

MINUTES OF THE THIRTIETH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE
Northern New Salem
Association
of Old Regular Baptist
of Jesus Christ



In Session Assembled With
Little Angel Church
July 31, August 1, 2, 1987

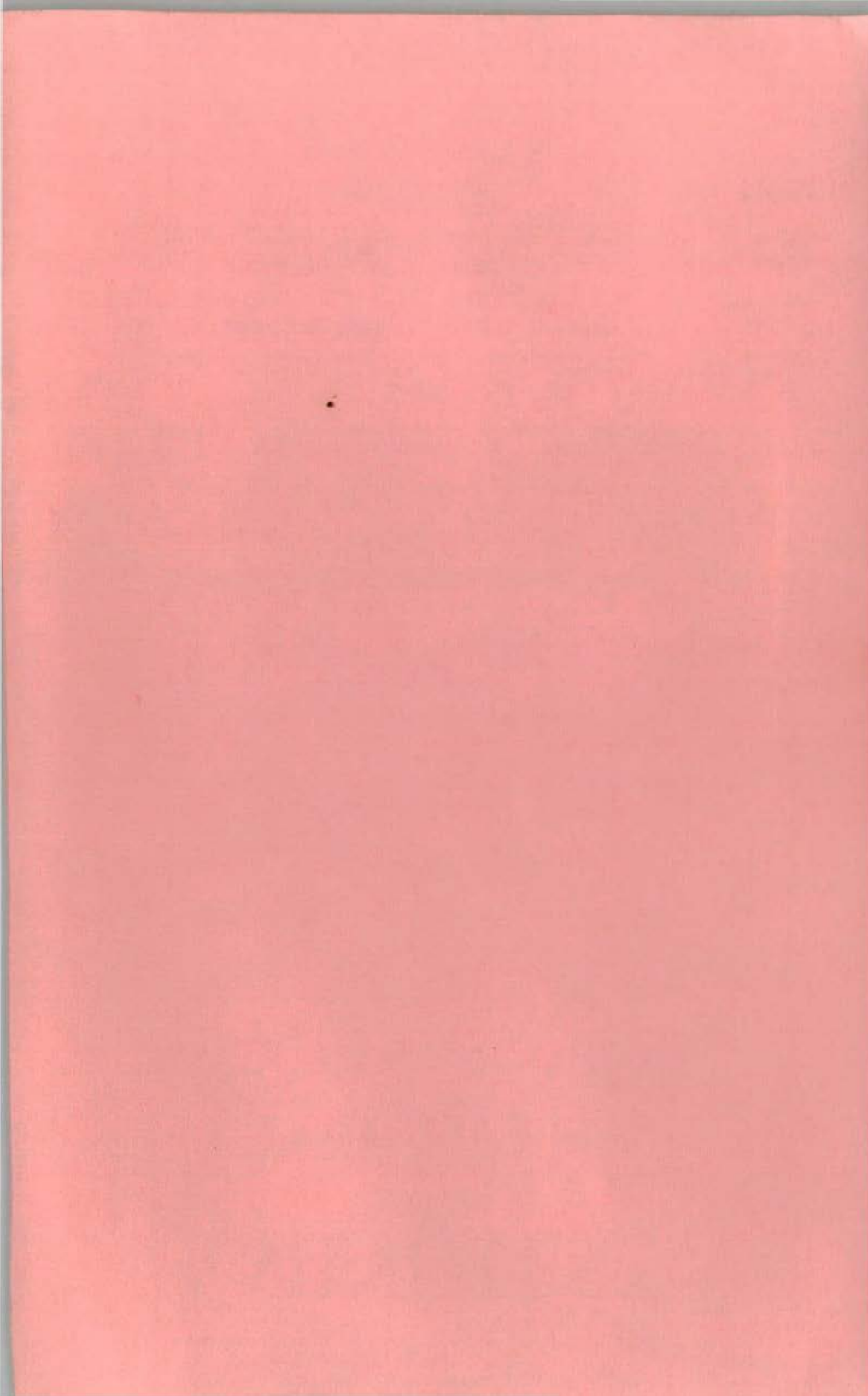
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Letter of Condolence to Our Sister Associations

We, the Old Friendship Association, would like to express our deepest sympathy to our corresponding Associations in the deaths of our dear brothers, sisters, and friends.

We pray that brotherly love will continue.

Brothers Elzie Reed
and Danny Hurley

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

It is with precious memories that we dedicate this the Thirtieth Annual Session of the Northern New Salem Association to the memory of the late Elders Burl Stevens, Monroe Ousley and Walter Parker, and also the many Brothers and Sisters.

There are many whom we have loved and lost awhile. But God will take us into their goodly company some glad day.

Your servant,
Bro. Newsome, Clerk

PROCEEDINGS

Of The

Thirtieth Annual Session of the
Northern New Salem Association of Old Regular Baptist
The Church of Jesus Christ

July 31, August 1, 2, 1987

Friday Session

As a cool breeze of early morning began to flow around the pavilion at the Little Angel Church. Precious Brothers, Sisters and acquaintances of this blessed old church were making their way to this part of the moral vineyard to attend this another session of the Northern New Salem Association. After several of the songs of old were sung, being the alternate chosen at our 1986 session, Eld. Ellis Banks with the spirit of God, began to preach concerning our common salvation. He admonished all to continue for the faith that was once delivered to the saints. Prayer by same.

Approaching the stand with much fear was Eld. Karrell Addington to deliver the introductory sermon. Wasn't long until all fear had vanished, replaced with the holy spirit. He was blessed to proclaim the identity of the church from the world and that God's children knows the voice of the Lord and are led by him. Advising all Moderators to stand strong and keep good order so we can be recognized as the true church and a light to the world.

The introductory sermon being delivered, Eld. Roy Caudill, our beloved Moderator, invited those who were not delegates to remain at the pavilion where the preaching services would be conducted, and those who were delegates to assemble in the house to conduct the business of this the 30th Annual Session of the Northern New Salem Association.

Eld. Clifford Colley (Philadelphia) was called on to make remarks and lead in prayer. Preaching that God's laws are in the hearts of his people and we can eat from his table in his Kingdom. We need God-fearing men to lead us in these troubled times, proclaimed Eld. Colley.

Eld. Roy Caudill, moderator came forward and announced that the 30th Annual Session of the Northern New Salem Association was now in working order.

Friday, July 31, 1987

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 Eld. Birtchel Mosley, Jr., second by Bro. Ira Kendricks. The letter from the Little Angel Church was read by the Clerk. A motion was made by Eld. Ray Hamilton, second by Eld. Buford Brock, to receive 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 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: Eld. Clifford Colley, Bro. Dexter Dixon and Bro. Lowell Adkins.
Officers elected:
Moderator Eld. Roy Caudill
Assistant Moderator Eld. Paris Tackitt
Clerk Eld. Hillard Newsome
Assistant Clerk Eld. 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 Ralph Caudill.
3. On motion by Eld. Buford Brock, second by Eld. Bart Potter, the Moderator was authorized to make all temporary appointments.
4. On motion by Eld. James Branham, second by Eld. Virgil Wicker, reading of the 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 none responded.
6. Called for Associations of our same faith and order desiring to continue a Godly correspondence and the following responded:
(a) **New Salem** - Represented by the following delegates: Offie Bartley, Forest D. Hall, Ivory Soward, Woodrow Dye, Jinny Dye, Jinny Waddles, Dexter Dixon, Walter Akers, Hiram Adkins, Woody Pack, Donald Blake Little, Angus Slone, John L. Hicks, Russel Hicks, Willard Hicks, Roger Hicks, Curtis Hall, Grover Adkins and Glen Hall. Letter in the hands of Woody Pack. A motion was made by Eld. Virgil Wicker, second by Eld. Ray Hamilton 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: Paul Coleman, Baxter Osborne, Gary Sanders, Herman West, Arvid Blevins, Paul McClanahan, John Paul Hamilton, Emmitt Tackett, Willis Kelley, Rollin Hollins and Don Pertuset. Letter in the hands of Eld. Frank Newsome. A motion was made by Eld. Bart Potter, second by Bro. Emery Bartley 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: Harlan Barney, Walter Morrison, Claude Coffee, Ira Adkins, Jr., Glen Merritt, Douglas Colegrove, Paul Morrison, Fealden Ruggles, Jr., David Gilliam, Kilby Deel, Rush Stanley, Luther Ramey, Jr., Lowell Adkins, Craten Elkins, Clifford Colley, Willis Tolliver, Coy Tolliver, Curt Seagraves, Jack Adkins, John Clark, Howard Adkins and Homer Ruggles. Letter in the hands of Bro. David Gilliam. A motion was made by Eld. Squire Hamilton, second by Bro. Ira Kendricks 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: Billy Brumfield, Paul Vance, Virgil Fields, Donny Brown, Clyde Brown, W. H. Cochran, Julius Cochran, Kelly Castle, Edwin Hay, Maynard Hay, Marion Duncan, Paul Moor, R. F. Runyon, Sr., W. H. Hale and Delbert Kazee. Letter in the hands of Eld. Edwin Hay. One motion by Eld. Milton Dye, second by Eld. Doug McCarty, their letter was received and the delegates were seated with us in council. They were given the right hand of fellowship.
 - (e) **Old Friendship** — Represented by the following delegates: Leonard Coleman, Danny Hurley, Jr. Coleman, George Baker, Gary Justus, Leon Lockhart, Perry Hagerman, Phillip Estep, Orvill Street, Sherman Street and Lacy Justice. Letter in the hands of Eld. Lacy Justice on motion by Bro. Darrell Parks, second by Bro. Ira Kendricks. Their letter was received and the delegates seated with us in council. They were given the right hand of fellowship.
7. The Moderator appointed a committee consisting of the delegates from the Little Angel Church, together with one delegate from each of the other churches to arrange the ministry for Friday evening and Saturday morning who reported as follows: Friday evening - Elders: (1) Woody Pack, New Salem; (2) Russell Hicks, New Salem. Saturday morning - Elders: (1) Willis Tolliver, Philadelphia; (2) Woodrow Pack, New Salem; (3) Jr. Ruggles, Philadelphia; (4) Russell Hicks, New Salem and (5) Ivory Soward, New Salem.
 8. Called for transient ministers and members of our same faith and order and the following responded: Karrell Addington, Calvin Burke, Johnnie Bentley, Robert Wallen, Birbage Howell, Jr., Joseph Tuttle, Russell

Thornsberry, David Gillium, Zee Holbrooks, Alex Collier, Maynard Ratliff, Hayes Vanderpool, Pete Hensley, Paris Tackitt, C. W. Turner, Hayes Chaffins, Jr. Miller, Melvin Watts, Jackson Holbrooks and Mike Slone.

9. A motion was made by Eld. Ray Hamilton, second by Bro. Emery Bartley 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 and (e) Old Friendship.
10. Appointed a committee to arrange the agenda for Saturday consisting of one delegate from each church together with the officers of the Northern New Salem Association and the officers and delegates from our corresponding Associations. Committee to meet back at the house at 3 p.m. Friday evening.
 - (a) on motion by Eld. Buford Brock, second by Bro. John Jude the Association adjourned until 9 a.m. Saturday morning, August 1, 1987.
 - (b) Committee met pursuant to adjournment Friday noon and completed it's work on the Bill of Arrangements. The services for Friday evening were opened by (1) Eld. Woody Pack prayer by same and, (2) Eld. Russell Hicks both from New Salem.

Saturday, August 1, 1987

The delegates met pursuant to adjournment Friday evening at the house to continue the work of the Association. As the house began to fill to capacity, one could hear the congregation making melody in their hearts by singing the glorious songs of zion. Eld. Grover Adkins, New Salem, was called on to make remarks and led in prayer which was very warm and uplifting.

1. Called the roll of delegates and marked the absentees.
2. The Bill of Arrangements was read by the Clerk, Eld. Jr. Mosley made a motion, second by Eld. Sam Franks to receive the Bill of Arrangements and discharge the committee.
3. The Circular Letter written by Elder Danny Adams for our 1987 Session was read by him. A motion was made by Eld. Jr. Hall, second by Bro. Webb Hopkins to receive the letter and have it printed in our 1987 minutes. By the same motion, Elder Doug McCarty was chosen to write a Circular Letter, subject to approval at our 1988 session.

4. The finance committee appointed Friday. Item 2a consisting of Elders: Hiram Adkins, Ray Hamilton and Ralph Caudill gave theirs as follows:

1987 Church contributions	\$4,335.00
1987 Picture contributions	360.00
Other contributions	<u>21.00</u>
Total money received for 1987	\$5,716.00

A motion was made by Elder Squire Hamilton, second by Eld. Buford Brock 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 1, 1986	\$1,279.71
1986 Church contributions	4,160.00
1986 Picture contributions	536.75
Other contributions	<u>212.00</u>
Total money on hand August 3, 1986	\$6,188.46

1986 Expenses

Printer's fee	\$4,949.76
Secretary's fee	200.00
Rental for safe deposit box	31.00
Postage, U.P.S., freight	30.00
Traveling expenses, Clerk and Asst. Clerk	<u>10.00</u>
Total expenses for 1986	\$5,220.76
Total money on hand Aug. 3, 1986	\$6,188.46
Less 1986 expenses	<u>5,220.76</u>
	967.70
Plus interest on Savings Account	<u>37.29</u>
Balance August 1, 1986	\$1,004.99
Plus money received for 1987	<u>5,716.00</u>
Total Money on hand Aug. 3, 1987	\$6,720.99

6. A motion was made by Eld. Ray Hamilton, second by Bro. Emery Bartley to accept the treasurer's report. By the same motion Eld. Hillard Newsome was appointed recording secretary. He is to have 5000 copies of the current minutes printed and distributed among the churches according to the contributions. The secretary is to receive \$200.00 for his services. Printer's fee is to appear on the front cover.

