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OF THE
THIRTY-EIGHTH
ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
Northern New Salem
Association
of Old Regular Baptist
of Jesus Christ



In Session Assembled With
Pleasant View Church
August 4, 5, 6, 1995

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

With precious memories of days gone by, of those we were blessed to walk with here on life's pathway, bringing us joy and sunshine, as we labored with them here in the vineyard of the Lord. We wish to dedicate this 38th Annual Session to their memory. May you find comfort in your bereavement that some glorious morning we hope to meet them in a land of perfect peace. Joy shall never end and there shall be no more death. Our Eld. Brothers who carried the torch of light, trying to lighten the pathway of others. Eld. Jimmy Oakley of the New Mt. Zion Church, our beloved Brothers and Sisters, we miss you today, yet we look forward to seeing you tomorrow in a land where the weary shall be at rest.

Faithfully yours,
Bro. Newsome
Bro. Turner



Officers: (Left to right) Eld. Roy Caudill, Moderator, Eld. Paris Tackitt, Asst. Mod., Eld. C. W. Turner, Asst. Clerk, Eld. Hillard Newsome, Clerk

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PROCEEDINGS

Of The

Thirty-Eighth Annual Session of the
Northern New Salem Association of Old Regular Baptist
The Church of Jesus Christ

August 4, 5, 6, 1995

Friday Session, August 4, 1995

As a cool breeze in early morning was blowing, underneath an overcast sky, giving a sigh of relief from the days of yesterday, when the weather was extremely warm. Blessed pilgrims, both young and old, from far and near, began to make their pilgrimage to the Pleasant View Church, to attend this the 38th Annual Session of the Northern New Salem Association. Arriving with gladness in their hearts, a greeting of joy for each other, of being able and blessed to meet again here, on the way to the Promise Land.

As they began to blend their voices together in singing the inspiring songs of Zion, one soon forgot the hot weather and the many miles one had endured to gather here for worship.

Eld. Buford Brock, alternate, approached the stand with a thankful heart, reminding one of our many blessings and offered a prayer of thankfulness.

Approaching the stand with much fear was Eld. Buddy W. Carty to deliver the introductory sermon. As the holy spirit began to move upon Eld. Carty, all fear began to vanish as he began to preach from the 2nd chapter and the 2nd verse of Philippians. He was blessed to preach love, joy and peace, not to seek our own glory, but the glory of God. To always esteem others, to be a servant, rather than to be served. To be humble and obedient. We are a light in a world, a world filled with so much darkness, envy and strife. Yet God has so much love for His creation, begging them to repent and in obedience He would bless them.

The introductory sermon being delivered, the Moderator advised those who were not delegates to remain at the pavilion for preaching. The delegates to assemble in the house to conduct the work of this the 38th Annual Session.

After one of Zion's songs were sung, Eld. Ellis Holbrook of the New Salem Association was called on to make remarks, after which an humble and uplifting prayer was offered by Eld. Claren Williams of the Old Indian Bottom Association.

Moderator Eld. Roy Caudill came forward and announced that the 38th Annual Session of the Northern New Salem Association was now in working order.

Friday, August 4, 1995

1. The Moderator called for the letters from the churches that compose the Northern New Salem Association to be handed in to the Clerk. On motion by Eld. Ray Hamilton, second by Bro. Mike Hiatt, the letter from the Pleasant View Church was read by the Clerk. A motion was made by Eld. Robert Wallen, 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 Association of Old Regular Baptist faith organized by electing the following officers to serve the next year. The following Elders were appointed to take the vote: Elders: Monroe Jones, Edwin Hay and Herman West.

Officers elected:

Moderator Eld. Roy Caudill

Assistant Moderator Eld. Paris Tackitt

Clerk Eld. Hillard Newsome

Assistant Clerk Eld. Coeburn Wayne Turner

(a) Noted by the Association concerning our finance committee and was moved and second that our finance committee be appointed at the same time of the election of officers. The committee appointed Elders: Hiram Adkins, Ray Hamilton and Ralph Caudill.

3. By a motion made by Eld. Buford Brock, second by Eld. Russell Hicks, the Moderator was authorized to make all temporary appointments.
4. On motion by Eld. Jr. Mosley, second by Eld. Larry Newsome, reading of the Constitution, Articles of Faith and Rules of Decorum were omitted.
5. Called for legally organized churches of our same faith and order desiring to join our union and received one, Little Melrose of Melrose, FL, organized Nov. 5, 1994. After reading the work of the presbytery when said church was organized and church letter being read by the clerk, a move was made by Eld. Ishmal Hall, Jr., second by Bro. John Mullins to receive their letter and seat the delegates with us in council. They were given the right hand of fellowship and welcomed into our fold.
6. Called for Associations of our same faith and order desiring to continue a Godly correspondence and the following responded by letter and delegate.
 - (a) **New Salem** — Represented by the following delegates: Ellis Holbrook, Walker Akers, Hiram Adkins, Woody Pack, Forest D. Hall, Monroe Jones, Jason Lowery, James Branham, Charles E. Mullins, Norman Conn, Windell Hamilton, Carlos Akers, Ellisha Branham, Lee Fields, Jean Mullins, Roger Hicks, D. Osborne, Jimmy Waddles, Jimmy Hall, Elbert Hagerman, C. B. Smith, John Lowe, James Swigert, Billy Hamilton, Earl Dean Newsome, Cecil Newsome, Jr., Jack Adkins. Letter in the hands of Eld. Walter Akers. A motion was made by Eld. Don Gibson, second by

Bro. Dan Thornsberry to receive their letter and seat the delegates with us in council. They were given the right hand of fellowship.

(b) **Union** — Represented by the following delegates: Gene Johnson, Arvid Blevins, Bob Johnson, Robert Clay, Herman West, Thomas E. Thacker, Estill Hamilton, Ked Adkins, Ira Williams, John B. Hamilton, Terry Hall, Earl Hill. Letter in the hands of Eld. Arvin Blevins. A motion was made by Eld. Buford Brock, second by Eld. Robert Wallen to receive their 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, Lowell Adkins, Luther Ramey, Jr., Walter Morrison, Ira Adkins, Jr., Paul R. Moore, Gary Blevins, Paul Morrison, Howard Adkins, Donny Brown, Paul Boggs, Jimmy Stewart, Willis Tolliver. Letter in the hands of Bro. Lowell Adkins. A motion was made by Eld. Ray Hamilton, second by Bro. Henry Hobson to receive their letter and seat the delegates with us in council. They were given the right hand of fellowship.

(d) **Sardis** — Represented by the following delegates: Gary Adair, John Paul Hamilton, Edwin Hay, Richard Staton, Hobart Hamilton, James Barney, Glen Dixon, Gordon Akers, Tony Mosley, Roger Spillman. Letter in the hands of Eld. Edwin Hay. A motion was made by Bro. Dan Thornsberry, second by Eld. Robert Wallen to receive their letter and seat the delegates with us in council. They were given the right hand of fellowship.

(e) **Old Friendship** — Represented by the following delegates: Stark Coleman, Jr., Phillip Estep, Doug Reed, David Lester. Letter in the hands of Eld. Phillip Estep. A motion was made by Eld. Elmer Edwards, second by Eld. Hobart Justice to receive their letter and seat the delegates with us in council. They were given the right hand of fellowship.

(f) **Old Indian Bottom** — Represented by the following delegates: Murl F. Caudill, Arvil Mullins, Aaron Whitaker, Jr., Don Gray, Rodney D. Slone, Arnold Whitaker, Claren Williams, Leo Slone. Letter in the hands of Eld. Arnold Whitaker. A motion was made by Eld. Buford Brock, second by Eld. Hendricks Hampton to receive their letter and seat the delegates with us in council. They were given the right hand of fellowship.

7. The Moderator appointed a committee consisting of the delegates from the Pleasant View Church, together with one delegate from each of the other churches to arrange the ministry for Friday evening and Saturday morning who reported as follows: Friday evening — Elders: (1) Herman West-Union; (2) Monroe Jones-New Salem; (3) Roger Hicks-New Salem. Saturday morning — Elders: (1) David Lester-Old Friendship; (2) Claren Williams-Old Indian Bottom; (3) John Lowe and (4) D. Osborne-both of New Salem.

8. Called for transient ministers and members of our same faith and order and the following responded: Johnnie Bentley, Chad Elliott, Fred Charles, Kelby Deel, Steve Borders, Hays Chaffins, Karrell Addington and David Parker.

9. A motion was made by Eld. Ray Hamilton, second by Eld. Morris Wicker

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; (b) Union; (c) Philadelphia; (d) Sardis; (e) Old Friendship and (f) Old Indian Bottom.

10. Appointed a committee to arrange the agenda for Saturday consisting of one delegate from each church together with the officers of the Northern New Salem Association, and the officers and delegates from our corresponding Associations. Committee to meet back at the house at 2:00 p.m. Friday evening.
 - (a) Eld. Buddy W. Carty made a motion, second by Bro. Marvin Potter that we the Northern New Salem Association adjourn until 9 a.m. Saturday morning, August 5, 1995.
 - (b) Committee met pursuant to adjournment Friday noon and completed its work on the Bill of Arrangements. The services for Friday evening were introduced by (1) Eld. Herman West-Union; (2) Eld. Monroe Jones and (3) Eld. Roger Hicks, both of New Salem.

During the seating of the committee meeting Friday evening at 2:00 p.m. August 4, 1995, the request from the Mt. Zion Church was read by the Clerk. Requesting to have items of historical statements and orders concerning Arminian doctrine reprinted in our current minutes. A motion was made by Eld. Joshua Hicks, second by Eld. Russell Hicks to deny said request. Eld. Mike Slone was also advised not to bring any such request to the Association in the future. By request of Eld. Mike Slone, Moderator of the Mt. Zion Church, their request was returned to them. Eld. Matt Slone made a motion, second by Eld. Hendricks Hampton to accept the apology made by Eld. Mike Slone to the Association, for any confusion he had brought to her body.

Saturday, August 5, 1995

Met pursuant to adjournment after singing a number of the inspiring songs of Zion. Eld Willis Tolliver of the Philadelphia Association, preached that God's children are common people, and that we are commanded to let our light shine. To keep ourselves unspotted from the world, you must be born again, and if so you would have work to do. Prayer by same.

1. Called the roll of delegates and marked the absentees.
2. The Bill of Arrangements was read by the Clerk. A motion was made by Bro. Mike Hiatt, second by Bro. Henry Hobson to receive the Bill of Arrangements and discharge the committee.
3. The Circular Letter written by Eld. Paris Tackitt for our 1995 Session was read by him. A motion was made by Eld. Buddy W. Carty, second by Eld. Ralph Caudill to receive the letter and have it printed in our 1995 Minutes.
4. The finance committee appointed Friday, Item 2a, consisting of Elders: Hiram Adkins, Ray Hamilton and Ralph Caudill reported as follows:

1995 Church contributions	\$5,800.00
1995 Money for Pictures	497.00
Other contributions	685.00
Total money received for 1995	\$6,982.00

A motion was made by Eld. Russell Hicks, 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 as follows:

Treasurer's Report

A.

Balance August 5, 1994	\$1,247.49
1994 Church contributions	5,465.00
1994 Picture money	425.00
Other contributions	616.00
Total money on hand August 7, 1994	\$7,753.99

1994 Expenses

B.

Printer's Fee	\$6,137.50
Secretary's Fee	200.00
Postage, U.P.S. freight	182.41
Supplies	-0-
Total Expenses for 1994	\$6,519.91
Total of A	\$7,753.99
Less Total of B	6,519.91
Balance of	\$1,234.08
Plus Interest Earned	18.20
Balance August 4, 1995	1,252.28
Plus money received for 1995	6,982.00
Total money on hand August 7, 1994	\$8,234.28

Money sent by the Sister churches of the Northern New Salem Association to the Pleasant View Church in helping host the 1995 Session .. \$7,720.00

6. Eld. Robert Wallen made a motion, second by Bro. Dan Thornsberry to accept the treasurer's report. By the same motion Eld. Hillard Newsome was appointed recording secretary. He is to have 4,800 copies of the current minutes printed and distributed among the churches according to their contributions. The secretary is to receive \$200.00 for his services. Printer's fee is to appear on the front cover.
7. Eld. Robert Wallen made a motion, second by Eld. Denver Meade to have obituaries of deceased members and friends of the Northern New Salem Association printed in the current minutes. They are to be typewritten and double spaced. A charge of \$15.00 for pictures was approved by the delegates

effective 1996. A motion was made by Bro. Henry Hobson, second by Eld. Glyn Maddox that effective in 1996 the cost of placing a picture in the minutes will increase from \$12.00 to \$15.00.

