Joppa Church on their meeting time.

Thank God for it all. Dad was liked and loved by all who knew him.

I would like to say to mom, Ray, Steve, and Glenna, "If you want to see dad again, please keep praying and be born again!"

I believe that I will meet dad again.



Written by his loving daughter
Sister Dorothy Little

MARY TACKETT NEWSOME

It is with much sadness and aching heart but fond memories we attempt with the Lord to write an obituary of our beloved mother and grandmother. Born Mary Tackett April 19, 1903, she died Sept. 9, 1983. She was the daughter of George and Inis McCowan Tackett. She was married to William Newsome and unto this union was born 17 children of which 3 died in infancy.

Left to mourn her loss are six sons, Ralph Newsome, Estill Newsome, both of McDonald, Ky., Earl Newsome of Allen, Ky., Edward Newsome, Willard, Oh., Elder Chester Newsome and William Jr., of Ashtabula, Oh. Eight daughters were left to mourn and they are, Mildred Stiles, Bessie Hill and Maxie Weems, all of Ashtabula, Oh., Marie Tuttle and Sylvia Tuttle, Willard, Oh., Drofie Myers of Hampton, Va., Marcel Miller of Newport News, Va., and Hazel Jones, McDowell, Ky. Four brothers, Roy and Azzie Tackett, both of McDonald, Ky., Ezra Tackett, Ashtabula, Oh., and Troy Tackett, El Paso, Tx., also remains. One sister, Dora Hamilton of Shiloh, Oh., also remains. 69 grandchildren and a host of friends and neighbors also grieve over her loss.



Her husband preceded her in death in the year 1954. After Papa's death, Mom remained a faithful and obedient wife. She became mother and father to her children of which 7 were left for her to raise by herself with little pension from the government and to help she tended gardens. The gardens helped to provide food for the table. her table was always set full and a stranger was always welcome. You could see and feel the love she had for her children and grandchildren, she loved them dearly and in return they loved her.

It was so hard to give Mom up, it broke all our hearts. For the past few years she was afflicted many times and was in and out of the hospital on several occasions. But her faith remained strong in the Lord and realizing that her time on earth was drawing near she hated to leave her family, but she cast her eyes toward heaven. She longed to join her husband and our beloved Savior.

Her body was laid to rest on the mountain of the Greenbury Hall Cemetery overlooking the valley where her and her husband spent the best days of their lives together. Her children went to school beneath the cemetery and across the field was the old home place. Now the schoolhouse has been torn down and house burnt down several years ago. Mom's life was left vacant but in our hearts you will always remain. Mountains and ruins separated us in life and in death they will too. But when God speaks to the North country, give up to the South, hold not back bring my children from afar, we will aboard the cloud to enter that rest where Jesus went to prepare for the rest of the children of God.

We want to express our gratefulness to the members of the Little Rosa church at McDowell, Ky. The church where her funeral was conducted and where she attended and loved dearly was this church. We want to say to the children that does not know the Lord in the repentance in remission of sin, now is the time to seek salvation. Remember, tomorrow may never come. We feel our loss is heaven's gain.

Written by her daughter and grandson,
Sister Sylvia Tuttle
Elder Birbage Howell Jr.
Members of the Little Rebecca Church
Plymouth, Ohio



LILLIE MORRIS

It is with a sad and lonely heart that I will try to write the obituary of my dear aunt and Sister-in-Christ, Lillie Morris. She was born August 22, 1927 at Jenkins, Kentucky. She deceased this life October 16, 1984 making her stay here on earth, 57 years, one month, and 24 days. She was the daughter of Henry and Eura Wright Stewart.

She leaves to mourn her loss, her husband Joe Morris of McArthur, OH. To this union was born four sons, Steven and Douglas of McArthur, OH and Mickey of Dundas, OH. One son, Danny Joe preceded her in death. She also leaves her father and step-mother, Henry and Pansy Stewart of McArthur, OH. She leaves 14 grandchildren and one great grandchild. She leaves one brother, Bob Stewart of Taylor, Mich., and one sister, Della Hamilton of Jenkins, KY. One sister, Bertie Mullins and her mother Eura Stewart, preceded her in death.



