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OLD REGULAR
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JESUS CHRIST



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Letter of Condolence to Our Sister Associations

We, of the Northern New Salem Association, are saddened as we learn of the passing away of your brethren, sisters and friends. Being mindful that, as the Scripture saith, "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth; Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours."

We trust that because of their passing others may be drawn closer to the Lord.

Let us continue to pray for one another.

Elder Paris C. Tackitt
Elder Coeburn Wayne Turner

Dedication to the memory of the Late Elders Brothers and Sister of the Northern New Salem Association

By a move and second it was agreed to dedicate this the Twenty-Ninth Annual Session of the Northern New Salem Association to the memory of the last Elders Anthony Hamilton, Paul Adkins, Bill Collins, Elmer Adams, Russell Wilburn and Hillard Profit, and also the many Brother and Sisters.

Shall we always remember the happy days spent with them here, and live in hope of meeting them again in the glorious resurrection morning.

They belong to the ages. They left us deeds to guide our way.

Your servant,
Bro. Newsome, Clerk

Resolution

By move and second by the Philadelphia Association, I will try and write a Resolution to our Sister the Northern New Salem Association.

We, the Philadelphia Association, send our condolences and deepest sympathy to our Sister the Northern New Salem Association for any Brother or Sister that has passed from our midst since our last Association held in August of 1985.

May the Northern New Salem Association be comforted in knowing that your loss is Heavens gain. May God bless all of you is our prayer.

Your Humble Servant,
Elder Clifford Colley

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FRIDAY SESSION

As the clouds of rain prevented the sunshine to break through, a lite mist was falling around and about the Little Rebecca Church. The vegetation was welcoming the rain as the Brothers, Sisters and Friends welcomed each other with a smile, kind word and a handshake of love. So good to see each other and as they began to sing songs in praise to God of our Fathers, one soon forgot the long tedious journey of traveling here to attend this twenty-ninth annual session of the Northern New Salem Association.

Since our last gathering, a highly respectful minister and servant to wit Elder Bill Collins has been called home. Being chosen at our last session to be an alternate, and for some reason God has called him from our midst. Elder Buford Brock was called on to serve in his place. Bro. Brock gave some good warm and spiritual advice. Prayer by same.

Elder Ray Hamilton came forward to deliver the introductory sermon, with much fear he began to tell of God's mercy, asking all to let their desires be known unto the Lord, to get on the solid rock, that rock is Jesus.

The introductory sermon being delivered, Elder Roy Caudill, our beloved Moderator, invited those who were not delegates to remain at the pavillion where the preaching services would be held, and those who were delegates to assemble in the house where the 29th Annual Session of the Northern New Salem Association would begin.

The delegates being assembled in the house to conduct the business of this another session of the Northern New Salem Association, Elder Clifford Colley, Philadelphia Association, was called on to make remarks. Music to the ears of the listener, and food for our hungry souls as Elder Colley bean to tell of the beauties of this blessed old church. "I have raised you up and blessed you to sit in Heavenly places." He begged all to walk about Zion and to drink living water from her wells. Prayer by same.

Elder Roy Caudill, Moderator, came forward and announced that the 29th Annual Session of the Northern New Salem Association was now in working order.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 1, 1986

1. The Moderator called for the letters from the churches that compose the Northern New Salem Association to be handed into the Clerk, on motion by Elder Johnie Bentley, second by Elder Buford Brock, the letter from the Little Rebecca Church was read by the Clerk. A motion was made by Elder Milton Dye, second by Bro. John Mullins 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: Clifford Colley, Elwood Cornett, Walter Akers.
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.
Elder Stoney Blackburn, a member of the Pleasant View Church, was called on by the Moderator Elder Roy Caudill to make an acknowledgement to the association for having his hair curled. He asked for forgiveness and made the statement that he would not do it again.
3. On motion by Elder James Branham second by Elder Bart Potter, the Moderator was authorized to make all temporary appointments.
4. On motion by Elder Jr. Mosley, second by Elder Buford Brock, reading of Constitution, Rules of Decorum and Articles of Faith were omitted.
5. Called for legally organized churches of our same faith and order desiring to join our union and received none.
6. Called for Associations of our same faith and order desiring to continue a Godly correspondence and the following responded:
 - (a) **New Salem** — Represented by the following delegates: Forest D. Hall, C. B. Smith, James Waddles, Walter Akers, Offie Bartley, Cleatis Messer, Ronald McCarty, Abel Johnson, Jimmy Hall, Tom Waddles and Hiram Adkins. Russell Thornsberry, Johnny Thornsberry, Gene Mullins, Amos Slone, Roger Hicks, Carlos Akers and Woody Pack. Letter in the hands of Elder Walter Akers, a motion was made by Elder James Branham, second by Br. Henry Hobson 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: Frank Newsome, Clarence Bowersock, Gary Sanders, Rollin Hollins, Noble Mullins, Arvid Blevins, Herman West, Estill Hamilton, Ellis Amburgey, Gene Johnson, and Loyd Cable. Letter in the hands of Bro. Gary Sanders. A motion was made by Elder Bart Potter, second by Bro. Pete Hensley 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: Irvin Breeding, Fealden Ruggles, Jr., Lowell Adkins, Claude E. Coffee, Ira Adkins, Curtis Seagraves, Harlan Barney, Paul Morrison, Willis Tolliver, Walter Morrison, Kilby Deel, Clifford Colley, Glen Merritt, Jacob Seagraves, Jack Adkins, Homer Ruggles, and John Paul Clark. Letter in the hands of Bro. Walter Morrison. A motion was made by Elder Milton Dye, second by Elder Hendricks Hampton 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: Paul Vance, Hobert Hamilton, Paul Moore, Edwin Hay, Clyde Brown, Clayburn Varney and Delbert Kazee. Letter in the hands of Bro. Edwin Hay. A motion was made by Elder Okie Kent, seconded by Bro. John Mullins 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 Corbett, Morris Shepherd, Ivan Amburgey, Merle Smith, Glenn Hampton, Squire Watts, Otis Ritchie and Charles Craft. A motion was made by Elder Forest Osborne, second by Elder John Paul Hamilton to receive the letter and seat the delegates with us in council. They were given the right hand of fellowship.
 - (f) **Old Friendship** — Represented by the following delegate: George Baker, Jr. Justus, Howard Sliger, Danny Hurley, Lacy Justice, Gary Justice, Leon Lockhart, Gary Brown, Ray Blankenship and Phillip Estep. Letter in the hands of Lacy Justice. A motion was made by Elder Buford Brock, second by Bro. Leonard Robinson 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 Little Rebecca 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) Hobart Hamilton, Sardis; (2) George Baker, Old Friendship and; (3) Paul Vance, Sardis. Saturday morning - Elders: (1) Walter Akers, New Salem; (2) Bro. Edwin Hay, Sardis; (3) Clifford Colley, Philadelphia and; (4) Frank Newsome, Union.
 8. Called from transient ministers and members of our same faith and order and the following responded: Mike Slone, Robert Wallen, Joshua Hicks, Ray Hamilton, Hillard Newsome, C. W. Turner, Stoney Blackburn, Ralph Caudill,

Bill Dunbar, Conley Daniels, Doug McCarty, Covis Tackett, Baxter Osborne, Karrel Addington, Dempsey Deel, Paris Tackitt, Ron Scott, Solie Miller, Jr., Ellis Amburgey, Gene Johnson, Gary Vaughn, Darrell Parks and Claude Dixon.

9. A motion was made by Elder Buford Brock, second by Elder Charles Newsome 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) Except Indian Bottom, see item number 11 of Saturday's work, August 2nd, and (f) Old Friendship.
10. Appointed a committee to arrange the agenda for Saturday consisting of one delegate from each church together with the officers of the Northern New Salem Association and the officers and delegates from our corresponding associations. Committee to meet back at the house at 2 p.m. Friday evening.
 - (a) A motion was made by Elder Hendricks Hampton, second by Elder Johnie Bentley 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 Elders: (1) Hobart C. Hamilton, Sardis (2) George Baker, Old Friendship, (3) Paul Vance, Sardis.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 2, 1986

The delegates met pursuant to adjournment Friday evening at the house to continue the work of the Association. Arriving from distance far and near to be about their father's business were pilgrims both young and old, making their way to the Little Rebecca Church, for the purpose to worship the God of their salvation. Lifting their voices high in singing the glorious songs of Zion, after which Elder Herman West introduced the services and led in prayer. He admonished all, if Jesus was near all things would be O.K. Elder West is from the Union Association.

1. Called the roll of delegates and marked the absentees.
2. The Bill of Arrangements was read by the Clerk. Elder Johnie Bentley made a motion, second by Bro. Pete Hensley to receive the Bill of Arrangements and discharge the committee.
3. The Circular Letter written by Elder Sam Franks for our 1986 Session was read by him. A motion was made by Elder Saval Combs, second by Bro. Pete Hensley to receive the letter and have it printed in our 1986 minutes. By the same motion, Elder Danny Adams was chosen to write a Circular Letter, subject to approval in our 1987 session.

4. The finance committee appointed Friday. Item 2a consisting of Elders Hiram Adkins, Elwood Cornett and Bro. Lowell Adkins gave their report as follows:
 1986 Church contributions \$ 4,160.00
 1986 Picture contributions 536.75
 Other contributions 20.00
Total money recieved for 1986 \$ 4,716.75
 A motion was made by Elder Buford Brock, second by Elder Okie Kent 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

Total money on hand August 2, '85	\$ 1,409.72
1985 Church Contributions	3,825.00
1985 Picture Money	306.00
Other Contributions	<u>162.00</u>
Total money on hand Aug. 4, '85	\$ 5,702.72

1985 Expenses

Printer's fee	\$ 3,897.00
Secretary's fee	200.00
Rental for safe deposit box	31.00
Postage, U.P.S., freight	114.50
Ky. Sales tax	194.85
Traveling expense, Clerk and Asst. Clerk	<u>30.00</u>
Total expenses for 1985	\$ 4,467.35

Total money on hand Aug. 4, 1985	\$5,702.72
Less 1985 expenses of	<u>4,467.35</u>
	\$ 1,235.37

Plus interest on Savings Account of	<u>44.34</u>
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Balance August 1, 1986	\$ 1,279.71
Plus money received for 1986	<u>4,716.75</u>

Total money on hand Aug. 3, 1986	\$ 5,996.46
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6. A motion was made by Elder Milton Dye, second by Bro. Henry Hobson 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.
7. On motion by Elder Johnie Bentley, second by Elder Bart Potter to have obituaries of deceased members and friends of the Northern New Salem Association printed in the current minutes. They are to be typewritten and double spaced, a charge of \$12.00 for pictures was approved by the delegates.
8. The following ministers were chosen by the committee to preach Saturday evening and Sunday. Saturday evening, Elders: (1) Joshua Hicks, Northern New Salem; (2) Woody Pack, New Salem; (3) Estill Hamilton, Union; and (4) Roger Hicks, New Salem.
Sunday morning, Elders: (1) Arvid Blevins, Union; (2) Jimmy Hall, New Salem; (3) Jr. Ruggles, Philadelphia, and (4) Roy Caudill, Northern New Salem.
9. Elder Jr. Mosley made a motion, second by Elder Buddy W. Carty to omit having the Elders report the Union meetings and Associations attended for the year 1985 and 1986.
10. A motion was made by Elder Jr. Mosley, second by Elder Buford Brock 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: Ball Branch, Providence, Caney Fork, Hollybush, Bethel, Stone Coal, Ball Fork, Rebecca and Mt. Sterling. To be held at the Association Building, Minnie, Floyd County, Ky. beginning on Friday before the fourth Saturday in September 1986 and continuing the two following days. Delegates to attend: Sollie Miler, Jr., Paris Tackitt, Ballard Brown, John Mullins, Conley Daniels, Troy Beverly, Squire Hamilton, Hillard Newsome, C. W. Turner, Milton Dye, Ronnie Miller, Amos Williams, James Branham, Jay Mitchell, Darrell Parks, Henry Hobson, Charles Fields, Ray Hamilton, Floyd Stanley, Doug McCarty, and Lloyd Hall. Letter in the hands of Elder Milton Dye.
 - (b) **Union** — When convened with the following host churches: Hurricane, Caney Fork, Solid Rock, Lebanon, Indian Creek, Little Hope, Little Zion, Tivis Chapel and Little Sarah, Wise, Wise County, Va. Beginning on Friday before the third Saturday in September 1986 and continuing the two following days. Delegates to attend: Karrel Addington, Sollie Miller, Jr., Paris Tackitt, Marvin Hall, Baxter Osborne, Johnny Newsome, Bart Potter, Pete Hensley, Forest Osborne, Ronnie Miller and Charles Newsome. Letter in the hands of Bro. John Mullins.

- (c) **Philadelphia** — When convened with the Little Mary Church, at the Association Building, Melrose, Worthington, Ky. Beginning on Friday before the second Saturday in August 1986 and continuing the two following days. Delegates to attend: Paris Tackitt, Roy Caudill, Baxter Osborne, Johnny Newsome, Bart Potter, Troy Beverly, Squire Hamilton, Pete Hensley, Forest Osborne, Buford Brock, Jr. Mosley, C. W. Turner, Hillard Newsome, Virgil Wicker, Charles Fields, Buddy W. Carty, Okie Kent, Lloyd Hall, Gary Vaughn, John Jude, Mike Slone and Darrell Parks. Letter in the hands of Elder Paris Tackitt.
 - (d) **Sardis** — When convened with the Pilgrims Home Church, Varney, Pike County, Ky. Beginning on Friday before the second Saturday in September 1986 and continuing the two following days. Delegates to attend: Paris Tackitt, Baxter Osborne, Johnny Newsome, Bart Potter, Pete Hensley, Forest Osborne, Maynard Ratliff and John Jude. Letter in the hands of Bro. Pete Hensley.
 - (e) **Old Friendship**— When convened with the Mary Lou Church, Paynesville, W. Va. Beginning on Friday before the fourth Saturday in August 1986 and continuing the two following days. Delegates to attend: Paris Tackitt, Roy Caudill, John Newsome, Bart Potter, Maynard Ratliff, Buford Brock and Buddy W. Carty. Letter in the hands of Elder Roy Caudill.
11. A motion was made by Elder Jr. Mosley, second by Bro. Marvin Potter that we withhold our letter of correspondence to our sister the Indian Bottom Association for the following reasons, "For failure to labor properly with their sisters who continue to cut their hair after becoming members of the church, and for allowing their ministers to preach with ministers not of our Faith and Order. The above practices are in direct violation of the established order and principles of Old Regular Baptist faith and order."
Objection called for, Bro. John Mullins objected. Vote taken - 50 for the motion, 16 against. Motion carried.
 12. By a secret vote of the delegates present Elder Karrel Addington was chosen to preach the introductory sermon at our 1987 session and Elder Ellis Banks is to be his alternate.
 13. Elder C. W. Turner read the report of the committee appointed at our 1985 session, item fifteen of Saturdays work, to visit the Little Jewell Church to investigate the allegations, preventing granting them a letter of dismission as requested at our 1985 session. Elder Buford Brock made a motion, second by Elder Hendricks Hampton to accept the report and to discharge the committee.
 - (a) Bro. Pete Hensley made a motion, second by Elder Forest Osborne to grant the request from the Little Jewell Church request a letter of dismission to go to another Association of our same faith and order.

14. By request of the Family of Love Church the request from them, asking to have the Circuit Letter written by the later Elder R. B. Akers at our 1976 session reprinted in our current minutes was returned to them.
15. A motion was made by Elder Hendricks Hampton, second by Elder John Paul Hamilton to grant the requests from the Little Rebecca and Maggie's Home Churches to dedicate this session of the Northern New Salem Association to the memory of the late Elders: Bill Collins, Anthony Hamilton, Elmer Adams, Hillard Profit, Russell Wilburn, and Paul Adkins, and to the many Brothers and Sisters who have passed away since our last association.
 - (a) On motion by Bro. Pete Hensley, second by Elder Buford Brock we wish to send a letter of condolence to our sister associations who have lost loved ones since our 1985 session. Committee appointed by the Moderator to write letter of condolence. Elders Paris C. Tackitt and C. W. Turner.
16. Brother Roy Collins made a motion, second by Elder Buddy W. Carty that the 1987 session of the Northern New Salem Association be held with the Little Angel Church, Columbus, Ohio. To begin on Friday before the first Saturday in August 1987, and continuing the two following days.
17. Elder Buford Brock made a motion, second by Brother Marvin Potter, to omit the reading of the current minutes.
18. On motion by Brother Henry Hobson, second by Elder Milton Dye, the Association agreed to adjourn to the time and place mentioned in the sixteenth item of the current minutes.

In a very meek and humble spirit Elder Roger Hicks of the New Salem Association was blessed to give good advice and counsel, and to warm the hearts of God's believing children, brightening up their hopes of heaven sweet heaven. Realizing that our God was still mindful of us, by his many blessings and that we would soon take the parting hand caused one to whisper a silent prayer, "Holy Father go with us the many miles to our place of habitation. Keep us humble in your care and bless us to meet again at Little Angel, if not there, over home, where separation never comes and the weary shall be at rest." We were led to the throne of grace in prayer by Bro. Hicks that surely the Father took notice of.

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

I looked, I searched, I wondered and I pondered, but yet I could not find words to express to you the Little Rebecca Church, our sister churches, the community of Plymouth and surrounding villages, friends one and all, for the hospitality shown us during our gathering in the north land. Your doors opened wide on their hinges

of love, your table laden with food, delicious and good, and your faces wore smiles of love, causing one and all to feel as if they were at home.