8. The following ministers were chosen by the committee to preach Saturday evening and Sunday morning, Saturday evening: Elders: (1) Buddy W. Carty; (2) Jr. Mosley; (3) Buford Brock and (4) Hillard Newsome. Sunday: (1) Walter Akers; (2) Woody Pack, both of New Salem; (3) Paris Tackitt and (4) Roy Caudill-Northern New Salem.
9. On motion by Eld. Jr. Mosley, second by Eld. Glyn Maddox, the report of the Elders attending Union Meetings and Associations for the year 1994 and 1995 were omitted. By request of the Moderator the Elders were asked to report on Associations attended.
10. In compliance with Item #9 of Friday's work, we the Northern New Salem Association agreed to correspond by letter and delegate with the following associations.
 - (a) **New Salem** — When convened with the host churches. To be held at the Association Building, Minnie, Floyd County, KY. Beginning on Friday before the fourth Saturday in September 1995 and continuing the two following days. Delegates to attend: Don Vanderpool, Duane Graves, Darrell Parks, Paul Couch, Jr., Reed Triplett, David Slone, Buford Brock, Squire Hamilton, Hillard Newsome, C. W. Turner, Paris Tackitt, Ezra Thornsberry, Conley Daniels and Buddy W. Carty. Letter in the hands of Eld. Hillard Newsome.
 - (b) **Union** — When convened with the host churches. To be held at the Association Building, Ashcamp, Pike County, KY. Beginning on Friday before the third Saturday in September 1995 and continuing the two following days. Delegates to attend: Don Vanderpool, Bart Potter, Darrell Parks, Paul Couch, Jr., Matt Slone, Larry Newsome, David Slone, Bobby R. Burke, Squire Hamilton, Paris Tackitt, C. W. Turner and Hillard Newsome. Letter in the hands of Eld. Paris Tackitt.
 - (c) **Philadelphia** — When convened with the Friendship Church, at the Association Building, Worthington, KY. Beginning on Friday before the second Saturday in August 1995 and continuing the two following days. Delegates to attend: Duane Graves, Reed Triplett, Larry Newsome, Buford Brock, John M. Elkins, Squire Hamilton, John Mullins, C. W. Turner, Paris Tackitt, Doug McCarty, Buddy W. Carty and Hillard Newsome. Letter in the hands of Bro. John Mullins.
 - (d) **Sardis** — When convened with the Southern Home Church, Sparr, FL. Beginning on Friday before the second Saturday in September 1995 and continuing the two following days. Delegates to attend: John W. Elkins, Doug McCarty, Johnnie Newsome and Paris Tackitt. Letter in the hands of Bro. John M. Elkins.
 - (e) **Old Friendship** — When convened with the Panther Creek Church, Panther, W.VA. Beginning on Friday before the fourth Saturday in August

1995 and continuing the two following days. Delegates to attend: Buford Brock, Squire Hamilton and Paris Tackitt. Letter in the hands of Eld. Buford Brock.

- (f) **Old Indian Bottom** — Beginning on Friday before the first Saturday in September 1995 and continuing the two following days at the Little Home Church, Red Fox, KY. Delegates to attend: Darrell Parks, Paul Couch, Jr., Duane Graves, Reed Triplett, Buford Brock, Squire Hamilton, C. W. Turner, Paris Tackitt and Buddy W. Carty. Letter in the hands of Buddy W. Carty.
11. In answer to the request from the Family of Love Church, concerning Item #7 on obituaries in our Saturday's work 1994 minutes. We the Family of Love Church would like to see Part A of Item #7 omitted. Eld. Larry Newsome made a motion, second by Eld. Glyn Maddox to grant their request, and to print poems when submitted along with obituaries in our minutes. Eld. Ray Hamilton made a motion, second by Eld. Buddy W. Carty, that poems being printed must be original poems and that we the Northern New Salem Association will not be responsible for any copyrighted material printed.
 12. In answer to the request from the Antioch Church, asking that the Clerk correct the total membership of the Association, as it was incorrect in our 1994 Statistical Table. A motion was made by Bro. Mike Hiatt, second by Bro. Jackie Hunter to grant their request which is as follows: The total 1994 membership was incorrectly printed as 893. The correct total should be 821.
 13. The request from the Little Angel Church was read, requesting the privilege to host another Memorial Meeting of all the deceased members of the Northern New Salem Association in the year of 1996. After a mutual agreement between the delegates of the Little Angel and Little Rebecca Churches and the delegates from the Little Rebecca Church expressing a desire to host the Memorial Meeting for the year 1996. Bro. Ezra Thornsberry made a motion, second by Bro. Wilbur Nicholes that our 1996 Memorial Meeting be held with the Little Rebecca Church, Plymouth, Ohio, June 1996. See special memorials.
 14. Bro. Ezra Thornsberry made a motion, second by Eld. Don Gibson that we grant the request of the Little Angel Church the privilege to host the 1996 Session of the Northern New Salem Association.
 15. By a vote of the delegates, Eld. Sam Franks was chosen to preach the introductory sermon. Eld. Hobart Justice is to be his alternate and Eld. Coeburn Wayne Turner is to write the Circular Letter for our 1996 Session.
 16. On motion by Eld. Buddy W. Carty, second by Eld. Ralph Caudill, the Clerk was asked to write a note of condolence to our sister Associations and also remember our deceased Elders and members.
 17. Eld. Larry Newsome made a motion, second by Bro. Mike Hiatt, that it become a standard item to place the picture of the officers of the Association on the inside front cover of the Minutes.
 18. On motion by Eld. Jr. Mosley, second by Eld. Larry Newsome, reading of the current minutes were omitted.

19. Elder Ray Hamilton made a motion, second by Eld. Hendricks Hampton that we the Northern New Salem Association, adjourn until Friday before the 1st Saturday in August 1996, at the Little Angel Church, Columbus, Ohio.

Eld. Walter Akers from the New Salem Association was blessed to bring to a close this 38th Annual Session of this blessed old Association. An humble and uplifting prayer offered by Eld. Ralph Caudill, thanking God for His many blessings of life and begging Him to watch over we His believing children until we meet again, if not here over in the glory land.

Done and signed by order of the Association

Elder Roy Caudill
Elder Paris C. Tackitt
Eld. Willard Newsome
Elder Carlton Wayne Turner

Moderator

Ass't. Moderator

Clerk

Ass't Clerk

Sabbath Morning, August 7, 1995

How lovely was the morning, as the sun began to break forth at the dawn of a new day. Much cooler, results of the much needed rain that our Heavenly Father blessed the good earth to receive yesterday. As the sanctuary of the Pleasant View Church began to fill, one could hear the echo of the glorious songs of Zion being sung by the congregation on this the last day of three, of this blessed old Association. Surely our Father was pleased of our gathering as the shouts of glory broke forth in praise to His holy name for all His goodness.

Services for the morning was introduced by your unworthy servant, Bro. Newsome. Prayer was offered by your dedicated servant, Eld. Wayne Turner, which was so humble and thoughtful of others.

Eld Woody Pack-New Salem, humbly approached the stand to feed the Father's sheep. Eld Walter Akers-New Salem, was blessed to bring good tidings of great joy, filling the hearts of God's little children.

Assistant Moderator, Eld. Paris Tackitt, begged all to be like little David and choose the chief stone, and that stone was Christ.

Moderator, Eld. Roy Caudill prayed a very warm dismissal prayer.

With Lasting Memories,
Bro Newsome, Clerk

If I had the wisdom of Soloman, knew all the words of Webster, the mind of a genius, and a thousand tongues, yet I would be unable to find words to express to you the faithful members and friends of the Pleasant View Church. Your generosity, love and concern you showed to one and all, causing all to feel wanted and welcomed. Sister Margie Slone, the organizer, members of our sister churches, to one and all who labored and gave of their time to make our stay in your part of the moral vineyard a pleasant one. The food was delicious, seasoned

with love, with bits of joy, peace and happiness, causing all to smile and say, "thank you and God's blessings to one and all."

Those in Campers Village, was it ever so good to have you park and stay for a spell. Your little houses on wheels so neat, your doors opening on hinges of love, your hand extended with a morsel of food and a heart filled with love to gladden our hearts and make our day a little brighter.

May the road you travel on next summer be clear of all obstacles, and may it lead you to the Little Rebecca Church where once again we can enjoy your fellowship. Thanks again and we love you for all good things.

Thanks for your contribution of \$96.00.

With Love, Bro Newsome, Clerk

1995 Circular Letter

To the Brothers, Sisters, Delegates and Congregation at large of The Northern New Salem Association.

First of all, I am grateful that you have chosen me, though I feel humbled to write the circular letter for your inspection. After much prayer and supplication the strongest thing on my mind is love and repentance. Repentance is to be preached into all of the world for the remission of sin and it began in Jerusalem. The very foundation of this truth and John 3:16 was born there, wrapped in swaddling cloth and laid in a manger. We all realize that God had a promised seed yet with that promise came the responsibility for man to offer sacrifices and keep a law. We have a greater law today. The law of the spirit of Christ has made us free from the law of sin and death, therefore we must concede that there is a law of life. Predestination takes form many ways. If any man preaches that God foreseen whether we would believe or not believe then pray tell me where is the choice that we are to make. One of the principles of the doctrine of Jesus Christ is that man is a free moral agent and again I refer you to John 3:16. And that all men are commanded to repent, but it was we that chose to follow after righteousness, for Jesus bids all to deny themselves, take up their cross and follow Him. Now therefore, let every soul be subject to the higher power and there be no power except be it ordained of God. Remember "For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son that *whosoever believeth* in him shall not perish, but have everlasting life."

Now then let us reason together. What is sin? Sin is a transgression of the law. To those that have not the law Sin is not imputed to. When does the law enter as we understand. Brethren I am not writing concerning the Law of Moses, even that law is of God, but through Moses. I refer you to the Law of the Spirit of Christ which is the law of righteousness that came through Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. God has given every man a measure of faith, though it is of God who is the author of faith, God has given a measure to you and it becomes

your faith then commands you to add to your faith, 2nd Peter 1-5 add to your faith virtue, and to virtue knowledge and temperance and to temperance patience and to patience godliness; and to godliness brotherly kindness, charity. If we add these things to our faith then the love of God abounds in us and we are the children of God and our fruit are righteous.

When God gave us this measure of faith, he also made us acquainted with the Spirit in man. He inspired us that we should obey this Spirit and through obedience of this Spirit we begin a travel of dying dead to the love of sin, and after this death we are made alive a new creature in Christ Jesus our Lord. From this birth on we are freed from the law of sin and death and become heirs of God and joint heirs with Jesus Christ. Sin is condemned in the flesh but from this point he that is in you is greater than he that is in the world or the natural man. That does not mean that the natural man is not subject to besetting sins, for his is subject to these until death, but if we sin we have and advocate with Jesus. Though we be freed from the law of sin and yet we are commanded to sow not to the flesh for this is corruption, but sow to the spirit for this is life.

God said, Isaiah 45:22, "Look unto me *all the ends of the earth*. For I am God and there is none else." Christ concerning his death said, "if I be lifted up I will draw all men. Paul bore witness on Mars hill when he saw the inscription to the unknown. God and teaches us those days God winked at their ignorance *but now commanded all to repent*. There are many that still retain in their mind that the natural Jews are still the chosen people when in reality they are anti-Christ and will not accept Christ as the Son of God. Christ came to his own and his own received him not, but as many as did receive Him to them gave He power to become the sons of God. They are trying to justify themselves by the law and are fallen from grace. Their doctrine of circumcision of the flesh instead of circumcision of the heart. Christ did come to his own and they received him not then he turned to as many as did he gave them the power to become the children of God. Praise God then we see Rev. 22:17 "And the Spirit and the bride say come and let him that heareth say come, and let him that is a thirst come and *whosoever will*, let him take of the water of life freely." So my dearest brethren, Salvation free by grace through faith which is so amazing we are not able to comprehend and it must be revealed as aforementioned in this letter. Let us never forget that faith is the substance of things hoped for and the evidence of things not seen. This hope is not a wish nor a desire but is evidence that the love of God is shed abroad in our heart and we can shout praise God, Praise God, I'm a child of the King.

Dear Brethren this is, I believe, the third time you have given me this privilege and no doubt I will do this no more. This letter is becoming too lengthy and I must close. This admonishment I leave with you; Avoid foolish questions that gender to envy and strife each of our churches will be as strong or as weak as their moderator, therefore strive for unity and peace among the Lord's bride. May God bless you but remember it is your duty to keep yourself in the love of God.

Your Unworthy Servant, Elder Paris C. Tackitt

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 dele-

gates 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 reprovved by the Association as they think proper.

UNION MEETINGS AND MINISTERS CALLED FOR THE YEAR 1996

April

PLEASANT VIEW — First in April. Roger Hicks, Curtis Hall, Covis Tackett, Jeff Dillon, Thomas Thacker.

ANTIOCH — First in April. Gary Compton, Paul Vance, Woody Pack, Russell Hicks, Robert Haney, Hasten Whitaker, Glyn Maddox.

ROSE OF SHARON — Second in April. Hiram Adkins, Hobert Hamilton, Richard Staton, Willis Tolliver, Harrison Runyon, Lowell Mullins, Woody Pack.

NEW MT. ZION — Fourth in April. Robert Haney, Kenny Robinson, Tadd Huff, Ellis Amburgey, Scott Hamilton, Moderator and Assistant Moderator,

May

MAGGIE'S HOME — First in May. David Lester, Gary Blevins, Terry Brynt, Jerry Estep.

LITTLE IDA — First in May. Urshel Huff, Woody Pack, Edwin Hay, Monroe Jones, Red Alley, Clarence Owens.

LITTLE FLOSSIE — First in May. James Watts, Buddy Carty, Don Gibson, Roy Caudill, Buford Brock, Joshua Hicks, Don Lawson, Jeff Dillon.