She gave her heart to Jesus and joined Maggie's Home Church in April, 1974. She was a faithful member and filled her seat whenever possible. The Lord would bless her to shout and praise His name and she would go all over the building slapping her hands. It seemed like she couldn't praise the Lord enough, and seems like He would give her a double portion and her cup would run over with love for HIM.

She took sick in July with that dreaded disease of cancer and bore her heavy cross until October. She asked me to stay with her all I could. I tried with the help of the Lord to fulfill her wish. She would talk to me in the hospital through the night. She told me how she wanted her funeral and who she wanted to preach. She said she dreaded the sting of death, but there was nothing in her way and she was going home to be with Jesus, where she would never have to suffer anymore. She got so weak but she would try and raise her arms and slap her hands together to Praise the Lord. She would say to me, "Look at those pretty white angels flying around my bed and see that pretty green grass and clear water running beside of it." I believe those angels picked her up and carried her across that clear stream and took her home to

rest. I sat by her bedside and held her hand until she died.

I know she would want me to tell her sons to remember what she told you and to beg God for forgiveness. If you ever want to see Mom again, this is what you will have to do because I believe she left a light shining for you boys to follow. I am so thankful she had our Savior with her and He let her see the beautiful things she saw before she died. I had a dream after she died. I dreamed I saw her, my grandmother and my mother, all dressed in long white robes and they were reaching out their arms to me and told me to come on home that they were waiting for me. I believe with all my heart they are waiting for me there. Maggie's Home has lost a good member and there is a spot there that can never be filled.

Written by her neice,
Sister Lenoris Baker

The sad and lonely time came
I knew you would soon be gone,
You held my hand and smiled at me
As the angels carried you home.

We didn't know the pain you had
But I heard your final sigh,
I knew when you smiled at me
That it was a last goodbye.

I know God saw you getting weary
He did what he thought best,
He put his arms around you
Then took you home to rest.

A treasure was added to Heaven that night
When the death angels called you home in flight.
The stars you left will shine like pure gold
The walks of your life, you have already told.

I can see you in Heaven with a long white robe
With a crown on your head of love and pure gold.
You counceled your sons as God told you to do
And walked the straight path, boys,
that you must walk too.

OBITUARY OF WILLIE (BILL) MULLINS

Psalms 116: 5&8

Gracious is the Lord, and righteous,
yea God is merciful. For thou hast
delivered my soul from death, mine eyes
from tears, and my feet from falling.

Through God's mercy, and by request
of the Mullins' family, we will attempt to
write an obituary of our dear Brother in
Christ.

Brother Bill, as all called him, was
born in Myra, Kentucky, Pike County, on
February 20, 1932 to the late Wilburn and
Della (Belcher) Mullins. One of 9 children,
3 sisters and one brother, mother and
father preceded him in death.

Brother Bill passed this life on
October 28, 1984, after a long illness of
cancer, at the Mt. Carmel Hospital,
Detroit, Michigan, making his stay on
God's footstool 52 years, 8 months, and 8
days.

On July 1, 1957, Brother Bill met and married Vonda Harris. To this union God
granted 5 children, also 8 children by a previous marriage. Pamela Cumper, Ecorse,
Michigan, Charles Mullins, at home, Georgette Gondnocky, Ecorse, Michigan,
Peggy Gondnocky, Della Mullins, Bennie Mullins, Mary Jane Mullins, James Allen
Mullins, David Russell Mullins, Dale Wilburn Mullins, Willie James Mullins, Kathey
Gelles, Phoenix, Arizona, William Darrell Masten, deceased. Also a host of brothers
and sisters to mourn their loss.

In May of 1950, Brother Bill and his family came to Ecorse, Michigan to work at
Great Lakes Steel Corporation. He was retired due to illness after 32 years service
at this corporation.

In 1983, Brother Bill saw his need of a Savior to fill his needs, and on August 10,
he and Sister Vonda were baptized at the Little Ida Church where he remained an
active member until the time of his death.

He had recently moved back to Kentucky to the love of the mountains but
health and desire to be among his kindred and church returned him here. Brother
Bill was a sincere, kind father and Christian brother in Christ, always filling his seat
and a smile for all, when health permitted. He loved to see the church members
come to his home and sing and pray with them when he was so sick. At the end of
his life though he begged God to relieve him of all life's problems and pain. We feel
God took him by the hand that late hour on October 28 and let him view the
beauties God had promised a faithful servant. His labors were not in vain in this life.