How grateful I am for children like you. May the goodness of the Lord always be in your presence and his holy spirit guide and lead you on your journey home.

To our neighbors who resided in Campers Village, was so nice of you to park for a few days and to be one in our midst.

Your acts of kindness, good deeds, smiles and your helping hands will long be remembered.

May you roll on safely, enjoying the beauties of God's creation, but please stop by Little Angel next August, if it be God's will, where you can share with us your love and friendship.

Your humble servant,

Bro. Newsome, Clerk

SABBATH MORNING

August 3, 1986

In the quietness of early morning, while all was quiet and still one could hear the birds and insects making melody as if to say "thank you, Lord for this lovely sunny morning and the cool breeze which brings relief from hot days gone by." Assembling together for the final day of the 29th session of the Northern New Salem Association were the many ones of the Old Regular Baptist faith. Lifting their voices high in singing the inspiring songs of Zion, causing one to forget the many miles ahead we had to travel to our earthly homes here on our way to the promised land.

Brother Edwin Hay Sardis was called on to bring up the services for this Sabbath morning. He admonished all to stay on the old path, that it was needful that offenses come, but woe unto those who brings them. Prayer was offered by same.

Our second witness was Elder Jay Mitchell of the Northern New Salem, proclaiming that the inward man is born again and by that birth one is different from the world. The time that knows us here will know us no more.

Being our third witness, Elder Ellis Banks, Northern New Salem, was soon blessed to preach on the mercies of God. Advising the congregation, "Sow to yourself in rightness, that you may reap in mercy, plow up your fallow ground." Elder Banks preached that the laws of God will teach us how to live and conduct ourselves as a Christian should. Live our lives, so we can be a light to the world.

Elder Woody Pack, New Salem, with the good spirit that gladdens the hearts of God's childrer:, He declared to all that God gives us a commandment to keep,

and that is to keep yourself unspotted from the world; that repentance is required at the hands of all men. To know to do good and doeth it not is sin. He begged all to repent and live for Jesus.

Bringing to a close the services for the day was our beloved Moderator, Elder Roy Caudill. Reading from the book of 2nd Timothy, 2nd chapter, verses 1-4, with a meek spirit, he admonished the people how to live a quiet and meek life. If God has saved us, we don't have time to be out doing the things of the world.

Bowing low on bended knees, we were led in prayer by Elder Buddy W. Carty, thanking God for his many blessings and begging his care and keeping as we depart for our several places of abode. In hope of meeting again here, if not here, in Heaven where parting never comes and the weary shall be at rest.

Yours in hope,
Bro. Newsome, Clerk

Circular Letter

To the Brothers and Sisters of the Northern New Salem Association, Our corresponds and many friends. Being chosen to write a circular letter for our 1986 session for your inspection, I will try to do so by the help of God, for it is with weakness and great fear that I try to write.

Paul said in 11 Corinthians 3:5 "not that we are sufficient of ourselves but our sufficiency is of God." Who also hath made us able ministers of the New Testament not of the letter but of the spirit, for the letter killeth but the spirit giveth life. So you see, we cannot do these things within our self but we must have the spirit to guide us.

Paul said in 1 Corinthians 2: 1-2 "Brethern when I come to you I come not with excellency of speech or of wisdom declaring unto you the testimony of God, for I determined not to know anything among you save Jesus Christ and him crucified." For Jesus laid down his life for you and me that we may have a right to the tree of life.

We know that God will never change for he is the same today and always, for he changeth not. Times will change and men will change, but God's word will abound for ever.

We find many things today that were never heard of a few years ago. When I see the young people today I realize what a sheltered life I lived. I wasn't faced with the things that our children face today. Even our very young are not safe, some of our grade schools are full of drugs. Many young people are faced with problems they are not old enough to handle. The morals of today are not good.

Satan is on his job to deceive all he can. There seems to be no shame, things are done openly today that was a shame to talk about when I was a boy. I wasn't

raised by an Old Regular Baptist father and mother, but I thank God they were God fearing people and taught me the same.

We find written in Proverbs 22:6 train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old he will not depart from it. We know we cannot make Christians out of our children, but if we will teach them that God rules and super rules and to him we have to answer for all things, I believe we will bring them up in the fear of God. And this is what they will not depart from. For the fear of God is the beginning of wisdom and to depart from evil is understanding.

Young parents, don't be afraid to tell your children about the Lord and all his goodness. I have never forgotten the advice my father gave me when I was just a small boy. He told me I could do many things that he and my mother would not know about, but God knows every thing we do, he even knows our thoughts. I believe that advice kept me from doing many things that I would have had to pay for later.

James 4:17 said; "When we know to do good and do it not to us it becomes sin. And we will all, for sure, answer to God for what we do. We find Paul saying in 11 Corinthians 5:10, "for we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ that every one may receive things done in his body according to that he hath done whether it be good or bad."

We have men today telling our children of an easy way and that we don't have anything to do, but we find Isaiah 55:6-7 saying, seek ye the Lord while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near. Let the wicked forsake his way and the unrighteous man his thoughts, and let him return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy upon him and to our God for he will abundantly pardon.

I believe that repentance is required for all men and women and that God is no respect of person. Jesus told Nicodemus that you must be borned again. In 1 Peter 1:24 he said "being borned again not of a corruptible seed but of incorruptible by the word of God which liveth and abideth forever." 1 Peter 4:18 saying "If the righteous scarcely be saved where shall the ungodly and the sinners appear."

We find two places to hold the whole Adam generation, Heaven, a land of peace and joy, prepared for the children of God, and a lake that burns with fire and brim stone, a place of torment for the wicked and they are there forever and ever. Jesus said "I am the way the truth and the life, no man can come to the Father except by Me." He said "I am the door." John 10:1, "Verily, verily I say unto you he that entereth not by the door into the sheep fold, but climbeth up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber." So you see there is a way that seems right. You will find written in Proverbs 21:2, "Every way of a man is right in his own eyes, but the Lord pondereth the hearts." I believe there is great danger in people settling down on something short of the saving faith. For we are saved by grace through faith.

We find Jeremiah 6:16, "Saying thus saith the Lord, stand ye in the ways and see and ask for the old paths. Where is the good way. And walk there in and you shall find rest for your souls." But they said we will not walk therein. So you see men has always tried to find a way that would please them. I believe in standing on what sayeth the word of the Lord. And I believe the King James version of the Bible being the true written Word. And we do not need man to write other books, for this is where the doctrine of men comes from, and I believe this old time way

is not only safe to live by, but also safe to die by, for our Hope goes beyond this veil of tears. You will find in 1 Corinthians 15: 19-22, If in this life only we have hope in Christ we are of all men most miserable. But now is Christ risen from the dead and become the first fruits of them that sleep, for since by men came death, by men came also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive. So you see there is nothing greater than our Hope. If we have been regenerated from the dead state we are in because of sin and borned again into a lively Hope, that Hope being Christ, now seated on the right hand of the Father making intercession for us.

Brethern, before I close this letter I must tell of a light that will teach all men what they are by nature and what they must be by grace. For I believe in a travel from nature to grace. And this is what John wrote about. John 3: 19-20, And this is the condemnation that light is come into the world and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. For every one that doeth evil hateth the light neither cometh to the light lest their deeds should be reprov'd."

So my prayer is that men and women would take heed to the light until the day dawn and the day star arise in their hearts, which is Jesus who is the author and finisher of our faith.

So may the peace and the love of God be with this grand old Association. And I would like to thank you for the confidence you showed me. I count this a great honor. I feel the Lord lead my mind to write what I have written. So may God's everlasting Grace be with you always.

Written by your unworthy servant in Christ Our Lord,
Elder Sam Franks

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 thier 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 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 them at any time in the Association; to appropriate the money contributed by the Churches for the Association fund to any purpose they may think proper; to appoint any members, by their consent, to transact any business which they see necessary; and they shall have power to withdraw from any Church in the union which violates the rules of the Association or deviate from the orthodox principles of religion; and to admit any orderly Minister of our order to a seat with us. The Association shall have the right to adjourn themselves to any future time or place they may think most convenient to the Churches.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

ARTICLE 1. We believe in only one true and living God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, and these three are one, equal in power, essence and glory.
Isaiah 45:5, 1st Cor. 8:6, 1st John 5:7

ARTICLE 2. We believe in the scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the written words of God, and the only rules of Faith and practice.
2nd Peter, 1:21, 2nd Tim. 3:16

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

Acts 15:11, Titus 2:11

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

Gen. 3:6, Romans 5:12

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

ARTICLE 10. We believe that no minister has a right to administer the ordinances and commands of the gospel, except such as are regular baptised, and that by immersion by a legal administrator of the gospel, and has come under the hands of a regular chosen presbytery of the church and ordained thereby.

Acts 13:2-3, Romans 1:6, Titus 1:5-9

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

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

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

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

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

Acts 2:42, 1st John 1:3

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

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

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

John 3:16, Heb. 2:9

RULES OF DECORUM

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

UNION MEETINGS AND MINISTERS CALLED FOR THE YEAR 1987

APRIL

PLEASANT VIEW — First Saturday and Sunday in April. Roger Hicks, Jimmy Hall (McDowell), Covis Tackett, Grant Tackett, Moderator and Assistant Moderator.

HOUSE OF PRAYER — First Saturday and Sunday in April. Baxter Osborne, Woody Pack, Jeffery Dillon, Forest Osborne, Ivory Sowards, Jimmy Hall (Beaver).

ROSE OF SHARON — Second Saturday and Sunday in April. Fealden Ruggles, Jr., Clifford Colley, Windell Hamilton, James Branham, Woody Pack, Buddy Carty, Jimmy W. Hall

MAY

ANTIOCH — First Saturday and Sunday in May. Buddy Carty, Clifford Colley, Fealden Ruggles, Jr., Teddy Robinson, Hiram Adkins, Paris Tackett.

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

MAGGIE'S HOME — First Saturday and Sunday in May. Hiram Adkins, Sam Franks, David Slone, Squire Hamilton, Woody Pack, Teddy Robinson, Roger Hicks.

LITTLE MEMORY — Second Saturday and Sunday in May. Danny Adams, Stoney Blackburn, Buddy Carty, Ron Scott, and Moderator.

LITTLE ZION — Second Saturday and Sunday in May. Howard Coleman, Walter Akers, Danny Adams, Carson Wright, Arvid Blevins, Larry Newsome, Paul Yance.

LITTLE RUTH — Second Saturday and Sunday in May. Kenny Robinson, James Branham, Dilmer Williams, Teddy Robinson, Paris Tackitt, Mike Slone, Squire Hamilton.

MORNING STAR — Third Saturday and Sunday in May. Alex Collier, Danny Adams, Karrel Addington, Marvin Hall, Hillard Newsome.

LITTLE CHILDREN'S HOME — Third Saturday and Sunday in May. Bill Dunbar, Ron Scott, Doug McCarty, Johnny Bentley, Jimmie Hall, C. W. Turner.

LILY OF THE VALLEY — Third Saturday and Sunday in May. Birbage Howell, Jr., Johnny Newsome, Karrel Addington, Hargus Tuttle, Kenny Roberts, Estil Hamilton, Roy Caudill, Rush Stanley, Orvel Hamilton.

JUNE

LITTLE BETHEL — First Saturday and Sunday in June. Squire Hamilton, Dewey Sexton, Paris Tackitt, Able Johnson, Karrel Addington, Johnnie Newsome.

MT. ZION — First Saturday and Sunday in June. Johnnie Newsome, Hillard Newsome, Maynard Ratliff, H. N. Vanderpool, Morris Wicker, Karrel Addington, Buck Tuttle.

LITTLE FLOSSIE — First Saturday and Sunday in June. Doug McCarty, Don Gibson, Buddy Carty, Roy Caudill, Buford Brock, Karrel Addington, Larry D. Newsome, Mike Slone.

LITTLE FAMILY — Second Saturday and Sunday in June. Ralph Caudill, Ellis Banks, C. W. Turner, Birtchel Mosley, Jr., Sam Franks, Mike Slone.

LITTLE POLLY — Second Saturday and Sunday in June. Earl Lawson, James Branham, David Slone, Danny Carty, Elmer Edwards, Buddy Carty, Karrel Addington.

LITTLE PILGRIM'S HOME — Second Saturday and Sunday in June. Johnny Newsome, Kenny Robinson, Birbage Howell, Johnny Bentley, Orban May, Squire Hamilton, Karrel Addington.

LITTLE REBECCA — Third Saturday and Sunday in June. Danny Adams, Edwin Hay, Paris Tackett, Jimmy Hall, Karrel Addington, Clifford Colley, Hiram Adkins, Woody Pack.

LITTLE EDNA — Fourth Saturday and Sunday in June. Orban May, Frank Harvey, Covis Tackett, Karrel Addington, Johnny Newsome, Mike Slone.

MT. OLIVET — Fourth Saturday and Sunday in June. Larry Newsome, Squire Hamilton, Birbage Howell, Jr., Danny Carty, Robert Wallen, James Branham.

FAMILY OF LOVE — Fourth Saturday and Sunday in June. Woody Pack, Hillard Newsome, Birtchel Mosley, Jr., Ray Hamilton, Edwin Hay, Paris Tackett, Karrel Addington.

JULY

LITTLE FLOCK — Third Saturday and Sunday in July. Wendall Hamilton, Hiram Adkins, Fealden Roggles, Jr., Willis tolliver, Virgil Wicker, Rich Griffith, Roger Hicks, John Paul Hamilton.

LITTLE ANGEL — Fourth Saturday and Sunday in July. Danny Adams, Karrel Addington, Baxter Osborne, Woody Peck, Ray Hamilton, Bill Tackett, James Branham.

AUGUST

TRUE VINE — Third Saturday and Sunday in August. Orban May, Mike Slone, Alex Collier, Karrel Addington, Maynard Ratliff, Offie Bartley, Jessie Pack.

MEMORIAL MEETINGS

LITTLE REBECCA — Third Saturday and Sunday in August. Feladen Ruggles, Jr., Earl Lawson, Ralph Cadill, Mike Slone, Hershel Huff.

MAGGIE'S HOME -- First Saturday and Sunday in June.

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

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

LITTLE FLOCK — Third Saturday and Sunday in June. Ivory Sowards, Don Gibson, Roy Caudill, Hendricks Hampton, Mike Campbell, Ray Hamilton, Hobart Hamilton. The Marcum Memorial service is May 31, 1987 - Paris Tackitt, Ivory Sowards, Mike Campbell, Junior Ruggles, Russell Hicks, Okie Kent, Teddy Robinson.

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

LITTLE MEMORY — Second Saturday and Sunday in August. Jimmy Hall, Roy Caudill, Forest Osborne, Buford Brock, and Moderator.

LITTLE EDNA — Fourth Saturday and Sunday in August.

LITTLE IDA — First Saturday and Sunday in July. Buford Brock, Fealden Ruggles, Jr., Jerry Estep, Larry Newsome, Moderator and Assistant Moderator.

The Brother Henry Adams memorial service will be held at the Little Ida Church the odd weekend in August 1986. Brethren called: Arvid Blevins, Ralph Caudill, Jimmy W. Hall, Ray Hamilton, Frank Newsome, Bill Campbell, Paul McClanahan.

LITTLE FLOSSIE — First Saturday and Sunday in September of all deceased members.

LITTLE ZION — Second Saturday and Sunday in August. Clifford Maynard, Ronald Scott, Charles Newsome, Stoney Blackburn, Ellis Holbrook, J. C. Tackett, Monroe Jones.

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. Edgar Little, Charles Newsome, J. C. Tackett, Covis Tackett, Estil Hamilton, Ellis Amburgey.

PLEASANT VIEW — First Saturday and Sunday in June. Evan Hamilton, David Slone, Moderator and Assistant Moderator.

LITTLE FAMILY — Second Saturday and Sunday in October, 1986. Buddy W. Carty, Willis Tolliver, Hillard Newsome.

LITTLE ANGEL — Fourth Saturday and Sunday in March. Hillard Newsome, C. W. Turner, Buddy Carty, Hiram Adkins, Fealden Ruggles, Jr., Woodrow Dye.

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

ROSE OF SHARON — Second Saturday and Sunday in October. Danny Adams, Mike Campbell, Okie Kent, Bill Campbell, Johnny Newsome.

LILY OF THE VALLEY — Third Saturday and Sunday in July. All ordained ministers are welcome.

LITTLE CHILDREN'S HOME — Third Saturday and Sunday in September 1987. Larry Newsome, Hillard Newsome, Ralph Caudill, Billy Miller.

MORNING STAR — Third Saturday and Sunday in July. Jimmy W. Hall, Ross Wright, Ralph Caudill, Robert Haney, Birbage Howell, Jr.

LITTLE BETHEL — First Saturday and Sunday in September 1987. Birbage Howell, Jr.

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, Forest Osborne, Paul Vance, Ray Hamilton.

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

TRUE VINE — Third Saturday and Sunday in July. Orban May, Maynard Ratliff, Hobert Justice, Danny Hamilton.

(Clerk's Note: Where dates are not given on this year's report, dates from last year's minutes were used.)