LITTLE RUTH — Second in May. Kennis Robinson, Milton Dye, Hillard Newsome, Karrell Addington, James Branham, Jeff Dillon, Buddy Carty.

LITTLE ZION — Second in May. Hillard Newsome, Walter Akers, Buford Brock, Karrell Addington, Danny Adams, Arvid Blevins.

LILY OF THE VALLEY — Third in May. Hobert Justice, Estil Hamilton, Charles Newsome, Johnie Bently, Edgar Howell, Hargis Tuttle, John B. Hamilton.

LITTLE CHILDREN'S HOME — Third in May. Bill Dunbar, Tad Huff, Wayne Turner, James Watts, Danny Adams, Jessie Hagen.

MORNING STAR — Third in May. Hobart Hamilton, John Paul Hamilton, Wendel Hamilton, Richard Staton, Larry Newsome, Clarence Owens.

MACEDONIA — Third in May. Alex Collier, Tennson Sturgill, Paul Stapleton, Olie Tackett, Orbin May.

June

MT. ZION — First in June. Robert Haney, Estil Hamilton, Tad Huff, Ed Kidd, Dennis Kidd, Fred Charles, Matt Slone.

LITTLE BETHEL — First in June. Paris Tackitt, Bill Blevins, Scotty Hamilton, Karrell Addington, Ray Hamilton, Johnie Bentley, Estil Hamilton.

LITTLE POLLY — Second in June. Scotty Hamilton, David Slone, Hillard Newsome, C. W. Turner, Larry Newsome, Buddy Carty.

LITTLE PILGRIM'S HOME — Second in June. Hillard Newsome, Johnie Bentley, Karrell Addington, Russell Hicks, Edwin Hay, Buddy Carty, Don Gibson.

LITTLE FAMILY — Second in June. Hargis Tuttle, Sam Franks, William Hagans, Jesse Hagans, Russell Hicks.

LITTLE REBECCA — Third in June. Richard Staton, Danny Adams, Edwin Hay, Wayne Turner, Hillard Newsome, Karrell Addington, Johnny Thornsberry.

LITTLE EDNA — Fourth in June. Karrell Addington, Hillard Newsome, Coeburn Wayne Turner, Russell Hicks, Estil Hamilton, Covis Tackett, Raymond Gayheart.

MT. OLIVET — Fourth in June. Mose Griffith, Clarence Owens, Russell Hicks, Danny C. Hamilton, Eddie Wallen, Robert Wallen, Morris Wicker.

FAMILY OF LOVE — Fourth in June. Woody Pack, Hillard Newsome, Wayne Turner, Karrell Addington, Jeff Dillon, Edwin Hay, Willis Tolliver.

July

LITTLE FLOCK — Third in July. Rich Griffith, Edwin Hay, Russell Hicks, Arnold Whitaker, Morris Wicker.

LITTLE ANGEL — Fourth in July. Richard Staton, Woody Pack, Jeff Dillon, Roger Hicks, Ivory Sowards, Ralph Howard.

August

TRUE VINE — Third in August, Russell Hicks, Jeff Dillon, Raymond Gayheart, Stoney Blackburn.

November

LITTLE MELROSE — First in November. Paris Tackitt, Roy Caudill, Murl Caudill, Willis Tolliver, Ray Hamilton, Richard Lowe, Hillard Newsome, Squire Hamilton.

MEMORIAL MEETINGS

LITTLE REBECCA — Third in August. Dee Osborne, Buddy Carty, Donel Gibson, Russell Hicks, Hiram Adkins.

MAGGIE'S HOME — First in June. Squire Hamilton, Scott Hamilton, David Slone, James Branham, Hendrix Hampton.

LITTLE POLLY — Second in September. Jeff Dillon, Russell Hicks, Estil Hamilton.

MT. ZION — First in September, 1996 — Charles Nitche, Steve Borders, Bart Potter, Gary Compton, Jeff Dillon, Covis Tackett.

LITTLE FLOCK — Third in June. Ray Hamilton, Ivory Sowards, Hobart Hamilton, Danny Adams, Willis Tolliver, Hiram Adkins.

LITTLE RUTH — Second in July. Kennis Robinson, Russell Hicks, Charles Nitche.

LITTLE EDNA — Fourth in August. Matt Slone, Jr., Larry Newsome, Mike Slone, Kennis Robinson, Scott Hamilton.

LITTLE IDA — First in July. Buford Brock, Scott Hamilton, Charles Newsome, Murl Caudill, Arnold Whitaker, Danny Adams.

LITTLE FLOSSIE — First in September. Moses Griffy, Estil Hamilton, Hargis Tuttle, Danny Adams.

LITTLE ZION — Second in August. Charles Newsome, Jeff Dillon, Ishmael (JR) Hall, Scott Hamilton, Stoney Blackburn.

LITTLE PILGRIM'S HOME — Second in August. Tennis Sturgel, Scott Hamilton, David Slone, Danny Adams, Morris Wicker.

MT. OLIVET — Fourth in August. Estil Hamilton, Scott Hamilton, Glyn Maddox, Moderator and Assistant Moderator.

PLEASANT VIEW — First in June. Alex Collier, David Slone, Estil Hamilton, Moderator and Assistant Moderator.

LITTLE FAMILY — Second in October 1995. Willis Tolliver, Paris Tackitt, Hillard Newsome, Arnold Whitaker, Claren Williams.

LITTLE ANGEL — Fourth in March. Larry Newsome, Hargis Tuttle, Hillard Newsome, Wayne Turner, Karrell Addington.

ANTIOCH — First in June. Willis Tolliver, Murl Caudill, Edwin Hay, Roy Caudill.

ROSE OF SHARON — Second in October 1995. Steve Borders, Scott Hamilton, Monte Iverson, Ishmal Hall, Jr., James Branham, John Paul Hamilton.

LILY OF THE VALLEY — Third in July. Danny Hamilton, Larry Newsome, Mike Slone, Walker Howell, David Slone.

LITTLE CHILDREN'S HOME — Third in September. Ralph Caudill, Billy Miller, Russell Hicks, Rick Akers, Glyn Maddox.

MORNING STAR — Third in July. Junior Mosley, Ray Hamilton, Scott Hamilton, Johnie Bentley, Hobert Justice, Glyn Maddox.

LITTLE BETHEL — First in September. Paul Dye, Danny Adams, Lon Beverly, Danny Hamilton.

FAMILY OF LOVE — Fourth in October 1995. Danny Adams, Russell Hicks, Philip Mosley, Dee Osborne, Kelly Slone, Paul Vance.

MACEDONIA — Third in September. Orbin May, Chester Allen, Creed Thomas, Paul Stapleton, Olie Tackett, Offie Bartley.

TRUE VINE — Third in October. Junior Mosley, Hargis Tuttle, Mike Slone, Larry Newsome, Jessie Pack.

NEW MT. ZION — Fourth in July. Steve Borders, Fred Charles, Matt Slone, Jr., Charles Nitche, Squire Hamilton, Bill Tackett.

LITTLE MELROSE — None.

SPECIAL MEMORIALS

A general Memorial service for all the deceased Elders and members of the Northern New Salem Association will be held at the Little Rebecca Church, Plymouth, Ohio, on the odd weekend in June, 1996. Saturday 29th meeting is to start at 1:30 P.M. (evening meal will be served). Sunday 30th meeting is to be at the regular time (lunch will be served). Everyone is invited to attend. (See Item 13 of the current minutes).

LITTLE FLOCK-MARCUM MEMORIAL — Fifth Sunday in June. Ministers called: Paris Tackitt, Ivory Sowards, Russell Hicks, Willis Tolliver, Edwin Hay.

LITTLE FAMILY — 40th Anniversary of the Little Family Church will be held the second weekend in May 1996. Ministers called: Wayne Turner, Ked Adkins, Murl Caudill, Moderator and Assistant Moderator.

ROSE OF SHARON — For Clarence Bentley at the Rose of Sharon Church on the second weekend in July 1996. Ministers called: Doug McCarty, Ray Hamilton, Birtchel Mosley, Jr., Teddy Honaker.

LILY OF THE VALLEY — For Squire Hamilton, Jr. the third weekend in October 1995. Ministers called: Evan Hamilton, Hobert Justice, David Slone, Johnie Bentley, Edgar Howell.

NEW MT. ZION — Fourth Sunday in May. For Brothers Newt Vanderpool, Claude Ousley, Jim Oakley. Ministers called: Johnny Newsome, Savel Combs, Charles Nitche, Russell Hicks, Robert Haney.

ORDAINED MINISTERS

Little Rebecca

Elder Lon Beverly	45 Bell St., Plymouth, OH 44865	(419) 687-9501
Elder Danny Carty	4265 Southmoor Park, Lexington, KY 40514	(606) 223-2703
Elder Donel Gibson	Box 84, New Haven, OH 44850	(419) 935-4165
Elder Faris Tuttle	605 St. Rt. 603, Shiloh, OH 44878	(419) 896-3569

Maggie's Home

Elder Don Mullins	Box 336 Rt. 1, Hamden, OH 45634	(614) 596-4946
Elder Harrison Runyon	86 Burr Oak Blvd., Nelsonville, OH 45764	(614) 753-1024
Elder Jerry Runyon	Rt. 4, S.R. 143, Pomeroy, OH 45769	(614) 992-2687
Elder Paris Tackitt	344 3rd St., Beaver, OH 45613	(614) 226-6343

Little Polly

Elder Richard Griffith	19545 Homer Rd., Marshall, Mich. 49068	(616) 781-7771
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Mt. Zion

Elder Michael K. Slone	80 Bell St., Plymouth, OH 44865	(419) 687-8218
Elder Rufus Slone	224 Deffiance St., St. Mary's, OH 45885	(419) 394-5146

Little Flock

Elder Hank Forgey	1443 Centerville Rd., Thurman, OH 45685	(614) 682-6533
Elder Mike Fortner	2476 Centerpoint Rd., Oak Hill, OH 45656	(614) 682-6236
Elder Sam Franks	1412 Jones Rd., Vinton, OH 45686	(614) 388-9009
Elder Joshua Hicks	Rt. 6, Royalton Rd., Lancaster, OH 43130	(614) 969-2988
Elder Don Lawson	204 2nd St., Box 47, Pleasantville, OH 43148	(614) 468-2203
Elder Raymond Stapleton	Rt. 1, Box 322 Co. Rd. 8, Ewington, OH 45686	(614) 669-5055

Little Ruth

Elder Bill Staten	1111 Twp. Rd. 208, Marengo, OH 43334	(419) 253-5906
Elder Raymond Vanderpool	142 Sandusky St., Plymouth, OH 44865	(419) 687-5061
Elder Amos Williams	150 Riley St., Newark, OH 43055	(614) 344-1073

Little Edna

Elder Elmer Edwards	888 Cooper Foster Park Rd., Amherst, OH 44001	(216) 988-5875
Elder Hobert Justice	4555 Sumner St., Sheffield Village, OH 44054	(216) 277-9547
Elder Denver Meade	953 Warwick Dr., Sheffield Lake, OH 44054	(216) 949-6048
Elder Jessie Pack	12620 Grimsly Ave., Cleveland, OH 44135	(216) 251-1825
Elder David Slone	5128 Orchard Ave., Lorain, OH 44055	(216) 233-5580

Little Ida

Elder Herman Belcher	123 Batavia, River Rouge, MI 48218	(313) 841-2277
Elder Ralph Caudill	1594 Wilson Ave., Lincoln Pk., MI 48146	(313) 381-3710
Elder Clark Damron	60 Stoner, River Rouge, MI 48218	(313) 841-7137
Elder Birtus Dunbar	Clara Doris Rd. Rt. 2, Box 271, Providence, KY 42450	(502) 667-2853
Elder Billy Miller	672 Cora, Wyandotte, MI 48192	(313) 283-0208
Elder Arthur Mitchell	1712 Electric, Wyandotte, MI 48192	(313) 283-2423

Little Flossie

Elder Russell Hicks	11971 N. Angling Rd. 57 Wolcottville, IN 46795	(219) 854-2413
Elder Morris Wicker	5510 E. 1150 on N. 57 Wolcottville, IN 46795	(219) 854-9475

Little Zion

Elder Rick Akers	58253 Culpepper, Washington, MI 48094	(810) 781-9321
Elder Glyn Maddox	3463 Poplar, Warren, MI 48091	(810) 754-2124
Elder Clarence Owens	33632 Cheryl, Clinton Twp., MI 48035	(810) 791-2135

Little Pilgrim's Home

Elder Danny C. Hamilton	367 Twp. Rd., 1031, Nova, OH 44859	(419) 652-2485
Elder Eddie Wallen	330 Railroad St., Rochester, OH 44090	(216) 647-3539
Elder Robert Wallen	123 Main Street, Rochester, OH 44090	(216) 647-4052

Mt. Olivet

Elder Danny R. Adams	24858 Champaign, Taylor, MI 48180	(313) 292-8759
Elder Charles Newsome	3232 Vassar Rd., Burton, MI 48519	(810) 744-3855