A voice has been stilled here, but Brother Bill is in a far better land than we
could ever imagine. Asleep in the Lord, his soul delivered awaiting the final
redemption.

To Sister Vonda, we are sure your days will be empty, but when you both took
that step August 10, 1983 to serve God and a Christian life together, you have a
promise of eternal life together beyond all tears and heartaches of life.



To his dear children and family and friends. Daddy did the very thing God wants us all to do. Confess Him before the world, put your light on a candlestick, then you will see him again over on Canaan's shore, a beautiful land God prepared for us all. Let Daddy's God be your God and the circle will not be broken.

Your unworthy servants,
Brother Ralph and Sister Leona Caudill



ROMA PRATER

Nearing the dawn of a new day in early spring, as the lovely shrubs and flowers had layed dormant through the long winter months, began to blossom and bloom. Bringing beauty to the sweet earth, all created by our Heavenly Father. Tired and worried from her long tedious journey of traveling here, on her way to Canaan land. A lovely devoted mother to wit: Roma Prater, gathered her robe around her, placed her hand in the hands of the good shepherd and was quietly and peaceful led through the valley and over the river into the land of eternal rest. Mom was born April 11, 1915 at Rockhouse, Ky. (Pike Co.) She came to the end of her earthly journey Saturday Morning May 4, 1985 at the Pikeville Methodist Hospital. God blessed mom to live upon his good earth 70 years, and 23 days. Bringing joy and happiness to those she met here on life's pathway. The daughter of the late John Epp and Roxie Epling Rowe.



On December 22, 1932 she taken by the hand a young man to wit Willie Ray Prater. To him she was a true, faithful and devoted wife. They shared life's heartaches, troubles and disappointments, along with it's pleasures, joys and happiness for over 45 years, when daddy was called away on December 25, 1977.

God trusted into the hands of this fair young lady 4 little girls and 3 little boys, who will miss the advice and counsel of a precious mother. The following daughters are Melster, Mrs. Hillard Newsome, Mary Ruth, Mrs. William Skinner both of Louisville, Ky. and Maxie, Mrs. Chester Adkins of Greasy Creek. Gone on to welcome her home was a little girl Myrtle Marie and a baby boy Johnny Webb. Left to miss the love of a gentle grandmother is eleven grandchildren and nine great grandchildren. Who always love to visit and receive her motherly love. Five sisters remain, they are Thelma, Jettie, Kelsie, Carrie and Virgie. Three brothers, Dave, Dell and Sterling. Lilly and Odus preceded her in death.

This our beloved mother enjoyed life to it's fullest in her neat little house in the head of Greasy Creek, where her door was always open to one and all, who wished to stop by. Like Hannah of old, she trusted in God by faith to lead her in her

everyday life. Like Mary and Martha gentle and humble. Like Ruth as she gleaned in the field, searching for food, that gives strength to the inward man, in these trouble times. We are made to believe by the quiet peaceful life that she lived, that she had drank from the fountain of life and received the living water. Her counsel and advice was always good for us to live by, and will always be a light to us in the dark days ahead. Mom loved to baste her soul and worship her God in the assembly of the different Old Regular Baptist Churches in the surrounding communities of Pike County. On the second Sunday in April 1985 she gave her hand to Elder Hiram Adkins, giving a reason of her hope and desiring to become a member of the blessed old church. She desired to have her fellowship at the Elizabeth Church, Fordsbranch, Ky. She expressed to me a few weeks ago of her desire to be baptized, saying she was not satisfied. Mom let her light shine for many years and proved to the world that she was different. The changing fashions, society and the ways of the world never worried her. Her cross was heavy here but we feel her crown will be bright in the resurrection morning.

Mom was sick for about four months, spending her last days in the home of her daughter Maxie. Gentle and patient as her children cared for her. Making her comfortable and keeping her clean, as she waited for the good master to come and take her home. She told Melster on Monday of last week, that she was tired and wished Jesus would come and take her home. Melster says "Mom be patient he knows when to come and take us home."