CHURCH ADDRESSES AND MODERATORS

Church	Address	City, State	Moderator
Little Rebecca	Henry Road	Plymouth, Ohio	Buddy W. Carty
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	Joshua Hicks
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, 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	Monroe, Mich.	Ray Hamilton
Lily 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

1986 DELEGATES TO THE NORTHERN NEW SALEM ASSOCIATION

Little Rebecca	Roy Collins, Savel Combs, Jay Mitchel
Little Jewell	Marvin Hall, Don Pertusett, Clifford Hughes
Maggie's Home	John Mullins, Paul Ratliff, Harrison Runyan
Little Polly	Thomas N. Vanzandt, Andy Damron, James Poe
Mt. Zion	Raleigh Ousley, Rufus Slone, Elbert Hicks
Little Flock	Sam Franks, Okie Kent, Hank Forgey,
Little Ruth	Maynard Ratliff, Amos Williams, Adron Counts
Little Memory	Bill Ison, Has B. Short, Ronnie Miller
Little Edna	Hobart Justice, Elmer Edwards, Arnold Hamilton
Little Ida	Herman Belcher, Thurlow Barton, Billy Miller
Little Flossie	Birtchel Mosley, Jr., Morris Wicker, Larry Dixon
Little Zion	Clarence Owens, Ray Colman, Rick Ackers
Little Pilgrim's Home	Danny C. Hamilton, Hassel Case, Ernest E. Wallen
Mt. Olivet	Carl Ousley, Charles Newsome, Danny Adams
Pleasant View	Larry Newsome, Andy White, Hargis Tuttle
Little Family	Hendricks Hampton, Marvin Potter, Earnie Tuttle
Little Angel	Forest Osborne, Milton Dye, Ballard Brown
Antioch	Ellis Banks, Charles Fields, Melvin Adams
Rose of Sharon	John Paul Hamilton, Ernest Thornsby, Johnie Bentley
Lily of the Valley	Edgill Jones, J. R. Jent, Squire Hamilton
Little Children's Home	Buford Brock, Mike Hiatt, Henry Hobson
Morning Star	Delano Newsome, Morris Bryant, Don Little
Little Bethel	James Branham, Lester Hall, Ernest Owens
Family of Love	George Matthews, Donel Gibson, Buddy W. Carty
House of Prayer	Pete Hensley, Arthur Thompson, Troy Beverly
Macedonia	Ernest Middleton, George Moore, Arville Blevins
True Vine	Bart Potter, Leonard Robinson, Mack Adkins

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES

CHURCHES	RECEIVED BY BAPTISM	RECEIVED BY LETTER	RECOMMENDATION	RESTORED	DISMISSED BY LETTER	EXCLUDED	DECEASED	TOTAL MEMBERSHIP	MEETING TIME	CONTRIBUTIONS	COMMUNION TIME
Little Rebecca	3	2	0	0	3	1	4	70	3	200.00	July
Little Jewell	5	1	0	0	4	0	3	58	4	150.00	June
Maggie's Home	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	48	1	125.00	July
Little Polly	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	21	2	75.00	July
Mt. Zion	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	1	50.00	July
Little Flock	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	34	3	250.00	Aug.
Little Ruth	2	2	0	0	2	1	1	19	2	100.00	June
Little Memory	0	5	0	0	0	0	1	32	2	125.00	June
Little Edna	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	24	4	100.00	June
Little Ida	9	1	0	2	2	0	4	96	1	360.00	June
Little Flossie	4	2	0	0	0	0	1	31	1	150.00	July
Little Zion	2	1	0	0	11	0	1	43	2	150.00	June
Little Pilgrim's Home	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	26	2	90.00	July
Mt. Olivet	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	20	4	100.00	July
Pleasant View	1	2	0	0	2	3	0	85	1	300.00	May
Little Family	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	29	2	160.00	July
Little Angel	1	2	0	0	1	1	0	52	4	250.00	Aug.
Antioch	1	7	0	0	2	0	0	51	1	250.00	Oct.
Rose of Sharon	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	44	2	100.00	May
Lily of the Valley . . .	3	1	0	0	3	0	1	26	3	100.00	June
Little Children's Home	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	16	3	100.00	July
Morning Star	1	1	0	0	1	3	1	53	3	200.00	June
Little Bethel	0	2	0	0	4	0	1	22	1	100.00	July
Family of Love	1	0	0	0	1	1	2	36	4	125.00	July
House of Prayer	1	5	0	0	0	0	3	66	1	150.00	June
Macedonia	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	54	3	150.00	June
True Vine	0	4	0	0	0	0	1	20	3	100.00	Sept.

Church Contributions for 1986	\$ 4,160.00
Picture Contributions for 1986	536.75
Other Contributions	20.00

Grand Total 37 41 0 2 39 15 32 1,092 **\$ 4,716.75**

The total number in the 1985 Statistical Table should be 1,092. Sorry about the error.
Rev. Newsome-clerk

ORDAINED MINISTERS

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NONE

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Little Edna	Elmer Edwards	888 Cooper Foster Pk. Rd.	Amherst, Ohio 44001	(216) 988-5875
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Little Family	Coleman Fields	7946 Lowe Dr.	Franklin, Ohio 45005	(513) 746-8829
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OBITUARIES

ELMER ADAMS

With much sadness and a broken heart, I will try to write an obituary of my loving Father, Elmer Adams. Dad was born August 25, 1929 at Isom, Kentucky to Squire and Annie (Isom) Adams. Dad left this troubled world on June 11, 1986.

On December 21, 1950 he was joined in Holy Wedlock to Vivian Sparkman, whom he charished, loved and provided for, for better than 35 years. Unto this union was born one son, Danny Ray Adams.

Dad leaves behind to mourn his loss his loving wife Vivian, his son Danny, his daughter-in-law Ava and three grandchildren that he loved so dear Brian, Christin and little David. He also leaves two brothers Evan Adams of Detroit, Mich., R.B. Adams of Woodhaven, Mich., and two sisters Vada Caudill and Lydia Burkhead of Louisville, Kentucky.

Dad is preceeded in death by his mother and dad, and also three brothers Arnold, Hastle, and Aster and one sister Goldie Fuller.

Dad realized at some point in time that there was something missing in his life, and so he sought God for his mercy. Believing he had had a Divine experience of Grace he came forth and was baptized July 30, 1961 into the Old Regular Baptist Church where he found a family that he loved so very much. He was like little Ruth he wanted to go where they went and to dwell where they dwelt.

Dad was a quiet man, he was meek, he never desired to be considered great, he never sought to be in the chief seat, he just wanted to be an humble servant to all who needed him. When Dad felt the Lord called him to preach, he told me a dream he had that God took him to a great high mountain and into a great storehouse and told him to pick out the gift he wanted. Dad siad he searched until he found the smallest one and chose it. Dad, just remember that Jesus said that the least shall be the greatest. Dad's favorite scripture was Joshua 24:15, "choose you this day whom you will serve... but as for me and my house we will serve the Lord." No matter who went what way Dad went straight ahead.

Dad was stricken with cancer, but he bore it with the greatest of patience, he was always jolly and even when the cancer had destroyed his mortal body he still



wanted to go to church just to show who's side he was on. He fought a good fight, he finished his course, he kept the faith: henceforth there is a crown of Glory laid up for him.

In his dying hours as we sat by his side he told me and mom to go and get some rest. But soon he lost sight of us and began to call for his poppy and mommy, he raised his little feeble hand and waved and called for poppy to come and get him. Soon after that he gently crossed the river and left us behind.

Dad we miss you so very much but we'll see you in the morning of all mornings when we'll gather to separte no more.

Written by his son,
Brother Danny Adams

HENRY ADAMS

With pen in hand an aching heart, we will write the obituary of my beloved husband and Brother in the Lord, Henry Adams. Henry was born May 2, 1904 and departed this life on August 25, 1985. He was the son of John and Katie Hall Adams. Henry has two daughters, Marlene & Carlene, from a previous marriage. Henry later married Lorna Tackett. Unto this union was born one daughter, Lora Sue, who lived 12 days. God called her away to live with Him and His angels to wait and welcome her Daddy home. Oh, what a glorious meeting that must have been! And now they are waiting for me on Heaven's golden shore.

Henry began showing signs that he was thinking about the welfare of his soul when, on March 5, 1981, we had company over for dinner. Bro. Jimmy Hall sang and held prayer and rose to his feet preaching. With tears running down Henry's face, he ran into Bro. Jimmy's arms, shouting, "I want to join the church". He was baptized March 15, 1981 and came out of the water shouting, "Now I can go see my baby".

He took his letter to the Old Elkhorn Church and later, to be closer to his home, took it to the Old Union Church. When we moved to Michigan, he brought his



letter to the Little Ida Church, which he loved for many years.

Henry's memorial will be preached August 30 and 31, 1986, at the Little Ida Church where dinner will be served on Sunday. Henry always welcomed everyone with a warm and loving smile. I miss him so very much and my life is so lonely here without him. I am thankful to God I can go to him and dwell in that Heavenly home when this life is over.

So many long nights I sat by his bedside when he was so ill never closing my eyes. I would quietly pray for God not to take him from me. Many times, Henry would tell me how lucky he was to have me and that it gave him so much comfort just to know I was there.

Henry loved his family dearly. His last weeks upon this earth were happy ones. He'd patiently watch and wait for some of our grandchildren to come visit him. They'd always bring him something, and their reward would be a beautiful smile. Often he'd ask, "Where's that Tackett boy?", which is what he called our grandson, Comas Hall, who'd always come to give him a shave.

To all my grandchildren: you were so good and kind to Henry, and he loved you so very much. You all must repent and live for Jesus if you hope to ever see him again.

Henry leaves a broken-hearted wife, Lorna, two daughters, Marlene Bowman and Carlene Suam, two step-daughters, Glenda Hall and Cora Adkins, seven grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, seven step-grandchildren, and seven step-great-grandchildren.

He is also survived by one brother, Elder Milford Adams, half-brother, Frank, two half-sisters, Mary Hamilton and Martha Hall, all of Kentucky.

Henry was preceded in death by his parents, John and Katie Hall Adams, four brothers, Robert, William, Freddy, and John, and half-brother, Melvin.

Bro. Arvid Blevins wrote these next few lines about Henry: When I went to the hospital to visit Bro. Henry, it pleased him, and he always knew me. The last time I saw him alive was in the emergency room at Wyandotte General Hospital, the day before he went on to his eternal home. His doctor said to him, "Mr. Adams, your minister is here." He turned his head toward us, Sis. Glenda Hall and I, and gave one of the most beautiful smiles I have seen on anyone's face. Bro. Henry bore his sickness with the patience of Job and never complained.

I would like to say to his two daughters and grandchildren: if you ever want to see Henry again, you'll have to pray to the same God he did and with a broken heart and a contrite spirit and become sorry you sinned against God and look to Him and trust Him in everything you do. You will have to trust God with your very life if you want to see Henry again.

Written by a broken-hearted wife, Lorna, and Bro. Arvid Blevins

This poem was written in loving memory of her husband by Lorna Adams:

IN THE LONELY MIDNIGHT HOUR
EVERYTHING HAS CAUSED A GLOOM
YOU CAN FEEL THE PALE HORSE AND HIS RIDER
WHO'LL BE COMING VERY SOON.

THEY WILL BE COMING VERY SHORTLY
FOR TO CLAIM THEIR VERY OWN
WHEN THEY CALLED, HENRY ANSWERED
"DEAR LOVED ONE, I'M GOING HOME"
HE SAID "I SEE MY BABY
WHO LONG FROM ME HAS BEEN GONE
SHE'S COMING AFTER HER DADDY
FOR US TO DWELL IN OUR HEAVENLY HOME"
YOU COULD SEE HE'D FEEL PAIN NO MORE AS HE LEFT US
TO ENTER INTO THAT HOME OF REST
ALTHOUGH IT LEAVES ME BROKEN HEARTED
I KNOW JESUS LOVED HIM BEST
AND NOW I MUST GO ON LIVING ALL ALONE
IN A WORLD SO COLD
YOU NEVER KNOW HOW MUCH YOU'LL MISS THEM
UNTIL THEY ARE GONE.

ELDER PAUL E. ADKINS

As the darkness of another night gave away to the dawn of a new day, a pilgrim father and child of the Heavenly King gathered his robe around him and was carried by the angels to the land of rest. The land he had sung about, the land he had preached about, now the land he was going to see about. This our dear one to wit: Elder Paul E. Adkins. A highly respected minister in the gospel of Christ, a faithful, devoted husband and father. A loving son, Brother, and friend of many was gently led into a land where the pastures are always green and the air is pure and real.

Elder Paul E. Adkins, son of the late Criss and Frankie Mullins Adkins, was born January 3, 1936 in the lovely hills of eastern Kentucky. Here he grew up with 3 little brothers and 8 little sisters in a little community known as Greasy Creek, Pike County, Kentucky.

When but a very young man, his widowed mother, Sister Frankie Adkins, came to this city to try and better their livelihood. Here God blessed this our precious Brother to live upon His good earth 50 years, 6 months, and 16 days. On the early



morning of July 19, 1986, after many months of pain and suffering, God called him home, the home he begged God to come and take him to.

Leaving behind a truly faithful, devoted, and loving wife, Sister Doras Jean Carol, the wife of his youth, who shared life's heartaches, troubles and disappointments along with its joys, happiness, and pleasures, since January 27, 1956 when they took their wedding vows, and both lived true to these vows. God enriched their lives by blessing them with the following children: 2 sons, Paul Dean and Darrell Wayne Adkins, both of Louisville, and 2 daughters, Rhonda Jones and Danna Bohannon, both of Simpsonville, Kentucky.

Left to mourn the loss of a dear son is his loving mother, Frankie Adkins, of Louisville, 3 brothers, Edd, John, and Bennett, all of Louisville, Kentucky, and 7 lonely sisters, Edith Gillespie, Charlestown, Indiana; Rebal Coleman, Grundy, Virginia; Ruby Caulfield, Betty Thacker, Peggy Adkins, Imal Rowe, and Carol Alvey, all of Louisville, Kentucky. He was preceded in death by one sister, Ozell. He also leaves 5 grandchildren, who gave him love by calling him "Papa".

When but a very young lad of 19, Brother Paul saw himself lost and in the need of a Saviour. Repenting of his sins and going home to his friends, he became a faithful member of the Old Regular Baptist church on February 24, 1957. He was ordained to the full function of the gospel in March, 1962. He was in the arm to organize the Antioch Church in July, 1966. Here he was their faithful Assistant Moderator for 11 years and Moderator for 9 years, always giving good advice and counsel. He believed in good order, a clean church, and discipline of the Old Regular Baptist, Faith and Order. He wore one coat, preached one doctrine, and he stood firm on the word of God. Never failing to proclaim His word, that men and women are different from the world after they are born again and by their life styles and the fruit they bear that they were the children of God. A Brother whose life was like a magnet drawing others to him, both young and old, by his kind words, humble life, quiet and meek spirit. One found it a pleasure and joy to be in the company of Brother Paul. He and I have traveled thousands of miles for the past 20 some years trying to proclaim his word to comfort those in need and to be a help to others. Brother Paul never complained of his cross, always letting his light shine to enlighten the pathway of those who sat in darkness. For the past 5 years, Brother Paul suffered with that dreadful disease cancer. Never complaining, going many times when he wasn't able, to warn men and women of the danger of living and dying in sin and the joy and happiness of living for the Lord. A true and devoted wife, Sister Doras was to him, standing by his side preparing his meals, giving him courage, and trying to ease his suffering. Spending many, many days in the hospital, she was always there. Last week, he began to beg the Lord to come and take him home. He called his children to his bedside, giving them good advice and counsel.

To you his loved ones, who have no hope, please begin to repent and pattern your life after this our good Brother. To you the Brothers and Sisters of this blessed old church, continue on in the good old way, never leaning to the left or right. Always remember the good counsel and advice he gave us. Strive for peace and order as he did. To you the Antioch Church, be good to each other, live in peace, and never bring shame on the church. Always be an upbuild as Brother Paul was. He was not ashamed to be called an old time Baptist. We will miss him in our journey-

ing here. March on and some sweet day, we will meet where parting never comes. Brother Paul's life was a light to his fellow workers at the Fisher Packing Company where he was a supervisor.

As long as we live, he will live and to know him was to love him. Brother Paul will be missed in our sister Associations and churches. Let us thank God for having the joy of walking with him here and the hope of meeting him again in the morning of the resurrection.

Sleep on Brother Paul, take your rest, and we that remain will always remember you as a valiant soldier, a man of honor, respect, but most of all, a humble servant. We love you today, we hope to meet you tomorrow.

Your Co-Worker in Christ,
Brother Newsome

ELDER EARL BELCHER

If it is the good Lord's will, I will try to write the obituary of my dearest husband and Dad. Nobody knows how much we miss him, he was the best, but Dad is resting in peace until he arises some day. Our precious husband and Dad was called to rest on May 4, 1986. Bless his heart, it was on Sunday, and he and mother went to church over at the "Star of Bethlehem" at Crystal Springs, Florida. He was shaking hands with his blessed Brothers and Sisters in the church and just dropped dead. If anyone on earth ever had a hope, Dad did. He was so good to my mother and me. Maybe some day we will see him again. Dad was a member of the Old Regular Baptist church for 42 years. He was a minister for 40 years, and received so many blessings.

Dad was 80½ years old. He lived a beautiful, happy life, always smiling. He was born November 6, 1905 at Venters, Kentucky (Maxine) the son of Bart and Mattie Coleman Belcher. He leaves my blessed Mother, who is 79 years old, and one daughter, Naomi Ruth Phillips of Clearwater, Florida, also 3 grandchildren, 4 great grandchildren, 4 brothers, and 2 sisters, Johnie and Rudy of Belcher, Kentucky, James and Gene of Detroit, Michigan, Zora Potter and Lenora Ayers of Detroit Michigan, and a host of friends and blessed Brothers and Sisters in the church.