Pleasant View

Elder Stony Blackburn	300 Salem Ave., #R Vermillion, OH 44089	(216) 967-9389
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Elder Hayes Chaffins	403 S. Center St., LaGrange, OH 44050	(216) 355-8461
Elder Conley Daniels	3624 W. 114th St., Cleveland, OH 44111	(216) 251-0709
Elder Raymond Gayheart	14061 Twp Rd. 215, Lakeville, OH 44638	(216) 378-9008
Elder Larry D. Newsome	2216 Brownhelm Sta. Rd., Vermillion, OH 44089	(216) 967-5877
Elder Matt Slone	5426 Lake Rd., Sheffield Lake, OH 44054	(216) 949-5174
Elder Hargis Tuttle	4494 Butler Rd., Wakeman, OH 44889	(216) 839-5113

Little Family

Elder Roy Caudill	6143 Paulin Dr., Middletown, OH 45042 Florida	(513) 423-2381 (904) 473-0356
Elder Hendricks Hampton	40 Deardoff Rd., Franklin, OH 45005	(513) 746-7533
Elder James D. Watts	936 Shiree Lane, Lot #21, Bowling Green, KY 42103	(502) 782-6482

Little Angel

Elder Milton Dye	3737 Abney Rd., Columbus, OH 43207	(614) 491-3415
Elder John Jude	1609 Fallbrook Rd., Columbus, OH 43223	(614) 274-7122
Elder Birtchel Mosley, Jr.	208 W. Mitchell St., Kendallville, IN 46755	(219) 347-2220
Elder Forest Osborne	3425 Kitzmiller Rd., New Albany, OH 43054	(614) 855-7955

Antioch

Elder Karrell Addington	501 Micawber, Louisville, KY 40245	(502) 254-5961
Elder Hillard Newsome	3520 Fincastle Rd., Louisville, KY 40213	(502) 452-1197
Elder Coeburn Wayne Turner	1888 Finchville Rd., Shelbyville, KY 40065	(502) 834-7608

Rose of Sharon

Elder Johnie Bentley	3218 22nd, Wyandotte, MI 48192	(313) 283-2983
Elder Jeff Dillon	7939 Adair, Casco, MI 48064	(810) 329-4368
Elder Ray Hamilton	18610 Toledo Rd., Wyandotte, MI 48192	(313) 282-2343
Elder Whipple Reynolds	1847 Highway South, Lot 26 Benore, TN 37885	(615) 884-6938

Lily of the Valley

Elder Evan Hamilton	5733 Washington Ave., Ashtabula, OH 44004	(216) 992-4621
Elder Scott Hamilton	794 S. Broadway, Geneva, OH 44041	(216) 466-3534
Elder Squire Hamilton	1180 Harricane Rd., Pikeville, KY 41605	(606) 478-1914

Elder Junior Jent	3120 Mill Rd., Dorset, Ohio 44032	(216) 293-5018
Elder Chester Newsome	5908 Ogden Ave., Ashtabula, OH 44004	(216) 992-5640

Little Children's Home

Elder Buford Brock	1494 N. County Rd, 50 E, Danville, IN 46122	(317) 745-5228
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Morning Star

Elder Bill Blevins	23400 Manor Rd., N., New Boston, MI 48164	(313) 753-5869
Elder Ishmal Hall, Jr.	36876 Thinback, Wayne, MI 48184	(313) 728-0194
Elder Willis Little	4541 Grace, Wayne, MI 48184	(313) 728-4486
Elder Covis Tackett	4143 St. Rt. 103 S., Willard, OH 44890	(419) 933-4539

Little Bethel None

Family of Love

Elder Webster Bartley	304 E. Columbia St. Marion, OH 43302	(614) 383-1202
Elder Clifford Bradly	18003 SH 231, Rt. 1, Nevada, OH 44849	(614) 482-2095
Elder Buddy W. Carty	160 Trux St., Plymouth, OH 44865	(419) 687-7431

Macedonia

Elder Burl Sturgill	Grahn, KY 41142	(606) 286-2492
Elder Darvin Sturgill	Olive Hill, KY 41164	(606) 286-4075

True Vine

Elder Steven Borders	770 Wooster Rd. N., Barberton, OH 44203	(216) 745-7377
Elder Bart Potter	1008 Laurel Dr., West Salem, OH 44287	(216) 945-2330
Elder Kennis L. Robinson	1947 Tonawanda Ave., Akron, OH 44305	(216) 794-8821

New Mt. Zion None

Little Melrose

Elder Doug McCarty	P.O. Box 2018, Keystone Hgts., FL 32656	(904) 473-3424
Elder Johnny Newsome	6402 Bodoin Ave., Keystone Hgts., FL 32656	(904) 473-9026

1995 DELEGATES TO THE NORTHERN NEW SALEM ASSOCIATION

Little Rebecca	Donel Gibson, Dan Thornsberry, Roy Collins
Maggie's Home	Harrison Runyon, Jerry Runyon, John Mullins
Little Polly	Randy Poe, James Poe, Thomas VanZandt
Mt. Zion	Mike Slone, Rufus Slone, Delmas Hall
Little Flock	Joshua Hicks, Floyd Newsome, Raymond Stapleton
Little Ruth	Adron Counts, Bill Staten, Kenneth Mullins
Little Edna	Hubert Justice, Denver Meade, Elmer Edwards
Little Ida	Herman Belcher, Ralph Caudill, Billy Miller
Little Flossie	Russell Hicks, Morris Wicker, R. J. Combs
Little Zion	Glyn Maddox, Clearance Owens, Ermon Smiley
Little Pilgrim's Home	Jackie Hunter, Robert Wallen, Eddie Wallen
Mt. Olivet	Danny Adams, Charles Newsome, Carl Ousley
Pleasant View	Larry Newsome, Matt Slone, Harlos Hall
Little Family	Hendrix Hampton, Marvin Potter, Earnie Tuttle
Little Angel	Junior Mosley, Wilbur Nickles, Ezra Thornsberry
Antioch	Edsel Slone, Milford Prater, Sr., Melvin Adams, Jr.
Rose of Sharon	Emerson Jarrell, Ray Hamilton, Ernie Thornsberry
Lily of the Valley	Scott Hamilton, Squire Hamilton, Carl Hall
Little Children's Home	Buford Brock, James Hobson, Mike Hiatt
Morning Star	Ishmal Hall, Jr., Randall Parks, Covis Tackett
Little Bethel	Landis Beverly, Glinn Conley, Ernest Owens
Family of Love	Buddy Carty, Lavon Isaac, Jim Gilliam
Macedonia	Earnest Middleton
True Vine	Mack Adkins, Steven Borders, Leonard Robinson
New Mt. Zion	Aaron Slone, Don Vanderpool, Cleo Slone
Melrose	Doug McCarty, Johnny Newsome, John M. Elkins

CLERKS AND THEIR ADDRESSES

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Little Rebecca	Frank Holt	223 Plymouth St.	Plymouth, OH 44865	(419) 687-4402
Maggie's Home	Harrison Runyon	86 Burr Oak Blvd.,	Nelsonville, OH 45764	(614) 753-1024
Little Polly	Tom Vanzandt	11346 Willwood Dr	Marshall, MI 49068	(616) 781-8191
Mt. Zion	Bennie Sturgill	3507, CR44	Ada, OH 45810	(419) 639-2507
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) 946-6621
Little Edna	Elmer Edwards	888 Cooper Foster Pk. Rd	Amherst, OH 44001	(216) 988-5875
Little Ida	John Johnson	15649 Fordline	Southgate, MI 48195	(313) 246-0769
Little Flossie	Fred Jones	5042 W-500, S	Wabash, IN 46992	(219) 563-5001
Little Zion	Eugene Robinette	5490 Hearst St	Utica, MI 48317	(810) 731-7419
Little Pilgrim's Home	Danny Hamilton	367 TWP Rd. 1031	Nova, OH 44859	(419) 652-2485
Mt. Olivet	Carl Ousley	425 E. Bellevue	Leslie, MI 49251	(517) 589-8736
Pleasant View	Eldon Hall	928 Livermore Ln	Elyria, OH 44035	(216) 365-3459
Little Family	Marvin Potter	7492 Hopkins Rd	Maineville, OH 45039	(513) 683-2492
Little Angel	Forest Osborne	3425 Kitmiller Rd	New Albany, OH 43054	(614) 855-7955
Antioch	Melvin Adams	495 Overlook Rd.	Louisville, KY 40229	(502) 957-2417
Rose of Sharon	Johnie Bentley	3218 22nd St.	Wyondotte, MI 48192	(313) 283-2983
Lily of the Valley	Carl E. Hall	17249 Stocking Rd.	Madison, OH 44057	(216) 298-1490
Little Children's Home	James D. Wagner	17201 Stone Ch. Rd	Laurel, IN 47024	(317) 698-2316
Morning Star	Willis Little	4541 Grace	Wayne, MI 48184	(313) 728-4486
Little Bethel	Ernest Owens	833 Fennimore St.	Fremont, OH 43420	(419) 334-4344
Family of Love	Reed Triplett	Box 155	Tira, OH 44887	(419) 347-7028
Macedonia	Frank Sturgill		Grahn, KY 41142	(606) 286-4914
True Vine	Mack Adkins	509 Waterside Ave	Canal Fulton, OH 44614	(216) 854-1879
New Mt. Zion	Dwayne Slone	321 Twp. Rd. 350	Sullivan, OH 44880	(419) 736-3531
Little Melrose	John M. Elkins	Box 576	Hollister, FL 32147	(904) 325-9775

CHURCH MODERATORS AND ASSISTANT MODERATORS

Church	Moderator	Asst. Moderator
Little Rebecca	Buddy W. Carty	Donel Gibson
Maggie's Home	Paris Tackitt	Ivory Sowards
Little Polly	Rich Griffith	Danny Adams
Mt. Zion	Mike Slone	Rufus Slone
Little Flock	Joshua Hicks	Sam Franks
Little Ruth	Amos Williams	
Little Edna	David Slone	Hobart Justice
Little Ida	Ralph Caudill	Herman Belcher
Little Flossie	Rich Griffith	Russell Hicks
Little Zion	Glyn Maddox	Clarence Owens
Little Pilgrim's Home	Robert Wallen	Danny Hamilton
Mt. Olivet	Charles Newsome	Danny Adams
Pleasant View	Larry Newsome	Stoney Blackburn
Little Family	Roy Caudill	Hendricks Hampton
Little Angel	Hiram Adkins	Paris Tackitt
Antioch	Hillard Newsome	C. W. Turner
Rose of Sharon	Ray Hamilton	Jeff Dillion
Lily of the Valley	Squire Hamilton	Scott Hamilton
Little Children's Home	Buford Brock	Hendricks Hampton
Morning Star	Covis Tackett	Bill Blevins
Little Bethel	Covis Tackett	Hobart Justice
Family of Love	Buddy W. Carty	Donel Gibson
Macedonia	Darvin Sturgill	
True Vine	Kennis Robinson	David Slone
New Mt. Zion	Mike Slone	Bart Potts
Little Melrose	Doug McCarty	Johnnie Newsome

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Little Rebecca	Henry Road, Ph. 419-687-8838	Plymouth	Ohio
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Little Polly	19545 Homer Road	Marshall	Michigan
Mt. Zion	5874 St. Rt. 309, Ph. 419-634-1501	Ada	Ohio
Little Flock	Route 1	Ray	Ohio
Little Ruth	Route 3	Marengo	Ohio
Little Edna	5160 Bond Avenue	Lorain	Ohio
Little Ida	4060 Drennan Street, Ph. 313-386-9350	Ecorse	Michigan
Little Flossie		Lisbon	Indiana
Little Zion	63181 Romeo Plank Road	Romeo	Michigan
Little Pilgrim's Home	Highway 224	Ruggles	Ohio
Mt. Olivet -	M-52, 4 miles N. of	Stockbridge	Michigan
Pleasant View	Box 48, 3589 Beat Road, Ph. 216-723-5345	Litchfield	Ohio
Little Family	S.R. 744, 1 mile west of	Jacksonburg	Ohio
Little Angel	5733 Saltgaber Road, Ph. 614-492-0010	Columbus	Ohio
Antioch	10817 Barricks Road	Louisville	Kentucky
Rose of Sharon	5665 Carolton-Rockwood, Ph. 313-379-4870	S. Rockwood	Michigan
Lily of the Valley	Rt. 534-600, Kawanis Pk. Dr.	Geneva	Ohio
Little Children's Home		Laurel	Indiana
Morning Star	44441 Clay Road	Belleville	Michigan
Little Bethel	S.R. 228	Greensprings	Ohio
Family of Love	Ph. 614-482-2434	Wyandotte	Ohio
Macedonia		Grahn	Kentucky
True Vine	7992 Cleveland Mass Road	Clinton	Ohio
New Mt. Zion		Shelby	Ohio
Little Melrose		Melrose	Florida

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	.3	0	0	0	0	0	3	46	3-E	\$400.00	July
Maggie's Home	.0	0	0	0	0	0	1	32	1-M	200.00	July
Little Polly	.1	0	0	0	0	0	0	21	2-E	150.00	July
Mt. Zion	.9	0	0	0	0	0	3	22	1-M	125.00	July
Little Flock	.0	0	0	0	0	0	1	30	3-M	200.00	Aug.
Little Ruth	.0	0	0	0	2	0	0	18	2-M	175.00	June
Little Edna	.1	0	0	0	0	0	2	22	4-M	125.00	July
Little Ida	.6	1	0	0	2	1	1	96	1-M	550.00	June
Little Flossie	.0	0	0	0	0	0	1	36	1-E	200.00	June
Little Zion	.0	0	0	3	0	2	0	31	2-M	250.00	June
Little Pilgrim's Home	.0	0	0	0	0	0	1	19	2-M	175.00	July
Mt. Olivet	.0	2	0	0	0	0	0	14	4-M	125.00	July
Pleasant View	.8	0	0	0	1	1	0	84	1-E	300.00	May
Little Family	.0	0	0	0	1	0	0	27	2-E	250.00	July
Little Angel	.2	1	0	0	0	0	3	58	4-E	400.00	Aug.
Antioch	.1	0	0	0	0	0	0	39	1-E	325.00	Oct.
Rose of Sharon	.0	3	0	0	6	0	2	43	2-M	400.00	May
Lily of the Valley	.0	0	0	0	0	2	0	18	3-E	125.00	June
Little Children's Home	.1	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	3-E	150.00	July
Morning Star	.0	0	0	1	0	2	1	39	3-M	300.00	June
Little Bethel	.1	0	0	0	0	0	2	19	1-M	125.00	July
Family of Love	.1	2	0	0	2	0	2	28	4-E	200.00	July
Macedonia	.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	42	3-M	150.00	June
True Vine	.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	19	3-M	200.00	Sept.
New Mt. Zion	.1	0	0	0	0	0	2	8	4-M	50.00	Oct.
Little Melrose	.0	6	0	0	0	0	0	6	1-M	125.00	Jan.