7. Eld. Ray Hamilton made a motion, second by Eld. Bart Potter, that obituaries of deceased members and friends of the Northern New Salem Association be printed in the current minutes. They are to be type-written 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) Cardy Hall, New Salem; (2) Woody Pack, New Salem; (3) Rush Stanley, Philadelphia; (4) Offie Bartley, New Salem. (In the absence of one of the Elders chosen, Eld. Herman West, Union, filled in). Sunday morning. Elders: (1) Herman West, Union; (2) Jimmy Dye, New Salem; (3) Baxter Osborne, Union; and (4) Roy Caudill, Northern New Salem.
9. Eld. Ellis Banks made a motion, second by Br. John B. Hale to omit having the Elders report the Union meetings and Associations attended for the year 1986 and 1987.
10. Eld. Ray Hamilton made a motion, second by Bro. Emery Bartley, 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: Joppa, Little Rock, Little Nancy, Pilgrims Rest, Samaria, Pilgrims Home, Zion, Mother's Home and Little Salem. To be held at the Association Building, Minnie, Floyd County, Ky. Beginning on Friday before the fourth Saturday in September 1987 and continuing the two following days. Delegates to attend: Pet Hensley, Forest Osborne, Sam Franks, Paris Tackitt, Jackson Holbrooks, Zee Holbrooks, Conley Daniels, Ray Hamilton, Matt Slone, Johnny Newsome, James Branham, Merland Gibson, Joshua Hicks, Don Lawson, Raymond Stapleton, David Slone, Milton Dye. Letter in the hands of Eld. Conley Daniels.
 - (b) **Union** — When convened with the host churches at Wise, Wise County, Va. Beginning on Friday before the third Saturday in September and continuing the two following days. Delegates to attend: Ernest Thornsberry, Paris Tackitt, Jackson Holbrook, Matt Slone, Forest Osborne, Pet Hensley, Johnny Newsome and David Slone. Letter is in the hands of Eld. Paris Tackitt.
 - (c) **Philadelphia** — When convened with the Little Rosa Church at the Association Building, Worthington, Ky. Beginning on Friday before the 2nd Saturday in August 1987 and continuing the two following days. Delegates to attend: Hendricks Hampton, John Jude, Pet Hensley, Forest Osborne, Roy Caudill, Buford Brock, Sam Franks, Jr. Mosley, Paris Tackitt, Jackson Holbrooks, Conley Daniels, Darrell Parks, Joshua Hicks, Don Lawson, Raymond Stapleton and Milton Dye. Letter is in the hands of Eld. Paris Tackitt.

- (d) **Sardis** — When convened with the Little Rebecca Church, Myrtle, W. Va. Beginning on Friday before the second Saturday in September 1987 and continuing the two following days. Delegates to attend: Pet Hensley, Forest Osborne, Roy Caudill, John Jude, Buford Brock, Jr. Mosley, Paris Tackitt, Jackson Holbrooks, Buddy W. Carty, Johnny Newsome, John B. Hale. Letter in the hands of Br. Pete Hensley.
 - (e) **Old Friendship** — When convened with the North Spring Church, Wolford, Va. Beginning on Friday before the fourth Saturday in August 1987 and continuing the two following days. Delegates to attend: Jr. Mosley, Bart Potter, Johnny Newsome and Joshua Hicks. Letter in the hands of Eld. Jr. Mosley.
11. Eld. James Branham made a motion, second by Eld. Buford Brock, to grant the request of the Antioch and the Little Flock Churches in reference to the 2nd Article of our Articles of Faith which reads as follows: We believe 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. "Be amended to read." We believe the scriptures of the Old and New Testaments of the 1611 Authorized King James Version of the Bible are the written words of God and the only rules of faith and practice."
 12. A motion was made by Eld. Jr. Mosely, second by Eld. Matt Slone, to deny the request from the Little Memory Church, requesting the Association to reconsider the work done at our 1986 session in reference of withholding our letter of correspondence to the Indian Bottom Association.
 13. A motion was made by Eld. Ray Hamilton, second by Br. Ira Kendricks, to deny the request from the Little Memory Church in requesting a letter of dismissal.
 14. A motion was made by Eld. Buddy W. Carty, second by Eld. Hendricks Hampton, to deny the request from the House of Prayer Church in requesting a letter of dismissal.
 15. On motion by Eld. Doug McCarty, second by Eld. Larry Hankins, the request from the Little Rebecca Church was granted. Request, to list or show in the minutes the starting time of the business meeting on Saturday. (See Meeting Time in Statistical Table.)

Clerks note: Upon request from the Antioch Church their request was taken back, in reference to Elders moderating a church in the Northern New Salem Association while moderating a church in an Association that we are not in direct correspondence with.

Also upon request the request from the Lily of the Valley Church was taken back, concerning changing the 14th Article of our Constitution.

- 16. A motion was made by Eld. Jr. Mosely, second by Eld. Buford Brock, to grant the request from the Little Rebecca Church in removing the name of Eld. Savel Combs from the list of ordained ministers.
- 17. Eld. Ralph Caudill made a motion, second by Eld. Hendricks Hampton, to have the following motion made by Eld. Joshua Hicks, second by Eld. Jr. Mosely, at the committee meeting Friday, July 31, 1987 concerning the request from the other side of the Indian Bottom Association requesting advice of how they may obtain correspondence. "That we refer their letter of request concerning advice in obtaining correspondence to our mother the New Salem Association or our Sister the Union Association."
- 18. By a secret vote of the delegates present Eld. Ralph Caudill was chosen to preach the introductory sermon at our 1988 session and Eld. Ron Scott is to be his alternate.
- 19. On motion by Bro. Dan Thornsby, second by Eld. Matt Slone, it was agreed to grant the request of the Lily of the Valley Church, Geneva, Ohio, the privilege of hosting the 1988 session of the Northern New Salem Association.
- 20. On motion by Eld. Ray Hamilton, second by Eld. Buford Brock, the current minutes were read by the Clerk Bro. Newsome.
- 21. On motion by Eld. Joshua Hicks, second by Eld. Buford Brock, it was agreed to dedicate this session of the Northern New Salem Association to the memory of the Late Elders, Walter Parker, Monroe Ousley, Burl Stevens and the many Bros. and Sisters that have passed since our last setting.
- 22. Eld. Buddy W. Carty made a motion, second by Bro. Emery Bartley, that we the Northern New Salem Association adjourn until the time and place mentioned in the 19th item of the current minutes.

After singing several verses of an old time song, Eld. Joshua Hicks offered prayer, thanking God for this grand old association and begging God's blessings upon all as we take the parting hand.

Done and signed by order of the Association.

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

With a heart full of love we wish to extend to the Little Angel Church our thanks and appreciation for a job well done. Your hours of labor, your acts of kindness will long be remembered as a token of your love. Bless you

one and all, friends and acquaintances, both young and old, of this blessed old church for anything and everything you did for helping care for us. Thanks to the pie makers from the Little Family sisters, and to anyone who brought a pie or cake for our sweet tooth.

We love you, too, in Campers Village. Your help is needed and having you around is something special. Please roll up North in Aug. '88, stop at the Lily of the Valley Church, where your doors will open on hinges of love, your smiles will brighten our day.

Your humble servant,
Bro. Newsome - Clerk

Sabbath Morning, August 2, 1987

Arising early to be about our fathers business were the many ones that had traveled from far and near to attend this Grand Old Association. Taking their seats in the place of worship, one could soon hear inspiring songs of zion being sung in praise to the King of Kings.

Approaching the stand in a very humble manner was our beloved Clerk, Bro. Newsome, singing "The Day is Breaking In My Soul." Being thankful, as we all should be, just for a seat in this blessed old Baptist family, thankful too, of the many blessings bestowed upon us. Bro. Newsome led in prayer.

Bro. Wayne, Assistant Clerk

Next on the stand was Eld. Joshua Hicks, although afflicted in body, was soon elevated in spirit to preach the age old theme: Repentance is required at the hands of all men.

Eld. Paul Barney (Sardis) was next on the stand. Who chose "the prodigal son" as his subject.

From the New Salem Association was Eld. Wood Pack, singing "Lord, You Are The Best Thing That Every Happened to Me." Eld. Pack was blessed to preach of the goodness and blessings of the Lord, if men and women would repent and live a different life from the world.

Eld. Paris Tackitt, our beloved Assistant Moderator closed out the services by prayer. A prayer that I feel was accepted by our Heavenly Father.

Your humble servant,
Bro. Newsome, Clerk

Circular Letter

Dear Brothers and Sisters that compose the Northern New Salem Association. Being chosen last year to prepare a circular letter for your inspection at our 1987 annual session, I have found this to be a task that I am far too unlearned and unworthy to have bestowed upon me. Realizing my weakness I understand enough to know that if God does not inspire me and direct my mind, this effort will be in vain.

Many thoughts have crossed my mind in the last year, but as our association draws nigh, I pray God will bless me to write unto you things which are most surely believed among us, words that would inspire a greater harmony among the family of God.

As it has been quoted many times that (Psalms 133:1) "Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!" Unity means to be in agreement. We have the entire Bible for an example of what can happen when the family of God is in full agreement and of the disaster that can occur when they are divided. The scripture says that (Acts 2:1-2) when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. Suddenly there came a sound from Heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and filled all the house where they were sitting. And as they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, the scripture says (in Acts 2:42) "And they continued steadfastly in the apostles doctrine and fellowship . . .".

Brethren, this old Baptist Church started out on what sayeth the word of God. Our own articles of faith state that we believe that the scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the written words of God, and the only rules of faith and practice. II Timothy 3:16-17 says "All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works." Therefore, we too should continue steadfastly in the apostles doctrine and fellowship

The Apostle Paul wrote unto the Corinthians saying (I Cor. 1:10), "Now I beseech you brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you, but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgement." Brethren, God would not have instructed us to do something that he knew we could not do. We know that it is possible for us to come together in one accord, for us to speak the same thing, and for us to be joined together in the same mind and in the same judgement. But in order for us to work that way we must never lean toward the flesh. We must follow the Spirit, we should all examine ourselves to see if we are truly following the Spirit. Galatians 5:25-26 says, "for us to walk in the Spirit. Let us not be desirous of vain glory, provoking one another, envying one another." Brethren, let us never be guilty of just wanting our way. Always let our way be according

to what sayeth the word of God. We realize that as long as we live in this world we will never be perfect, as being without fault, so let us try to look over one another's faults and mistakes, though let us never depart from the Holy Scriptures. Let us continue steadfastly in the apostles doctrine and fellowship

Paul warned the brethren (in Acts 20:28-31) saying, "Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood. For I know this, that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock. Also of your own selves shall men arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away disciples after them. Therefore watch and remember . . .".

Apostle Paul had much trouble with what he called false brethren. He also told us how to deal with them that would bring in strange doctrines and confusion among the church. In Romans 16:17, he said, "Now I beseech you brethren, mark them which cause divisions and offenses contrary to the doctrine which you have learned, and avoid them." In another place he said, (II Thess. 3:6) "Now we command you, brethren, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye withdraw yourselves from every brother that walketh disorderly, and not after the tradition which ye received of us." We have no need for them that sow the seed of discord, for according to the sixth chapter of Proverbs, he that soweth the seed of discord is an abomination unto the Lord.

Brethren, our time is short. We are swiftly running our race. If we are to gain our children and loved ones that are outside the ark of safety, those that haven't closed in with the offered mercies of God, we must come together and stand as one and not be ashamed to cry unto the Lord. Let us, the church, go to God as Rachel did when she said unto Jacob, "give me children or else I die." Brethren, let us show forth the love that God has born down in our hearts, let's look out for one another, let's stand for one another, let's love one another. The scripture says charity is the greatest of virtues, in I Cor. 13:4-8 it says, "Charity suffereth long, and is kind; charity envieth not; charity vaunted not itself, is not puffed up, doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil; rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth; beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things. Charity never faileth . . .". Jesus said "as I have loved, that ye also love one another. By this shall all men know, your children and my children, that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another." (John 13:35)

Brethren, the strength of our church, the Old Regular Baptist, of tomorrow depends on how we work today. So let us continue steadfastly in the apostles doctrine and fellowship

Brethren, I've not written unto you as one that possesses great wisdom, but as one that speaks simple words and has need to be taught. I am among

to build up, not tear down, I want to be found gathering in, not scattering away.

So as I must bring this letter to a close, as we enter our work, whether it be today or any other day, remember these scriptures: (Philippians 2:1-5) "If there be therefore any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any bowels and mercies, fulfill ye my joy, that ye be likeminded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind. Let nothing be done through strife or vain glory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves. Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others. Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus."

Brethren, I love this precious old family and I pray that this effort will meet her standards. I have tried to stir up your pure minds by way of remembrance, if it is not worthy then reject it, but just grant me a seat among you. And let us continue steadfastly in the apostles doctrine and fellowship . . . God bless you one and all.

Written by,
Elder Danny R. Adams

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

NORTHERN NEW SALEM ASSOCIATION

WHEN ORGANIZED IN 1957

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

ARTICLE 15. The Association shall have the power for the general union of the Churches; to preserve inviolable a chain of communion among the Churches; to give Churches all necessary advice in matters of difficulty; to inquire into the cause of the Churches failing to represent 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 deviates 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 the scriptures of the Old and New Testaments of the 1611 Authorized King James version of the Bible 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, Romans 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, Mar 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 1988

April

PLEASANT VIEW — First in April. Roger Hicks, Frank Newsome, Paul McClanahan, Robert Haney, Bill Campbell, Larry Hankins, Covis Tackett.

ROSE OF SHARON — First in April. Woody Pack, James Branham, Curtis Hall, David Slone, Buddy Carty, Hobard Hamilton, Alex Collier.

HOUSE OF PRAYER — First in April. Baxter Osborne, Woody Pack, Roger Hicks, Ivory Sowards, Garland Mullins, Ralph Howard.

May

MAGGIE'S HOME — First in May. Hiram Adkins, David Slone, Squire Hamilton, Woody Pack, Willis Tolliver, Sam Franks.

LITTLE IDA — First in May. Roy Caudill, Woody Pack, Earl Lawson, Roger Hicks, Johnie Newsome, Baxter Osborne, Urshel Huff.

ANTIOCH — First in May. Teddy Robinson, Eddie Tackett, Buddy Carty, Buford Brock, Karrel Addington, Birtchel Mosley, Jr., Woody Pack.

LITTLE RUTH — Second in May. Kenny Robinson, James Branham, Delmar Williams, Paris Tackitt, Squire Hamilton, Karrel Addington.

LITTLE MEMORY — Second in May. Stoney Blackburn, Hershel Huff, Marvin Hall.

LITTLE ZION — Second in May. Howard Coleman, Walter Akers, Danny Adams, Buford Brock, Larry Newsome, Arvid Blevins.

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

LITTLE CHILDREN'S HOME — Third in May. Bill Dunbar, Ron Scott, Doug McCarty, Johnny Bentley, C. W. Turner, Birtchel Mosley, Jr.

MORNING STAR — Third in May. Buddy W. Carty, Birtchel Mosley, Jr., Johnie Bentley, Richard Griffith, Johnny Newsome.

MACEDONIA — Third in May. Stoney Blackburn, Alex Collier, Hayes Chaffin, Jay Seagraves.

June

MT. ZION — First in June. Robert Wallen, Buck Tuttle, Newton Vanderpool, Maynard Ratliff.