Mom always wanted us to love and be good to each other and strive to meet her in heaven. Let's try to pattern our lives like she lived. We feel she is happy with dad now, she led him about here for so many years, now they can walk down the streets of gold, daddy with his new eyes and mom with her new arms and legs. Love one another and always remember we are so rich, because she was our mother.

Written by sons, Miles and Milford

Assisted by her son-in-law Elder Hillard Newsome



JEFF D. SCOTT

With out hearts filled with much sadness and sorrow, we will try to write an obituary of our young son. Only the good Lord above knows how we loved and miss him.

Jeff was born 5-8-67 and passed away at home 2-17-85. The son of Paul and Shelby Scott, sister Lisa, brothers Ritchie and Greg, sister-in-laws Becky and Leila, nephew Derrick, grandpa Alex Prater who he loved, girlfriend Beth Dies, he also loved Uncle Dallas and Aunt Wilma who did all that could to help us with him. They also got him whatever he wanted. Many more aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends who did all they could for him.

Jeff had cancer for 15 months. He went just as long as he could, he drove his little car to school until his little body got so weak he had to give it up. He would try to hide his pain from us. He never wanted



us to worry about him. He was the most patient, courageous little boy I ever saw. He had to have help. No young boy could have went through what he did alone like he did, and in his last days he would tell us he prayed all the time. The Lord must have saw he had suffered enough and he said come on home son. Where never again you will have any more pain, no more needles, no more medicine that would leave you so sick. You couldn't eat for days. We saw him go from a healthy 169 pound football player to his daddy carrying him to the bathroom, and I fed him the last bite he ate. How many ways can a heart break, how many tears can you cry, I cry until you would think that there were no more tears, but there are always more tomorrow. Oh how we would have loved to have kept him longer. We loved him so, but the Lord must have loved him more. As I held him in my arms he layed his sweet head on my shoulder and he went to sleep so peacefully. If it is the Lord's will we hope to see him again some sweet day.

The family of Jeff Scott



CELIA LITTLE SMITH

It is with many precious memories we write this obituary of our Dear Wife and Mother, CELIA LITTLE SMITH. She was the daughter of the late John Little and Sarah Jane Branham Little. Mom was born August 3, 1907, and departed this life June 15, 1983, making her stay on earth 75 years, 10 months and 12 days. She had ten sisters and brothers, all preceded her in death.

She was the mother of 11 children. By a previous marriage to the late Troy Mullins was born four children: James E. Mullins of McArthur, Ohio; Alta Bartley of Bowling Fork, Ky.; Creta Senters of Longacre, W. Va.; and Janelle who died as a small child. On June 28, 1932, she married Earlie Smith who worked and provided for her children as though they were his own. In this union there were 8 children: Corena Spriggs of Daphne, Alabama; Audrey Smith Mullins of Xenia, Ohio; Patty Ramey of Galipolis, Ohio; Blanche Harrah of Summersville, W. Va.; Janie L. Smith of Fairborn, Ohio; Jerry W. Smith of Xenia, Ohio; Roger L. Smith of Washington, Pa.; and Gregory W. Smith of Xenia, Ohio; Roger L. Smith of Washington, Pa.; and Gregory W. Smith of Xenia, Ohio. She also left 24 grandchildren, and 1 great-great grandchild.

Mom always loved to see her grandchildren come, they all loved her and were so good to her. She was loved by her sons-in-law and daughters-in-law because she was always good to them, and also her sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law. She left many good friends and sisters and brothers in the church who we feel miss her very much.

Mom joined the Old Regular Baptist Church the first Sunday in April, 1968, and had her membership with the Pine Grove Church at Lookout, Ky. She loved to go to



church and went every time she could until she suffered a broken leg and then later a stroke which left her partially paralyzed in her right side. Though she had hopes of being able to go to church again, she never got to.

Even though she was sick a long time, Mom remained jolly and thankful to God for her life and her family. During her extended illness Dad faithfully nursed and cared for her except for the few months she spent in the convalescent center for therapy. Dad's tender love and excellent care prolonged her life many months according to her doctor's statement.

About two years before she died Mom said, "When I die I don't want my children to look down at me and cry. I want them to look up toward Heaven for that is where I will be."