He was a former coal miner in West Virginia and was a retired employee of Omar Mining Company at Omar, W. Virginia. He was a member of the United Mine Workers and belonged to Local 5921 at Stirrat, W. Virginia. He was buried at Wilson Cemetary at Draffin, Kentucky on May 8, 1986.

We feel like Dad is resting and as Dad always told me you have to repent and be born again. He and Mother loved to go to church. They traveled to Kentucky, W. Virginia, and Tennessee. They looked forward to seeing Saturday come. We

are so sad and lonely. Everyone pray for my Mother and me and our family. Dad was a jewel to us. He was so good and kind to everyone.

Written by his sad wife and daughter,
Maxine Belcher and Naomi Phillips

BETTY BINION

I will try with the help of the Lord to write an obituary of my dearest friend and sister in Christ, Betty Binion. She was the daughter of Alef and Florence Workman.

She was born December 9, 1928 and died February 24, 1986. She leaves to mourn her loss her husband, Elmer Binion of Wyandotte, Michigan; two sons, Bob and Michael Binion of Wyandotte, Michigan; and one daughter Darlene Harvey of Dearborn Heights, Michigan.

Sister Betty joined the Little Ida church in 1953 in Ecorse, Michigan. Many times through the years we saw her lift her hands and praise her King whom she loved so much.

She was sick for many years but bore her illness with much patience. Her faith grew stronger as she faced each trial. If I could describe her I would say she was a bundle of love, always considering others before herself.

Betty's life preached her own funeral. She left the lights in the window for all the world to see. Sister Betty was so proud of her three children. She believed they all would meet her in heaven.

Oh, how we miss her soft gentle voice, how we cherish her beautiful smile, our hearts bleed over our loss.



Elmer (Jr.), Betty is no longer at home to greet you each day, but she is singing with the angels in perfect peace and she is with her Lord whom she loved so much. She can not come back to us but we can go to her. We would not wish her back to suffer again but let's all look forward to the great reunion in our Heavenly Home. Sister Betty was a flower the Master chose to blossom forever in His bouquet in heaven.

Sister Betty and I had been friends for 33 years. We grew up together in the church. Her conversation was of God, I feel she walked very close to her Savior.

(Brother Arvid Blevins) The last time I saw Sister Betty was at the hospital when they call me to come. She asked me if there was anything left undone or that she should do. I ask her, if she had her life to live over would she do things any different and was she satisfied. She said she was satisfied and she would live her life the same way. She turned her head toward the window and said, "Isn't that the most beautiful sight you ever saw?" And I said, "Yes" and she said, "It won't be long, I'll soon be there."

Yes, we believe she made it there. Her trials were hard in this life but soon all the redeemed will be in the presence of our Lord. So press on if you want to meet Betty again. Turn to the Savior and serve the God she loved so much.

Written by her dear friends and
brothers and sister in Christ,
Sister Cora Adkins and Brother Arvid Blevins.

GRACIE ELLEN TUTTLE CHAFFINS

Praying that God will bless us, we will try to write an obituary of our beloved mother and grandmother.

Gracie Ellen Tuttle Chaffins, better known as "Little Mommy" to her grandchildren and friends, was born November 26, 1899 to the late James L. Tuttle and Martha Lewis Tuttle. On June 3, 1918, Gracie was united in marriage to William Nelson Chaffins, and to this union was born 7 children, 4 daughters and 3 sons. She is survived by four children: Norsie Tuttle of Minnie, Kentucky, Verna Mae Fraley of Tucson, Arizona, Enon Chaffins of Willard, Ohio, and Hayes Chaffins of LaGrange, Ohio; three sisters: Artie Collins of Plymouth, Ohio, Rachel Collins of North Fairfield, Ohio, and Marie Stumbo



of Martin, Kentucky; three brothers: Elder Wrlie Tuttle of Willard, Ohio, I. B. Tuttle of McDowell, Kentucky, and Virgil Tuttle of Shelby, Ohio; 24 grandchildren; 45 great grandchildren; and nine great-great grandchildren. She was preceeded in death by her husband, William Nelson, two daughters, Laura and Edna Mae, one son, Orville, and one stepson, Mitchell According to the wittness and testimony they left behind, they are enjoying the blessings of the Paradise of God.

Gracie's son, Orville, honorably gave his life for his country during World War II. From reading his letters, it was evident that he had made peace with God, for the told mommy not to worry about him. We believe he has gone to a place where nations do not stand against nations, neither do they learn war any more. Mitchell, her stepson, also died on a battlefield, but his was the battlefield of the Lord, and his war was the war against sin. He was a true and faithful servant of the Lord and only departed this world to go and be with the Lord.

Gracie was taught from her youth that she needed to turn from a world of sin to the saving grace of Jesus Christ our Lord in order to have an eternal home in heaven. She received that saving grace, and on December 18, 1915, at the age of 17 she joined the Stone Coal Regular Baptist Church at Garrett, Kentucky. Her life was a great blessing and inspiration to all who knew her, especially to her children and grandchildren. We thank God mommy had enough faith to love and serve a true and living God for 71 years of her life.

After the doctor had told us mommy had only a few days to live, we asked her if she felt she needed to pray about anything before leaving this world. Her answer to us was, "I have was, "I have nothing standing between me and God. I feel I'm ready to go when He calls for me." God gave that call on November 25, 1985 about 8 o'clock in the evening, just four short hours before her 87th birthday. We are sure there was great rejoicing in heaven when God sent his angels to carry her soul to the Paradise of God to enjoy the blessing of heaven forever.

Mommy had to work hard in this life, but her body now rests in a cemetary in Floyd County, Kentucky awaiting the resurrection of the just, when the trump of God shall sound and those who are asleep in Christ shall arise to receive their new and glorified bodies liken unto our Lord's. Jesus said in John 14:2, "In my Father's house are many mansions, if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you." We feel that, though mommy had few material possessions in this life, Jesus prepared one of those mansions in heaven for her, and she now has her residence there.

We would like to say to mommy's children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and friends who do not know the Lord in the pardon and remission of sin, if you turn from sin and are born again by the spirit of God you can meet mommy again around the throne of God. Mommy can not come to be with us anymore, but by serving a true and living God we can go to be with her where the family circle will never again by broken.

We would like to express our deepest appreciation to Little Mommy's friends, brothers, sisters, grandchildren, and members of the Pleasant View Church for the

friendship and kindness shown to her during her last days. As long as we live, we will remember the love and care you gave to her during the weeks preceeding her crossing of Jordan into the arms of Jesus.

Written by members of her family.

CHARLIE CLARK

With deepest sorrow, I will try to write an obituary of my dear Dad, Charlie Clark. He was born on November 10, 1915 and died August 1, 1985, making his stay here on earth 69 years, eight months, and twenty-one days. He was the son of John M. and Francis Clark. He was married to Clara G. Lykens on May 11, 1939. To this happy union was born ten children. Five sons—Milford Clark of Nova, Ohio. Tolva, Larry, and Charles R. of Ashland, Ohio. Hillard of Hayesville, Ohio. Five daughters—Emma Lue Sanders of Nova, Ohio. Anna Sue Lilly of Medina, Ohio. Pauline Tormaschy of Sanford of Nova, Ohio. Anna Sue Lilly of Medina, Ohio. Pauline Tormaschy of Sanford, Fla. Aewell Arms of Shiloh, Ohio and Linda Pauley of Ocala, Fla. He leaves 31 grand-children and 6 great-grandchildren.



Dad joined the Pilgrims Home Church of the Old Regular Baptist on March 26, 1954, and was baptized on April 17, 1954 at Grethel, Ky. We moved to Ruggles, Ohio in October 1955. We later moved to Nova, Ohio. At retirement in 1979, Dad and Mom moved to Ocala, Florida. Dad worked hard raising his family, but it seemed like he enjoyed it very much. Oh how our hearts were broken knowing his happy smiles and loving voice will never greet us when we go home, nor will he be there to meet us at the door. Many seasons will come, time will pass away.

I remember some of the last talks with Daddy—I'll here him say, "When I depart this life don't weep after me, But weep for your children and loved ones".

Thanks to all of the friends and neighbors in the time of need and death of my dear sweet Dad. I will always remember this and you will never be forgotten.

In a silent lonely grave yard one thousand miles away,
Lies the form of my dear sweet Dad,
Who lies sleeping beneath the sand.

No one knows how I miss him,
No one knows the bitter pain.
I have lost you Dad in this life forever,
but I hope to meet you my loved ones again,
One thing I want you to do,
Walk slowly down that lonely path,
for soon I'll follow you.
I want to know each step you take,
So I may walk the same,
For some day on that lonely path,
You'll hear me call your name.

We love and always will miss you very much.

Written by your oldest daughter
Emma Lue Sanders

ELIGAH COLEMAN

By the help of the Lord, we will try to write an obituary for our dear beloved husband, daddy, and grand pa.

Eligha Coleman was born on August 8, 1919 in mossey Bottom, Kentucky, deceased on April 1, 1986, making his stay upon this Earth 66 years, 6 months, and 24 days.

At his request, Eligha was laid to rest in the Charles Cemetary at Frozen Creek, Kentucky.

Preceeded in death by his father, Elder Bud Coleman, his mother, Mary Worrix Coleman, his brother, Buddy Coleman, his sister, Jane Coleman, infant brothers and sisters and infant grand daughter, Rhonda Coleman.

He married Hattie Chaffin on February 10, 1947, Married 39 years and to this union three children are born: on son Tim Coleman, two daughters Sharon Snow, and Kimberly Looney, all of Uniontown, Ohio.

He leaves to mourn his passing his wife, Hattie, three children, Tim, Sharon, and Kimberly, daughter-in-law Glenda Faye, sons-in-law Marty, and Roger. He also leaves eight grandchildren: Marti Lynn, Billy, Jill, Leslie, Mark, kevin, Matthew, and Eric, and three sisters: Dealie Maynard of Pikeville, Kentucky, Victoria Coleman of MacArthur, Ohio, and Alice Mullins of Shelbyana, Kentucky. Aunt Dixie Gibson of Pikeville,



Kentucky, many nieces and nephews, the brothers and sisters of the Church, and a host of friends will also mourn his passing.

He joined the Old Regular Baptist Church in April of 1980. His letter was at Pleasant View Church in Litchfield, Ohio. A few years later he moved his letter to True Vine Baptist Church in Clinto, Ohio due to health reasons.

He was very sick with Emphysema. About 3½ years ago, the doctors gave us very little hope of having him with us for longer than about 6 months, but through the will of the Lord, we were blessed with having him longer.

The last couple of years were a struggle for him, but he pushed on. He had to take oxygen with him everywhere he went.

With not even enough breath to breathe, he still sang right on, and could he ever sing, with his brothers and sisters in Church. He enjoyed it so much.

We were blessed in deed to have him. We enjoyed him so very much.

He was loved by everyone, and especially by all of the little children. To all of them he was grandpa.

A very kind and unselfish man to everyone.

Although we know that everyone for all of their kindness, and to all of the wonderful Elders in Ohio and Kentucky that helped us very much in our time of need.

Sister Hattie Coleman and Children

P.S. Mom, thank you for being so good to dad. We know how fortunate we are to have you. We could not have hand picked a greater set of parents.

THE BEST GRANDPA

Grandpa comes in softly
Soon we'll see him there
In Church and in prayer
And everywhere

He whispers past your window
On a cold and snowy night
He knows that we love him
Because he's alright

We see him smiling
Far and near
Cause we know he's
Watching us everywhere

Grandpa comes in softly
As a feeling in the air
He keeps your heart alive
Beuase we see him everywhere

Memorial to be preached at True Vine Church, of Clinton, Ohio, on May 31, 1987. Elders called: Brother David Slone, Brother Johnny Newsome, Brother Bud-dy Carty, Brother Kenny Robinson

ELDER BILL R. COLLINS

Bill R. Collins 56, Willow Drive, Plymouth Ohio passed away Friday, September 20, 1985 at Willard Area Hospital, Willard, OH. He was born August 23, 1929 to the Siefas Collins. He was married to Joyce Martin March 4, 1955. He was a self-employed building contractor. A veteran of the U.S. Navy and a member of the Little Rebecca Church, Plymouth OH. Surviving are his wife Joyce, two Sons Marty Fort Dodge, Iowa and Van of Plymouth. Two granddaughters Kelly Lynn New Haven, OH and Courtney Ann Fort Daodt, Iowa. His father Siefas and mother Artie two brothers Erma dn Roy bothe of Plymouth. Two sisters Verda and Hazel. He was preceded in death by two sisters. He was buried in Greenlawn Cemetery Plymouth, OH. September 23, 1985, with Military services.



Just Sleeping

Layed to rest in God's Keeping
A Lord's Servant is now at peace
Years of labor and time of pain
Through God's will he called his name
Dad is gone but not in our hearts
His memory grows with every new days start
Engraving our hearts as a friend giving
his best to those he leaves behind.

Written by; Wife Joyce, and son Van

BILL RAY COLLINS

Bill R. Collins, 56, of Willow Drive, Plymouth.

He was born in Wayland, Ky., and lived the past 28 years in the Plymouth-Shelby area. He was a self-employed building contractor. He was the moderator of the Little Rebecca Baptist Church and a U.S. Navy veteran.

He is survived by his wife, Joyce; two sons, Martin of Fort Dodge, Iowa, and Van of Plymouth; a granddaughter, Kelly; his parents, Siefas and Artie Collins; two brothers, Roy and Eurmlee Collins both of Plymouth; and two sisters, Hazel Pullum of Kentucky and Verda Shepherd of Greenwich. He was preceded in death by two sisters.

God help us to write an obituary of Bro. Bill Collins. I know that space and time would not permit to write the life of such a good brother so we will try to touch on just a few things.

First of all the Little Rebecca church has lost a good member, a great soldier.

What a great King of Kings and Lord of Lords he served. No matter how sick he was I'm sure the Lord never left him. No doubt he stood by him closer than ever before. He promised He'd never leave us nor forsake us. How great He is concerning His promises. He stood by him when we all had to step aside.

For almost 25 years Bro. Bill has served the church faithful.

Bro. Bill and I were very close. In the past years that we have walked together, we've never hurt one another. Bro. Bill and I were baptized the same day and were ordained to the ministry the same time. He told me we'd have joy together in the morning.

Bro. Bill loved the order in the church, he always wanted the best for the church. The life he lived spoke louder than anything that I could write.

He loved sinner boys and girls always warning them of the danger of living and dying in sin. I would like to say to the young people, as the tears fall from your eyes, because Bro. Bill is gone and because you know you will miss him, just remember, how many times you have heard him say, "fall out with win close in the offered Mercys of God", Meet him again some day.

God help us at the Little Rebecca, The Family of Love Church and all the other churches around here to go on and hold up the blood stained banner.

It was Bro. Bill's life to see the church in peace and love.

Sister Joyce, God Bless you and help you to bear up under this great loss.



As you know he loved you and his sons so much. He'd say don't worry about me, pray for my sons out in sin.

Boys, as dad would say, "please make peace with God meet me in Heaven some day".

Momma and Poppa, please try not to worry. He wouldn't want you to. Try to look beyond the veil of tears to the morning when his body will raise again, be changed and be like Jesus most glorious body.

To his natural brothers and sisters, even though there is much hurt. Remember the last words he spoke. "there will be joy in the morning."

Written by
Bro. Buddy and Sis. Carlene Carty

BUELAH COMBS

With the help of the Lord, I will try to write the Obituary of a dear friend and sister in the Lord.

Buelah Parrigan Combs was born April 29, 1927 at Clinchco, Va. to the parents of the Late Mckinley and Lula Mae Parrigan. She has left three brothers Leon, Sam and Ed; one sister Edith Terry of Wayland, Ky. Four brothers Leonard, Franklin, Junior and Virgil and one sister Genola preceded her in death.

She was married to Savel Combs and to this lovely union there were two boys Michael and Edmond both of Shelby, Ohio.

Buelah deceased this life April 10, 1986 leaving her stay lacking 19 days being 59 years.

Have you ever noticed in the fall, just before winter, how beautiful the roses look? Well that's what this rose that we just lost did, she waited until just before God sent for her to bloom the brightest.

Being Buelahs neighbor for so many years and her being by my side helping me to raise my children, I will have to say she was a good woman and a wonderful mother to her two boys, she was a very moral person, but Mike and Ed, I believe she's want met to tell you it takes more than being a good boy to go where I believe



with all my heart she has gone. She got down to real business about her soul when she knew the time was short and all she wanted was just to touch the Hem of His garment and from her talk and the good feelings everyone had about her, she pushed her way through the Crowd until she touched the Lord. She gave her hand to become a member of The Little Rebecca Church and was baptized. She wasn't to bashful or ashamed to let the world know who's side she was on. I got a letter from her before she got so sick and she said Sister Hazel, life could have been so much better for me if I'd have dropped my pride and turn to the Lord back when we use to live so close, but thank God Buelah, you left a bright light for those boys. Mike, she had a good reason to ask for the Bible, I really beleive she was trying to tell you something she was saying "Son Here is the Road Maps".