LITTLE FLOSSIE — First in June. Doug McCarty, Don Gibson, Buddy Carty, Roy Caudill, Buford Brock, Karrel Addington, Joshua Hicks, Danny Adams, Mike Slone.

LITTLE BETHEL — First in June. Johnny Newsome, Squire Hamilton, Paris Tackitt, Johnie Bentley, Danny Adams, Covis Tackett.

LITTLE POLLY — Second in June. Early Lawson, James Branham, David Slone, Danny Carty, Elmar Edwards, Buddy Carty, Karrel Addington.

LITTLE PILGRIM'S HOME — Second in June. Johnny Newsome, Karrel Addington, Birbage Howell, Danny Adams, Squire Hamilton, Johnny Bentley, George Matthews.

LITTLE FAMILY — Second in June. Birtchel Mosley, Jr., Joshua Hicks, Herman West, Woody Pack, C. W. Turner, Danny Adams, Russel Hicks.

LITTLE REBECCA — Third in June. Danny Adams, Roger Hicks, Karrel Addington, Jimmy Hall (McDowell), Birtchel Mosley, Jr.

LITTLE EDNA — Fourth in June. Estill Hamilton, Karrel Addington, Covis Tackett, James Branham, Billy Miller, Alex Hall.

MT. OLIVET — Fourth in June. Zee Holbrook, Jr. Mosley, Larry Newsome, James Branham, Karrel Addington, Virgil Fields.

FAMILY OF LOVE — Fourth in June. Junior Mosley, Ray Hamilton, Karrel Addington, Woody Pack, Hillard Newsome, Edwin Hay, C. W. Turner.

July

LITTLE FLOCK — Third in July. Fealden Ruggles, Jr., Rich Griffith, Wendall Hamilton, Hiram Adkins, Virgil Wicker, Ray Hamilton.

LITTLE ANGEL — Fourth in July. Jeffrey Dillon, Jimmy Dye, Baxter Osborne, Woody Pack, David Slone, Bill Tackett, James Branham.

August

TRUE VINE — Third in August. Ted Robinson, Ked Adkins, James Gannon, Ralph Caudill, Karrel Addington, Birbage Howell, Jr.

MEMORIAL MEETINGS

Little Rebecca — Third in August. Earl Lawson, Ershel Huff, Bill Tackett, Buddy Carty.

Maggie's Home — First in June.

Little Polly — Second in September. All Old Regular Baptist members invited.

Mt. Zion — First in September.

Little Flock — Third in June. Ivory Sowards, Mike Campbell, Hobart Hamilton, Willis Tolliver.

The Marcum Memorial service is the fifth Sunday in July, 1988. Brothers called are Paris Tackitt, Ivory Sowards, Russell Hicks, Mike Campbell, Junior Ruggles, Willis Tolliver.

Little Ruth — Second in July. Kenny Robinson, Maynard Ratliff, James Curry, Amos Williams, Forest Osborne.

Little Memory — Second in August. Forest Osborne, John B. Hamilton, Paris Tackett, and moderator.

Little Edna — Fourth in August. Jessie Pack, Alex Collier, Frank Harvey.

Little Ida — First in July. Fealden Ruggles, Jr., Bill Estep, Larry Newsome, Lloyd Brown.

Little Flossie — First in September.

First Saturday and Sunday in May for memorial of Sister Mildred Mosley. Russell Hicks, Buddy Carty, Earl Lawson.

Little Zion — Second in August. Clifford Maynard, Ronald Scott, Charles Newsome, Stoney Blackburn, Paul McClanahan, Frank Newsome.

Little Pilgrim's Home — Second in August. All Old Regular Baptist ministers invited.

Mt. Olivet — Fourth in August. Danny Adams, Charles Newsome, Johnny Newsome, Johnny Bentley.

Pleasant View — First in June. Evin Hamilton, Charles Tackett, Grant Tackett, David Slone.

Little Family — Second in October 1987. Buddy Carty, Willis Tolliver, Hillard Newsome, Ralph Caudill.

Little Angel — Fourth in March. Hiram Adkins, Hillard Newsome, C. W. Turner, Woodrow Dye.

Antioch — First in June. Hillard Newsome, C. W. Turner, Ellis Banks.

Rose of Sharon — Second in October 1987. Danny Carty, Russell Hicks, Milton Dye, Sam Franks, Danny Adams, Birtchel Mosley, Jr.

Lily of the Valley — Third in July. All ordained ministers.

Little Children's Home — Third in September 1988. Ralph Caudill, Billy Miller, Larry Hankins, Hillard Newsome.

Morning Star — Third in July. Doug McCarty, Danny Adams, Larry Hankins, James Branham.

Little Bethel — First in September 1988. Elisha Branham, Frank Harvey.

Family of Love — Fourth in August. Danny Adams, Alex Collier, James Branham, Roger Hicks.

A memorial meeting is set for the Fourth Sunday in May for Mary Ellen Wicker. Ministers called: Buddy Carty, Johnny Newsome, James Branham.

House of Prayer — First in November. John B. Hamilton, Jeffrey Dillon, Baxter Osborne, Paul Vance.

Macedonia — Third in October 1988. Stoney Blackburn, Alex Collier, Hayes Chaffin, Jay Seagraves.

True Vine — Third in July. Ray Hamilton, Bart Potter, Orban May, Johnny Bently, Joshua Hicks, Alex Collier.

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	David Slone
Little Ida	4060 Drennen Street	Ecarse, 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.	Ellis Banks
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	S.R. 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.	Darvin Sturgill
True Vine	7992 Cleveland Mass Rd.	Clinton, Ohio	Kennis L. Robinson

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DELEGATES TO THE NORTHERN NEW SALEM ASSOCIATION

Little Rebecca	Dave Pullum, Dan Thornsberry, Ed Shepherd
Maggie's Home	John B. Hale, Ira Kendricks, Harrison Runyon
Little Polly	Rich Griffith, Andy Damron, James Poe
Mt. Zion	Amos Williams, Rufus Slone, E. B. Hicks
Little Flock	Joshua Hicks, Sam Franks, Hank Forgey
Little Ruth	Kenneth Mullins, Emery Bartley, Adron Counts
Little Memory	Bill Ison, Ronnie Miller, Sollie Miller, Jr.
Little Edna	Hobart Justice, Elmer Edwards, Matt Slone, Jr.
Little Ida	Ralph Caudill, Herman Belcher, Billy Miller
Little Flossie	Birtchel Mosley, Jr., Virgil Wicker, Larry Dixon
Little Zion	Larry Hankins, Jack Heacock, Eugene Robinette
Little Pilgrim's Home	Jackie Hunter, Ed Wallen, Danny Hamilton
Mt. Olivet	Danny Adams, Carl Ousley, Charles Newsome
Pleasant View	Stoney Blackburn, Bob Burke, Ezra Thornsberry
Little Family	Hendrix Hampton, Marvin Potter, Jerome Watts
Little Angel	Forest Osborne, Milton Dye, Ballard Brown
Antioch	Ellis Banks, Everett Everage, Darrell Parks
Rose of Sharon	Ray Hamilton, Doug McCarty, Junior Hall
Lily of the Valley	Squire Hamilton, Conley Daniles, Scott Hamilton
Little Children's Home	Buford Brock, Mike Hiatt, Henry Hobson
Morning Star	Covis Tackett, Charles Blevins, Delano Newsome
Little Bethel	Frank Harvey, Merlin Gibson, James Branham
Family of Love	George Matthews, Donel Gibson, Buddy W. Carty
House of Prayer	Paul Reynolds, Cash Slone, Larce Darby
Macedonia	Burl Sturgill, Darwin Sturgill, Ernest Middleton
True Vine	Webb Hopkins, Bart Potter, Stanley Roar

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES

	Received By Baptism	Received By Letter	Recommendation	Restored	Dismissed By Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Total Membership	Meeting Time	Contributions	Communion Time
Little Rebecca	0	0	0	0	2	2	1	65	*3-M	\$200.00	July
Maggie's Home	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	47	1-M	125.00	July
Little Polly	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	22	2-E	125.00	July
Mt. Zion	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	9	1-M	50.00	July
Little Flock	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	34	3-M	250.00	Aug.
Little Ruth	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	21	2-M	100.00	June
Little Memory	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	32	2-E	100.00	June
Little Edna	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	23	4-M	100.00	June
Little Ida	7	2	0	0	2	0	4	99	1-M	400.00	June
Little Flossie	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	33	1-E	200.00	July
Little Zion	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	42	2-M	150.00	June
Little Pilgrim's Home	1	1	0	1	2	4	1	22	2-M	100.00	July
Mt. Olivet	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	19	4-M	125.00	July
Pleasant View	4	0	0	2	0	2	0	89	1-E	300.00	May
Little Family	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	28	2-E	175.00	July
Little Angel	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	53	4-E	300.00	Aug.
Antioch	0	0	0	0	8	0	1	43	1-E	275.00	Oct.
Rose of Sharon	0	2	0	0	4	0	0	41	2-M	200.00	May
Lily of the Valley	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	26	3-E	100.00	June
Little Children's Home	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	14	3-E	100.00	July
Morning Star	4	0	0	2	6	3	1	49	3-M	200.00	June
Little Bethel	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	21	1-M	100.00	July
Family of Love	2	1	0	0	0	0	1	38	4-M	160.00	July
House of Prayer	1	2	0	0	7	0	3	57	1-E	150.00	June
Macedonia	none shown on church letter								3-M	50.00	June
True Vine	1	1	0	0	2	0	0	20	3-M	200.00	Sept.
Church Contributions for 1987	\$4,335.00										
Picture Contributions for 1987	360.00										
Other Contributions	21.00										
Grand Total	26	13	0	4	37	15	15	944		\$4,716.00	

*M: Saturday morning services

E: Saturday evening services

ORDAINED MINISTERS

Little Rebecca

Elder Lon Beverly	45 Bell St., Plymouth, OH 44865	(419) 687-9501
Elder Danny Carty	38 Taft St., Shelby, OH 44875	(419) 347-2615
Elder Birbage Howell, Jr.	Rt. 1, Plymouth, OH 44865	(419) 896-2337
Elder Jay H. Mitchell	67 Shelby Ave., Shelby, OH 44875	(419) 347-5582
Elder Claude Ousley	22 Maple St., Shelby, OH 44875	(419) 347-1217
Elder Faris Tuttle	Rt. 2, Shiloh, OH 44878	(419) 896-3569
Elder Wriile Tuttle	Rt. 2, Willard, OH 44890	(419) 935-0872

Maggie's Home

Elder Johnny Newsome	Cardington, OH 43315	(419) 864-3513
Elder Harrison Runyon	Rt. 1, Nelsonville, OH 45764	(614) 753-1024
Elder Jerry Runyon	Rt. 4, S.R. 143, Pomery, OH 45769	(614) 992-2687
Elder Paris Tackitt	823 Swift Creek Rd., Beaver, OH 45613	(614) 226-6343

Little Polly

Elder Richard Griffith	N. Dr. S. Tekonsha, MI 49092	(517) 767-4263
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Mt. Zion

None

Little Flock

Elder Mike Fortner	2476 Center Point Rd., Oak Hill, OH 45656	(614) 682-6236
Elder Sam Franks	Rt. 2, Box 209, Vinton, OH 45686	(614) 388-9009
Elder Joshua Hicks	Rt. 6, 8722, Royalton Rd., Lancaster, OH 43130	(614) 969-2988
Elder Okie Kent	032 Hall-Davis Rd., Thurman, OH 45685	(614) 682-6676
Elder Don Lawson	204 2nd St., Box 47, Pleasantville, OH 43148	(614) 468-2203
Elder Raymond Stapleton	Rt. 1, Box 67 Co. Rd. 8, Ewington, OH 45686	(614) 669-5055

Little Ruth

Elder James Curry	8930 Strine Rd., Ashley, OH 43003	(614) 747-2032
Elder Maynard Ratliff	PO Box 14, Fulton, OH 43321	(419) 864-2162
Elder Bill Staten	Rt. 1, Co. Rd. 208, Marengo, OH 43334	None
Elder Newton Vanderpool	142 Sandusky St., Plymouth, OH 44865	(419) 687-5061
Elder Amos Williams	150 Riley St., Newark, OH 43055	

Little Memory

Elder Laurence Day	Okeana, OH 45053	(812) 776-4216
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Little Edna

Elder Elmer Edwards	888 Cooper Foster Park Rd., Amherst, OH 44001	(216) 988-5875
Elder Hobart Justice	455 Summer St., Sheffield Village, OH 44054	(216) 277-9547
Elder Denver Meade	953 Warwick Dr., Sheffield, OH 44054	(216) 949-6048
Elder David Slone	5128 Orchard St., Lorain, OH 44055	(216) 233-5580
Elder Matt Slone, Jr.	5426 Lake Rd., Sheffield Lake OH 44054	(216) 949-5174

Little Ida

Elder Herman Belcher	59 Oak St. River Rouge, MI 48218	(313) 841-7816
Elder Ralph Caudill	1594 Wilson St. Lincoln Pk., MI 48146	(313) 381-3710
Elder Billy Miller	672 Cora, Wyandotte, MI 48192	(313) 283-0208
Elder Arthur Mitchell	1712 Electric, Wyandotte, MI 48192	(313) 283-2423
Elder Ron Scott	1146 E. Kalma, Madison Heights, MI 48071	(313) 547-1063

Little Flossie

Elder Birtchel Mosley, Jr.	2001 E. Dowling St., Kendallville, IN 46755	(219) 347-2220
Elder Morris Wicker	Rt. 1, Rome City, IN 46784	(219) 347-3961
Elder Virgil Wicker	208 N. Park Ave., Kendallville, IN 46755	(219) 347-4736

Little Zion

Elder Larry Hankins	463 W. Brickly, Hazel Park, MI 48030	(313) 399-0130
Elder Glyn Maddox	HC 72, Box 311, Johannesburg, MI 49751	(517) 786-3192
Elder Clarence Owens	33632 Cheryl, Mt. Clemens, MI 48083	(313) 791-2135

Little Pilgrim's Home

Elder Danny C. Hamilton	624 Keys Drive, Elyria, OH 44035	(216) 322-6200
Elder Robert Wallen	123 Main Street, Rochester, OH 44090	(216) 647-4052

Mt. Olivet

Elder Danny R. Adams	6436 Troy St., Taylor, MI 48180	(313) 292-8759
Elder Oscar Halcomb	Box 424, Whitesburg, KY 41858	(606) 633-4171
Elder Charles Newsome	3232 S. Vassar Rd., Burton, MI 48519	(313) 744-3855