We children love and miss Mom, but of course Dad misses her most of all and prays for God to call him home to join her in Heaven.

Mom lived a good life before us and set a good example for us. If we will all follow in her footsteps, we can join her some day. she left us an easy task. She only asked that we keep loving each other and for each of us to strive to keep our family close, as we have always been, and not drift apart — and meet her in Heaven.

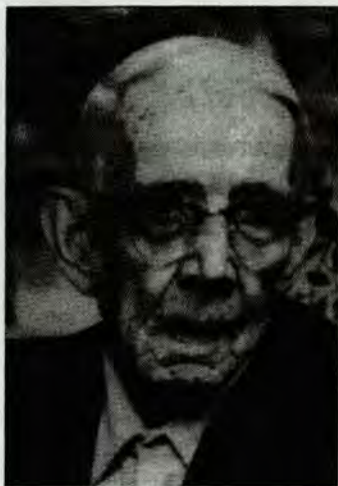
Written by her broken-hearted family.



ED STEPHENS

It's with much sadness that we try to write an obituary of our beloved father, Ed Stephens, Bruse Rd., Lima, Ohio, who has gone to Heaven. He was born March 27, 1893 in Grunup, Ky. the son of Saloman Green and Martha Hale Stephens. He was united in marriage to Leatha Howard December 18, 1916. To this union was born 11 children. She departed this life July 17, 1961. One son preceded her in death. Ed departed this life April 29, 1985. Surviving are 10 children, 48 grandchildren, and 59 great grandchildren. He was a member of the Mt. Zion Old Regular Baptist Church of McGuffey, and a Deacon for several years until he was unable to be active in the church.

He joined and was baptized April 1, 1951. He was a faithful member, fulfilling all his christian duties as health permitted. He kept his faith and never faltered. His life was his testimony for all to see. Although his body weakened, his spirit and faith grew stronger. he has gone to a better home where there will be no more pain and sorrow and never to be lonely again. Where he has eternal rest and happiness. We'll meet our Dad and Mother over there.



The family of Ed Stephens.

FREEL TACKETT

By request of the family I will try to write the obituary of Bro. Freel Tackett. Bro. Freel was born on January 18, 1915 to Sheridan and Sarah Tackett, departed this life and entered his eternal rest November 15, 1984.

On January 18, 1934 Bro. Freel was joined in Holy Wedlock to Caroline Tackett, who stood by him faithfully and being a loving wife for 50 years. God blessed this union with one child Ruth Tackett.

Bro. Freel leaves behind in this troublesome world to mourn his loss, his loving wife Caroline, his daughter Ruth, one granddaughter Tonda Huddleston, two great grandchildren Jeff Tackett and Vanessa Hall. Bro. Freel also leaves his mother Sarah Tackett, eight brothers: Garrett of McCloud, Oklahoma, Lee, Joe, Earl, Walker of Kendallville, Ind., Charley of Lancaster, Ky., Jay of Phoenix, Ariz., Robert Bruce of Springfield, Ohio also two sisters Sola Williams of Printer, Ky., and Gertie Bolen of Kendallville, Ind. His father Sheridan and one brother Johnny and one sister Ruthie Hunter preceded him in death.



Late in Brother Freel's life he realized something was missing in his life. He came to see that he was lost and had no hope in this world without God. Bro. Freel became as old King Hezekiah, he turned his face to the wall and like a crane did he chatter and like a dove did he mourn. He was a Jacob as he wrestled with the angel and would not let go until he blessed him.

When the peace of God fluttered his soul he became a new creature and you could see the change all over him. Bro. Freel desired to put his light on a candlestick and came forth and was baptized the third Sunday in July of 1979 and was a member of the Morning Star Church until his death.

Bro. Freel was a blazing light in the old Church, he left a witness that will live in our hearts forever. Bro. Freel always would say "I love everybody." He never ate a bite of food without he would bow his head and thank God.

The Bible says the angel of the Lord encampeth around about them that fear the Lord and delivereth them. In his last days Bro. Freel suffered with cancer, but never ceased to praise his Saviour. But November 15 about the hour of 9:00 in the evening the angel of the Lord came and delivered him out of all his afflictions and carried him across the river into his happy home.