To the grandchildren, how she loved you. She was always ready to show your pictures and brag about you. Please live a life that grandma would be proud of you and remember Old Satans toys only last for a season but God's Love will see you all the way home. Mike, you and Ed can be a good example for your children, just don't wait too late.

Brother Savel, she was more than a wife, she was a great companion for so many years. The last few have been rough but Oh the precious memories you have and someday you and her can walk down a much more beautiful path together with the Lord. You'll go down in the Garden and I'm sure with the feelings I have tonight, you'll find Buelah there. A few days before the Lord came we beleive he sent a host of Angels to encamp around her bedside. Although we couldn't see them she lead us to believe she was talking to Bro. Bill she was calling his name.

Written by one who has loved her for many years,
Sister Hazel Pullum

LAVONE CONN

With a sad and broken heart, and with the help of the Lord I will try to write the obituary of my dear Mother, Lavone Conn.

She was the daughter of Hie and the late Myrtle Boyd Click of Martin, KY. Born April 21, 1933 and departed this life April 15, 1986. Making her stay here on earth 52 yrs., 11 mos., and 15 days.

Lavone was married to the Late Berton Conn on July 7, 1950. And to this union was born one son Buford Conn, and one daughter Wilma Sue, which proceeded her in death.

Lavone is survived by her dad Hie Click, One sister Ruberstine Akers of Martin, KY, two brothers Richard Grant Click of Wabash, IN, and N.D. Click of Fayetteville, NC., one son Buford Conn and one granddaughter Kimberly Lynn Conn, both of Martin, KY.

Mother was a member of the Little Zion Church of Romeo, MI for 23 years. Mother had a hope of a better place, and I feel she is better off. She is gone to where there will be no more pain or sorrow.



Written by her son,
Buford Conn

MARIDA CATHERN DEEL

It is with a broken heart that I try to write this obituary of my dear Mother. I loved and miss her so much that it is hard for me to write this so soon.

She was a native of Buchanan County, Virginia. She was born April 26, 1899 and departed this life July 15, 1985, making her stay here on earth 86 years, 2 months and 15 days. She was the daughter of Elder Mosie and Emily Deel. Mother was married to Willoughby Deel March 26, 1914. To this union was born 15 children, and she raised one granddaughter. Preceding her in death was her husband, 3 sons and 1 daughter. Left to mourn her loss are 11 children: eight daughters, Phoebe O'Quinn and Elmira Deel of Haysi, Va., Melissa Pyles, Greencove Springs, Fla., Elitha Colley, Greenup, Ky., Martha Rice, Sarah Emily Counts, Mary

Magdalene Howard and Doshie Ratliff, Delaware, Oh., and 3 sons: Howard and Vadie of Delaware, Oh. and Marlin of Toledo, Oh., 69 grandchildren, 130 great-grandchildren and 27 great-great-grand children, and 2 sisters: Ida Hunt, Radnor, Ohio and Mary Boyd, Clintwood, Va.

Mother joined the Old Regular Baptist Church Nov. 28, 1933 at Russell Prater Church and was baptised by Elder Dave C. Church. She was a member 52 years. She moved to Delaware, Ohio 33 years ago and spent her last days there. Mother loved the Church and she was a strong believer in our Church. She wanted her children to walk along with her. I spent some time taking care of her in her last days. She loved my husband and loved to hear him preach and pray for her.

Mother is resting by Father at the Fairview Memorial Park at Delaware, Ohio. I believe Mother is gone to rest, and I want to say to all her children, if you want to see Mother again or go where she is, you will have to repent and be born again, and I hope that we can live with her some day. Although her body is molding there, her soul is safe in Heaven with Jesus and His angels in that beautiful land where there is no pain or sorrow.

Written by her daughter,
Elitha Colley



Dear Mother, I want You and Father to stay
There close by the Beautiful Gate,
Just wait there for me, I am now on my way
And soon I'll see Father and You.

Dear Mother, how sweet that meeting will be
With Jesus and the friends I once knew,
I'm lonesome and sad, but then I'll be glad
In Heaven with Father and You.

BROTHER ANDY FIFE

I will try by the help of the Lord to write an obituary of Bro. Andy Fife. He was born in Floyd County, Kentucky on August 27, 1915. Departed this life July 4, 1986. He was the son of Robert and Rebecca Fife. He was united in marriage to Ida Belle Owens. To this union was born 15 children, three who preceded him in death, Willie Fife, Bennie Fife and Rebecca Fife. He is survived by his wife of 45 years, Ida Belle, and sons Walter, of New London, Ohio; Josh, Andy Jr., Larry, all of Wellington, Ohio; Charlie, of Wooster, Ohio; Jerry, of Jackson Fla.; daughters Ella Fife, Warrensville Heights; Margy Timms, Wakeman, Ohio; Alice Dibble of Wakeman, Ohio; Edith Fife, Wellington, Ohio; Eloise Akers, Earl, Kentucky; Sisters Gladys McKinny, Pikeville, Kentucky; and Mary Case of New London, Ohio.



Brother Andy was a member of the Little Pilgrims Home Church for several years. He attended church when he could, but that dreaded disease Cancer got a hold on him. He is gone now where he will not suffer no more. So children if you ever expect to see Dad again you will have to forsake satan and sin, and turn to Jesus who will pardon you of all your sins and take you home with Bro. Andy, and He will if you trust in him.

Written by a Brother in hope
Elder Robert Wallen

HENRY GILBERT

With the help of the Lord I will try to write the obituary of my Dear Beloved Husband. He was from Owsley County Kentucky. He was born November 15, 1909 and passed to eternal life July 30, 1985 making his stay here on earth 75 years 8 months and 15 days. He was the son of the late Berry and Susie (Cornett) Gilbert. At an early age he met and married Eva (Day) Gilbert September 5, 1930. To this union were born seven children, five girls and two boys. Mrs. Glenna Fields, Aurora, Indiana, Mrs. Lorene Stahle, Edinburg, Indiana, Mrs. Anna Sue Gompf, Mrs. Henrietta Slaughter, and Mrs. Sherri Getz all of Lawrenceburg, Indiana. Mr. Norman Gale Gilbert, Dillsboro, Indiana, Mr. Jimmie Dale Gilbert, Aurora, Indiana. Two Sisters Flossie Henson, Sunman, Indiana and Oma Kilburn, Lawrenceburg, Indiana. Two brothers Elder Gilbert, East Burnstead, Kentucky and Walter Gilbert, Bambridge, Ohio. Seventeen grandchildren, eight great grandchildren, and a host of friends. He joined the Old Regular Baptist Church of Jesus Christ, June 1981, was Baptized by Virgil Herald. He had his membership with the Valley Settlement Church at Deputy, Indiana. He loved to go to Church when he was able. He was sick for a long time. He was loved by all who knew him. I want to say to my children, if you want to see daddy again you have to get right with the Lord.



Henry Sleep on some day I will meet you around the Throne.

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 my heart you will always stay.

Written by his broken hearted wife,
Eva

JUDY BENTLEY HALL

By the request of the grandchildren, I will try to write an obituary of my beloved mother, Judy Bentley Hall, she was born Dec. 6, 1889, at McDowell, Floyd Co., Ky. and departed this life on April 13, 1923 at the age of 33 years and 4 months. She was the daughter of the late Quiller Bentley and Racel Osborne Bentley, who lived in Floyd and Carter Co.'s in Ky.

Many years ago on Oct. 10, 1912, she married James Ellis Hall, to this union were born 7 children, 3 girls and 4 boys: Mary & Glema preceded her in death, Hatler died July 10, 1923, Earl deceased Aug. 1, 1979, Leonard deceased Aug. 12, 1984. Two children are still living, Milford Hall of Myra, Ky. and Draxie Hall Tackett of Thurman, Ohio.

On Jan. 1, 1923 Mother & Dad moved to McRoberts, Letcher Co., Ky., where she lived, 3 months later she passed away on April 13, 1923. Just before she passed away she told the family about the Angel over her bed and she also saw her two little girls who had gone on to that Kingdom of Love.

As a young boy I remember many nights around the fireside long ago Dad loved to sing them old time songs The Old Village Churchyard and Little Bessie, Mother was always happy to hear them sweet songs.

Since she has passed away, Dad deceased in 1964. She has 26 grandchildren and 47 great grandchildren living today. How happy she would have been to live to see them. I will always remember the love she had for her children. As the song of long ago, I was Young But I Remember very much about her. A few words to her grandchildren and great grandchildren, time is drifting by if any of you have not made peace with God the only way to see the Grandmother you never saw on earth, Jesus is the only way to the Kingdom of Love where no sorrow ever comes in that Land of Happiness forever.

She was laid to rest in the Shade Osborne (Booker Wright) Cemetary on Long Fork of Shelby Creek, Pike Co., Ky.



Written by her son
Milford Hall

NETTIE HALL

It is with much sadness that I try to write the obituary of my sister, Nettie Hall. Nettie was born April 22, 1922 and died December 30, 1984. Nettie joined the Providence Old Regular Baptist Church many years before her death and was always a faithful member. Nettie was the daughter of Elder George Cook and Hulda Johnson Cook. Nettie was one of 15 children. Three sisters and two brothers preceded her in death. In early life she was married to Bert Hall and two children were born to this union, a daughter, Juanita Keens and a son, Carlos Hall. Bert and George both preceded her in death. She leaves 2 children, 8 grandchildren, 4 sisters and 5 brothers and her mother to mourn her loss. Nettie was sick for a long time before her death. She spent a lot of time in the hospital. The last few months of her life

she stayed with her granddaughter, Nettie Jane, who was good to wait on her and take care of her. I want to say to Nettie Jane we will never forget you for being so good to her.



Written by her sister,
Linda Hall

ELDER ANTHONY HAMILTON

Anthony Hamilton took his Heavenly flight, Home, Sunday, February 16, 1986 at 3:15 P.M. He went to the home he had prayed for so often. As Poppie had so often said, "The happiest day of Anthony's life will be the day he dies."

Anthony Hamilton was born August 26, 1905 at Grethal, Kentucky to Bob and Allie Osborne Hamilton. He married Lovel Maggard March 6, 1923 in Clear Creek, Kentucky on a Number 8 passenger train.

To this happy marriage was born twelve children, 5 infant daughters preceded him in death. A son, Russel Lee, was killed in Viet Nam in 1966.

He is survived by his beloved and faithful wife, Lovel, three sons and three daughters. They are: Roy of Athens, Ohio; Ray of Wyandotte, Michigan; Robert and Jewel of Vinton, Ohio; and Rubel and Dallie of Thurman, Ohio. Also surviving are 25 grandchildren and 46 great grandchildren. Three brotheres survive. The are Nola of Clyde, Ohio; Charlie of Bainbridge, Ohio; and Lee of Pikeville, Kentucky.

Poppie joined the Old Regular Baptist Church the third Sunday in March 1936 at the Island Creek Church. Within two years after he was baptized by Bro. Red John Hamilton, Poppie was ordained to the ministry. To this gift he was very faithful. When anyone called or needed help in any way, he always went to their rescue spiritually and naturally. Faithfully, poppie visited the sick and the aged until he became ill himself. He fought so hard to uphold and keep the rules of the New Salem and the Northern New Salem Association. We'll never forget the ring in his voice when the Lord blessed him to preach and give council. Many times we could hear him pray when he thought no one was around.

Poppie served as moderator and/or assistant moderator of Island Creek Church, Pikeville Church, and Elizabeth Church in Kentucky.

In Ohio, he helped to establish the Maggie's Home Church and the Little Pearl Church where he served both as moderator at various times. Poppie was a charter member of the Little Pearl Church where he and Mommie fed and took care of the many brothers, sisters, and friends who visited the church. Their door was always open and their table set for everyone.

Poppie loved the church and would go when the way seemed almost impossible. Before he had an automobile, he would ride horses, or as Mommie has often said, "Anthony would run over the mountains to get to church." We have seen Poppie walk the floor, wring his hands, and cry over the church.



Poppie was a member of the Little Flock Church and had served as moderator since its establishment in 1955.

Pages could not hold the wonderful things we could say about Poppie, but we feel his life spoke for itself and that our loss is Heaven's gain.

Poppie was very strict with us children at home, but we are thankful to have had such a prayerful and straight man for a father. His labors have not been in vain as most of his children, sons- and daughter-in-law, and many of his grandchildren belong to the Old Regular Baptist Church.

As we had service at home the last night, a huge halo circled the moon and seemed to be centered around the house. Some of the grandchildren commented that it was Pa Paw's halo.

The brothers, sisters, and friends have been so wonderful to us during this time of sorrow. Brother Raymond Stapleton was so faithful coming to see Poppie during his illness. We thank him and know God will Bless him.

Rest on Poppie, we'll meet you one bright morning where little ones never grow old and we'll walk down those streets of gold.

Written by his wife and family

GOLDIE MAY HAMILTON

With a sad and broken heart, I will try to write an obituary of Sister Goldie Hamilton, one of the dearest friends (once in a lifetime) we met upon this earth.

It was a great honor when her daughters asked me to write Sister Goldie's obituary. I believe she was one of God's chosen saints upon this earth.

She was born September 23, 1904, and died February 21, 1986, at the age of 81 years.

She was the daughter of the late Andy and Polly Mitchell Martin.

She married Emmet Hamilton on February 15, 1923. They were married 45 years before their separation by death of Emmet on July 31, 1968.

Unto this union was born five daughters. Lurlie Hall of Taylor, Michigan; Verlie Allen of Riverview, Michigan; Betty Kress of Riverview, Michigan; Pauline Prevux of Wyandotte Michigan; Billa Johnson of



Wyandotte, Michigan; and six sons, Andy of Wyandotte, Michigan; John of Southgate, Michigan; and Von of Woodhaven, Michigan; Earl of Taylor, Michigan. Two sons preceded her in death, Emmitt, Jr. in 1943, and Burton on May 29, 1948.

She left behind three brothers, Kenis, Joe, and Dee Martin of Teaberry, Kentucky; and two sisters, Osie Reynolds of Craynor, Kentucky; and Tava Hall of Dayton, Ohio. She also left behind 38 grandchildren and 45 great grandchildren.

Sister Goldie joined the Little Ida Church of Old Regular Baptist December 16, 1959. She was a faithful member and filled her seat as long as she was able. She loved the Little Ida Church so very much and the many prayers for all her children. She loved her family dearly. A Mother's Love is Like a Rose, Each Passing Day, It Grows and Grows.

Her light shown so brightly here on this earth. Whoever came in contact with her saw a bright and shining light.

Sister Goldie laid up stones and left a pathway so that you all could follow her and live with her in love and peace forever.

I believe she is at rest with our dear Savior who died upon the cross for us all.

He looked down and saw the trouble and heartaches she bore and said it is enough and sent down a band of holy Angels and carried her soul to her heavenly mansion to live in God's Holy Light.

He needed one more beautiful rose, the cherished flowers of all to bloom in his heavenly bouquet.

I have always loved her so much and oh, how much I miss her. I could always talk to her. She was a special and precious trusting friend. She was a peacemaker and always comforted those in need.

All of Sister Goldie's children will always hold a special place within my heart.

Written by her best friend and a Sister in Christ
Lorna Adams

BERTHA HUGHES HICKS

With a deep sadness and the help of the Lord, I will try to write an obituary of our darling mother, Bertha Hughes Hicks. She was born April 22, 1913 to John and Lourine Hughes.

She married Clifford Hicks Feb. 22, 1935. Unto this union was born eight girls and three boys. Mom joined the Old Regular Baptist Church the Old Philadelphia at Hippo, Ky. about 1941. She loved the church. She went when she had a way. She loved all her brothers and sisters in the church. After moving to Willard, Ohio, she moved her membership to the Little Rebecca Church at Plymouth, Ohio.

Mom had a hard life but never complained. Dad passed away in 1973. She lived seventeen years alone. But she always had her children around her. She loved the little ones.

Mom wasn't real sick that we knew of, until about the last three months. She didn't complain about the pain from the cancer. She had so many friends visit her. She was loved. She received her friends always with a smile. The day that I stayed with her I could see her talking to the Lord. I'm sure if she could talk with me today she would say, "This is a beautiful place in the arms of Jesus. Tell all my children to come where their daddy and I am." She told each one of us to live for the Lord and to follow Jesus. Mom knew if we did she had nothing to worry about. Mom passed away Dec. 20, 1985 on my birthday. Mom we miss you and Dad so much. But I'm sure you will see us with Jesus when he's ready for each of us. Just knowing that you and Dad are without pain is worth the wait. It won't be long. With these words I close.



Your broken-hearted daughter
Sister in the Lord,
Katherine Whitaker

To Mom with Love

Dear Mother,

Simple words cannot express all the hurt and pain in our hearts,
knowing you are not here with us.

But your love, it was so dear.

Your smile, it was so sweet.

The kindness you always shared with everyone you met.

You never met a stranger. You made sure of that.

Everyone that passed your door had to stop and chat.

Your table it was always set with tender loving care.

There was an abundance of food for everyone to share.

Your words so soft and gentle, Your hands they worked so hard.

For all the times you labored you kept your trust in God.

So now in green valleys your feet will forever tread.

You will never more suffer for now you live with God.

In a city bright and shiny, with streets all paved with gold, rubys,
diamonds and jaspers, What a lovely sight to see.

Some day we will come to join you, just save a place for me.

Beside you and daddy on that heavenly shore,

So we can live together and reign for evermore.