Pleasant View

Elder Stoney Blackburn	11907 Chapin Rd., Berlin Hts, OH 44074	(216) 775-1730
Elder Hayse Chaffins	17616 Rt. 301, LaGrange, OH 44050	(216) 355-8461
Elder Alex Collier	13728 Hale Rd., Oberlin, OH 44074	(216) 775-1730
Elder Larry Newsome	2216 Brownhelm Sta. Rd., Vermillion, OH 44089	(216) 967-5877
Elder Mike Slone	Hill Road, Berlin Heights, OH 44814	None
Elder James E. Tolliver	3190 Jerusalem Rd., Vermillion, OH 44089	(216) 967-4152
Elder Hargis Tuttle	705 N. Abbe Rd., Elyria, OH 44035	(216) 365-5643

Little Family

Elder Roy Caudill	6143 Paulin Dr., Middletown, OH 45042	(513) 423-2381
Elder Hendricks Hampton	40 Deardoff Rd., Franklin, OH 45005	(513) 746-7533

Little Angel

Elder Milton Dye	3737 Abney Rd., Columbus, OH 43207	(614) 491-9456
Elder Forest Osborne	3425 Kitzmiller Rd., New Albany, OH 43054	(614) 855-7955
Elder Harold Senters	4048 Colby St., Columbus, OH 43227	(614) 239-0057

Antioch

Elder Ellis Banks	Rt. 3, Box 557, Greenbriar Rd., Mt. Washington, KY 40047	(502) 538-7283
Elder Hillard Newsome	3520 Fincastle Rd., Louisville, KY 40213	(502) 452-1197
Elder C. W. Turner	Rt. 4, Box 165B, Shelbyville, KY 40065	(502) 633-0611

Rose of Sharon

Elder Karrel Addington	1211 Grove Rd., Ypsilanti, MI 48197	(313) 485-0248
Elder Johnie Bentley	3218 22nd, Wyandotte, MI 48192	(313) 283-2983
Elder Clark Damron	60 Stoner, River Rouge, MI 48218	(313) 841-7137
Elder Jeff Dillon	4668 Brandon, Detroit, MI 48209	(313) 843-4519
Elder Ishmel Hall, Jr.	37315 Bendix, Wayne, MI 48184	(313) 729-5477
Elder Ray Hamilton	18610 Toledo Rd., Wyandotte, MI 48192	(313) 282-2343
Elder Doug McCarty	9822 Woodland Ct., Ypsilanti, MI 48197	(313) 483-9877
Elder Whipple Reynolds	9651 Vivian, Taylor, MI 48180	(313) 291-1947

Lily of the Valley

Elder Conley Daniels	3624 W. 114th St., Cleveland, OH 44111	(216) 251-0709
Elder Evan Hamilton	5733 Washington St., Ashtabula, OH 44004	(216) 992-4621
Elder Squire Hamilton	4431 Maple St., Perry OH 44081	(216) 259-3036
Elder Chester Newsome	5908 Ogdon Ave., Ashtabula, OH 44004	(216) 992-5640
Elder Jessie Pack	12620 Grimsby Ave., Cleveland, OH 44135	(216) 251-1825

Little Children's Home

Elder Buford Brock	1494 N. 50 East, Danville, IN 46122	(317) 745-5228
Elder Zee Holbrook	R.R. 1, Box 49, Laurel, IN 47024	(317) 698-2583

Morning Star

Elder Morris Bryant	2964 S. Summers Rd., Imlay City, MI 48444	(313) 796-2462
Elder Conley Calhoun	48500 Hull Road, Belleville, MI 48111	(313) 699-7978
Elder Willis Little	4541 Grace Street, Wayne, MI 48184	(313) 728-4486
Elder Covis Tackett	4309 11th Street, Ecorse, MI 48229	(313) 382-7628
Elder J. C. Tackett	26076 Colgate St., Inkster, MI 48141	(313) 274-4599

Little Bethel

Elder James Branham	4157 Limerick Rd., Clyde, OH 43410	(419) 547-8286
Elder Lester Hall	2744 Co. Rd. 306, Vickery, OH 43464	(419) 684-9601
Elder Frank Harvey	Box 181, Greenspring, OH 44836	(419) 639-2557
Elder Buck Tuttle	Route 4, Willard, OH 44890	(419) 935-8131

Family of Love

Elder Clifford Bradly	18003 SH 231, Rt. 1, Nevada, OH 44849	None
Elder Buddy W. Carty	160 Trux St., Plymouth, OH 44865	(419) 687-7431
Elder Donel Gibson	Box 84, New Haven, OH 44850	(419) 935-4165
Elder Geroge Matthews	5707 St. Rt. 220, Waverly, OH 45690	(614) 947-2773
Elder Hardwick H. Ratliff	178 Patten St., Marion, OH 43302	(614) 382-0798

House of Prayer

Elder Troy Beverly	49 Lawndale Ave., Fairborn, OH 45324	(513) 878-8352
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Macedonia

None

True Vine

Elder Steve Borders	770 Wooster Rd. N., Barberton, OH 44203	(216) 745-7377
Elder Bart Potter	9066 Speith Rd., Litchfield, OH 44253	(216) 722-8573
Elder Kennis L. Robinson	1947 Tonawanda Ave., Akron, OH 44305	(216) 794-8821

CLERKS AND THEIR ADDRESSES

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Little Rebecca	Danny Carty	38 Taft St.	Shelby, OH 44875	(419) 347-2615
Maggie's Home	Paul Ratliff	Rt. 1, Box 169-A	McArthur, OH 45651	(614) 596-2103
Little Polly	Tom Vanzandt	11346 Willwood Dr.	Marshall, MI 49038	(616) 781-8191
Mt. Zion	Raleigh Ousley	3329 S.R. 30	Ada, OH 45810	(419) 326-7274
Little Flock	Hank Forgey	1443 Centerville Rd.	Thurman, OH 45685	(614) 682-6533
Little Ruth	Adran Counts	3645 TWP Rd. 26	Cardington, OH 43315	(419) 946-1197
Little Memory	Bill Ison	Box 4109 St. Rd. 252	Brookville, IN 47012	(317) 647-3266
Little Edna	Elmer Edwards	888 Cooper Foster Rk. Rd.	Amherst, OH 44001	(216) 988-5875
Little Ida	John Johnson	1309 Wilson	Lincoln Park, MI 48146	(313) 381-3142
Little Flossie	Larry Dixon	Rt. 3	Kendallville, IN 46755	(219) 347-4496
Little Zion	Eugene Robinette	5490 Hearst	Utica, MI 48087	(313) 731-7419
Little Pilgrim's Home	Danny C. Hamilton	624 Keys Dr.	Elyria, OH 43035	(216) 322-6200
Mt. Olivet	Carol Ousley	425 E. Bellevue	Leslie, MI 49251	(517) 589-8736
Pleasant View	Hargis Tuttle	705 N. Abbe Rd.	Elyria, OH 44035	(216) 365-5643
Little Family	Coleman Fields	7946 Lowe Dr.	Franklin, OH 45005	(513) 746-8829
Little Angel	Forest Osborne	3425 Kitzmiller Rd.	New Albany, OH 43054	(614) 855-7955
Antioch	Hillard Newsome	3520 Fincastle Rd.	Louisville, KY 40213	(502) 452-1197
Rose of Sharon	Johnie Bentley	3218 22nd St.	Wyandotte, MI 48192	(313) 283-2983
Lily of the Valley	Roger D. Newsome	Box 2238	Ashtabula, OH 44004	(216) 997-6194
Little Children's Home	James D. Wagner	Rt. 1, Box 52-B	Laurel, IN 47024	(317) 698-2316
Morning Star	Charles Blevins	4976 Hayes	Wayne, MI 48184	(313) 729-8313
Little Bethel	Ernest Owens	349 Jackson St.	Fremont, OH 43420	(419) 334-4344
Family of Love	Clifford Bradley	18003 Sh., 231-R-1	Nevada, OH 44849	
House of Prayer	Hayes Vanderpool	135 Old 122 Rd.	Yellow Springs, OH 45387	(513) 932-1573
Macedonia	Darvin Sturgill	P. O. Box J	Olive Hill, KY 41164	
True Vine	Mack Adkins	Rt. 1, Box 526-B	Grantsville, W. VA 26147	(304) 354-7334

OBITUARIES

Glen Adams

By the help of God, I will try to write the obituary of a dear brother in the Lord, Glen Adams. He was the son of Lester Adams and Justine Hampton Adams. He was born June 14, 1932 and died May 28, 1987. This making his stay on earth 54 years, 11 months and 14 days. He leaves to mourn his passing a loving wife, Mary Lou and four lonely children, two sons — Richard Glen and Robert Wayne, two daughters — Wanda Cheryl and Glen-na Marie. Also two grandchildren — Donnie and Channon Davis. His blessed old mother Justine Bronson and six brothers — Wendell, James, Carl, Harlis, Charles and Ralph.



Brother Glen called for me to come to the hospital to see him. I visited with him two or three times a day for almost two weeks before he died. His sweet face would light up each time I went and he would greet me with a big smile and handshake. With his mother and loving wife standing by he gave me his hand to become a member of the Little Family Church. He said, "I feel God has saved my soul and I want to join the church and I want to be baptized when I get able." He never lived to be baptized in the water but he said, "I feel I have been baptized with the Fire and The Holy Ghost." I said that's what counts. You must be born again if you ever get to Heaven.

Brother Glen and his good wife loved the Little Family Church. He will be sadly missed by the church, his loving family and many friends. But we feel our loss is Heaven's gain. In my closing, I want to say to his wife and children: Make Daddy's God your God and meet Daddy in Heaven some sweet day. And my prayers for his brothers are that if they have not yet turned to God and repented, that they will do so and meet Brother Glen in Heaven some sweet day.

To the family: May God Bless you all.

May God Bless Woodrow and Eva. Brother Glen loved you both so much and Woodrow was so good to go see him.

Written by Elder Roy Caudill

Sam Akers

I will try, by the help of the Lord, to write an obituary of my dear Dad, Sam Akers.

He was born on October 3, 1906 in Pike County, Kentucky. He died September 22, 1986 in Blue Ridge, Georgia, making his stay here on earth seventy-nine years, eleven months, and nineteen days. He was the son of the late Joe Akers and Minda (Howell) Akers of Pike County, Kentucky.

Early in life, he met and married Vanie Francis Compton on December 9, 1932. To this happy union was born three daughters and one son. One daughter, Wanda Vivian, preceded him in death. Left behind to mourn his loss are Betty Lee Caldwell, Margaret Lewis, and Carman Akers, all of Blue Ridge, Georgia, seven grandchildren, and five great grandchildren. Dad also leaves one half brother, James Meade, Flemmingsburg, KY, and two half-sisters, Mrs. Catherine Davis, Southgate, MI, and Mrs. Hazel Ford, Ecorse, MI. Dad was also preceded in death by his wife, Vanie Francis Akers, and three brothers, Johnny, George, and Charlie Akers.

Dad joined the Little Ida Church of Old Regular Baptist June 14, 1964. He was baptized June 21, 1964 and was ordained as a deacon. He loved the church and was faithful to it. In 1971, he retired and moved from Lincoln Park, Michigan to Blue Ridge, Georgia. He didn't get to go to the Little Ida Church as often as he wanted to but he always remembered the church and the people. Dad would meet people in Georgia and tell them about his church, the good preaching and singing they would have, and would tell them they should come and visit the church. When Dad could make it back to Michigan, he would always call Elder Ralph Caudill and tell him he wanted to come to church.

Dad was a good, honest man who always had a smile, even in death. I have that hope that I can see Dad again.

Services were conducted September 25, 1986 at the Little Ida Church, Ecorse, Michigan, with Ralph Caudill officiating. Burial followed in the Michigan Memorial Park, Flat Rock, Michigan.

"Earth hath no sorrows, that heaven can't heal,"
As I softly repeat it, great comfort I feel,
And I long to reach out to those in the storm
Of sorrow's dark night and point to the morn,



When joy will abound up there in the skies,
As God gently wipes the tears from our eyes,
Oh, then we'll see clearly the face we adore
And greet our dear loved ones who've gone on before,
Gone every heartache that here we may feel,
For "earth hath no sorrows that heaven can't heal."

Written by his son,
Carman Akers

Lester Amburgey

By the help of the good Lord, I will try to write the obituary of Bro. Lester Amburgey. Bro. Lester was born Feb. 22, 1921 in Knott County, Bath, Kentucky. He was born the son of the late Monroe Amburgey and Dicy Collins Amburgey.

Bro. Lester had heart problems for the last few years, and after much sickness, on April 24, 1987 about 8:30 A.M. God seen fit to take Bro. Lester home where no sickness comes. Being 66 years, 2 months, and 2 days old.

On May 14, 1948 he married Georgia Collins. To this union was born six children. Leaving to mourn his loss, his wife, three boys, and two girls all of Connersville, Ind. where



Bro. Lester worked and raised his family. They are Lester Jr., Larry Wayne, Robert Allen, and Wilbur Joel (who was drowned in 1974), Wanda Sue Kaiser, and Joyce Ann Evans, eleven grandchildren, and two step grandchildren also of Connersville. Three brothers: Haymond of College Corner, Ohio; Wiley of Litt Carr, Kentucky; Monroe Jr. of Connersville, Ind. Two sisters; Verda Franklin of Mallie, Kentucky and Cindy Hammonds of Clarksville, Indiana and many friends and loved ones. His parents, one son, one brother, and two sisters preceded him in death.

On Sept. 21, 1974 Bro. Lester joined The Old Regular Baptist Church at Little Children's Home, and was baptized by Elder Roy Caudill and Elder Zee Holbrook. He was a good and faithful servant. He soon felt his calling to the ministry and he sure loved the old time way. His favorite song's were, "How I Came To Love These Pilgrims" and "Two Coats."

In 1979 Bro. Lester felt the Lord wanted him to take his letter to the Little Bethel Church at Sligo, Ohio, where he was welcomed with much love and fellowship. Bro. Lester loved all the churches and he would travel many miles to church even when he was not able to go, but when the Lord would bless him, he would always say, "I am glad I went."

Bro. Lester, Sis. Georgia, and I went many places to church and had many happy times praising the good Lord and he enjoyed that so much. There is so much I could say about Bro. Lester, but children, we feel he has gone where no sickness and sorrow can come, and by the grace of God if you will look to the same God that Bro. Lester looked to then, when Jesus comes we can all go Home together.

Written by Elder Zee Holbrook

Rant Bailey

It is with many precious memories we write this obituary of our father, Rant Bailey.