In closing I must say Bro. Freel piled up some stones along the way and to his friends and loved ones that do not know God in a pardon and remission of sin, if you ever see Bro. Freel again you must be born again.

Our loss truly is Heaven's gain.

Written by,
Bro. Danny Adams

God granted a stone for our garden
With precious array it did shine
With love and affection it flourished
The only one of its kind.

In this stone a new name was written
And cherished from all who could see
It gave light to those standing in darkness
And shined like an angel to me.

God **called** the new name he had given
To shine in his heavenly home,
To enhance his beautiful garden
And brighten his beautiful throne.

The **rays** are now shining from heaven
The **love** he has left here below
To be bundled and carefully treasured
And tied with a ribbon of **gold**.



OBITUARY OF DELLIE (THACKER) TUCKER

With the help of the good Lord, we will try to write an obituary of a wonderful mother, Dellie (Thacker) Tucker. Born February 9, 1900, passed from this earth June 8, 1985. Making her stay here in this life 85 years and 4 months.

As a young woman, she was married to Roy Tucker. To this union was born 10 children. Her husband Roy and two children, Delbert Tucker and Elvie Tucker preceded her in death. She leaves behind two sons and six daughters, Frank Tucker of Huntington, Ind., Jessie Tucker of Millard, Ky., Mrs. David (Rosetta) Bentley, Miss Essie Coleman, Mrs. Bill (Marcella) Casebolt of Redcreek Pikeville, Ky., Mrs. Arthur (Bessie) Elkins of Justiceville, Ky., Mrs. Eugene (Betty) Anderson, and Mrs. David (Linda) Slone of Lorain, Ohio; twenty-one grandchildren and twenty-five

great grandchildren. Two living sisters, Virgie Thacker and Meda Elkins, also two living brothers, Calvin Thacker and Joe Thacker, and a host of friends.

The good Lord Blessed Dellie with a long life here on earth, but no doubt, she lived a hard and lonely life after losing her husband, having small children to raise, but the children said they never heard her complain. Her husband, Elder Roy Tucker was a Minister of the Old Regular Baptist Church at Cole Creek. Dellie attended Church more while her husband was living, she never joined any Church, but I believe she was a Christian woman. I never as much hear her say anything about anyone, as long as I have been in the family.



Children I know you knew your mother more than I did, but Jesus knew her better than anyone. All the things we might be able to write concerning the life she lived wouldn't change a thing. The life she lived around her children and friends who knew her, prove more than words could tell. So children my advice to all of you don't worry about Mother, be good to one another and live for Jesus. Mother can't come back to you, but you can go where I feel she is, those that die in the Lord. Where no death, sorrow, or pain shall ever come.

Written with help of children
and Elder David Slone



IN MEMORY OF MINNIE TUTTLE

Minnie was born March 2, 1919 to William and Minervia (Lewis) Tuttle in Knott County, Kentucky, and stepped over into what I believe is a most glorious land of pure delight on September 21, 1984.

Minnie has three (3) sisters; Mrs. Robert (Delorse) Prater, St. Marys, Ohio, with whom she made her home, Mrs. Emmitt (Virgie) Triplett, Mason, Ohio; Mrs. Linzy (Fannie) Mosley, Hindman, Kentucky, and two brothers, Dave Tuttle, Marion, Ohio and Carlie Tuttle, Kendalville, Indiana. She was preceded in death by her father and mother William and Minervia Tuttle, one sister, Ada Roberts and seven (7) brothers, Emmitt, Estil, Corbin, Jimmie, Rufus, Thomas C. and Rubin.

Minnie leaves us all with a longing to go to that country where we believe she will enter, because the way she lived her life proves to us that she surely must have fallen asleep in the Lord, and will rest a peaceful rest until the Lord will awaken her and say come up here, enter into this city that I have prepared for you.

So many good things can be said of her. She took care of her mother many years while she laid with a stroke and was so helpless. She has helped all of us at some time in our life, through sickness or some kind of trouble, she was there. She not only helped with her neices and nephews, but with many of her great neices and nephews. Memory will remind us, and always with kindness. We feel surely that her reward will be most glorious and her joy and rest will be eternal.