(Sadly missed by all your family)

With Love,

Alma Luna

DELMER HOLT

The obituary of my beloved husband Delmer Holt. Delmer was born June 17, 1930, in Ligon, Kentucky, to the late Pearin and Bertho (Akers) Holt. he live in Ashtabula County since 1960. He died unexpectedly Monday October 21st of a massive heart attack.

Delmer and I were united in marriage under our LORD JESUS on July 22, 1960. He has two sons, Duane Holt, Baltimore, Maryland and Richard Smith, Reviria, Arizona and one daughter, Mrs. Larry (Deloris) Hamilton, Rock Creek, Ohio. He also has (6) grand children, Angel, Tammy, Danny, Duane, Henry and Amanda, whom he loved very much.

A big part of Delmer's life centered around his grand children. His face would shine with happiness and love when they were around. He was very proud of each of them, and showed it in many ways. Nothing and no one could come between his grand children and him.

Delmer also has (4) sisters, Mrs. Charles (Oma) Hall, Ashabula, Ohio, Mrs. Arthur (Queenie) Thornsberry, Kite, Kentucky, Mrs. Joseph (Peggy) Barker, Rising Sun, Maryland and Clara Holt of Ashtabula, Ohio. He has (3) brothers Elmer Holt, Lucasville, Ohio, Franklin Holt, Plymouth, Ohio and Lowell Holt of Mesa, Arizona.

Delmer attended Lilly of the Valley, OLD REGULAR BAPTIST CHURCH with his Mother Bertha Ray, who preceded him in death only three weeks ago. He requested his funeral be carried out in the same manner as his Mother's which he said was the most beautiful funeral he had ever attended. he asked for the same Preachers whom he loved to hear and the very special song, sung by Scott Hamilton.

Delmer loved life and people, he had many friends and loved to make them happy in any way he could.

Approximately 2½ years ago he suffered a heart attack and 2 years ago he underwent open heart surgery. After his surgery his faith in JESUS grew, his life was changing and he was growing closer to JESUS, and now I believe he has gone home to HEAVEN to live with his beloved Mother.

Delmer, my dear husband, we all love you and we miss your loving smile, jolly laughter and the life that was so full of love. For the past few years we helplessly stood by and watched you suffer with pain and physical distress from a failing heart, trying to comfort you in every way we knew how. We can only pray now you are setting by your Mothers side watched over by our LORD JESUS. We know you



are now pain free. In our selfishness we wish you were still with us, but in our hearts we know you have a better life.

Your last spoken words "Mae - Dee Dee I'm going. I love you," will remain with us the rest of our lives and that last good by hug will comfort us as we remember our great loss. So good by for now, we'll miss you with all our hearts, but with the help of the LORD JESUS we will see you in HEAVEN.

With much love and great sorrow,
Your Wife, MAE

JOHN INGRAM

With a sad heart I will try to write the obituary of my brother, John Ingram. He was born December 31, 1918, being 67 years of age at the time of his passing. He was the son of Finley Ingram and Maneriva Halcomb Ingram. He was a member of the Old Regular Baptist Church. He was baptised June 29, 1958.

He married Frances Colen September 4, 1951. He left two daughters, June of Versailles, Indiana and Jane of Milan, Indiana. Five sons, Frank of Rockport, Indiana and Johnnie Ray, James, Jeff of Milan, Indian. Dennis preceded him in death. Also survived by one sister, Lovell Sheperd, Lawrenceburg, Indiana and two brothers, Pete Ingram of Whitesburg, Kentucky and Everett Ingram of Aurora, Indiana. And twelve grandchildren, nieces and nephews and a host of other relatives and friends to mourn his passing.

His suffering is over and we love and miss him very much. We miss his footsteps around the house. I hope some day I will meet him in Heaven.

Written by his sister,
Lovell Shepherd



DOLLIE TACKETT JOHNSON

It is with a sad and aching heart that I try, with the help of the Lord, to write an obituary of my Mother-in-law, Eliza Jane Tackett Johnson, daughter of the late Benjamin and Elizabeth (Betty) McCown Tackett.

Born on November 25, 1894, on Branham Creek, the community of Big Mud in Floyd County, Kentucky; raised at Weeksbury, Kentucky and nicknamed "Dollie" by her father when just a baby.

On August 27, 1914 she was married to George Frank Johnson, who passed away July 3, 1973. Unto this union was born 13 children. One son died in infancy. They were blessed to raise 12 grown. Two daughters passed away from the same deadful disease that mom died from - cancer. Lula passed away on January 30, 1960. Mom passed away January 30, 1986,

in Mercy Hospital, Portsmouth, Ohio. Her youngest daughter, Rose Ann Bryant passed away on June 2, 1986 in a hospital at Pikeville, Kentucky.

She leaves to mourn her 10 children: Laura Hall, Carrie Tackett, Molly Cooper, John Morgan Johnson, all of Garrison, Kentucky; Dortha Hall of Willard, Ohio; Jossie Hall of Albion, Michigan; Oma Hall of Melvin, Kentucky; Lettie McCoy of Virgie, Kentucky; Frank Ellis Johnson and Irene Corns of Vanceburg, Kentucky; one step-daughter, Effie Tackett of Melvin, Kentucky. She also leaves 84 grandchildren; 215 great-grand-children; 53 great-great-grand-children; 9 step grandchildren and 19 step great-grand children. She also leaves 2 brothers; Willie Tackett, of Weeksbury, Kentucky; and Joe Tackett of Melvin, Kentucky.

She was preceded in death by one sister Rebecca Tackett, of Melvin, Kentucky, and three brothers; James Epp Tackett, Long Fork, Pike County, Kentucky; Greenberry Tackett, Melvin, Kentucky; and Sollie Tackett of Belleville, Michigan. She also leaves several nieces and nephews who loved her dearly. She was a very special aunt to them. She also leaves many friends.

After Dad's death in 1973 mom broke up housekeeping and moved her things in with us for awhile, but she wasn't satisfied. She tried keeping house 2 or 3 times at different places. At the time of her entering the hospital for the last time she had her things in a little house beside of ours, which she had built. She told me, "You Know anybody feels better when they can lay down on their own bed." Even then she wasn't satisfied. She always talked of having no home.

She would go to visit her children and grand-children when she was able to go. She loved her family. She said, "I love my family as far as a drop of blood kin goes,



some of them I don't like the way they do, but I love their souls." She would do anything she could to help them. I've seen her go without things that she could have used to save up and give her children instead.

She told one of her grandsons a few days before she passed away, "I love my grandchildren. Tell them Granny said to be good. I wish I could get all my family in my arms and take them with me." Mom joined Joppa, Old Regular Baptist Church on December 7, 1975, at Melvin, Kentucky and was baptised by Charley Jones and Ellis Holbrook. She loved to go to church. She said, "I can feel real bad and go to church, then I can feel better." She always met people with a smile, a hand shake or hug, always a smile. Last time we went together to church was in October, 1985 at South Shore, Kentucky. She said, "People think I get around good but they don't know how I hurt. I just ain't giving up." None of us knew even then that she had cancer. Mom was loved and respected by in-laws, grandchildren and great-grandchildren's husband's and wives. Almost all of them called her Granny or Dollie Mommy. She told me in the fall, "I'm getting weaker all the time, going to the doctor doesn't help. I believe I've took this spell to take me out, but I'm not afraid to die."

In the hospital her biggest worry was her family. She said, "I want my children to get along and love each other." One day while sitting with her I noticed her eyes fill with tears. I took her hand and asked, "Mom, what's wrong?" She said, "My children, I want you all to pray for my Children." I tried to comfort her. I told her, "Mom your children will be alright." Most of her children have confessed a hope in Jesus Christ. To the ones that haven't if you want to see mom again, you will have to go to the same God she did. For we know not what tomorrow may bring. Call upon him while he is near. She was a humble person and will be remembered in the hearts of the people that knew her. I believe God called her out of a world of trouble and worry and pain. As a ribbon on a bunch of flowers at the funeral stated from granddaughter, "Jesus called and Grandma answered."

While in the hospital she would plead with the Lord, "Come get me, come get me Lord, come on." I saw her wave as if waving good-bye to this old world. Then she raised her feeble hands and praised Him. I saw her smiling and saying, "Home sweet Home." I believe she saw her future home, where at last she would find rest and peace and would feel at home.

The nurse said she went easy, just like she went to sleep. She won't have to suffer here anymore. Our tears and our prayers now should be for our families and our friends who are still lost. Like Jesus told some of his followers before he died for our sins, "Don't weep for me, weep for yourselves and your children and for your children's children."

As for mom I have no fear of where she's gone, but, oh how we miss her. This time she isn't coming back to her little house. She isn't on a visit somewhere. To see her again we have to go where she is, she can't come to us. By the help of our Lord we can go to her.

I'll close now by saying, "Sleep on Mom until the new day dawns when the dead in Christ arise. I believe you will awake in your new home, where you won't have to suffer anymore."

Written by her daughter-in-law, and sister in hope of eternal life with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.
Mrs. John Morgan (Alene) Johnson

MOM

*Old fashion Mom, Old Fashion virtue,
Own old fashion idea of what's right and wrong.
Cooked her meals on an old fashioned wood stove,
Back when she was able. A visit to her meant
a free meal wouldn't be long.*

*You loved days like today, the sun is shining
I can just see you out picking up little sticks so free.
Mom when we left here with you on Christmas Day, we didn't
know God had a waiting Angel by an open gate in Mercy, room
363.*

*Your frail body was getting so weak and tired
But your mind was always quick and very alert.
The longer you're gone the more we miss you.
Little things always to remind us, time
can never heal all the hurt.*

*I know you spent many lonesome days here since Dad left you
in this cold world to roam.
But I believe God changed all that when I saw you reaching
toward Heaven, saying, "Lord, come get me", then smiling
so sweetly saying, "Home Sweet Home".*

TINA MARIE JOHNSON

With a sad and broken heart and by the help of the Almighty God I'll attempt to write this obituary of Tina Marie Johnson. Tina was born August 23, 1973 and fell asleep December 30, 1985. Left to mourn the loss of one so very special are: her Father, Gillis; her Mother, Clara; sister Dora Lea; brother Daniel Gillis Johnson, and a host of other friends who loved her.

Tina was such a very special child, being at a great disadvantage through nature, her life was blest with the most important thing: Possessing within her very being the ability to manifest and convey the love that is real.

Her life being touched and loved so very deeply by those around her was one of the greatest cures of the afflictions with which she suffered.

She was able to touch the lives of every one she met with the pure, simple, undefiled love of a child. With her heart she would reach out and touch the very being of people whom she had never met. Once you met her you could never forget the feeling which she left.

When she came to church she always wanted to sit with the brothers and listen to the songs and preaching. She loved the people of the church and would listen to tapes of the old songs and fall asleep with them.

And now she's sleeping in the arms of Jesus. Sleep on my Darling I'll be with you soon by the Grace of God.



Written by Elder Morris Wicker and Her family

EVERETT JONES

With much sadness and grief I will try to write the obituary of my Pa, Everett Jones. Born April 19th 1907 in East McDowell Kentucky. Died Feb. 23rd 1979 in Geneva, Oh. He was the son of the late Evan & Mary Newsome Jones.

He married Wilma Hopkins Dec.1929. To this union was born three sons, Edgele, Carlos and Donald, and two daughters Erna & Vivian. Also left to mourn was a brother, Charlie Jones, and two sisters, Lizzie Newsome and Della Vance, 33 grand children and numerous great grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Although Pa was not baptized, he joined The Old Regular Baptist Church Jan. 1979 in which he had always had his beliefs.

The night Bro. Squire Hamilton was called, friends and relatives joined in. Oh what a joyous night! Gone, but not ever forgotten, we hope to be with Pa some day.



Written by his granddaughter,
Leslie Ellen Jones

OCIE JUSTICE

I will try by the help of the Lord to write an obituary of Ocie (Chaney) Justice daughter of the late Aaron Chaney and Queenie (Justice) Chaney. She was born August 29, 1924 - died July 20, 1986. Making her stay here on earth 61 years 10 months and 22 days. She was married to Elis Justice Jan. 9, 1943. To this union was born 3 children, sons Roy E. and Dwight Justice of Wellington, Ohio, and one daughter Kay L. Justice of Wellington. They had one adopted son Freddie E. Justice of Nashville, Tennessee. She also leaves to mourn her three grandchildren, Roy E. Justice Jr., Deidre Renee Justice and James R. Justice. She had 2 sisters Mona Kemp of Wellington Manor Nursing Home.



For God so loved the world He gave His only begotten son that whoso ever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life. We feel that Ocie fell asleep in the arms of Jesus. She now is at rest from all her labor waiting for Jesus to come and call her name. We feel she is at rest around the throne of God. One thing she has outstripped us and gone but we shall all get up together and go marching home where there will be no more funerals, no sad goodbyes. So children put your trust in God and make ready to go for He said my time is not yet but your time is always.

Written by
Elder Robert Wallen

FOSTER E. MARKS

With much sadness I will try to write an obituary of my loving brother Foster Marks. He was born February 3, 1935 in Grantsville, West Virginia and departed this life on July 23, 1980 at Barberton Citizens Hospital.

He leaves to mourn his loss, his wife, Dolly E. Marks, one son Forrest Marks at home, three daughters, Geneva Schmidt of Barberton, Ohio, Jenevieve Dugger of Akron, Ohio, Geneda Robinson of Akron, 6 grand children, his father & mother Mr. & Mrs. Ernest Marks of Mount Zion, West Virginia, three sisters, Mrs. Marie Adkins of Grantsville, W. Va., Juanita Helmick, Clinton, Ohio, Lorraine Myers of Mt. Zion, W. Va., three brothers, Alva Starcher of Barberton, Ohio, Gifford & Gordie Marks of Mount Zion, W. Va.

Funeral services were held at the Stump Funeral Home in Grantsville, West Virginia with the reverend Bud Graham Officiating. Burial was in Slider Cemetery in Mount Zion, West Virginia.



Written by his sister,
Sister Marie Adkins and Brother Mack Adkins

JULIA MOFFIT

I will try to write an obituary of my dear Aunt Julia Whitaker, Allen, Moffit. She died May 3, 1986. She was 79 years, 2 months and 24 days on this earth. She was the daughter of John M. Hale and Polly Castle Hale. She was born February 10, 1907, at Gunlock, KY, in Magoffin Co.

She was married to Samuel Whitaker on March 19, 1925, and unto this union 11 children were born; five boys and six girls. On March 26, 1940, her husband Samuel died and she was left to raise their children alone.

Seven years later she married Brice Allen and unto this union one son was born, Van E. Allen. Julia and Brice were divorced in 1948. Julia then moved to Greenwich in 1952 and lived the rest of her life there. Julia married Elmer Moffit on November 21, 1957, and he died on February 12, 1962.

She joined the Old Regular Baptist Church back in Kentucky in the 1940's and she was a member of the Little Rebecca Church in Plymouth, OH.

Julia is survived by five sons: Bill Whitaker, Paul Whitaker, Pard Whitaker, Sam Whitaker, and Van E. Allen, and four daughters: Polly Freeman, Charis Oney, Shelby J. Downing, and Eva J. Conley, 35 grandchildren and 36 great-grandchildren, one brother, Windfield Hale and one half-brother, Woodroe Hale, five half-sisters, Virgie Shepherd, Stella Wireman, Aileen Shepherd, Cynthia Allen, and Rose Lee Mann. Julia was preceeded in death by two husbands and three infant children, her parents, five brothers, one half-brother, and two sisters.

Julia is sadly missed by her family, relatives, neighbors, and friends. She always had a smile for everyone and she was a mother to a lot of children other than her own. She was a good mother to her children and kept them all together. She always went to church and in Kentucky she was to walk several miles to get to the Old Regular Baptist church at Hippo, Kentucky.

Written by a niece,
Ruth Oney



THELMA MITCHELL

In the year of 1912 on January 8, a tiny rosebud came to grace the home of the late Monroe and Pricy Hamilton Newsom of Shelbyana, Pike County, Ky. and they named her THELMA. This rosebud grew and blossomed into a beautiful young lady and became the bride of Elder J. H. Mitchell on September 24, 1928 and gave him a loving son, Wendell Mitchell of Shelby, Ohio and a beautiful daughter, Girdell Barney of LePeer, Michigan, and from this son and daughter came four beloved granddaughters and one great granddaughter for which I am sure they were very thankful, and they mourn her loss here today.

Also surviving are three sisters, Mrs. Lona Greiser and Mrs. Goldie Jordan of Ypsilanti, Michigan, and Mrs. Dona Tackett of McDowell, Ky. and three half sisters, Mrs. Wilma Platkus, Beulah Newsome and Annalean Newsome and five half brothers, Boyd, Lloyd, Leo, Kelso, and Reo, all of Indiana, along with a countless number of other relatives and friends who mourn her passing.

Thelma was a very devoted wife and mother and a very loving and caring person and she spread much sunshine in the path of all who knew her. Although she was stricken with a dreaded illness several years ago, very few of us knew about it because we seldom ever heard her complain. But last Sunday morning at 10:42 she became too tired and frail to hold onto life any longer and the angels came and carried her away to her eternal home where all sickness is banished.

Thelma bore the fruits of a true Christian wife, mother and friend and I believe we will see her again where no sickness or sorrow will ever enter. We will miss her but by the grace of God we can see her again.

Many years ago a young man and his wife
Eagerly started up the hill of life.
they saw peaceful times and they saw stormy weather,
But hand in hand they walked on together.
And by the grace of God, walking side by side,
They reached the top and started down the other side.
But Thelma got homesick and went on ahead,
She said, Jay, I'll be watching and I'll listen for the tread
Of your footsteps when you get to the chilly tide,
And I'll be waiting to welcome you to the other side.
I'm thankful for the life we have had together,
So, hurry home, Jay, where no storm clouds gather.