1995 Church Contributions	\$5,800.00
1995 Money for Pictures	497.00
Other Contributions	685.00

Grand Total .35 15 0 4 14 8 25 829 \$6,982.00

M — Saturday morning services

E — Saturday evening services

Obituaries

ETHEL ACOSTA



Ethel Acosta

In loving memory of Ethel Acosta who devoted her life to her family. She was born on November 16, 1935 to Floyd and Sarah Hall from Dry Creek, Kentucky. She had 3 brothers, Willis, Gene and Costella Hall. She also had 4 sisters, Eileen Spears, Pearl Risor, Ruthie Hutchins, and Lulie Taylor. Ethel has been a member of The Little Angel Church since she suffered the pain and sorrow of burying three of her children: Mike, 29; Lisa, 6 months; and Floyd, 3 hours. Her surviving children are sons: Joseph Acosta, Billy Messer, and Patrick Acosta. Daughters: Norma

Jolly, Celina Acosta, Penny Main, Rose McCoy, and Jenny Acosta along with Cuba Wallace-Hill who became thought of as part of the family around 1969. She was a mother to her children as well as many others that always looked to her for comfort and guidance when it seemed that none could be found. In times of need she would always be there for anyone no matter what color, religion, or mistakes they had made in the past. She would guide us to the Lord so we could see our mistakes and know the right path to follow. She was a loving and forgiving person; so full of life herself. She loved to travel and play games with children and sing. She shared 37 of her 58 years of life with her husband, Patricio Acosta. They were married on June 9, 1962. She has been his sunshine since they first met and now she will be his shining star until they meet again. Although we all feel we can't hardly go on without her, we will remember that she suffers from her long illness no more. We will wait for the day when the Lord will bring us all together once again. For now she is with her brother, sister, Mother, Father, her children and old friends. She's meeting all of her Brothers and Sisters she may not have known here on Earth, and we are sure she's still spreading her warmth and beauty as she did while she was here with us. She will remain in our hearts until we meet again.

Written by her beloved daughter, Rose McCoy

MAGALENE ADKINS

It is with a very sad and broken heart that I will try to write the obituary of my dear grandmother Magalene Adkins.

Grandma was born in Pikeville, KY on October 11, 1929 to Lee and Stella Honaker and took her place in God's beautiful garden on January 13, 1995.

She leaves behind to mourn her loss her husband Elmer Adkins, sons John and Michael Adkins both of Akron, Ohio, daughters Wanda Williams of St. Marys, W. VA, Mary Hennon and Donna Gay, both of Akron and Diana Borders of Barberton, OH. She also leaves behind a brother, Oscar Honaker, many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, family and friends.

Grandma was preceded in death by both of her parents, her grandsons Bobby and Willie Williams and soon after met her son Elbert (Ricky) at heaven's gates.

Grandma always had a smile on her face and knew no strangers. Everyone was her "baby."

There were many times when she was too sick to go to church, but she always wanted to hear about Jesus. Grandma loved to hear the old time singing and preaching. When she got too sick to get out of bed, she called us around to say goodbye and reached up and God took her to heaven. You're on that street of gold now Grandma, so run as fast as you can. I love you.

Your Loving Granddaughter, Tina Borders



Magalene Adkins

ELBERT (RICKEY) ADKINS JR.



Elbert (Rickey) Adkins Jr.

It is with a very sad and heavy heart, we will try to write the obituary of our dear brother, Elbert (Rickey) Adkins Jr. He was born on April 20, 1958 making his stay here on earth 37 years, 1 month to the day. He was the youngest son of Elmer and Magalene Adkins.

His mother preceded him in death on January 13, 1995. He leaves to mourn his loss, his dad, Elmer, two brothers, Johnney and Michael of Akron, OH and four sisters, Wanda of St. Mary's, W. VA, Mary and Donna Gail of Akron, OH and Diana Borders of Barberton, OH.

Rickey had three children, Mellissa 16, Joshua 2, and Christina 7 months that he loved dearly and Sondra, the woman that made him the man that he was. He loved us all very much and we loved him more than life.

We will miss you for the rest of our lives baby brother. We hope you and mother are singing with the angels together and one day we will all walk the street of gold together.

Rickey was taken from us suddenly in a fatal car accident on May 20, 1995. The last words he said to his sister is, "I'm going to see Mom, then I'm going home." He could of meant to his natural home, but then he could of meant his heavenly home. We'll never know for sure if the Lord showed him it was to be his last day on earth, but we do know he was talking with the Lord before that fatal night he was called away from us.

Only Rickey and the Lord knows why he was taken so tragically that night. We'll never know. We only hope he had time to pray in the last minutes. So baby brother, if you're with mother in heaven wait for me, I'll be coming when the Lord calls for me and we will go through those gates together and see the one that knows all things.

We love you brother, Your Broken-Hearted Family

JEWELL AKERS



Jewell Akers

It is with much sadness that we, with the helping hand of Almighty God guiding us, will try to write a few words about the life of our mother and wife, Jewell Akers.

Mom was born October 10, 1931 at Tanyard, Kentucky. She was the daughter of Amos and Ella Davis Akers who preceded her in death. She met and married Archer Akers on July 27, 1946 at Pikeville, KY. Unto this union was born eight children, three sons and five daughters. Stanley (Beatrice) Akers of Jenkins, KY, Nana Fay (Rick) Akers of Washington, Mich., A. J. Akers of Utica, Mich., Roger (Denise) Akers of Washington

Twsp., Mich., Luella (Mike) Folas of Chesterfield Twsp., Mich., Adella (Milan) Nickson of Utica, Mich., and Janine (Dave) Grove of Bentley, Mich. One daughter, Kimberly, died as an infant. Mom also leaves to mourn her passing one sister, Josephine Beaver of Ohio; three brothers: Charlie and Lee Akers of Ohio and James Akers of KY; one half-sister, Gladys Lee of Virginia and four half-brothers: Namom, Leonard and Burness Akers of KY, and Teddy Mulkey of Virginia.

Mom's life could not be described as a flowery bed of ease but it had its many rewards. A large loving family that included 17 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren, was just one of the many pleasures she enjoyed. Mom's greatest love was Jesus. She repented of her sins and asked God to have mercy and save her never dying soul. She gave her hand to the Little Ida Church on December 17, 1960 and was baptized by Elders Sid Hudson and Homer Elliott. She later moved her membership to the Little Zion Church where she remained a faithful member until death.

On the 18th day of July, 1995 around the 7th hour of evening the death angel came and took mom home to be with Jesus. Although we laid Mom's body to rest at the Prestonville Cemetery, her soul has gone to its rest in the paradise of God. Just as death overtook mom, it will also come knocking at your door. If mom could speak she would warn everyone to be ready to go when that call

comes, and the only way to be ready is to make peace with the good Lord while you have time.

Mom, we'll miss your sweet smile and we know you can't come back to us, but by the grace of God we can come and see you in your new home. Sleep on sweet one until we meet again. We love you.

Written by a broken-hearted husband and family

DRAXIE (HOLBROOK) BAILEY

With the help of the Lord, we will try to write an obituary of our dear Mother, Draxie (Holbrook) Bailey.

She was born in Halo, Kentucky in Floyd County on December 31, 1933 and passed away on June 9, 1995. Making her stay on earth 61 years, 5 months and 9 days.

Her parents were the late William B. Holbrook and Stella Mae (Burke) Holbrook. She came from a family of 12 children to wit, Elder Ellis Holbrook, Deacon Charles Edward Holbrook, James Earl Holbrook, William B. Holbrook Jr., Mary Marie Holbrook, who preceded her in death, Judith Ann Phillips, John Curtis Holbrook, Betty Ruth Hobbs, Kenneth Wayne Holbrook, Carolyn Lynn Gilliam and Cathy Gail Harville.



Draxie (Holbrook) Bailey

On December 21, 1955, Mom was married to Henry Douglas Bailey. Unto this union 3 children were born. Henry Douglas Bailey Jr., Mary Stellanna (Bailey) Barnes and Jayne Ellen (Bailey) Branham. She also had 3 grandchildren, Douglas, Christopher and Whitney.

To us children we couldn't have chosen a better mother had we picked her ourselves. She was an honest, caring, forgiving and sincere person with a good sense of humor. She always liked to make people laugh — even until the very end. She had a place in her heart for everyone and made them feel welcome. Everyone who had the honor to know her loved her.

Several years ago, Mom prayed to the Lord and felt a love come into her heart so great that she could forgive her worse enemy. While in the hospital she gave her hand to become a member of the Joppa Old Regular Baptist Church, at Melvin, and was baptized on April 16, 1995. Mom came out of the water clapping her hands and rejoicing; she was the happiest we had ever seen her on that day.

It was hard for the family to give her up but we know our Mother will feel no more pain and our loss is heaven's gain.

Our family appreciates everyone who took time to come by and show their care and kindness while she was ill. May God Bless!

Written by her daughters, Mary Stellanna and Jane Ellen
Assisted by William B. Holbrook Jr.

SYLVIA BAILEY



Sylvia Bailey

In loving memory of my wife, the mother of my sons, who entered into eternal peace with God after much suffering and pain the eighteenth day of February 1995.

Sylvia Bailey was born August 20, 1941 in Dock, Kentucky to Edgbert and Alice (Johnson) Hicks, who survive in Alger, Ohio. She was married to James Bailey on October 5, 1957. She is survived by her husband who lives in Forest, Ohio and two sons, Ronald of Upper Sandusky, Ohio and Steven of Pandora, Ohio. She has five grandchildren living

and one deceased son and grandson. Sylvia's sisters are Goldie Scott of Forest, Trylbia Van Stein (twin sister) of Ada, Reba Long of Alger, and her brothers are Edgbert Hicks Jr. of Elmore, Alabama and James Hicks of Forest. Services were held February 21, 1995 with Elder Mike Sloan officiating at Shields Funeral Home in Forest with interment at Preston Cemetery, Alger, Ohio.

Sylvia was a member of the Mt. Zion Church and was baptized on August 7, 1994.

I will greatly miss and always love Sylvia. She was a very loving and caring person who always believed that God was there to take care of her and now she has gone to be with him. She always saw the good in people and appreciated everything around her. The example she left for all of us to follow will lead us to be with her someday with God.

She was a sweet, gentle, kind and loving sister, daughter, mother, and wife to all of us. We surely will miss her, but there is a better place waiting for her where she will no longer be in pain and suffering.

She never met a stranger and she loved everyone, and always smiled even though she felt bad. She was getting tired, and God knew this, so he opened up his arms and said, "Come to be with me." She didn't deserve what she went through, so God gave her rest. God's garden must be beautiful; He only takes the best.

Her words were always this: Following the 10 commandments I can't see how anyone can go wrong. Be quick to forgive, and love one another. "For God is love."

CLARENCE BENTLEY

Words by Tommy Bentley for the family

When they asked me to write a eulogy on our Dad, my mind quickly filled with all the love, joy and wonderful memories he left us all. I know that each one of us could write a book on all of our wonderful memories of Dad. But with the love and support of my family I will try to represent us all in telling a little about my Dad. Dad was born on January 9, 1927 in Pikeville, Kentucky, son of Joe and Martha Bentley. He was the twin to a sister Clercy who died a short time after birth. Dad also had 5 other brothers: Arlin, Hayse, Kennie,



Clarence Bentley

Arthur, and Homer. Arthur passed away in 1980 and Homer passed away a short time after birth. He also had 4 sisters: Hazel, Dorthy, Myrtle and Clara. Clara passed away about 11 months after birth. All of his brothers and sisters can tell you wonderful stories of growing up with Dad and the love they shared in the family. In the spring of 1946 he started courting who would soon be our mother Aileen Adkins. We would all laugh and enjoy the stories he would tell us when him and mom courted and the things they would do.