He was the son of the late Sampson and Genora Bailey. He was born May 29, 1907 and died March 18, 1986, making his stay on earth 78 years and 10 months.

He was married to Dora Ellen Knipp who preceded him in death in 1977.

To this union were born eight children. Two sons: Harold Bailey of Hitchens, Kentucky and Bobby Baily of Columbus, Ohio. Six daughters: Vivian Cordle of Grove City, Ohio; Betty Schlaechter of Columbus, Ohio; Inetta Johnson of Mansfield, Ohio; Genetta Middleton of Groveport, Ohio; Carol King of Baltimore, Ohio; Helen Walker of Alliance, Ohio. There were 22 grandchildren, 28 great-grandchildren, and a host of relatives and friends.

Daddy was a member of the Macedonia Church of Grahn, Kentucky for more than fifty years. He was a faithful member of the church and he had a genuine love for his church and his God.

Daddy, how I would like to see you and hear your voice again. But God knew you were tired and the hills were hard to climb, so he gently closed your weary eyes and whispered, "Peace be thine."

Written by your loving daughters,
Betty and Genetta



Clittie Jean Becraft

By the help of the good Lord we will try to write this obituary of our dear loving Mother. We believe God sent his angel and took her to that beautiful home he prepared for his children.

Mother was born in Pike County, Kentucky January 8, 1916, deceased this life November 27, 1986, making her stay upon earth 70 years, 10 months and 26 days. Mother was the daughter of the late Hart Newsome and Myrtle Damron Newsome. Mother married her first husband Ellis Damron in 1932. He preceded her in death Sept. 8, 1966. To this union was born eight children. Three sons and five daughters. Seven children are still living, one daughter is deceased. She



has one sister still living and one brother Frank Newsome, deceased. She also leaves 22 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren and many friends and relatives to mourn her loss. Mother married her second husband Audley W. Becraft in 1953. He preceded her in death April 20, 1971.

Mother joined the Lily of the Valley Church of the Old Regular Baptist on Sept. 26, 1971 and had her membership there. Mother was Baptised by Bro. Chester Newsome and Bro. Jessie Pack and filled her seat as long as she was able to go. Mother loved the church and her brothers and sisters. We all miss her so much. Mother has one daughter in the Old Regular Baptist Church and one daughter in the Freewill Baptist Church.

Mother came to Youngstown in 1953. She worked for 15 years for St. Elizabeth Hospital Medical Center. Mother passed away in her sleep November 27 on Thanksgiving morning 1986. Her daughter found her in bed where she died of a heart ailment. The children will never forget the shock and grief that was with us all on that Thanksgiving morning. Mother just went to sleep in Jesus' arms. We believe with all our hearts that Mother is at rest now with sweet Jesus, where she won't have to suffer any more pain and heart aches. I would like to say to the other children: If you want to see Mother again, repent and be born again in Christ our Lord and live for Jesus our Saviour and Lord. We feel our loss is Heaven's gain. Mother is gone but not forgotten.

Written by her son-in-law
and Brother in hope,
Brother George Hylton,
Youngstown, Ohio

Floyd Belcher

With the help of God, I will try to write the obituary of a dear brother in the Lord, Floyd Belcher. He was born June 6, 1900 and died June 10, 1987, making his stay on earth 87 years and 4 days.

On December 8, 1920 he married Cora Belcher. To this union was born nine children. One daughter passed away as a baby. Also, his good wife preceded him in death in September 1979.

At the time of his passing he leaves to mourn five sons — Benny, Dennis, Henry, Hersie and Johnny. Also, three daughters — Peggy Cox, Ellen Burton, and Marie Swanner and one brother — Leonard, 22 grandchildren, 30 great-grandchildren.

Brother Belcher saw the need of a savior as a young man and repented of his sins and was born into the family of God about 65 years ago. He joined the Old Regular Baptist in West Virginia. He moved to Ohio about 32 years ago and he started coming to the Little Family Church 25 years ago and was faithful to attend as long as he was able. How all the Little Family Church members loved this dear brother.

He was sick a long time with that terrible disease: cancer. He bore his sickness with patience. I visited him so many times and held prayer for him. He always had a smile and a friendly handshake. He would tell us to pray for him and his children.

Brother Hampton was also good to go visit him and hold prayer and there were others of the church who visited him.

Bless God that his suffering is over and our loss is heaven's gain.

Now to his children. They were so good to wait on him and especially Ellen. She waited on him so patiently. May God bless you all and if you children and grandchildren want to see Dad and Papaw again, make his God your God. He will be sadly missed by his family, by the Little Family Church and by a host of relatives and friends. May God bless you all, is my prayer.



Written by
Elder Roy Caudill

Dormant Coffey

It is surely with a heavy heart that I undertake this requested task of writing the obituary of such a dear brother and friend.

Brother Dormant Coffey was the son of late Columbus and Margaret (Wireman) Coffey of Magoffin County, Kentucky.

He was blessed with a journey of 77 years. Early in life he chose a life-long companion, Margaret Hale who shared life's pleasures and sorrows. This union was blessed with four wonderful children and suffered the loss of one son.

Bro. Dormant was a wonderful deacon and was faithful to that office to the end. He was more than willing to help in all of the associations he visited. His passing was so quick that the full impact will not be realized until the associations meet.

He worked hard at his profession as well. He drilled gas wells for England Gas Co. for about 12 years. They moved to Ohio in 1951 where he worked for the B&O Railroad and operated his farm until retirement.

Brother Dormant is survived by his wife (Margaret); a son, Arnold of Ray, Ohio; and 2 daughters, Marjorie Brooks of Glen Roy, Ohio and Mildred Ross of Ray, Ohio. He is also survived by 3 brothers and 4 sisters: Liberty of Ray, Ohio; Curt of Jackson; Winford of North Fairchild, Ohio. Sisters: Rebecca Moore of Jackson, Ohio; Susie Shephard of Shiloh, Ohio; Bertha Phips of Greenwich, Ohio; and Edith Owsley of McArthur, Ohio. He is also survived by eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a son, 3 brothers and 3 sisters.

After a rewarding 77 years, God spoke to our beloved brother and said "Lay down your cross. Welcome home." Brother Dormant just went away with the greatest friend of mankind, Jesus. His body was laid to rest until God unites them forever where there is no cancer or sting of death and no victory for a cruel grave.



Elder Paris C. Tackitt

Mary E. French

Psalms 143:8, "Cause me to hear thy loving kindness in the morning; for in thee do I trust, cause me to know the way wherein I should walk; for I lift up my soul unto thee."

Sister Mary French found the way of the Lord and walked therein for many years until the night of February 6, 1987 when the angel was sent to a quiet hospital room in the Oakwood Hospital, Dearborn, Michigan, to take her soul to rest. It was a peaceful rest from the toils and afflictions that beset Sister Mary for so many years.

Sister Mary was one of five children born into the home of the late K. R. and Fairbell (Kelly) Dorton, on August 4, 1915 in Varney, Kentucky. At an



early age in 1930, she married Amos Young. To this union were born eleven children. Her husband and five children preceded her in death. Later, she married Wilburn Hall. He preceded her in death in 1956. In 1958, Mary married Eldredge French, who also preceded her in death in 1977. Mary was no stranger to seeing death claim her loved ones.

She was blessed to see all her remaining children grow into adulthood and enjoyed the fruit of her labor in this life. She was blessed to live on God's footstool 71 years, 6 months, and 2 days.

Left to mourn the loss of their Mother are 6 children: five girls and one boy. They are Mrs. Ruth Orfanos, South Bend, Indiana; Opal Jost, South Bend, Indiana; Matilda White, Las Vegas, Nevada; Mildred Burlbaw, Ecorse, Michigan; Midge Kough, Allen Park, Michigan; and Paris Young, Allen Park, Michigan. She also leaves behind one stepson, Earmel Young, Columbus, Ohio; a sister, Lillie Chaffin, Clearwater, Florida; 21 grandchildren, 23 great-grandchildren, one great-great-grandchild, and a host of relations and friends.

In September, 1947, Sister Mary professed a hope in the Lord, put her faith to good works, and was baptized into the fellowship of the Pilgrim Home Church, Old Regular Baptist, Pike County, Kentucky. In 1984, she brought her membership to the Little Ida Church, Ecorse, Michigan, where she remained an active member until her death.

She loved to be among the brothers and sisters to receive the spiritual blessings of the Lord. She told Bro. Arvid Blevins that when she was alone at home the Lord sent many angels to comfort her in her little home and she was never alone. Her talk was ever on the goodness of the Lord and never on her afflictions, which she suffered with much patience. Now her labors

are over here, and her trust in the Lord will be rewarded with a home in a beautiful land — Heaven, where she will walk in the newness of the Lord forever more.

To her dear children, who loved Mother: Her voice will not more be heard here, but the memories will linger on in your hearts of one who loved you. She spoke so fondly of each of you. Remember her faith and love in the Lord. Turn to her God, serve Him, so that you may meet her in a beautiful land, where her soul is at rest until that great day dawns. Love each other and remember Mother's loving ways while she was with you here.

Your servants in Christ,

Elder Arvid Blevins,
Elder Ralph & Sister Leona Caudill

Tolby J. Damron

Tolby J. Damron of Route 1, Ray, Ohio, was born February 8, 1900 in Pike County, Kentucky, and departed this life Tuesday, March 10, 1987, making his stay on Earth 87 years and 30 days. He was the son of the late James Madison Jackson Damron and Alafair Newsome Damron. He was married May 15, 1922, to Eva Roberts, who survives. Also surviving are five daughters: Mrs. Gladyn Myers, Sciotoale; Mrs. Elvira Turner, Dayton; Mrs. Arthur (Laura) VanBibber, Chillicothe; Mrs. Perry (Edith) Horton, Thurman; and Mrs. James (Elaine) Owen, Columbus; six sons; Chad, Bradenton, Florida; Brad and George, Palmetto, Florida; Jim, Antigua, West Indies; Douglas, Ellenton, Florida; and John, Winter Springs, Florida; 51 grandchildren; and 86 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one son, Daniel; one daughter, Vivian Compton; and five grandsons.



He was a retired contractor and attended the Old Regular Baptist Church.

The life of Tolby J. Damron was not about amassing great wealth or power; it was about the making of a family and teaching values for a lifetime. It was about picnics on the farm with the whole family, meeting his friends in church on Sunday, walking on the ridge hunting ginseng, training horses and oxen, and watching a sunset in the golden days of autumn.

His life was an accumulation of treasures. Sharing nearly 65 years with the woman he married was a large part of this. Thirteen children, 51 grandchildren and 86 great-grandchildren was some of it. He had patience and understanding to deal with the different personalities of all 13 children. He gave them a sense of all that was good, right, and decent — a legacy for life. But for all this, the greatest treasure he gave them was the mother who has no equal.

Knowing that man judges by results and achievements and profits or loss, but God judges by what we are — not what we've done, he set about to instill in his children values for living. Hard work, fairness and concern for others was his way of life. He taught them that God may not forget their failures but He sees success when no one else does.

He looked to the latter part of his life . . . knowing that some of what he was will live on in the lives of others. He never felt the fear of death nor that he had come to the end of his days and his life hadn't mattered. He knew that his life had made a difference to others; he had an impact on many people, shaping their lives in countless ways. He lived his life, not by the fear of death, but by the joy of living.

This was a man who died living. He walked unafraid through the valley of the shadow of death because God walked with him. He was truly alive his 87 years . . . he was not afraid to die.

Contributed by his daughter, Edith Horton

Elzena Tuttle McDaniel

In deep sorrow, I will try with the help of the good Lord, to write our loving Mother's obituary.

Elzena Tuttle McDaniel was born February 22, 1910, unto Isom and Susie Slone Tuttle of Knott County, Kentucky. She married Levi Tuttle July 28, 1928. Levi was the son of Tom and Hanna Collins Tuttle, from North Carolina. All preceded her in death.

She bore 5 children. Two preceded her in death. She leaves two daughters: Mary Magdelein Patrick of LaGrange, Indiana; and Kathleen Gibson of Stroh, Indiana; and one son: Adrian Tuttle of Mesa, Arizona. Four step-children: Forrest Tuttle, Lackey, Kentucky; Arron Tuttle, Eastern Kentucky; Ray Tuttle, Milan, Indiana; and Cordi Wicker, St. Marys, Ohio. Her husband Leburn McDaniel, West Carrollton, Ohio. One sister: Mealie Lynch, Franklin,



Ohio. Three brothers: Sam Tuttle, Garrett, Kentucky; and Rile Tuttle, Eastern Kentucky. Several grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Also preceding her in death were one sister Serilda Smith, West Carrollton, Ohio; two brothers: George Tuttle, Stroh, Indiana; and Hillard Tuttle, who was missing in action during W.W.II. Also one grandson and one granddaughter.

She joined and was baptized in the Old Regular Baptist Church on September 9, 1979, at the House of Prayer in Ohio, and lived true and faithful until God called her home on September 9, 1985.

I am thankful to the good Lord for helping her hold on to life until I could get there to hold her hand and talk to her about the good meetings that we had been having. As I held her hand, I thought of how strong and rough her hands were, yet how kind and gentle and loving a Mother she was. She promised to go to Church with me next week. Then she looked toward Heaven and said "Lord, I am going blind." I kissed her but her spirit had gone back to God who gave it. Where pain and sorrow is no more, to rest near the throne of God until the resurrection.

Written by her son and Brother in faith.

Adrain Tuttle

Cecil Hall

Cecil Hall was born July 21, 1925 in Harold, Kentucky to the late Bill and Mary (Frasure) Hall. He died May 28, 1985. He married Mildred Newsom on April 18, 1947. Unto this union five children were born.

He is survived by his wife, Mildred; five children: Velma (Joe) Fulton, LaDon (Sheila) Hall, Brenda (Jesse) Taylor, Michael (Barb) Hall, and Mona (Rodger) Harrison, all of Michigan. Seven grandchildren: Kimberly Ostrowski, George Voulgaris, David Johnson, LaDon, Michael and Eric Hall, and Rodger Harrison. One great-grandchild: Michael Ostrowski (whom he never got to see).

He also leaves five brothers: Tivis of Pikeville, Kentucky; Bill, Jr., Bert, and O.C., all of Peebles, Ohio; Dean of Blue Creek, Ohio. Three sisters: Frances Thacker of Harold, Kentucky; Goldie Parsons of Peebles, Ohio; and Glenda Ruth Collins of Belleville, Michigan. He was preceded in death by his parents, three brothers and three sisters.