Sister Dorthy



SIMON MOORE

The Lord givith, and the Lord taketh. It is with a sad and humble heart that we write the obituary of our brother and brother-in-law, Simon Moore.

He was born the son of Linzie and Susie Moore, at Orkney, Ky., April 22, 1911.

On Nov. 10, 1933, he was married to Arzonie Hamilton in McDowell, Ky. He resided in Bronson, Mich. the last 19 years. He was employed at Grumman Olsen until his retirement in 1973.

Surviving are his wife, two daughters, Mrs. Robert (Charlene) Malone, Coldwater, Mich., Mrs. Granville (Brenda) Messer, Hudson, Ind., three sons Nathaniel Moore, Stroh, Ind., Ermal Moore, Bronson, Mich., Demorris Moore, Bronson, Mich., 16 grandchildren, three great grandchildren, two sisters, Mrs. James H. (June) Hobson, Connersville, Ind., Pebble Quesbury, Warren, Mich.

He was preceded in death by two in death by two sons, Daniel, 1938, and Vernus, 1953, two sisters and two brothers.

He never attached himself to any church, but always attended The Old Regular Baptist Church. Burial was in the Trayer Cemetery, Bronson, Mich.

We know his family will miss him, but we all hope to meet him in Heaven.

Written with all our love
Sister June and Brother Henry Hudson

TOM MOORE

It is with a sad heart that I write this obituary, of my beloved husband Tom Moore. He was born March 18, 1913. Departed this life September 20, 1985. Making his stay on earth 72 years, 6 months, and 2 days. He was the son of Mart and Mandy Moore. He was married to Virgie Moore, on August 1, 1936, who still survives. To this union were born 8 children, 4 boys and 4 girls. One proceeded him in death. All of his children lived in Marriion, Ohio, and they are: Shirley Prater, Brewie Moore, Ed Moore, Charles Moore, Gene Moore, Charlotte Bowling, and Sharon Davis.

He joined the Old Regular Baptist Church. He was a faithful member, and went to The Lords House. As long as he was able. Someday by the grace of god, I will be with him. Where there will be no sorrow, pain, or death. Not long before he passed away, he dreamed he was in heaven. He said he was so happy. Children if you want to see your dad again, you will have to change, and live for God.

Now we don't see him sitting there in his old familiar rocking chair, but if we'll trust God and do Gods command we'll see him again in a better land.



Written by his loving wife,
Virgie Moore

OLLIE ORSBORN

On December 31, 1985 New Years Eve, the Angels came to take Mommy home, not starting a new year for her, but a new life.

Ollie Orsborn was borned January 28, 1899, to Joe and Louindy Little Johnson in Carter County KY., the eldest of 10 children. She was joined in Holy wedlock on October 27, 1919 to Joe Orsborn. To this union was borned 10 children: 7 sons, 3 daughters, and 1 son died while yet in infancy.

Her loving husband joined him in Heaven in 1961. Mommy was baptized on August 1963, at Little Nancy Church. She attended the Old Regular Baptist Church most of her life. She later mover her letter to Little Flock, in Ray, Ohio.

Mommy saw 2 daughters, father and mother, 3 sisters, and 2 brothers cross Jordan before her. She loved to go to church regularly until illness kept her from it. She was bedridden for the past four months of her life.

Mommy leaves 8 children to mourn her death: Estil. of Ligon, KY; Carmel, of Orient, OH; Victor, of Indianapolis, IND; Rex, of Ray, OH; Tinie Royster, of Ray, OH; Virgil, of Hilliard, OH; Vivle, of Newark, OH; and Lydea Sheets of Ray, OH., 54 grandchildren, 94 great grandchildren, and 12 great great grandchildren are left to mourn her death.

She also leaves one brother, Andy Johnson of Chilicothe, OH; 3 sisters, Ethel Royster of Piketon, OH; Edna Glover of Martinsville, IND; Myra Newsome of Poketella, Idaho, and a host of friends. Mommy will be missed by all.

Her Loving family

DANIEL ERIC OUSLEY

With a sad heart but fond memories, I will try to write an obituary and memorial of our son DANIEL ERIC OUSLEY.

Dan still lived at home and was employed by the City of Leslie as part of their maintenance crew. He was a great help around the house. Most of the remodeling of our home, he is credited for, and doing odd jobs for his grandmothers. When we built the addition to the Mt. Olivet Church, he was there along with several of his friends to help. He later admitted that some of the things he learned helped him in his job.

Dan's life ended suddenly while he was a front seat passenger of an automobile accident that took the lives of 2 and seriously injuring one. It happened within the city limits when the car hit a tree.

Survived by his parents, Carl and Lois, one brother Steven, 3 sisters, Lisa Wheeler, Gayla and Pamela. 2 grandmothers, two nieces, one nephew, several aunts and uncles and cousins.

Born January 7, 1964. Died October 18, 1985 at age 21. Such a tragic incident causes one to ask, "Why?" As Christians we are brought to remembrance that God has a purpose for everything and He too, also gave His Son. So my advice to anyone especially young people that might read this: Life is as a vapor on the water. We have no guarantee of the next breath. But by and through Jesus Christ life can be eternal.



Written by his broken hearted parents,
Lois and Carl Ousley

OLIVER OUSLEY

It is with much sadness I will try with the help of the Lord to write an obituary of Brother Oliver Ousley. He was born December 2, 1910 at Floyd County, KY. He was the son of Henry and Nancy Hicks Ousley. He deceased this life August 3, 1985; making his stay on earth 74 years, 8 months and 1 day.

He leaves to mourn his loss, his wife, Marthisa, 3 sisters: Dorsie Ousley of McArthur, Ohio, Lula Prater of Sidney, Indiana, Edna Reffett Claypool, Indiana and one brother, Willie Ousley of Pikeville, Kentucky.

He joined Cole Springs Church of Floyd County, KY and later moved his letter to Maggie Home Church of Dundas, Ohio.

Brother Oliver was always so gentle and kind to everyone. He was as humble as a little child. He loved his church and his Brothers and Sisters so much. It seems like the Lord reaches down and picks the most precious flowers to go home and rest from their suffering. He was taken by the dreaded disease of cancer. But on that day when Jesus leaves the throne and Gabriel blows the trumpet, we have a hope he will be made whole again when his body and soul reunites in mid-air. So sleep on Brother Oliver, we have faith and hope that we will meet you again some day.



Fairwell, vain world, he's going home,
To see his Savior on the Throne,
All of his cares he left behind,
To those he left, he was always kind.

He loved his church and he always told,
How he was so thankful God saved his soul
His mind was like a child, so sweet and good.
And he served his Savior as best as he could.

One sweet day, we hope to meet him again,
And our trouble and sorrow all will end.
So sleep on Brother Oliver you are at rest,
Here on earth you done your best.

Written by Sister-in-hope,
Sister Lenoris Baker

VIRGIL OUSLEY JR.

Born to Virgil and Wilma (Bailey) Ousley January 3, 1957 Died June 15, 1986 making his stay here on earth 29 years.

Virgil was better know to those that loved him by the nickname "Herman".

Virgil left behind to mourn his loss his Parents, Three brothers, Richard, James, and Michael of of Leslie Michigan. Three sisters Janet Kay Rice, Virginia Lynn Shong of Leslie Michigan, Shirley Ann Hablitzel of Mason Michigan. Several Nieces, Nephews Aunts and Uncles, and one Grandmother Osie Ousley of Stockbridge Michigan.

Two brothers proceed him in death Larry and Johnny who died as infants Virgil was a special child. he was always willing to help when called on.

I know he will be sadly missed by all who knew him and the frequent phone calls he made to all of us.

I pray that God would give me words to comfort all of you at this most sorrowful time.

One thing certain Death is certain. We will all have to face it ourselves one day. Only one word that I know that brings comfort is "JESUS".

So I say unto his family and to all, turn to JESUS, be born again. Lets meet again someday in that place Jesus has gone to prepare for us. There we will never again experience the sorrow and grief we now feel. All will be peace, joy, and love.



Written by his broken hearted Uncle,
Carl Ousley

A.K. OWSLEY

By the request of my aunt, I will try to write about my Uncle A.K. Owsley.

Uncle A.K. was born on April 25, 1906, in Knott County, Kentucky to Bird Owsley and Susan Watkins Owsley. He departed this life June 30, 1985, making his stay on this earth 79 years.

On August 24, 1933 Uncle A.K. was joined in Holy Matrimony to Dona Patton. Unto this union was born no children. He had one step daughter, Grace Craft, of McArthur, Ohio and one adopted son, William Owsley of Wellston, Ohio. He also leaves besides his wife and children, five brothers, James Owsley of Dallas, Texas, Newton Owsley, Alonzo Owsley, and Lewis Owsley all of Kentucky, Mogoffin Owsley of Lima, Ohio, and a host of Mieces, Nephews, and friends.



Uncle A.K. did not belong to any church but he was a good man. He helped people in any way that he could. He took his wife to church every Sunday when he was able to get out. Sometimes they would go when they were not able. He would read his Bible every day. Whenever anyone needed help, if it was money or canning vegetables from the garden, Uncle A.K. and Aunt Dona were always there and did all they could.

I would like to thank all their friends from the Old Regular Baptist Church in Southern Ohio and all the other churches and friends everywhere and a very special thanks to my Uncle Mogoffin Owsley and Aunt Dona for helping me get this obituary together. I am not a child of God, but I hope to be one day.

Written by his Niece,
Pauline Owsley

ISOM PRATER

Psalms 116:7

"Return unto thy rest, O my soul; for the Lord hath dealt bountifully with thee."

Through the infinite mercies of the Lord, and by the request of the family, we will write an obituary of Isom Prater. Isom was born March 6, 1921, and departed this earth April 22, 1986, making his stay here on God's footstool 65 years, one month, and 16 days. Isom was born to the late Boomer and Martha (Brewer) Prater, Estill, Floyd County, Kentucky. He was one of four children, most of whom preceded him in death.

In 1943, he met and married Cleo Anderson and to this union were born four children, one boy and three girls. Leaving to mourn their loss are Michael Prater, New Boston, Michigan; Mrs. Barbara Morrison, Westland, Michigan; Mrs. Frankie Joyner, Toledo, Ohio; Mrs. Martha Shields, Beaverton, Michigan; 8 grandchildren, and a host of family and friends.

Isom was ill for several years, being medically retired from Dana Corporation after 28 years of service. He and Cleo had enjoyed 42 years of their life together and had moved to northern Michigan, which Isom loved so well. He had been in the hospital, and upon the return to his home, God sent an angel that morning and called him to rest.

He was a loving father, a soft-spoken man, one who loved to come to the Little Ida Church, and often taped the songs of Zion and services held there. He told his companion when he was so sick that, if God called, he was ready to go. This is a great consolation we know to his dear ones left behind. To Sister Cleo, his dear wife and our Sister in Christ, we know you will spend many lonely hours, but you also have precious memories of your years together in this life. Find solace in the fact that he told you he was ready to go to Heaven.

To his dear children, Daddy is resting now, free from all pain and labors of this life. We know your loss is hard to bear, but your loss is Heaven's gain. Call on the same God that Daddy did, for beyond this land of sorrow is a peaceful rest for all who will ask of our Lord. Pray and press on, and stay close to dear Mother, one who has the Lord on her side. Repent and don't let the circle up there be broken.



Our unworthy prayers to all of you,
Bro. Ralph and Sis. Leona Caudill

HILLARD PROFITT

I will try by the help of the lord to write an obituary of my husband Hillard Profitt. He was borned July 20, 1914 in Knott County. We were Married July 9, 1932 lived together fifty - three years at his passing. So hard to give him up, but Jesus loved him more and needed a flower for his Kingdom, he had been sick so long he suffered so much but didn't complain until he hurt so bad then he would say I hurt so bad, but soon after that in the Hospital Death Angles come and took him home to die no more, forever be with Jesus. I loved him so much he was a wonderful husband & father but by the help of the good lord I feel I am not alone at night, Gods spirit linger in this lonely home. So Hillard sleep on we will soon be reunited around the Throne of God to Never be seperated no more.

He was a member of the Little Jewell Church.



Written by his wife,
Oval Profitt

In Loving Memory of Hillard Profitt. He was born on July 20 of 1914, and left this world on September 14, 1985.

Hillard was the beloved husband of Oval Profitt for 53 years, and devoted father to Dean Profitt, Doris Mann, Shirley Woodcock and Patricia Sneed.

Known as "Papaw" to his nine grandchildren and eight great grandchildren, he will always be remembered as a warm and giving person. Always ready to give of himself to his family and his God.

Daddy, although we miss you, we know you have gone onto a far better place, and we will hold you in our hearts until we see you again on that happy reunion day. When we all meet Jesus.

With all our Love,
Your Children

BERTHA RAY

When I was a young girl, I went to church ever chance I got to go. I didn't go to run in and out of the church. I went to hear the good Singing and Preaching.

The LORD showed me where I would go if I didn't repent of my sins. I Prayed for a long time, I got worse I didn't think I could live.

In May 1940 the LORD forgave me of all my sins. I Prayed for the LORD ot show me if I was right. He showed me in a dream three nights straight of Brother Jerry Hall leading me out in the water to Baptise me.

I went to LITTLE NANCY CHURCH the 4th Sunday in June when they were to get ready to wash feet, I gave Brother Jerry Hall my hand to Join the church. I waited until the first Saturday in July 1940 to be Baptised.

I wanted by family to go with me. I want by Brothers to talk to my children, beg them to do right, and if they want to see MOTHER again to fall out with sin and be born again, be good, live for the LORD and meet me in HEAVEN.

I have lived the best I know how, I love every body, I want all my family and every body to go to HEAVEN with me.

Children be good to each other, be good to my baby Clara.

The Preachers I want to Preach over me is: Brother Squire Hamilton, Brother Zee Holbrook, Brother Buddy Cardy, Brother Bo Bo Howell, Brother Jesse Pack. If they can come. The Brothers to Preach my funeral is: Brother Squire Hamilton, Brother Buddy Cardy, Brother Zee Holbrook.



BERTHA RAY

September 28, 1985

With the help of the LORD we will try to write an obituary of our Mother-Bertha Ray.

Mom was born March 1, 1906, in Floyd County, Kentucky. To Henry and Mandy Akers. She had 8 children, 44 grand children, 23 great grandchildren, and 1 great grandchild.

Mom was sick for a long time, with pain few people could endure without the help of the LORD. For the past 21 years she made her home with her baby girl Clara, in Ashtabula, Ohio.

On September 27th, 1985 the LORD called her home to that beautiful mansion in HEAVEN to live with him.

Mom has been a member of the Old Regular Baptist Church for 45 years. She worked hard and put in long loving hours, making quilts, having rummage sales and doing fund raising projects to help her church she loved so well.

Mom often spoke of her Brothers and Sisters in Church with great pride and respect. On many occasions she would tell us about how much pleasure she got out of going to Church as a young girl, and how she loved to hear the Brothers and Sisters Sing and Preach the word of our LORD.

Many times she would try to talk us in to going to church with her. She would tell us how happy it would make her if all her children and grandchildren would repent of their sins and let the LORD JESUS take over our lives. Mom never stopped teaching the word of JESUS as long as she lived.

Mom will be missed by many, all of her friends, Brothers and Sisters in church and neighbors, but most of all her family.

Mom we all love you so much and will miss you with all our hearts, your smile, your faith and the many encouraging words you gave us. Your loving caring ways have touched the hearts of many, you will never be forgotten.

If its the LORD will, we will see you one day in the great mansion of purity you so warmly deserve and smiled upon by the LORD JESUS our savior.

We love and miss you so much and pray you will continue to watch over us and lead us to your side by your beautiful shining smile. For many months in your illness we saw the pain and suffering in your face, but as you lay before us now, your face looks so peaceful and beautiful that we know you will suffer no more.

May the LORD JESUS see fit to install in our burdened hearts those days of sorrow the faith and peace you so often talked about, and encouraged us to seek to help us and guide us so that one day we may see you in your robe and crown of glory you so richly deserve.

So Mom we all say good-bye now but the goodness of JESUS we will see you in a better world.

LOVE ALL YOUR CHILDREN

CALLIE (HALE) SCOTT

With a sad heart and a lot of loving memories I will attempt to write the obituary of my dear beloved mother. Callie (Hale) Scott was born Jan., 16, 1917 in Manton, Ky., being the daughter of Mae Halley Kennedy and Nelson Hale (both deceased). Mom passed away on Easter Sunday, March 30th 1986, making her stay on earth 69 years, 2 months and 14 days.

Mom leaves to mourn her loss; Andy Scott (her husband), seven daughters: Wanda Rister, Sally Pratt, Mattie Triplett (all of Garrett, Ky.); Imolene Hicks (Albion, Mi.) Irene Talaska (Westland Mich.), Linda Christian (Romulus Mich.) Mary Wicker (Romecity In.). Four sons: Rodney and Frank Scott both of Garrett, Ky.; Randolph Scott (Westland, Mich.) and Earnest Scott (Romulus, Mich.) She also leaves 44

grand children and 18 Great Grandchildren. A son and daughter preceeded her in death. She also leaves one sister Flora Shepherd (Mansfield Ohio., and two brothers, James Hale (Spenerville, Ohio) and Andy Hale (Pontiac, Mich.)