We can only close our eyes and imagine Mom and Dad sitting on the porch eating a bologna sandwich and listening to the Grand Ole Opry. Mom and Dad married July 5, 1947. Then then moved to Michigan in search of work for Dad. Here they started their own family. They have 5 boys: Michael, Kenneth, Jimmy, Roger and Tommy and one daughter Janette. He also had a very close friend who he often joked was his adopted son Dave. From his own words he was blessed with 5 daughters-in-law: Debbie, Kathy, Karen, Kay and soon to be Stacy. He also had one son-in-law Robert. He had 10 grandchildren: Amanda, Jimmy, Joshua, Tyler, Branden, Carlee, Robert, Craig, Teresa and Lori. With the marriage of Mike and Kay he also gained 5 great-grandchildren. Dad followed in Mom's footsteps and joined the church on April 26th, 1980 and became a deacon on December 12, 1982. I cannot find words to express how he loved and cherished his big family. We all never doubted the love he had for us and we are all so thankful for the way he raised us kids. We all often wonder how to repay him or thank him for the life he gave us. At first we never could think of a way to do this, but now we know. We repay him by living our lives and raising our families just like he did his. So you see a part of our Dad still lives through us and our families.

I would like to read to you the same letter that Dad wrote and read to us on their Anniversary in 1991. This should give you a good feeling of the kind of Man, Father, and Husband he was and still is:

Dad, we all love you more than words can say, but we also love you enough to let you go to a better place. So sleep peaceful Dad, you will live forever in our memories and our hearts.

God Bless You!

A SPECIAL MEMORIAL: Rose of Sharon, second weekend in July, 1996

EDGAR LEE BOOTH



Edgar Lee Booth

At the request of our mother, we will try to tell you a little about a loving father, Edgar Lee Booth. Dad was born April 24, 1924, in Wayne, West Virginia. He was the youngest boy in a family of 10 children, five boys and five girls. Dad was a twin but his brother died at birth. His father, Millard Booth was murdered when Dad was only 3 and his mother Seneth Ferguson Booth worked very hard to raise her nine children and keep them together.

Dad came to Lorain, Ohio in January 1949 to work at US Steel. Here, in 1956, he met Dixie Hall, whom he married August 17, 1956, after only a two-week courtship. Edgar and Dixie had two daughters, Janet

Ann and Verda Mae, who gave them four granddaughters. Mom and Dad were still happily married after nearly 39 years of marriage.

Dad retired from US Steel after 37 years of Service. In his leisure time he enjoyed walking in the nearby mall where he often met friends, in what he called, "the old folks corner". He also loved going out to eat or just anywhere with my sister and me. He had a great sense of humor and dearly loved to joke around. He was a wonderful husband and a loving father.

Six years ago, Dad was found to have prostate cancer. Unfortunately, it had already spread to the lymph nodes. He underwent several types of treatment and held his own until contracting pneumonia in April 1995. In his weakened condition he could no longer fight off the cancer and his health deteriorated rapidly. We all decided to take care of Dad at home, which we did with the help of Hospice. He passed away at home, Sunday, July 30, 1995, while holding my mother's hand.

Although Dad was not a member of Little Edna he supported Mom's religion, and often attended church with her, until her emphysema prevented her from attending. Near the end of his illness he told Mom, Elder David Slone, and Elder Hobart Justice that his sins had been forgiven, and he was not afraid to die.

He will be dearly missed!

Written with much love by his daughters

JEWELL DEAN BURKE

It is with much grief and sadness that we write an obituary of and eulogy to our sister, both in the flesh and in the Lord, Jewell Dean Burke.

She was the firstborn of twins, born August 8, 1938, to Grant and Aggie Hall Burke. She departed life on this earth, God's footstool, June 24, 1995, being 56 years old. She was preceded in death by both her parents and a brother, Willis who died as an infant. She is survived by brothers Orrvill of Melvin, Ky., and Clyde of Weeksbury; sisters Opal Dutton of Trenton, MI, Evelyn Johnson of Weeksbury, her twin sister, Geraldene Burke of Weeksbury and Beatrice Hall of Mansfield, OH. She is also survived by three nieces, five nephews and a host of other relatives, neighbors and friends.



Jewell Dean Burke

Several days prior to her death she told her sister, Geraldene, and her sister-in-law Joann Burke, that she felt there wasn't anything standing between her and Heaven but death. She also told them that she wanted to go home. She had told us almost a year before her death that she was praying and begging the Lord for forgiveness of her sins and for mercy. On Friday night, June 23, 1995, this writer believes with all my heart that it became evident that her prayers had been heard. We called Elder Jimmy Hall, of the Little Rosa Church at McDowell, who came to her room in the hospital at McDowell. He sang *Ride Out Your Storm* and held prayer. As he was doing these, we believe, even from a morphine induced sleep, and in spite of being so crippled by cancer of the bone, she seemed to be moaning moans of joy and trying to lift her feeble arms in praises of her Blessed Saviour.

We feel that now she is walking on those streets of gold, streets where the Angels have trod, and singing and shouting praises to the Blessed One who is still standing with outstretched arms to welcome all who will come through the Door that was nailed to the cross. We miss her badly and continue to grieve for her in spite of the fact that we feel she is now in a much better place than we.

Written by brother-in-law, James G. Hall and
Broken-hearted sisters, Beatrice and Geraldene

SISTER HAZEL CASE



Sister Hazel Case

Psalms 116: 15 — Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints.

With the help of our Lord we will try to write an obituary of Sister Hazel Case. She was born on January 18, 1921 in Floyd County, KY. She was the daughter of the late Will and Rattie Collins. She lived in Floyd County until moving to New London in the early 1960's. On December 17, 1938 she married Hassle Case and to this union was born 8 children. Four boys: Hershel of Queensland, Australia; Lloyd and Bill, both of Sevierville, TN; Bobby of Greenwich, Ohio. Four daughters: Bonnie Ruggles of North Fairfield; Reeda Case of Fremont; Debbie Cavalier of Norwalk, OH. She was preceded in death by one daughter, Deanna Kay, her husband

Hassel and a sister Mabel. Also surviving: one brother, Lowell Collins of Wake-man, Ohio and sister Vannie Kidd of London, KY, 17 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

Sister Hazel joined the Little Pilgrim Home Church and was baptized on May 14, 1977. She was baptized by Elders Robert Wallen and Albert Hamilton. She was a faithful member as long as she was able to go to church. She loved the Little Pilgrim Home Church. She would call it "her church". She was a deaconess of the church since September 8, 1984. She loved all her brothers and sisters. She was mother and grandmother to all of us. She loved all the little children. She was a humble sister. I have many precious memories of Sister Hazel and the time we spent together. I will never forget the love she showed me. She was my best friend. And to all her children and grandchildren, the mother and grandmother you loved so well is gone to live with Jesus, and you can go to live with her if you and to for Jesus is standing with arms outstretched saying "Come unto me all that labor and are heavy laden, take my yoke upon you learn of me, my yoke is easy and my burden is light. Look upward, press onward. Jesus is nigh."

Written by a brother and sisters in hope,
Elder Robert Wallen, Sisters Joanne Hunter and Roxie Hamilton

MRS. DAVID CAUDILL

Mary Fields Caudill was born to the late Jim and Atha Lile Fields from Doty Creek, Jeremiah, Kentucky. She was married to David Caudill in 1939 and to the union they had 7 children. One, Jody, age 1, preceded her in death. There remain 3 boys and 3 girls; Gomer of Louisville, Rogger D. of Mt. Washington, Curtis of Cox's Creek, Greta G. Williams of Clarksville, Indiana, Anna Jo Cox of Mt. Washington, Helen Christene and Jim Cunningham of Fern Creek. Also, two foster children, Ellen Paul and Faye Quinn, 13 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren (with one great-grandchild, Davey, preceding her in death) to mourn her in death.



Mrs. David Caudill

Dad worked 17 years in coal mines to keep us fed. Dad, David, passed on in 1975, leaving many lonely hours for Mom. We, the children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren did what we could to fill the void.

Dad and Mom attended the Doty Creek Old Regular Baptist when we lived in the mountains. In 1953 we moved to Fern Creek. James and Martha Caudill took all eight of us into their home. James helped Dad find work at Sealtest Foods where he worked for 20 years until he retired in 1973. James and Martha kept and fed us till we found a place to live nearby. Dad and Mom attended Antioch Old Regular Baptist at Camp Taylor firehouse and at Antioch on Barricks Lane when they built. Dad always professed hope. Said he felt the Lord forgave him, but never joined the natural church. He loved to talk about Jesus and what He had done for him.

Brother Milford and Glenda Prater, Elder Hillard and Melster Newsome, Elder Wayne and Jean Turner, Ebb and Dosha Everage, Carol and Bill Hillberry were diligent about visiting Mom. Mom would ask Brother Prater to sing. The week before her passing at a home meeting, Mom told what she felt the Lord had done for her and gave her hand to become a member at Antioch. She was worried about not being able to be baptized. Elder Hillard Newsome told Mom about the thief on the cross and she felt better.

Tena and Jim Cunningham left their home to care for Mom, day and night. Anna Jo Cox gave up her job to care for her of the day. Gomer, Curtis, and Greta came by every time they got a chance. The nurse, Donna and nurse's aide, Caroline, became part of the family. Dr. Jeffery Reynolds did a good job caring for Mom.

I always, when I told Mom good night, would tell her, "I'll see you a little later." I still feel the same. I'll see you a little later.

Written by Rogger D. for The Family

ROY CLAYTON CAUDILL



Roy Clayton Caudill

By the help of the good Lord, we will try to write the obituary of Roy Clayton Caudill. He was born the 14th day of November 1942, and passed from this life the 11th day of April 1995, making his stay on earth 52 years, 4 months and 28 days. He was the son of Elder Roy Caudill and Sister Bessie (Adams) Caudill.

Besides his grieving parents he leaves his loving wife Kathy, three sons, and one daughter to mourn his passing, also five grandchildren. Children are: Roy Caudill Jr., wife and two children, Larry Caudill, wife and two children, Marion (Caudill) Vance and one child, and Anthony Caudill and wife.

He also leaves three brothers and two sisters, Larry, Hendricks, Wesley Caudill, and Cora Brock and Centa Lane. Also numerous nieces and nephews, friends and relatives.

Clayton served in the Armed Forces 24 years and retired from the United States Air Force.

He loved his old Baptist family and attended church as often as possible. He told many of us he was trying to pray, and we feel that he fell into the hands of an all wise and merciful God.

Written by Elder Buford Brock, Elder Hendricks Hampton with the help of the family. Funeral conducted by Elders: Roy Caudill, Buford Brock, James Watts, Doug McCarty and Hendricks Hampton.

A wonderful friend gone home.

By Dexter and Louisa L. Dixon

CLARKIE CASE

Heaven received a precious angel on April 25, 1995, when my Granny, Clarkie Case, departed this life. She was born on April 13, 1928, in Floyd County, KY, making her stay on this earth 67 years, 12 days. She was the daughter of Lucreasie Marshall Slone and the late Clark Marshall. She married Verlin Case on June 10, 1946. They were married for 47 years when he was called home to be with the Lord. They had one daughter, Charlotte Ann. She gave them two grandchildren, Lisa and Ron.



Clarkie Case

She is survived by her mother, Lucreasie Slone; her daughter, Charlotte; her grandchildren, Lisa and Ron; and a great-grandson, Travis. She is also survived by her brother, Edgar Marshall. She was preceded in death by her father, Clark Marshall, and her husband, Verlin Case.

She was a member of Little Angel Old Regular Baptist Church in Columbus. Those who knew her knew she loved the Lord above everything. They also knew

the pain she suffered each day of her life. I admire her for the life she lived. When most of us would have given up, she continued to fight. I often heard her say that she wished the Lord would take her home. Although I miss her greatly, I'm thankful the Lord answered her prayer and took her away from this life of suffering to a land in which the pains of arthritis cannot enter. I know she is resting peacefully in the arms of Jesus.

Proverbs 10:7 says, "The memory of the just is blessed." I have such wonderful memories of her. My brother, Ron, and I spent most of our childhood weekends at Granny and Poppy's house. Although it hurt her to stand, she would stand at the stove on Saturday mornings frying bacon for me and one of her specialty hamburgers for Ron. And she would always kiss us and tell us she loved us every time we came to visit and before we left. As you might guess, we were her pride and joy. My son, her grand-grandson, Travis, was also very special to her. Her face would light up when he entered the room. And she'd go on and on about how smart and cute he was to anyone who would listen. But as special as each of us were to her, no one was as precious to her as my mom, her daughter, Charlotte. Granny referred to mom as her "angel", and truly she is. Granny lived with mom and dad for the last months of her life where she was surrounded by family and love. She often told me that she hoped I would be as good to my parents as they had been to her.

Granny's suffering is over. I know she's in heaven with Poppy surrounded by the loving arms of God. Though gone from this earth, she will ever be with us in our memories and in our hearts.

Written by her granddaughter who misses her very much,
Lisa Walker

DORIS ESTELLE CURRY DUNBAR

Sister Doris was born April 1, 1921 to Benjamin Andrew and Clara Erna Dorris Curry in Webster County, Kentucky. She gave her heart to the Lord at the age of 16 and served Him the rest of her life. On February 22, 1940 she married Birtus L. (Bill) Dunbar. From this marriage was born one daughter, Dorotha Faye. She also leaves behind a granddaughter, Clara Faye, and a great-granddaughter, Jennifer Anne; a sister, Alice Nevelyn Curry Spence and a brother, James Welborn Curry.