Cecil was admitted to the hospital on May 16, 1985 and on the second day became comatose. The family prayed that if he had to be taken, for the Lord to allow him to regain consciousness long enough to call upon Him. Our prayers were answered and Brother Marvin Hall came to his bedside and prayed with him and asked him if everything was all right between him and the Lord. He opened his eyes and nodded his head "yes" and squeezed Brother Marvin's hand. Therefore, we sincerely believe that the Lord had mercy on him.

The family requested that I write his obituary two years ago. But, to write it would mean having to accept the reality of losing someone I loved very much. He referred to me as his "secretary", but this task was the hardest one I've every undertaken for him.

To his children: Although your dad did not live to enjoy the freedom of repentance, you can be thankful that the Lord spared him long enough to repent. We have a very loving God. If Cecil could have spoken to you, I believe he would have begged you not to wait and take the chance that he did. My prayer is that we will all meet him in Heaven.

Written by his sister-in-law,
Freda Roman

Dorothy Hamilton

It is with a sad heart that I write this obituary of my beloved sister, Dorothy Faye Familton. She was born October 25, 1930, and left this life January 15, 1987, making her stay here on earth 56 years. She passed away at the Harper Hospital, Detroit, Michigan, following a long illness. She was married to Butler Hamilton, who preceded her in death. Unto them were born two daughters: Tricia Ann and Shireen, who both passed away during their early childhoods. She is survived by her mother, Goldie Hamilton (Teaberry, KY), four sisters, Magdalene DeVillez, with whom she made her home the last twenty months (Riverview, Mich.), Shirley Reynolds



(Beaver, Ky.), Vicky Bryant (Beaver, Ky.), Lakie Johnson (Teaberry, Ky.). Five brothers: Jay Lee Hamilton (Beaver, Ky.), Lee Roy Hamilton (Beaver, Ky.), Eugene Hamilton (Teaberry, Ky.), Ralph Hamilton (Teaberry, Ky.), and Garry Donald Hamilton (Taylor, Michigan).

Dorothy was a great person. Everyone that knew her loved her. All the children in the family loved her like a grandmother. She never complained about her illness or anything — she would always tell me she was going to be all right. She had enough faith to move a mountain. I know she has gone to a better resting place than was on earth for her. There is never a day go by that my heart don't ache for her. We all miss her so much. Her suffering is over, but we miss her because she was such a pleasure to have around.

I would, at this time, like to also share with you some kind words that were written to me about my beloved sister, by Cory Adkins:

Sister Dorothy was a member of the Little Ida Church. We are so thankful that our paths did cross in this life. We all have been so blessed to know sweet Dorothy. Sister Dorothy lived a humble life, living peaceful among all who knew her. Her very life was always with Christ in everything she said and did. I was privileged to have many good talks with her. Sister Dorothy inspired everyone who came in contact with her, never complaining and always trusting God, that she would overcome her sickness. Sister Dorothy had cancer of the throat, suffered through many treatments and was in and out of the hospital very often.

When Brother John (Ankins) and I would go visit her, she was always so happy for visitors to come and see her. Sister Dorothy had a love so strong that she lifted all our spirits. She would often say, "Sister Cory, I am going to lick this thing yet." She never gave up hope and never seemed discouraged. She remained faithful to the end — her hopes never seemed to grow dim. Oh yes Sister Dorothy, you finally overcame every pain, every heartache, and went on home to rest in Jesus, who will give you a perfect body.

Debbie (DeVillez-neice) and Sister Dorothy were so close. They always read the Bible and prayed together. Debbie loved her so much.

Those that do not know God and want to go to the great reunion in Heaven to be with Sister Dorothy, you must all repent of your sins and live for God if you expect to see her again. For those who are in Christ, death is not the end, but only the beginning when we come to know God's life has just begun.

Sister Dorothy, we long for the day when we can see the cancer all gone and be reunited with you around the throne of God.

By Magdalene DeVillez

Butler Hamilton

With a sad heart, I am writing this obituary of Butler Hamilton, my brother-in-law. He was born on April 3, 1932 and passed away June 5, 1985, of a heart attack in his home, making his stay here on earth 53 years. He was married to Dorothy Faye Hamilton on June 9, 1951, and to this union were born two daughters: Tricia Ann and Shireen, who both preceded him in death. Butler was the son of E. V. Hamilton and Della Hamilton. He is survived by four brothers: Bill Hamilton (McDowell, Ky.), Ruford Hamilton

(St. Louis, Mo.), John L. Hamilton (Baltimore, Md.), Carl D. Hamilton (Jefferson City, Tenn.), and two sisters: Lillie Hammonds (Martin, Ky.) and Marie Clark (Pikeville, Ky.).

Butler was a good-hearted person and did many favors for people who came to Michigan looking for work. Butler had several illnesses during his lifetime. During the last several years of his life, he prayed and read his Bible daily. He had a hope of a better place where there would be no more pain and sorrow after he left this earth. I am sure Butler, Dorothy, and their two children are all in Heaven.

By Magdalene DeVillez

John Hampton

Written December 9, 1986.

It's with a very sad and heavy heart that I try to write the obituary of my dear loving Dad, John Hampton.

He was born at Jeremiah, Kentucky in Letcher County on November 26, 1896, and deceased this life December 7, 1986 making his stay here 90 years and 11 days.

John Hampton was the son of James W. and Lee Vina (Caudill) Hampton.

In early manhood he met and married Susan Craft and to this union was born one son, Carson. This son only lived about four months and then just three short months later he had to give up his wife, Susan, by death.

A little later in life he met and married Frances Adams and to this union were born 10 children: to wit, Artie David, Henderson, Kentucky; Hendricks Hampton, Franklin, Ohio; Flarie Caudill, Jeremiah, Kentucky; Earl Hampton, Middletown, Ohio; Alta combs, Clarksville, Ohio; Troy Hampton, Franklin, Ohio; Arnold Hampton, Middletown, Ohio (deceased); Allie Aldridge, Franklin, Ohio; Ila Mae Cloud, Middletown, Ohio; Ruth Smith, Jeremiah, Kentucky. Our Mother, Frances, passed away September 19, 1940.

Sometime later, Dad married Ada Caudill and to this union no children were born, although she had nine children from her previous marriage, making them his step-children. (To wit): Emma LeMay, Nicklasville, Kentucky; Ila Fullen, Middletown, Ohio; Burl Caudill, Farmersville, Ohio; Ida Mae



Caudill, Farmersville, Ohio; Georgia Spicer, Middletown, Ohio; Margie Collins, Alexandria, Kentucky; Bobbie Stivers, Germantown, Ohio.

He also leaves twenty-five grandchildren and several great-grandchildren and a host of relatives and friends to mourn his passing. Dad also had four sisters and one brother. Three of these have outstripped him and gone on to rest. (To wit): Nancy E. Raleigh, Angeline Back, and Ranie Caudill. Those living are Ritter Caudill and Carl Hampton, both of Jeremiah, Kentucky.

Our Dad was a coal miner for thirty-five years, working under the mountains for a way to clothe and feed his family.

Dad was a great supporter of the Old Regular Baptist Church. He tried to attend the old Doty Creek Church as long as he lived in Kentucky. Then, when he came to Ohio to live, he attended both The Little Family Church and The Little Bethel Church as long as he was able to do so. Dad never belonged to any Church, but he strongly believed in the Old Regular Baptist Faith.

Some few years ago, Dad really got serious about his lost soul and he began in earnest to beg and plead to God for mercy to save his never dying soul. He talked to me, his son, many times about his case, thinking maybe it was already too late for him. And I kept telling him to not give up, but to keep on praying. So one weekend on Sunday night, the family called; "Dad is real bad," and I felt it was the time for Dad to give up (old self), so I told the wife, I said "I'm not going to Dad right now, for he has to go through this; he has to come willing to die, so that he could have that new life, Eternal life in Jesus Christ." Then about three days later, after doing everything he could do, he said it just seemed like the whole world just came down on top of him. Then he cried out to God with all his heart and strength for mercy, and the load just lifted and went away and had never returned. And now he said, "I feel like I've got a better home to go to when this life is over."

So now, in the last year or two Dad has been begging the Lord to come and get him and take him home with him. For the last week of Dad's life, he was in the Clinton County Memorial Hospital, with many ailments, and he begged the Lord every day to come and take him home; then about 6:40 p.m. last Sunday evening, December 7th, the Lord answered his prayer and took him home to live with him to wait for that great day when he will give him that new body liken unto Jesus' most glorious body. Then the soul will unite with that new body and go be with the Lord forever and forever.

I want to thank the family for all they have done for Dad and especially, Alta and Raymond Combs; they have kept Dad for 27 months out of the last 30 months.

And I want to say to you children: if you haven't made peace with the Lord, then I pray you will repent and be born again. For you must be born again to go to that better land, the home of the Blest.

Written by his son,
Elder Hendricks Hampton

Perry Hicks

With a sad and broken heart I will try by the help of God to write an obituary of my beloved Husband, Perry Hicks. He was born March 11, 1906 in Magoffin County, Kentucky, the son of Jasper and Millie Hale Hicks. He departed this life July 2, 1987.

On September 16, 1925 he married Virgie Arnett. To this union was born nine children: four sons, Aaron, Marvin, Paul, and Perry Jr. who as an infant preceded his father in death. Five daughters: Mrs. Joe Ed (Earnesteen) Patton, Mrs. Clyde (Maxine) Ernsberger, Mrs. Edwin (Ivadean) Wolber, Mrs. Franklin (Nannie Ruth) Ousley, Mrs. Harold (Carol Sue) Brown.



He was also loved and will be greatly missed by 25 grandchildren and 22 grandchildren.

Perry has two surviving sisters. They are Mrs. Ark (Mary) Castle of David, Kentucky and Mrs. Pearl Frasure of Prestonburg, Kentucky. He also had two sisters and four brothers that preceded him in death.

Perry was a faithful member of The Little Pilgrim Home Baptist Church of Ruggles, Ohio. He was baptised August 12, 1962 by Elder Bob Hunter and Elder Ray Hoover. Perry was a faithful member until he got too disabled by Parkinson's disease to attend. He enjoyed having the Brothers to come and sing and hold prayer for him. His favorite songs were "Amazing Grace" and "A Few More Years Shall Roll."

He loved the old time way. The old time songs he would sing while sitting in the wheelchair when I was preparing a meal for us. He would often say, "Virgie; All things are possible with God." He had hopes of getting well so he could go to church again. He told me he wanted to meet me in Heaven. I said, "We have had many long years together and will be in Heaven together."

On Mother's Day it seemed as tho the Lord was beckoning Perry to his eternal home, but as soon as he could talk he sang "Down At The Cross Where My Savior Died, Glory to His Name." Many times we'd think he was going home but God showed us many miracles.

Perry loved the Word of God. He read and studied the Bible until his eyesight no longer permitted it. He loved the church and his brothers and sisters in the church. He often asked if I would go to church with him? I'd tell him, "Yes, I will go with you when you get better."

I feel he is resting from his labors and he is happy while I am still suffering and worrying with heartache and trouble.

As far back as I can remember, I remember by Daddy faithfully kneeling beside his bed at night and praying before he'd lay down to rest. Daddy faithfully prayed like this until he got sick and couldn't get up and down on his own. I'm sure Daddy's prayers didn't stop there. God heard his prayers just the same laying on his sick bed.

We will all miss Daddy's words of wisdom and counsel to us. The verses he often quoted to me were Romans 8:28 and 31. He knew when I was down and needed encouragement.

No one could count the falling tears,
While I ponder on the priceless years,
Your life was so precious to everyone,
But most of all, my precious one,
I treasure memories so dear.
For that is all that I have here.
Your memories are my keepsake,
With them I'll never part.
God has you in his keeping,
But I have you in my heart.
God gave us strength to face it,
The courage to meet the blow,
But what it meant to lose you,
No one will ever know.
If the world was ours to give,
We'd give it all and more,
Just to see the face we love so dear,
Come smiling through the door.

Written by his broken hearted wife,
Virgie Hicks and daughters,
Earnesteen Patton and Ruth Ousley
who will love you as long as time stands.

Arzilla Holcomb

Psalms 145:18

The Lord is nigh unto all those that call upon Him, to all that call upon Him in truth.

We will try through God's mercies to compose a short obituary of Arzilla Holcomb.

In the early dawn of April 16, 1987, an angel came and Arzilla Holcomb was called away from this earth, God's footstool, making her stay here 24 years and 26 days. We try in our mourning to understand the reason, but God knows best for us all.

Leaving behind to mourn her loss, Arzilla leaves a very young flower, her daughter, Dana, age 5, her mother, Dana Pappas; two sisters, Martha Ann Chavis and Rita Sue Gilland; 6 brothers, Jimmy, Clyde, Dale, Kenneth, Randall, and John Holcomb; a fiancé, Greg Johnson; several aunts and uncles and a host of young friends and neighbors. Her father, Clyde Holcomb, preceded her in death.

Arzilla was killed instantly in a car accident. Her friends, who loved her, share many memories of her in her young days here. We do not know the mind of the Lord, but we know He is a just and forgiving God. We trust she found that loving mercy in those final moments.

To her many friends: time waits for no one. We're as a flower on this green earth that can wither away without notice.

To her mother, Dana: we know your loss is great, but her memory will linger on in your heart.

We trust that all of you have prepared for a better life hereafter.



Your unworthy servants,
Elder Ralph and
Sister Leona Caudill

Sgt. Bill Harris

With much sadness I will try to write an obituary to my Brother-in-Law, Bill Harris.

He was born July 17, 1920 and died June 13, 1986. He was born at Garrett, Kentucky to George and Flora (Patton) Harris.

Surviving him are his wife, Barbara (Hall) Harris, three sons, Gary, George, and Marcus Harris, all of Columbus, Ohio.

He also leaves four brothers: George, Jr., Troy, Archie, and Roy Harris and two sisters: Anna Joyce and Virginia.

Bill served in World War II, Korea and Vietnam and retired from the U.S. Air Force.

He will be greatly missed by a host of friends and relatives.

Written by his sisters-in-law:
Jo Ann West and Jeanette Ramey



Beulah Louise Johnson

I sit here looking in the photo album trying to put all the feelings into words to make you understand the person (just a little) of whose obituary I am trying to write; the obituary of Beulah Louise Johnson.

She was born on June 21, 1930 to the late Kelly and Mollie Osborne. She left this life on December 9, 1986, making her stay on this earth 56 years, 5 months, and 18 days. She was a good person, and we miss her so already.