Mom, there are no words to express how much we all miss you. We all loved you far more than words could ever express, you left a part of you behind that time will never erase. The precious memories of your love will forever be on our minds and always in our hearts. Mom never belonged to any church, but she believed in the Old Regular Baptist way. I believe in my heart that mom made peace and was ready to go home. Mom was outside the night before she died with a flashlight looking around, I believe she knew that whe she laid down that night that God would call her home. She never suffered and I'm so thankful that if she had to go that she died so peaceful. Thank God He blessed us to keep you as long as we did.

Special thanks to friends, Neighbors, Old Regular Baptist Ministers and Brother Jerry Manns. Your Kindness through this very sad time will never be forgotten. May God bless you all.

I write this in Loving Memory of you mom, from Dad and all of us kids. Forever on our minds and in our hearts.



Written by Your daughter,
Who will love you as long as time stands,
Mary Sue Wicker

LULA D. SLIDER

With much sadness I will try to write the obituary of my loving grandmother Lula D. Slider. She was born August 26, 1890, and left this life November 11, 1983 making her stay here on earth 93 years. She passed away at the Colhoun General Hospital in Grantsville, W. Va. Following a long illness.

She was born in Calhoun County, the daughter of Ulysses Grant and Harriet Slider Adams. She attended the Creamo Community Church.

Left to mourn her loss are four daughters, Mrs. Hannah Marks, Mrs. Virgie Duskey, Mrs. Harriet Sturms all of Mount Zion W. Va. Mrs. Minnie Cooper of Canton, Ohio, four sisters, Lizzie Buckhannan, of Wolf Summit W. Va., Mrs. Rosa Starcher of Mount Zion, W. Va., Mrs. Martha Miller of Grantsville, W. Va., Mrs. Lela Gibson of Newcomerstown, Ohio, 19 grandchildren, 46 great grandchildren and 10 great-great grandchildren.

She was preceeded in death by her husband, William Slider, one son two daughters, father, mother, two sisters, two brothers.

Services were conducted at Creamo Community Church with the reverend Effort Epling Officiating. Burial followed in the Slider Community Cemetery, Mount Zion West Virginia.



Written by her granddaughter,
Sister Maire Adkins
Assisted by Brother Mack Adkins

JULIE SPARKMAN

With a sad and lonely heart, and the help of the good Lord, I'll try to write the obituary of our loving mother. Mother was called to heaven April 18, 1986.

Mother was born February 1, 1914 making her stay her on earth 72 years and 2 months. Mom was married to dad on March 28, 1931. Unto them were born three children, Gladys Compton of Shiloh, Ohio, Ruby Tackett also from Shiloh, Ohio and Daphene Spenser from Morehead, Kentucky. She had one brother, George Bentley who preceded her in death, for sisters, Madge Prater from Hueysville, KY, Maggie Lamb, Tampa, Fla., Edna Hurst and Ada Hurst both from Greenup, KY. Mother was blessed with eleven grandchildren and fifteen great grandchildren.

Mom was baptized July of 1962 and was a faithful member. She went to church as long as she was able to go. I miss you mom walking by my side to the old church. Your seat is vacant by my side now. I can still see the tears roll down your face like two rivers, when you was in a pretty meeting.

Mother was quickly taken from our bosom, we didn't get to kiss you good-bye mom before you left us. Bless that Angel that came and took you to rest. Although our homes are lonely and sad, we know you're at rest with Jesus. I believe Jesus was at the river with outstretched arms, to take you across to the other side. As I looked down on your face here on earth for the last time, you seem to have a smile on your face, you look so satisfied.

Mom you were the sweetest mother a child could have. When I see pretty flowers they remind me of you. A rose that was taken from us, because God needed another for his garden. A rose that will never fade.

We knew you were never satisfied after dad crossed over that river. It'll never be the same without you and dad. I'm longing for that day when I can see you again. To see that sweet smile upon your face. I believe when I see you again, you'll have on that long white robe, and a crown upon your head. Then we can sing, shout and praise our King forever more.

Children, and loving sisters if you want to see mother again, get a drink of that living water she drank from. That fountain that never runs dry. Serve that one, she served down to the grave, for I know you remember the good advice she gave you.

Sleep on mother, I don't believe you'll have to sleep long, until the old graves will open wide.

Children if you call for me someday, and I can't answer you. I've gone on to be



with mom and dad, and Christ my dearest friend. Come on over where all is peace, joy, and love. Then we'll all be satisfied. Goodbye Mother, goodbye for a little while.

Written by your broken hearted daughter,
Gladys Compton

SISTER MINNIE STANLEY

It is with great sadness that I attempt with the family to write the obituary of our beloved Sister and Mother. Sister Minnie was born March 19, 1914 in Pike County, Ky. to Marvin and Emma Lou (Brown) Stanley. She departed this life June 10, 1986, making her stay here on earth a little over 72 years.

Sister Minnie married Bill Crigger in 1934 in Pikeville, Ky. and he preceded her in death Dec. 23, 1960. Unto this union were born three children - Willard Crigger and Mary Reed, both of Ypsilanti, Michigan and Billy Crigger, Jr. who preceded her in death Aug. 1984.

In addition to her two surviving children, she leaves to mourn her, 11 grandchildren, 5 great grandchildren, five brothers - Trimble and Cody Stanley of Pikeville, Ky.; Rush Stanley of Greenup, Ky.; Victor Stanley of Jacksonville, Fla.; Kelly Stanley of Cincinnati, Ohio; one sister, Bessie Gannon of Pikeville, Ky.; many nieces and nephews and numerous friends.

Sister Minnie was a faithful member of the Old Regular Baptist Church for 42 years, Joining when she was 30 years old in Hardy, Ky. The last few years her membership was at the Morning Star Church in Belleville, Michigan.

Sister Minnie was sickly for the last 20 years, but she took her illness patiently right down to the end. The last time they took her to the hospital, she told me she didn't want to go, that she was ready to go home, she was ready to go where she would suffer no more.

As her daughter, Mary, was holding her at the end, she was praying, "Go with me sweet Jesus, oh, have mercy on me." I feel she is in the arms of Jesus now.



Her Brother in the Lord,
Bro. D. McCarty and Her Family

MILDRED SWORD

With the help of God, I'll try to write the obituary of Mildred Sword, who passed away at her home, Wednesday Morning, June 4, 1986, following a short illness.

She was born September 33, 1922 at Pikeville, Ky. She is the daughter of Edward and Martha Goff.

She was married to Dellman Sword December 29, 1945, and to this union was born three daughters: Donna Blankenship, Betty Warner and Patty Sword, and two sons Cleve and Delmar Sword all of Cols., Ohio.

She also leaves to mourn her loss two daughters-in-laws: Edna and Donna Sword, ten grandchildren, three great grandchildren, one brother Lundy Goff of Pikeville, Ky., two sisters Edna Goff, Col., Ohio and May Sword of South Salem, Ohio, plus a host of friends.

I would like to say to all her children, "be prepared and you can meet mother in that beautiful home where we believe she has gone."



Written by,
Elder Milton Dye

DELMER TACKETT

With the help of the Lord, I will try to write an obituary of my late uncle, Delmer Tackett, who was born on November 22, 1907 and died on March 13, 1984. He was the son of Willard and Jenny Elswick Tackett. Left to mourn are his beloved wife, Lesta, one son, Vernon Elster of Jonancy, Ky. and one daughter, Karen Tackett of Virgie, Ky. He also leaves two nieces who he helped to raise, Glenda Hall of Lincoln Park, MI. and Cara Adkins of Ecorse, MI.

Uncle Delmer joined the Long Fork Church of Old Regular Baptist in March 1984, about 3 weeks before he died. He told them on Wednesday night he wanted to be baptised, but not until Cara & Glenda could get there. He gave his hand in his home to brother Monroe Jones. Uncle was always one of good spirits. I never heard

him raise his voice to us. He was so good and kind to me and Glenda, he was like a father to us. Uncle Delmer was a man of peace and he had a great love for his fellow man. In a vision, Uncle saw that he was searching for the Rock and the Lord told him that he was standing on the Rock.

Oh, how we loved him! The old home place will never be the same because he won't be there to welcome us home and bring in the good things to eat. So Uncle sleep on, for surely it won't be long until we have that great homecoming above. Most of us, already, are acquainted with Jesus, but to the relatives who have not made peace with God, repent and go meet with Him. We thank God Uncle Delmer and Aunt Lesta took us to church and taught us the way of the Lord.

Written by his niece and Sister in Hope,
Cora Adkins



You slipped away so quietly
On a cold and Winter day
It's lonely here without you
And so sad along the way.

Oh, how our hearts ache
Each time when we go home
A precious one from us is gone
A voice we loved is stilled
A place is vacant in our home
That never can be filled.

So many times you told us
I love you, as my very own
You gave us a home
When we had none
Someday we'll meet again
Over on Heaven's Golden Shores.

Glenda Hall

EMMA TACKETT

With many loving memories, I will try to write the obituary of our dear mother and grandmother.

Emma Tackett was born March 18, 1910 to William (Buck) and Melissa Casebolt Tackett of Pike County, Kentucky and she entered into eternal rest on February 21, 1986. This made her stay here on this earth 75 years, 11 months and 3 days.

On August 11, 1927 she married Duran Tackett who preceded her in death on December 4, 1977. To this union they were blessed with seven children: four daughters, Helen Tackett and Carol Taylor of New Boston, Michigan; and Loretta (Fay) Vance and Linda Dennis of Huntington, Indiana; three sons, Herbert Tackett of River Rouge, Michigan and Bobby and Lonnie Tackett of Melvin, Kentucky.



She also raised three stepchildren: Homer Tackett and Mabel McCown of Melvin, Kentucky and Lorraine Brown of Dayton, Ohio. She loved these children as if they were her own and always referred to herself as having 10 children. Mommy was blessed with 22 grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren. Also surviving her is 1 brother, Edgar Tackett and 2 sisters, Cracie Tackett and Lexie Tackett.

Mommy joined the Little Ida Old Regular Baptist Church of Ecorse, Michigan, in September of 1982 and was baptised that same day by Rev. Walter Mullins and Rev. Ralph Caudill. In April of 1983, she transferred her membership to the Joppa Old Regular Baptist Church in her hometown of Melvin, Kentucky. She loved the brothers and sisters of the church and loved to sit and talk with them. She loved to spend her time reading the Bible and listening and singing to religious songs. The last song I remember her singing was "Amazing Grace" while she was in the hospital and could barely talk.

Mommy lived 8 weeks and 1 day after being struck with pancreatitis the day after Christmas. She suffered so much during those 8 weeks. About a week before she died, she told her son Bobby and Daughter Carol that, "Jesus is here. He has come to get me." We will miss her so much but we know that she is with Jesus and we all have so many beautiful memories of her to help us through our lonesome days.

A memorial service will be held on June 27 and 28, 1987 at the Joppa Church in Melvin, Kentucky.

Written by her daughters, Helen Tackett and Carol Taylor
and her grand-daughter Debbie Hargreaves.

DAVE TUTTLE

Dave was born October 16, 1917 to William and Minervia (Lewis) Tuttle in Knott County, Kentucky and passed away October 21, 1985.

Early in life he married Ada Thornberry, who preceeded him in death. To this union was born three (3) children, Claude, who also preceeded him in death, Paul Tuttle and Mrs. Floyd (Berniece) Green.

Later in life he married Elsie French, and to this union was born one (1) son, Wayne Tuttle. Also left to moren his loss is five (5) Step children, Barbara, Steven, Darrell and Kathy Johnson, Linda Roberts, and 14 grandchildren and 7 great grand children, who loved him dearly.

He brought his membership to the Family of Love Church, where he attended faithfully as long as his health would permit. He told me how thankful he was that the Lord had let him live to repent of his many wrongs and how sorry he was that he hadn't given his heart to the Lord sooner.

Dave was one of 14 children, a brother Carlie Tuttle, Kendaville, Indiana and two (2) sisters Deloris Prater, St. Marys, Ohio and Virgie Triplet, Mason, Ohio are left to mourn the loss of still another brother. Seven brothers preceeded him in death, Estill, Emmitt, Corbin, Jimmy, Tom C., Rufus and Robin and also three (3) sisters Ada Roberts, Fanny Mosley and Minnie Tuttle.

Dave had been so sick for such a long time with a bad heart and then he developed cancer. But through all his suffering he was so patient and so humble. He told me when I went to see him in the hospital he had pain all the time, but he said I have so much love in my heart, and the pains will soon all be over, and oh what a rest awaits me. He said he dreamed the Lord let him see into heaven and it was the most beautiful place and I'm ready and waiting for the Lord to call me home. He also told Brother Ratliff he had a dream that The Lord came to him and brought him a white coat and told him to put it on.

I would like to say to Elsie and his Children that the Lord is ever merciful, and Jesus has made a way that all who would repent and come unto him can enter that blessed City where Gods holy people will ever be.



Written by his Neice
Sister Mary Triplett

LOUISE TUTTLE

Louise Tuttle was born August 8, 1932 and departed this life April 28, 1986 making her stay on earth 53 years, 8 months and 20 days. She was the daughter of Theodore Collins and Betty (Reffit) Collins who both preceded her in death when she was a small child.

She was married to Carlie Tuttle on July 1, 1948 and to this union was born eight children, Four boys and four girls. One little girl, Mary Anna preceded her in death in 1973. Surviving children are, Farrell, of Kendallville, Roger and Jim of Avilla, Sandy, Linda, and Carlie, Jr. of Kendallville and Mrs. James (Shelia) Slone of Hindman, Kentucky. She had one sister Cora Pendleton of Watergap, Kentucky and fifteen grandchildren left to mourn her passing.

Sister Louise joined the Old Regular Baptist Church on October 19, 1964 along with Brother Carlie and took her membership with The Little Flossie Church where she remained a faithful and dedicated member till death came early in the morning of April 8, 1986 and took her from us. Oh! how sad it was that the death angel came without warning and took our loved one away. But Sister Louise knew he was coming and many years ago had the Blood of Jesus applied to the entrance of her house. The Death angel got the old natural house but Jesus who shed that Life giving blood was there to waft the living principal home to a better land. Sister Louise was the living, walking example of the woman of Righteousness the apostle Paul spoke of. She arose early in the morning, as the writer said, and gave meat to her household. She worked hard with her hands and was so patient with her children, seeing that their needs were full-filled. She always had time to see that "Daddy" as she called Brother Carlie was ministered to in his daily needs.

Oh! what a light she was to the young sisters and all the young children of the community. She was always completely supportive of Brother Carlie in his Deaconship, always ministering to the sick and needy right by his side.

I really feel I could write a book about this sister but it could not touch the richness of the real example she was. In the preaching of her funeral, we can only touch on what She really meant to us. She already has preached her funeral as she walked through this life. Long after we have buried her out of our sight her life will live on in our hearts and her example will continue to teach. So sleep on Sister. Soon we'll be coming home to join you. Children don't let this example escape you. You know what Mommy stood for and what she wanted you to do. Turn to Jesus,



and when your time comes let your testimony speak for you as Mom's has already spoken.

Elder Birtchel Mosley, Jr.

BECKHAM VANDERPOOL

It is with a sad and heavy heary and by the help of the Lord that I will try and write the obituary of my dearest dad, whom we loved, and miss very much.

Beckham Vanderpool, 77, of Homer, Mi., formerly of Floyd county, passed away Saturday May 17, 1986 at Kalamazoo, Mi., following a long illness. Born July 23, 1908 in Magoffin county, the son of the late William (Bill) and Cordellis Hughes Vanderpool, he was a retired miner and had been a member of the Stone Coal Regular Baptist Church for over fifty years. He is survived by his wife, Gertrude Wallen Vanderpool; four sons, James E., of Garrett, Everett A., of Homer, Mi., Daniel F. and Charles R., both of Albion, Mi., two daughters, Juanita Salisbury of Munith Mi., and Linda Cox of Niles, Mi.; five brothers, Newton of Plymouth, Oh., Robert, of



Shelby, Oh., Elliott, of Kendallville, Ind., Paul, of Garrett, James E., address not available; six sisters, Liva Bentley, Garrett, Rosa Hayes, of Cincinnati, Oh., Tavy Shepherd, Laura Shepherd, and Alvie Reed, all of Hueysville, Dorothy Williams, of Oil Springs; 23 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

I would like to say a few words to the children, if you want to see dad again, you must repent and be born again. My father was a very kind and humble man and loved dearly by all who knew him. We know that he is at peace now, God bless you dad, and grandfather, we love you very much.

Written in hope by his broken-hearted wife,
children and grandchildren.

EVERETT RUSSELL WILBURN

It is with great sorrow I write this obituary of my husband, Everett Russell Wilburn, who departed this life Feb. 28th, 1986. He Was born June 15, 1900, to Thomas and Malissa Bailey Wilburn at Grahns, Kentucky. He was a member of Macedonia Regular Baptist Church and was an ordained minister since 1937.

He was married to Anna Bledsoe in 1918. She passed from this life in 1974. To this union was born 8 children, 4 of whom preceded him in death. Four were left to mourn his death: Clayton Wilburn, Everett Wilburn, Helen LeComfte and Phyllis Ballman.

In 1975, he was married to Lucy Dickison Sloan. She was left to mourn his death. Also 6 stepchildren, several grandchildren and great grandchildren. Also a host of relatives and friends.

He is missed so much by all.

Written by his loving wife.
Lucy Wilburn

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