Doris Estelle Curry Dunbar

She joined Little Ada Church in 1962 and was well known for her hospitality. She loved being with her brothers and sisters in the church and nothing gave her more pleasure than setting a table full of food for her company. She never wanted anyone to leave her home with an empty stomach. She loved children, and it is difficult to find a picture of her without a baby or small child in her lap.

Although she was often ill, she rarely let anyone know it and traveled tirelessly with her companion so he could fill his meetings. They had a loving and caring marriage for almost 55 years when the Lord called her away on January 31, 1995. She truly filled her position as a "help meet" to Brother Bill.

We are heartbroken traveling this weary world without her, but we have the assurance that we will see her again one day, and we can be content knowing that she is no longer suffering as she rests in the arms of Jesus.

Written by her loving husband and daughter

HOMER GIBSON



Homer Gibson

By the request of the family, and the help of our Lord, I will try and write an obituary of Brother Homer Gibson. Brother Homer was born in 1911, at Dema, Knott County, Kentucky, and passed away November 23, 1994 making his stay here, 83 years and 3 months.

Homer was born to John Denny Gibson and Nannie M. Gibson of Dema, Knott County, Kentucky. Homer leaves to mourn his death, his wife, Sister Alfair of 60 years, one son, Homer Gibson, Jr., of Auburn, Indiana. One son, Truman Gibson preceded him in death. He leaves a host of grandchildren and great-grandchildren and also a host of nieces and nephews, whom he

loved very much and spoke of them often.

When Marie and I visited Brother Homer, he was always so happy, never complaining. He was so good to everyone. He loved having church on Sunday night or all through the week. When we would gather in, he always wanted a song. He would clap his hands and praise the Lord. I will never forget the smile on his face.

Brother Homer was a member of the Old Regular Baptist Little Bethel Church in Green Springs, Ohio.

I want to say to Sister Alfair and his son, Junior and to all that loved Brother Homer, I feel with all my heart, some day, I'll meet Brother Homer. His soul is resting around the throne of God. I also want to say to Kathy, his granddaughter: honey, keep helping your Grandmother; some day you will get a crown for being so good to her. He was so proud of you all.

Written by: Brother Covis Tackett and
Sister Marie Tackett With Loving Memories

PERLIA HALE

Perlia Hale, 76, of Raysville Road, Ray, Ohio, died Saturday, April 23, 1994 at Holzer Medical Center due to failing health. She was a mother and homemaker. Born in Floyd County, Kentucky on August 7, 1917. She was the daughter of John Morgan Shepherd and Sally Shepherd. She was a member of the Little Flock Old Regular Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Woodrow W. Hale on March 9, 1988, a son John, a sister Polly Dixon, and her parents. Survivors includes two sons: Wilbur of Ray and Eldred of McArthur; six daughters: Nora Dixon of Coalton, Sally Close, Sandra Jenkins, and Judy Doles all of Ray; Elsie Hutchinson of Richmondale and Cynthia Dugan of Springfield; two foster children: Shelby Greer of Jackson and Charles Greer of Louisiana; two sisters: Topsy Fotta of Dayton and Elsie Moyer of South Point; 20 grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild; two foster grandchildren, a very dear aunt, Aunt Nora, and many nieces and nephews.



Perlia Hale

Mother has gone to live with the Angels
Her soul is at rest around the White Throne.

Now I have no one left to advise me
For Mother no longer awaits me at home.

SAFELY HOME

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

All the pain and grief is over.
Every restless tossing passed;
I am now at peace forever,
Safely home in Heaven at last.

Did you wonder I so calmly
Trod the valley of the shade?
Oh but Jesus' love illumined
Every dark and fearful glade.
And he came Himself to greet me
In that way so hard to tread;

And with Jesus' arm to lean on,
Could I have one doubt or dread?

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

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

When that work is all completed,
He will gently call you home;
Oh the rapture of that meeting,
Oh the joy to see you come!

ELDER LESTER HALL



Elder Lester Hall

In loving memory of my husband, Elder Lester Hall, born May 8, 1922, at Dry Creek, Kentucky, to the late Will and Flossie Hall, died August 22, 1994, in Sandusky, Ohio.

He was married over fifty years ago to Hazel Meade, and to this union were born seven children: one daughter, Darlene; six sons, Bobby Wayne, Roger Dale, Glen, Steve, Paul Douglas, and Lester Gerald. One son, Paul Douglas, preceded him in death.

Left to mourn his passing are his wife, Hazel; one daughter, Darlene; five sons, Bobby Wayne, Roger Dale, Glen, Steve,

and Lester Gerald; 14 grandchildren; 6 great-grandchildren; one sister, Nola Cook, of Dry Creek, Kentucky; two brothers, Milton Hall, of Dry Creek, Kentucky, and Elder Estill Hall, of Melvin, Kentucky. Four brothers: Frank, Martin, Harold, and Tilton, as well as seven sisters: Anna, Christina, Sarah, Alma, Goldie, Julia, and Dola, preceded him in death.

Brother Lester joined the Old Regular Baptist Church in 1968. He later moved his letter to come with the arm to organize the Little Bethel Old Regular Baptist Church, in Green Springs, Ohio. He was ordained as a minister on October 7, 1972.

He was a faithful member until his death. The Little Bethel Church has lost a good member. I have lost a good husband, and the children have lost a good father.

He worked at Ford Motor Company for 28½ years to support his family. He gave all of us the best of advice. We believe that he has gone on to a better home where he won't suffer any more. Oh, how we miss him!

Written by his wife, Hazel (Meade) Hall, and children

DARLENE HAMILTON

With much sadness and heartache, we will write a few loving words about our mother, Darlene Hamilton.

Mom was one in a million! There is no truer friend than a mother or father — she was the sunspot in our days. She was a true fighter and kept saying, "I will make it" and she did fight, but little did we know or want to know, that this dreadful cancer disease would overtake her. God gave us the time we needed to let her know how much we loved her and she loved us.

The day before mother died, I, her



Darlene Hamilton

daughter, knelt down beside her bed and told her, "Mommy do you know how much I love you?" and she said, "I love you, I love all my children." Mom always helped those in need and she was a very loving and caring person to others. We know she would want all of us kids to live right so that one day we will have a family reunion in heaven.

Sadly and truly missed — children, Leslie, Wendel and Sheila and loving husband, Charles and mother, father and brothers.

With the help of the Almighty Lord, we will try to write an obituary of our dear mother, wife and friend. She was born on March 17, 1938, in Galveston, Kentucky to Arnold and Melvina Hamilton. She had three brothers, James Hamilton of Lorain, Ohio, Cordell Hamilton of Hayside, Virginia and Donald Ray, who preceded her in death. She had one sister Myrtle, whom she dearly loved, who also preceded her in death in 1992. She also lived to mourn her father, Arnold Hamilton and mother, Melvina Hamilton.

She had four children, Leslie Keith, Sheila Kay and Wendel, all of Lorain, Ohio and Carolyn Sue who also preceded her in death, and seven grandsons. Her beloved husband of thirty-nine years, Charles Hamilton, is also left to mourn her loss.

Mom was a member of the Little Edna Church of Old Regular Baptist for thirty years. She loved the church and all of its members, in fact mom loved everybody. She and dad both started their journey of repentance at about the same time — around 1964. She had told my dad that she felt the Lord had forgiven her of her sins. At the time he told her to keep praying and be sure. Later that night, the Lord ?????? him she was as good as the Lord wanted her. Never again did he worry about her soul. Many times she would tell us of good things the Lord would show her.

I'll never forget one dream she had about ten years ago. She said she dreamed she was climbing up a hill and it seemed like a tremendous struggle to get up this hill. Finally, she reached the top of the hill and there stood Jesus, in a long white robe and he asked "Whom do you wish to speak of?" and in the dream, she responded "My mother and my brother" and he smiled and he put a white robe on her just like he was wearing.

She left a light hanging in the window for her children to find their way home. "Oh death where is thy sting, Oh grave where is thy victory." Though her body was sown in weakness, it will be raised in great power, then we will all be satisfied.

Written by her loving son Wendel and beloved husband Charles

MELVINA HAMILTON



Melvina Hamilton

With much sadness and grief, I will try to write an obituary for my loving grandmother. Born April 20, 1919 in Floyd County, Kentucky. She passed away July 11, 1995 in Lorain, Ohio, due to lengthy illness. She was one of sixteen children, whom which all preceded her in death. Grandma was the daughter of Cil and Millie Jane (Akers) Hamilton, who also preceded her in death.

Married October 8, 1936 to Arnold Hamilton for 58 years. Through that union were five children. Preceded her in death: son, Donald Ray Hamilton of Kentucky and two daughters, Darlene Hamilton and Myrtle Jean Anderson, both of Lorain, Ohio. She is survived by husband, Arnold and two sons, James Reeves Hamilton of Lorain, Ohio and Cordell Hamilton of Clinchco, VA. Also survived by nine grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren.

Grandma was a member of the Little Edna Church in Lorain, Ohio for 30 years. She enjoyed all the brothers and sisters and friends of the church. Baking the Communion bread for service was very special to her. Although it saddens us that she has left this earth, I know in my heart that a much better place awaits her. Grandma will always be remembered for her strength, kindness, compassion and love for her family and friends.

Written by Angela Anderson, granddaughter
with love from husband, family and friends

SQUIRE HAMILTON, JR.

With the help of the Lord we're going to write this obituary of our loved one Squire Hamilton Jr. We pray that God will direct our minds and dry our eyes long enough that we may write this obituary. We thank God for the time He gave him to us. He was not only a husband, father, and papa but he was everyone's best friend. Although his stay on earth was short, his memories will last forever. Memories of time spent with him were very special, but the most special of all to him was Christmas. The most special



Squire Hamilton, Jr.

gift he left us was the love of the Lord. Life was hard for him in his last few years because of his sickness but the last two months on earth God gave him an angel, his granddaughter, Grace Elizabeth (papa's sweet pea). Now he's her angel and looking down on her. Someday we believe they will again reunite. Although he

is gone from our eyes, he will always remain in our hearts. Even in the hardest times he always had a few jokes to make us smile. We remember the excitement and joy he received from old regular baptist singing.

Squire Hamilton Jr. was born July 2, 1956 in Detroit, Michigan and died on October 21, 1994, making his stay on earth 38 years. He was the son of Squire and Menda Hamilton. He attended the Lily of the Valley church in Geneva, Ohio. He will be greatly missed by his family and friends. Our loved one leaves three children to mourn his loss, two daughters, Becky and Loretta and a son, Robert. He leaves his granddaughter, Grace Elizabeth and his wife, Betty Ann Hamilton. He also leaves his parents, Squire and Menda Hamilton, and his two sisters, Jeanette VanBuren and Jeannie Hamilton, three brothers, Larry, Scott, Joseph Hamilton. He also leaves behind his grandmother, Lona Hamilton. Truly in our hearts we believe he has gone away with a friend. We believe our loss is heaven's gain.

Written by loving wife and kids

SHIRLEY LOUISE HICKS

Shirley, at age 46, died Sunday at 11:25 p.m. on October 23, 1994 at Parkview Memorial Hospital, Ft. Wayne, IN.

She was a homemaker and for many years worked as a volunteer for St. Jukes Hospital Bike-A-Thon.

Shirley was born July 25, 1948 in Knott County, KY. She is the daughter of the late Andrew and Susanna (Jacob) Slone. Also preceding her in death were a sister and brother, Delma Fay Slone and Jerry Ray Slone.

She married Billy Joe Hicks on November 30, 1967 in Clentwood, VA. Billy survives and lives in Antwerp, Ohio. Shirley is also survived by one son, William Elliot Hicks of Payne, Ohio;

two daughters: Susan Jo Jackson and Crissy Fay Rienhart, both of Antwerp, Ohio. Four brothers: Glenniffee Slone, Orville Lee Slone, Neven Slone, all of Lima, Ohio, and Bobby James Slone of Spencerville, Ohio. Three sisters: Emma Jean Hicks of St. Marys, Ohio, Rosetta Noble of Emmalena, KY, and Sharon Kay Patrick of Carrie, KY. She has five grandchildren.

Shirley had such a gentle, sweet spirit and will be greatly missed by her family and friends.

Her marriage to Bill was a special and unique one. Unlike so many today, their lines of communication were always open. They were one another's best friends.

Shirley had a way of touching other lives without even realizing it. She had given her life to the Lord and so wanted to do His work. He became too ill to get out and about much and this concerned her. How could she do the Lord's work this way. She had no idea she could be so weak and yet she kept the faith. She had prayed for a healing and was willing to accept His answer. She knew God could do it, but only if it be His will.



Shirley Louise Hicks

You know when you think about it, she got the greatest healing. She went home to the Lord. No more pain, just peace, joy and love.

During her sickness the Lord blessed Shirley with a vision. A vision of Heaven. She said it was far and above the most beautiful place you could imagine. The light of Jesus shone brightly throughout the Heavens. It was a bright, illuminating light, but not too bright for the eyes. There was peace, a blissful peace and it was so full of love. She knew she would be going home.

Until we meet again dear friend, we will cherish the precious memories.

Written with Love, Her Loving Husband Billy and children
and a wonderful niece who helped write this.