She married Wavey Johnson on November 1, 1946 and unto this blessed union was born one son and three daughters. Left to mourn her loss are: her broken-hearted husband, Wavey Johnson of Virgie, Kentucky; her son,



Kenneth Johnson of Hendersonville, Tennessee; her daughters and sons-in-law: Sandra & Lloyd Kelly of Clinton, Michigan; Glendora & Tommy Phillips of Adrian, Michigan; Pam & Frank Justice of Virgie, Kentucky; three sisters: Jewell Mullins of Haver Hill, Ohio; Alta Slone of Pikeville, Kentucky; and Gloria Hunter of Geneva, Ohio; and one brother, James K. Osborne, Jr. of Virgie, Kentucky. One brother, Jerry F. Osborne, Virgie, Kentucky, preceded her in death in 1956. She also left eight grandchildren: Gregory and Eric Kelly, Tracy and Melinda Johnson, Renee and Connie Phillips, and Kirk and Keith Justice. They will miss their grandmother for she truly loved them all.

We moved to Michigan in 1964 and she joined the Old Regular Baptist Church on January 3, 1965 in Ypsilanti, Michigan. She was baptized by Bro. Covis Tackett and Bro. Conley Calhoun. When we moved here, she came back to Enterprise where she was a loyal member.

She had cancer and she suffered a lot but the good Lord thought she had suffered enough so He came and took her home with Him. He took her away from us as easy as you could pray for as she passed away in her sleep with all of us who loved her the most around her bed. We are truly grateful to the Lord for taking her in this way because it is what she wanted.

She used to feed all the birds in the neighborhood. At times, there were over a hundred birds in the yard at a time. I hope they won't forget the kind woman who took such good care of them. She really loved her birds. I shall never see a bird what I won't think of her. We all loved her very, very much and we, her family, will never forget her.

Written by her baby daughter, Pam Justice

Manford LeMaster

Manford LeMaster . . . the Manford you know and love; the Manford who took Fannie Ethel Cantrell to be his wedded wife many years ago; the Manford who worked hard in the mines for over 37 years to provide for his loving family; passed away July 12, 1987 at the Hocking Valley Community Hospital.

He was born in MaGoffin County, Kentucky on August 3, 1903 to the late James Rufus and Sarah Jane Adkins LeMaster and was preceded in death by his wife, Fannie on December 3, 1974. Surviving are five daughters: Mrs. Arnold (Sarah) Coleman of Route 2, McArthur; Mrs. Eugene (Betty) Coleman of McArthur; Mrs. Calvin (Martha) Coleman of Route 2,



McArthur; two sons: Robert of Taylor, Michigan; William of Carbondale; 23 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren. Also surviving is one sister, Myrtle Manbeavers of Chillicothe, several nieces and nephews.

Manford, known to his friends as Slim, was a member of Smithcreek Baptist Church near Sayersville, Kentucky and was faithful in his religion as he was to his family and work. As a Father and friend, he will be deeply missed and although the soft voice will not sound again, nor the well-remembered footsteps be heard; there will always be a living presence . . . a living hope that might be expressed as follows:

The time has come now, for me to say good-bye.
No sad farewells will we share.
For you will live within me, and I will live in you.
No words can say how much we care.
Walk in the world for me.
Sing a happy melody,
And keep my memory not far away.
May you find that life will bring all the best of everthing.
Take special care of you, for me . . . today.

Mildred Mosley

By request of the family, with a sad heart and with the help of our Almighty God, we'll try in our weakness to write an obituary of our dear Sister.

As I sit here trying to describe her, the words of an old song come to my mind, "Sister, thou was mild and lovely, gentle as a summer breeze, pleasant as the air of evening as it floats among the trees."

She was born March 24, 1940. She was united in marriage to Birtchell Mosley, Jr. on August 1, 1955.

The death Angel flew this way early Saturday morning, March 7, 1987. She was blessed to die in her home, which we feel that's the way she would have wanted it.

She's gone out of land of trouble into eternal rest. To that Perfect land far away, though, right now, it doesn't seem very far. At times Heaven can seem so near.



Surviving is her husband Elder Birtchell Mosley, Jr. She was blessed to have seven children all surviving. They are 3 girls: Mary June Hagerman, Kendallville, Indiana; Denita Smith, Rome City, Indiana; and Cara Mae at home; 4 sons: Greg, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida; Scott, Rome City, Indiana; Anthony, Naples, Florida; and Christopher at home.

She is also survived by her mother Mae Bentley, Garner, Kentucky, and seven grandchildren and six sisters: Gladys, Irma, Shirley, Waneta, Charlene, and Maggie; 2 brothers, Forrester and Bobbie Rae.

Her father Curtis Bentley and a sister Edna Bentley are deceased.

She was a very special person to us; Brother Junior has lost a good companion, the children have lost a good mother.

Even though she was not privileged to live a long life here on this earth, God blessed her to raise her children to be of manhood and womanhood.

In early life, Sis realized there was a better land to go to, by the guilt of her sins, she became sorry for the things she had done and began to cry to God for mercy. She told me how she had suffered a travel from nature to Grace, she was ready to go to a better home far beyond this veil of tears.

The many trips we have made to the Little Flossie Church, the many nights we have spent in her home, it will never be the same. We will miss her good conversation, her smile, her kind words. I don't see how anyone who ever met or crossed her path could keep from loving her.

She was a very strong Old Regular Baptist believer, she loved all of God's children. The Little Flossie Church brothers and sisters will miss her very much.

Why God took her at an early age we will never know. Children please don't question the Lord's work. Mom will never suffer again.

I am sure she would want me to tell you to be good to one another, be good to your dad, who we all love so much and feel he is trying to serve the Lord. He will need you more than he ever did before. Obey the voice of the Lord. Be born again, that's the only way you will ever see Mom again.

As I say farewell to Sis here on earth, never to see that smile here on earth again. Just sleep on, take your rest, we believe with all our hearts we will see you again.

So many times she said, "Brother Buddy pray that I'll live," I believe that prayer has been answered. She is living now, her body will rest in the ground, her soul under the altar, in the Paradise of God.

Soon again we hope to meet Thee, when the day of life has passed, then in Heaven with Joy to greet Thee, where no farewell tears are shed.

Sadly written by
Brother Buddy and
Sister Carlene Carty

(Mildred Mosley, cont.)

MY FLOWER

Once when I was very young I had a garden. In this garden I planted a beautiful Flower. I left it's care to my gardener and I went often to see it in the spring and summer. Oh! How I nourished it in the springtime and I missed it in the winter when it's petals fell. Every spring for many seasons I went back to my garden to watch it bloom once again. Then one spring I went back to my garden. I was very sad when I did not see my Flower. I asked my Gardener, Where is my Beautiful Flower? Then my Gardener replied "I have moved your Flower to another Garden." Then I asked Him, Why have you taken my Flower to another Garden where I cannot behold it? Then my Gardener replied, In this garden the winters got colder and colder and your Flower could not bloom again. So I transplanted your Flower in another Garden where there is no winter.

There the Wonderful Garden is watered with an everlasting dew and no night ever comes. Then I asked, When can I ever see my Flower again? Then my Gardener replied, "Soon the Master Gardener will gather all His Flowers and will abandon this garden completely. Then you can go see your Flower and watch it grow all year round." So I wait patiently for that day when I can go to that Great Garden where no winter is. There I will stay with my Flower and cherish it forevermore.

Gustavie Mullins

It is with a sad heart I will try to write the obituary of my loving sister, Gustavie Mullins. She was born May 15, 1925 and left this old world on March 30, 1987, making her stay on earth 61 years, 10 months, and 15 days.

She was the daughter of William and Flossie Amburgey. She married Troy Mullins on October 4, 1941. To this union was born 4 children. Gustavie was born in Hindman, Kentucky. Later she moved to Williamsburg, Ohio where she lived the rest of her life.

We enjoyed our lives together while we were growing up and after we were married and left home. We always stayed close to each other and visited every time we could. I can remember



the wonderful days when we would always pick the same weekend to go back to Kentucky to visit our mom and dad together. There are so many memories of her I can't begin to tell.

Gustavie was in very bad health for the last 7 years but the last year finally took its toll on her. She spent most of the last 6 months in the hospital on the life support machines. Finally one night God decided she had suffered enough. While her room was very quiet and she was all alone one of God's angels slipped in and took her home. Now she is resting comfortably in Jesus' arms where she will never suffer again.

Gustavie was preceded in death by her father, mother, one daughter, 3 brothers and 3 sisters. She left to mourn her loss her husband, Troy; 2 daughters: Charlene Young of Williamsburg, Ohio; and Diana Bracker of Batavia, Ohio; 1 son: Bobby Mullins of Williamsburg, Ohio; 4 grandchildren, 2 sisters: Melba Givens of Fairborn, Ohio; and Verdie Givens of Fairborn, Ohio; and 1 brother: Earl Amburgey of Avilla, Indiana.

She joined the Old Regular Baptist Church at the House of Prayer on August 19, 1979. She was a faithful member of the church as long as she was able to attend. She was a loving sister, a faithful wife, a wonderful mother, and a precious daughter.

Sleep peacefully sister, I'll meet you in Heaven someday.

Written by her sister,
Melba Givens

Sweet sister is sleeping in Jesus' care
Where no pain or sorrow can interfere.
Jesus has gently taken you home.
You're with Jesus now, you're not alone.

Sleep on sister, you were so brave,
You bore your troubles this side of the grave.
So calmly you sleep beneath the snow,
You are so warm while the winter wind blows.

You were a sister so kind and true,
There is no sister sweeter than you.
God called you away and left us alone,
He needed you, sister, to brighten his throne.

George T. Murphy

Psalm 30:5 Weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning.

By the request of the family, we will try in meekness to write the obituary of George T. Murphy.

We weep the passing of George from this life on November 6, 1986 when God sent an angel to call him to a better land. George spent 71 years, 11 months, and 10 days in this life.

George was born to Thomas and Effie (Dowdy) Murphy at Maysfield, Kentucky on November 27, 1914, one of four children. Preceding him in death were Mother, Father, a sister and brother, as well as an infant child from a previous marriage.

George met Goldie Osborne, and they were united in marriage on May 28, 1960.

He had five stepchildren: Taniel Little, Lincoln Park, MI; Marie Rawlings, Allen Park, Michigan; Terry Gilland, Taylor, Michigan; Ancel Little, Virgie, Kentucky; and Irene Frye, Trenton, Michigan; 16 grandchildren; 33 great-grandchildren; 4 great-great-grandchildren; one brother: Wilburn Murphy, California; and one sister: Beulah Rolette, Paducah, Kentucky, left to mourn his loss.

George was a medical retiree from the Fleetwood General Motors Plant in Detroit, Michigan.

George was a gentle, soft-spoken man and had suffered heart problems for several years. As we visited at his daughter's home in Trenton on several occasions, he would tell us that God had forgiven him, and he was looking for a land of heavenly peace. He never attached himself to the church, but his cries were heard by a merciful Father who loves us all; One who will grant peace to all that seek and want Him as their Saviour. Joy will come in the morning after a rest under the Altar of the Lord, and the awaited resurrection comes.

To Goldie, his dear wife left behind: press on and have yourself ready to be joined over in a better land. To all the dear ones he loved so much: seek the Lord for peace and salvation beyond this troubled land where tears will never come anymore. Love one another, and search for a better land.



Your servants in Christ Jesus,
Brother Ralph and
Sister Leona Caudill

NOTE: Goldie gave her life to the Lord at the end of the Saturday night service at Little Ida Church during George's funeral on November 8, 1986, a promise made to George that she fulfilled. She was baptized in the liquid grave on November 9, 1986.

Rutha Newsome

By the help of the Lord I will try to write an obituary of my loving and precious mother, Rutha Newsome. Mom was the daughter of Elder John W. and Vina Hamilton.

Mom was born April 9, 1908, making her stay here on earth 78 years and 12 days. Mom met and married Dad, Daniel Newsome, August 10, 1935 and the Lord blessed them with three children. Dad and two children, Gerlie Fay and Harold James preceded her in death, leaving to mourn the loss of one so dear to me are Shirley Mae Hamilton, her only daughter, and two grandchildren, whom she loved as her own, Gary Hamilton and Jeanetta Bryant, and two great-grandchildren, whom she loved very much, Shirley Marie and Jason Daniel.



Mom was sadly missed by everyone who knew her. After Dad passed away, Mom went to Michigan and made her home with me and my husband, Eugene Hamilton. Mom was a hard working woman throughout her life. She always had her doors open to feed the church people. She was good to everyone. Mom had a smile for everyone. Oh, how we miss her. We hated to see her go. But the Lord knows best — He needed another rose in his garden.

Mom didn't belong to the church, but she bore the fruit of a Christian. I feel and believe Mom and Dad are at rest together where they won't have to part anymore. I want to say to her grandchildren and great-grandchildren, I know you miss Grandma so much, but try to meet her in heaven someday, where you won't have to part anymore. I want to say to my husband, Eugene, who was so good to Mom and cared for her, I won't ever forget it and I hope someday we both will meet Mom and Dad in the Sweet By and By, where we all won't have to part anymore. Oh, how lonesome it is without you Mom, but I know you are much better off. You suffered so much in this old world.

Mom has three sisters to mourn the loss of one so dear: Alice, Lizzie and Margie; four brothers: Christopher, Elijah, Kenis and Clifford. She also leaves three stepchildren: Mary Alice, Susan and Chester.

Mom had a smile for everyone. My home is so lonesome without Mom.

I want to say to Gary and Jeanetta, don't ever forget the good council Grandma gave you. Oh, how she loved you both and I know you loved her. I could go on writing good things about Mom, but her life has proved what a good woman she was. I loved and cared for Mom so much, but I feel I will be with her and Dad someday, where we will be happy in that heavenly home. She was so precious to me.

I miss you Mom, it is so hard to bear, but sleep on Mom. I will meet you over there. One so dear from me is gone, now she is resting around the Great Throne. Her lovely smile we will see no more, until we meet on that heavenly shore. Oh, dear Mom, how I loved you.

Written by her daughter,
Shirley Mae Hamilton

Martisha Ousley

It is with much sadness that I will try, with the help of the Lord, to write an obituary of Sister Martisha Ousley.

She was born on December 19, 1907 and deceased this life on January 27, 1987. She was born in Pike County, Kentucky.

She leaves to mourn her loss three children: Arnold Mullins of Knoxville, Tennessee; Burly Mullins of Tennessee; and Oma Dotson of Wellston, Ohio. One daughter, Lola, preceded her in death.

She belonged to the Maggie's Home Church in Dundas, Ohio for several years. She was a humble, faithful member until her death. The church was her family. She loved everyone very much and wanted to hug and kiss them. She had something good to say about everyone. Even though she had been ill for a number of years, she always tried to fill her seat. Her greatest joy was to be with her Brothers and Sisters.