Minnie joined the church at the Little Allvie Church, North Judson, Indiana on August 24, 1969, and was baptized by Brother Patrick Deal and Brother Carlie Tuttle. She took her membership to the Mount Zion Church at McGuffy, Ohio and remained a faithful servant as much as health would permit. She is sadly missed by all who knew her.



Written by her neice and sister in the Lord
Sister Mary Triplett

LEATHA (PRESTON) VARNEY

One moment, in His presence will be worth all the trials and tribulations we experience in this life. Leatha Preston Varney was the daughter of R.B. and Telice Salyers Preston. The granddaughter of Elder L.T. Preston. She was married to James W. Varney by Elder Ester Hopkins. She was born Feb. 21st, 1906 and passed away Feb. 15th, 1985, making her stay upon this earth 78 years, 11 months and 25 days. She was buried in the Family Cemetery in Greenup, Kentucky.

She was a member of the Old Regular Baptist Church in Pike County, Kentucky, known as the Salem Church in the Sardis Association. She was baptized April 1949 by Elder Jonah Blevins. She and her husband, James were married Feb. 27th, 1926 and were blessed to have 10 children. God blessed them to have 21 grand children and 28 great grand children. Three children and one grand child preceded her in death. Leaving four sons, Rudolph, of Greensboro, N.C. Homer of Dingess, West Virginia, Jimmy of Columbus, Ohio and Ralph of Tampa, Florida. Three daughters, Betty Stone of New Albany, Ohio, Estelle Chancellor of Flint, Michigan, and Carol Mahon of Grafton, Ohio.

The brothers and sisters of Leatha Varney, Naomi Coalgrove, Lesta Maynard, Etta Hall, Juanita Lopresti, and Espie Preston.

Her cheerful disposition made her a blessing to all, who knew her. We would like to add this poem in memory of Mother.



Written by her husband and children

SAFELY HOME

I am home in Heaven, dear ones,
Oh so happy and bright
There is perfect joy and beauty,
In this everlasting light.

All the pain and grief are over,
Every restless tossing passed,
I am now at peace forever;
Safely home in heaven at last!

Did you wonder I so calmly,
Trode the valley of the shade?
Ah! but Jesus' love illumined
And he came himself to meet me,
In that way so hard to tread;

And with Jesus' arem to lean on;
Could I have one doubt to dread?

Then, you must not grieve so sorely,
For I love you dearly still,
Try to look beyond earth's shadows,
Pray to trust our Father's Will.

There is work still waiting for you,
So you must not idly stand;
Do it now, while time remaineth,
You shall rest in Jesus' land.

When that work is all completed
He will gently call you HOME:
Oh! the rapture of that meeting,
Oh, the JOY to see you come!



VICTORIA WHITE

With much sadness and a aching heart I will try to write an obituary of my mother.

Mother passed away at Gallipolis hospital February 13, 1984.

A Floyd County, Kentucky native residing in the Jackson area for the past 31 years, she was member of Old Regular Baptist Church.

Survivors include her husband, Johnas White, four sons, Clyde of Fremont, Edgar of Jackson, Matt of Leighton, Kentucky, and Reavis of Ecorse, Michigan, four daughters, Golda Road and Elanore Hall, both of Beaver, Myrtle Riley of Dade City Florida, and Margie Hall of Ecorse, two brothers Virgil Rogers of Amba, Kentucky, and Volly Rogers of Wooster, six sisters Olga Jessie, Elsie Moore, Ivalee Hamilton, and Gypsie Rogers, all of Wooster, Dixie Akers of Amba and Goldie Newsome of Craynor, Kentucky, 29 grandchildren, 19 great-grandchildren and a great-great grandchild.



Mother filled her seat as long as she was able to go to Church. Mother was so good to everybody. Mother belonged to the Old Regular Baptist 54 years.

She gave her children and grandchildren good counsel.

We all miss her so much and we hope some day to meet her

I know the family will never forget the respects of friends and the love of the brothers and sisters.

She loved Brother Anthony Hamilton, Brother Paris Tackett and Brother Sam Franks and Brother Milford Adams and Brother Ivory Sowards were privileged to go with us all the way to the grave.

Written by a son and daughter-in-law
Edgar and Lou Ella White

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 to one 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 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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