She suffered so much during her illness in the last year before she died, that she would pray for the Lord to take her on home. I believe with all my heart she is resting under the altar of the Lord until judgement day and will walk those streets of gold where she'll never have to suffer. There will always be a vacant spot in the Maggie's Home Church. We loved her very much.

Written By
Joy Mullins and
Sister Lenores Baker

Monroe Ousley

By the help of the good Lord I'll try to write an obituary of my dear husband.

Elder Monroe Ousley was born on November 4, 1909 at Dock, Kentucky. He was the son of Thomas Ousley and Sarah Stephens-Ousley. His life here on earth was 77 years, 5 months and 21 days.

He was married to Bertha Sizemore on March 10, 1930. We were married 57 years and had a very happy life together till death came and took him.

Mourning for his loss are his wife, 3 sons and 2 daughters, whom he dearly loved.

His surviving family are: his wife, Bertha; and children: Rufus J. Ousley, Wilmington, Ohio; Thomas R. Ousley, Franklin, Ohio; James D. Ousley, Carlisle, Ohio; Eva L. Lovely, Camden, Ohio; and Sarah A. Hale, Lebanon, Ohio. There are 16 grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren, 2 brothers: Alonzo Ousley, Dayton, Ohio; and Newton Ousley, Franklin, Ohio; and 1 sister, Josie Litton, Martin, Kentucky.

He was a faithful member of the Old Regular Baptist Church approximately 45 years. He went every Saturday and Sunday for as long as he was able to go. He like to go and visit all of the churches in all of the associations as often as he could. He was a moderator to a wonderful little church in Okeechobee, Florida and hated to leave, but he was getting sicker than usual. He said he was not able to moderate as he should so he came back to Ohio. He was a member of the House of Prayer Church at the time of his passing away. He dearly loved this church. So I want to thank all of the Brothers and Sisters from all of the churches who came and visited him in the hospital.

So sleep on, we will meet you some sweet day. So I say to the children that don't know my God: get right with God and meet Dad and me up in Heaven and that will be a wonderful reunion.



Written by his wife, Bertha

Walter Parker

In loving memory I will try to write the obituary of my beloved grandfather Elder Walter Parker.

He was born September 11, 1911 in Lawrence county, Kentucky to the late Elder Berry and Vina (Slone) Parker. Later on he married Edna Rhodes in 1933 — unto this union he brought forth thirteen children: nine boys and four girls — all living.

Sons are: Robert, Drew (both of Lorain); Berry (Wisconsin); Shawn; Joseph; John; Bill; Jim and Richard (Lorain); daughters are: Mrs. Edgar (Mercy) Carder (Wakeman, Ohio); Mrs. Jessie (Vina) Deel (Amherst, Ohio); Mrs. Delmo (Christine) Hunt and Mrs. James (Barbara) Miller (both of Lorain); thirty-five grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren.

He was a member of the Old Regular Baptist Church. He was the moderator of The Little Edna Church in Lorain, Ohio. He left many brothers and sisters of the church.

He was a kind man who told you what he was thinking and feeling, and loved by many people who will now suffer his loss.

He was ill many months before his death which put an end to his suffering and pain. He died November 7, 1986. to join God in heaven.

Grandpa, you will be missed by your loving wife and children.



Written by
Jennifer L. Carder,
granddaughter

Jay Lee Reynolds

By the help of the Good Lord we will try to write an obituary of our loving Daddy and Papaw, Jay Lee Reynolds.

He was born on July 1, 1917 and departed this life on January 31, 1985. Making his stay on God's good earth 67 years, 6 months, and 30 days.

He was the only child of the late Cleveland and Martha (Hamilton) Reynolds. While a very young man he married Draxie (Newsome) Reynolds in October 1933.

He has 10 children left to mourn him. 3 sons: Homer, Pomerine, and James Reynolds — all of Kentucky. 7 daughters: Nadine Bowling, Magdaline Damron, and Oma Faye Hamilton — all of Michigan; Dicy Newsome, Maxine Hamilton, Joyce McCoy, and Sissy Scott — all of Kentucky. 31 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

We want to tell of the good things he had told his family before departing this life. He called Mother to his bedside telling her God had forgave him and then calling his children to his deathbed saying, We are in full love and fellowship and let's meet in Heaven someday.

He went to the Old Regular Baptist and although his name was never on the church book, we believe that God wrote it down in the Lamp's Book of Life.

We believe his soul is resting under the altar of God waiting for the Great Resurrection Day.



Written by his daughter,
Magdaline Damron and
three granddaughters,
Shannon Damron,
Judy Hamilton, and
Ella Mae Hamilton

Stanton Eric Robinette

With an aching heart and with the help of God we will at this time try to fulfill the request of his darling wife and write a short obituary of our very dearest friend, Stanton Eric Robinette.

Stanton was born on June 27, 1964 to Samuel Eugene and Rose Ann Robinette and departed this life on March 4, 1987.

On January 18, 1986 Stanton was married to LaNette Haggard and to this wonderful union one son was born, Sheldon Eric.

Besides his wife, son, and parents, Stanton also leaves one brother, Steve Edwin of Pontiac, Michigan, and one sister, Erma Scott of Pontiac, Michigan, to suffer the loss. But the list of loved ones that he leaves behind does not stop there. On the contrary — it only begins.

After giving his heart to God at such an early time in his life, Stanton captured the affection of all those who knew him. And so he leaves a host of relatives, friends and in-laws here with a void in their hearts that will never be filled here on earth.

To Stanton's wife and family I'd like to say that now is the time that we need to remember the prayer of Jonah when he said, "I cried by reason of mine affliction unto the Lord and he heard me." And the Lord will always be there to hear you as he was there for Stanton.

The last thing we would like to say is to little Sheldon: In the short time that your daddy had with you, he strived so hard to walk a path before you that would teach you not only the love that he himself had for you but also the love that God has for you. Someday maybe, if you have a son of your own, will you be able to understand the love your father had for you.

Our prayers will continue to be with all of you.



Written by his broken-hearted friends,
Kenny, Daryl and Chris Newsom

Alice Gray Sizemore

By the help of the Lord I will try to write the obituary of our dear sweet mother, Alice Gray Sizemore.

She was the daughter of Jeff Gray and Laura Laferty-Gray. She was born July 24, 1890, making her stay here on earth 96 years. She was preceded in death by her husband Alex Sizemore in 1973 and her father, mother, brother and sisters several years ago. Surviving



and mourning for her loss are 1 sister, Francis Pitts, Carlisle, Ohio; 1 son, Seymore Sizemore, Franklin, Ohio; 6 daughters, Josie Owsley, Springboro, Ohio; Martha Francis, Franklin, Ohio; Laura Scutchfield, Prestonburg, Kentucky; Bertha Ousley, Springboro, Ohio; Octava Crookstan, Romulus, Michigan; and Eva Hughes, Franklin, Ohio. There are 24 grandchildren and 69 great-grandchildren.

Mother was a member of the Old Regular Baptist Church for over 68 years. She was a faithful member as long as she was able to go to church. As far as we know all of her children are Christians and hope to meet her and Dad in heaven some sweet day. So, Mother, I know you are happy up there with Dad and we miss you both so much. Sleep on and we all will meet someday.

Written by her daughters,
Bertha Ousley and Josie Owsley

Edward Ray Sturgill

It is with much sadness and meekness we will try to write an obituary of our dear son and brother, Edward Ray Sturgill.

Ray was born February 23, 1941. At Printer (Floyd County), Kentucky. Ray was married to Dorothy Hutchinson. They had two wonderful children, Douglas and Kristine.

Ray passed away so sudden with heart failure on January 29, 1974. He has been gone 13 long years no. We still miss you so much.

You were so good to Dad and me. It gave us so much joy for you to come and talk about the Lord so often. He



didn't belong to the church, but the Lord showed you to me in my living room

wearing such a pretty white robe. I knew you were resting with Jesus where you will suffer no more.

Rest on dear son and brother until we meet again.

Ray was preceded in death by a sister, Dorothy, and twins Claude and Clyde. Since Ray's death, his father, Reese Sturgill passed away.

This leaves his mother, Virgie Sturgill, 5 brothers and 3 sisters to mourn his passing. Oscar of Florida, Curtis of Tennessee, David, Malcolm, Charles and Ethel of Michigan, Eva and Marie of Ohio.

Sadly missed by mother and children.

God looked around his garden
And saw an empty space.
He then looked from heaven
And saw your smiling face.
He put his arms around you
And whispered, "Come to Rest."
His garden must be beautiful,
He only takes the best.
You had no time for last farewells
Or even say goodbye.
You were gone before we knew it,
And we often wondered why.
A million times we need you,
Down here we always will.
In life we loved you dearly
In death we love you still.
It broke our hearts to lose you,
But you didn't go alone.
For a part of us went with you
The day God took you home.

Reese Sturgill

It is with a sad and heavy heart I will try to write an obituary of my dear husband, Reese Sturgill.

Reese was born November 5, 1896 at Yellow Mountain (Knott County) Kentucky. He passed June 6, 1982. This made his stay on this earth 85 years and 7 months.

We were married 62 years and 4 months. We had such a wonderful life together, but it seems like it was such a short time. My home is so lonesome now without Reese here to keep me company.



He loved to talk about the Lord. Reese had been a member of the church since 1931. He always tried to hard to get to church every chance he could. For the last 7 - 8 months of his life he was unable to go to church and this worried him so much.

We had 12 children together, 4 which preceded him in death: Dorothy, twins Claude and Clyde, and Ray. I have 5 sons and 3 daughters left in this world: Oscar of Florida, Curt of Tennessee, David, Malcolm, Ethel and Charles of Michigan, Eva and Marie of Ohio.

You were a shining light in this world and if anyone will follow your footsteps they surely will see the kingdom of heaven.

Along with the children, Reese leaves a host of relatives and good friends to mourn him. My greatest joy was to prepare dinner and see my children come home to eat, along with anyone else that cared to come in. We both loved to see people eat.

Sadly missed by wife Virgie Sturgill and children.

To everyone you were a friend.
A helping hand along the way.
Never seemed a problem you couldn't mend.
Surely they miss you today.

To the church you were a believer,
A place you loved to be.
A smile they'll always remember.
Surely they miss you, a Brother they wait to see.

To your sisters and your brothers
You were a brother in every way.
The loving way you held them together.
We're sure they miss you today.

To your family you were all the above.
Always there in each and every way
With kindness and with love.
Oh, Daddy, Pap-paw, and Husband — We'll miss you always!

Mary Ellen Wicker

With God's help I will try and write this in loving memory of Mother.

She was born into this world as Mary Ellen Tiller on December 25, 1919, to Holly and Hazel (Bailey) Tiller in Dickenson County, Virginia.

At the age of 18, she married Woodrow Wicker on June 30, 1939 and of this union was born 4 children: Loretta Wicker Randles, Marion Ohio; Davery Wicker (deceased); Avery and Arnold Glen Wicker, both of Marion, Ohio.

Mother was a sweet and gentle person, whom everyone who met her loved her.

When down in the hills of Virginia growing up, even when she had to wash and do everything by hand, she would get up early on Sunday mornings and take what she could carry along with all of us kids and we would walk miles and miles back up the mountains to all-day preaching and dinners on the ground, because we had no car back then. And lots of times when things were running low, except for our canned foods, she always canned everything in sight from Daddy's garden. She would take and half everything with neighbors who needed it. It didn't make any difference who they were or what color, she'd say, "They're God's children and it might be the Lord himself passing along this way." So she would feed them. Even when she had no sewing machine, she always found some way to make us clothes, or something for someone around us.

As far back as my memory can take me, Mother always had her Lord with her. I can honestly say I've never known her to do or say anything that she thought would be displeasing to the Almighty One. I'm so thankful she always had the time to teach us kids about God, and to sing to us, and after all the years had passed, to do the same for our children.

She has always been a devoted Christian, a faithful wife, a loving Mother, Grandmother, and Great-Grandmother. She prayed for many years to see her husband become a Christian, and her prayers were answered. On November 27, 1977, both she and her beloved husband, Woodrow, became members of The Family of Love Old Regular Baptist Church at Wyandotte, Ohio.

Mother suffered many months, but never gave up her hope that God's will be done in her life. She never questioned her suffering, saying it was nothing compared to what Jesus went through. But she prayed continuously that God would call her from this world of sorrow to a beautiful city that lies four square. I spent nights and nights laying beside her, holding her in my arms in her hospital bed. She'd say over and over, "Loretta, I hate to



leave your Daddy behind, but he is so much stronger than me, and can bear up to things, so the Lord is going to take me before long." And she'd rub my cheek and tell me how much she loved us, and she'd say, "Now you've done all you can for me, but promise you'll look out for your Dad and the rest of the family, and you and your Dad hold my hand when I go. But don't feel too bad because I'm going home, and there'll be no pain. And I'll be waiting for your dad and all of you'ns, so follow Jesus ALWAYS and come to stay with me in my new home."

And on Saturday, August 2, 1986, at 8:24 p.m. she traded this old earthly house for a mansion. And she went away with a Friend.

Leaving behind besides her husband, children, grand and great-grand-children, 4 brothers: Jessie C. Tiller, Bluefield, W. Va.; William, Joseph and Marvin Tiller, all of Marion, Ohio; 2 sisters: Ila Elaine, Baltimore, Maryland; Lois Rice, Cherryville, N.C. She also has 1 brother and 1 sister along with her Mother and Father who are deceased.

All of us will always remember her kind, sweet, gentle and helpful ways. But I know that God was gathering flowers for a special Heavenly bouquet and he had to have a special and beautiful rose, and he chose my mother. You know our prayer is to join her again when our journey is over.

Mother, the family and I miss you so much, and sometimes I can catch myself rushing to tell you something. And Daddy is so lost without you. So watch closely Mother, he will be joining you before long. He keeps saying, "Lord, Lord, You know how I feel." And I know what he means. Mother, the boys and I miss you and love you so much. But we know your sleep is peaceful, and that knowledge comforts us.

Written by daughter,
Loretta Wicker Randles
(Thanks for our sweet, precious memories)

The following poem was written by her oldest granddaughter.

She had a family, and tenderly she cared.
She took it and molded it.
As with God, she shared it.
She always looked for guidance
From the One who made each day.
She loved this family,
And nurtured it, in God's own loving way.
And so you see the pattern,
As she has gone on, and left
Her family behind.
Tho she is sadly missed,
She still looks upon her family
With "LOVE". Her, and God from above.
And each time I feel a raindrop,
I say, "It's our Mommow's kiss."

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