SISTER LILLIE RACHAEL JOHNSON



Our beloved sister, Lillie Rachael Johnson, 88 years of age, of Westland, MI was born in Pike County, Kentucky on February 24, 1906. She was the daughter of the late Duran Anderson and Frankie Tackett Anderson. She was preceded in death by her late husband, Pharo Johnson. She was survived by six sisters: Sister Minnie Good of Columbus, Ohio; Flo Casebolt of Newark, Ohio; Hazel Greer of Taylor, Michigan; Sister Cleo Prater of Westland, Michigan; Sybil Little and Vivian Little of Virgie, Kentucky, and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held on Monday, January 30, 1995 at the R.S. Jones Funeral Home. Ministers included Monroe Jones and others.

She was buried in the Johnson Memorial at Pikeville, Kentucky. Arrangements were handled by R. S. Jones and Son of Virgie, KY.

Sister Lillie will be dearly missed by all who knew her, but we feel she is in a much better place.

Written by her sister, Cleo Prater

SARAH KING

It is with a broken heart and a contrite spirit, I try to write this obituary of my dear departed wife Sarah Carrie King.

Sarah was the daughter of the late Fess Noble and Rushie (Holbrook) Noble.

Sarah was born on March 31, 1924 and passed from this life the 6th day of March, 1993. Making her stay on earth 68 years, 11 months and 6 days.

She met and married Cratie King on April 18, 1945. Unto this union was born one son, Arviel Gene King of Belleville, MI. She also is survived by two granddaughters and three step-grandchildren.



Sarah King

Also surviving are three brothers: Homas Noble of Irvine, KY, Roosevelt Noble of Cleveland, Ohio and Tommy Shehee of Jenkins, KY. One sister, Juanita Kisier of Hazard, KY. One sister who preceded her in death, Billy Gene Webb.

Sarah joined the church February 18, 1967 and was baptized April 4, 1967. We feel about the hour 12:15 God sent a little band of angels who carried her away to a place already prepared for her where she is free from pain and sorrow. We believe she has found eternal happiness in that heavenly home. We believe she is in the hands of God and what better place can there be for a humble mother and wife such as she. Her loving memory and spirit will remain with us to guide us through life. She was not only a wife and mother, but the greatest friend a person could have.

Written by Cratie King

TROY MOORE

It is with our many memories that I will try to write the obituary of our loving Dad, Father-in-law and Papaw.

He was born in Orkney, Kentucky, September 5, 1915 and passed away March 5, 1995.

Preceded in death by his loving wife and companion, Lucille Moore.

To mourn his loss is his loving son, Troy Moore, his daughter-in-law, Shirley, and two grandchildren, Shannon, 16 and Rebecca, 11, who are all from Jackson, Ohio.

He's been a member of the Old Regular Baptist for many years.

Grover lived 33 beautiful years with Lucille, but the last 13 years he has been with his grandchildren. Papaw was always there for us. Shannon and Becky always knew Papaw was there when they got off the bus from school. When they woke up in the morning and when they went to bed he was there. Papaw raised them to what they are today and if he was here today he would tell you what a good job he had done.

We always tried to see that Papaw was comfortable in what he wanted and needed.

This old home place won't be the SAME. There will be this big empty space in our home and our hearts for Papaw, but we know it is alright. He's not lonely anymore. He's with Mamaw now. And now they can spread their wings together.

Written by his broken-hearted granddaughters, Troy and Shirley



Troy Moore

ROSIE B. WRIGHT MULLINS



Rosie B. Wright Mullins

With the help of our Lord, I will try and write the obituary of our Mommy. Rosie Belle Wright Mullins was born August 31, 1901 and departed this life May 31, 1995. Making her stay here on earth 93 years and 9 months. She was the daughter of the late John and Martha Potter Wright. When mommy was 19 years old, she met and married our dad, Delano (Dee) Mullins on December 20, 1920. And to this union was born 10 children: five boys and five girls. Daddy, Franklin, and Carl preceded her in death. She is survived

by three sons: Vilice, Clarence, and Andy. Five daughters: Derotha, Gracie, Mabel, Julie and Spicie. One sister, Nancy Brown; one brother, Wesley Wright. 28 grandchildren and 53 great-grandchildren, and 25 great-great-grandchildren, and a host of family and friends.

And now I would like to say a few words about Mommy. She talked of when the Lord saved her soul. She joined church on Dorton's Church time in April 1934. She was a member of Dorton Old Regular Baptist Church for 61 years. She was a great light to me all my life. She taught me to pray when anything was wrong or anything hurt us, and to pray for the sick. She taught me about what laying of hands meant and I say with my own eyes what God could do. She taught us love, always be good to each other, and to treat people with respect. She loved the Lord, her church, Daddy, and us children. As well as all the family, friends and neighbors. She was the best Mommy on this earth and Daddy was the best daddy. She was always praying for us. So don't ever forget what Mommy taught us. If you want to see Mommy and Daddy again make it right with God.

Written with much love and fond memories (her baby),
Spicie Jean Mullins Belcher

GOLDEN NEWSOME

With a sad heart and with the help of the Lord I will try to write the obituary of my dad Golden Newsome.

Dad was born on May 29, 1915 in Naugatuck, West Virginia and departed this life on September 27, 1994. He was the son of the late Jess and Betty Evans Newsome. Dad married my mother Edith on December 24, 1935. To this union was born five children: Betty Comer of Columbus, OH; Lucille Travis and Marlene Gibbs, both of North Wilkesboro, North Carolina; Floyd of Vinton, OH and Kenneth of Wilkesville, OH. Also a foster son, Timothy of Circleville, OH.



Golden Newsome

Our mother, Edith Marcum Newsome, preceded him in death on April 3, 1981.

Besides his children Dad leaves to mourn his death twelve grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Two brothers: Frank of Naugatuck, WV and Jess of Oracle, Arizona.

Dad joined the Old Regular Baptist in July 1973 at the Marcum Memorial. He placed his letter at the Little Flock Church where he remained a faithful member until his death. He was ordained as a deacon in October 1975.

Dad was a great light to all that knew him for he was such a humble man. He was always willing to lend a helping hand when he saw someone in need. He worried about his children and grandchildren so very much. He always had a kind word of advice for us.

Although he couldn't hear very well the last years of his life, you could see his face light up whenever the brothers were blessed to preach. He traveled many miles with Brother Arthur and Sister Mae Pridemore attending the associations and visiting the sick.

He bore his sickness with great patience and never complained. Our family has suffered a great loss, but I don't wish him back in this world of sorrow and pain. I feel he is at peace and resting in the Paradise of God.

We all have our special memories of him but he would want his children and grandchildren to remember what the brothers preached at his funeral and look to the Lord for all things.

I hope to meet him again on that great day to be with our Lord forever.

Written by his son and brother in hope, Floyd Newsome

MARTHA F. NEWSOME



Martha E. Newsome

It is with great sadness and broken hearts and God's help that we write an obituary of our dear mother. Our old home place will never be the same anymore since dad and mom have gone to be with Jesus.

Martha Francis (Newsome) Newsome was born January 26, 1916. Mom deceased this life December 31, 1994, thus making her stay here 78 years, 11 months and 5 days. She was the daughter

of William and Mary Alice Frasure Newsome.

Martha and John B. Newsome were united in marriage July 31, 1935, by Elder Evan Hamilton, an Old Regular Baptist minister. He was Dad's uncle.

Unto this union was born seven children: two boys and five girls. They are Charles Rex Newsome, Amherst, Ohio; Geneva Holmes, Wakeman, Ohio; Winono Tackett, Waynesburg, KY; Roberta Walbom, Lorain, OH; Elder Larry Douglas Newsome, Vermilion, OH; Clara Sue Hall, Galveston, KY; Willa Jean Tackett, Teaberry, KY. There are 21 grandchildren of which 2 are deceased and there are 25 great-grandchildren.

Mom had five brothers and sisters and 13 half-brothers and sisters.

Mom joined Zion Old Regular Baptist Church, June 28, 1992, and was baptized by Elder Chester Newsome and Elder Earl Dean Newsome. After the baptism she took communion with her brothers and sisters at Zion Church.

She loved going to church and was faithful in attendance, until ill health befell her in the Spring of 1994. Through all the surgeries and treatments that she endured because of the dreadful disease cancer, Mom had a cheerful smile for everyone who visited her.

Mom was a good wife and mother. She loved to cook for her family and friends. The grandchildren thoroughly enjoyed the big breakfasts she prepared special for them when they visited. Mom would fix the favorite foods for her children when they came home.

She loved to sew and quilt, and enjoyed working in her vegetable and flower gardens, and canning the vegetables she grew there.

Dad and Mom are now resting from their labors here on earth and are enjoying that peaceful rest under the altar of God. We too can receive this peaceful rest when we die if we trust Christ for our salvation. We all must repent and be born again.

Written by her broken-hearted children

DARSIE ANN OWSLEY

Our hearts are filled with sorrow and our minds are filled with the most precious memories as we attempt to write the Obituary of our dear precious Mother, Darsie Ann Owsley. Darsie was born May 26, 1906 to the late Henry and Nancy (Hicks) Owsley of Risner, KY of Floyd County. She departed from this life January 20, 1995, making her life on this earth 88 years, 7 months and 25 days.



Darsie Ann Owsley

When Darsie was 20 years old she was united in marriage to W. T. Owsley (Bill) and then gave birth to four (4) children: Mrs. Orbie Bradley, Berlin Owsley of McArthur, Ohio and Lonnie Owsley of Cleveland, Ohio and a little baby girl, Myrtle, deceased. She has 11 grandchildren, 26 great-grandchildren and 3 great-great-grandchildren and 5 deceased great-grandchildren. She also has two sisters: Mrs. Lula Prater of Sidney, IN and Mrs. Edna Reffitt of Claypool, IN and a brother, Willis Owsley of Virgie, KY. She has 2 brothers and 1 sister deceased: Oliver and Dewey Owsley and Mrs. Bertha Bradley.

Early in life Mom joined the Regular Baptist Church and she and our Dad were both baptized the same day and they had their membership with Cold Spring Church of Risner, KY.

In 1949 they moved to Ohio near McArthur, and lived there the remainder of their life. Later they moved their membership to Maggie's Home Church in Dundas, Ohio.

Mom always gave her family Council that they should attend Church and would say there's no better place you could go than going to Church and to put their Trust in God and have Faith and Believe. She always attended Church as long as she was able and still wanted to go when she wasn't able.

Her health was failing bad around 1990. In May of 1993 she had to have a right kidney removed due to cancer. In March 1994 she had to have surgery again due to a blocked artery in the left leg and had to have a bypass done and doctors orders were: 24 hour care after being released. This is when we realized she could no longer stay by herself. One of her grandsons, Doug and his wife, Angie decided they could keep her and take care of her. The family would like to take this opportunity to thank Doug and Angie for the very good care you gave our Mom. We really appreciated you doing this. We also know what a hard job this was and time consuming and Doug and Angie we believe by you doing these good deeds for your Grandma kept her from having to be put in a Nursing Home. This was one of her requests to never put her in a Nursing Home to stay. So again "THANKS" for the ten months you worked very hard doing her daily care. In November of 1994 she got the blocked artery again and refused to have any more surgery, said she was too old and too sick. The doctor told her then she would never get over this and would have severe pain. He called it a terminal illness.

Mom's children and grandchildren will always remember her stories she

would tell about her life in Kentucky as she was growing up. We will all be reminded of Mom when we see a pretty flower blooming or vegetable growing in a garden, for she loved these very much. Mom your presence is sadly missed and your home is so quite and lonely and sometimes our hearts are broken, but we still have two things, the love and precious memories that death cannot destroy.

In Loving Memories, The Owsley Family

TRILBIE OUSLEY



Trilbie Ousley

"He shall deliver thee in six troubles: yea, in seven there shall no evil touch thee. In famine he shall redeem thee from death: and in war from the power of the sword. Thou shalt be hid from the scourge of the tongue: neither shalt thou be afraid of destruction when it cometh." Job 5:19-21.

I find trying to write my mother's obituary comes with much heartache. For not only was she my mom, she was also my best friend.

Mommy was born February 3, 1928 in Garrett, Kentucky to Sam and Lonie Griffith Laferty and departed this life on October 6, 1994 at the Richland Manor Nursing Home near Beaverdam, Ohio.

Mom married Raleigh Ousley on November 3, 1943 (who preceded her in death) and to this union were born five children: one son, Larry Ousley of Beaverdam; four daughters: Kathy (Karl) Austin of Westerville; Debbie (Steve) Butcher of Bluffton; Janis (Bryson "Blackie") Gipson of Lima and Donna (Arnold) Eldridge of Harrod; three sisters: Anvie Coburn and Sylvia Bradley of Lima and Dorles Slone of Spencerville and sixteen grandchildren and a great-grandson. She was preceded in death by three brothers: Edgar Laferty, Bradis Laferty and Hargus Laferty.

Mom was a member of Mt. Zion Old Regular Baptist Church for many years; but, more importantly, I believe mommy was a soldier in that blood washed army.

Oh what a blessing it was to pick her up and take her to church. Even though she was sick, she would still go. I'll never forget the sound of her voice when she sang or when she shouted praises to God. She told me one time that even in her affliction she shall give God the glory.

The last few days I spent with mommy she seemed to have a glow about her. The night before mommy died, even though her body ached, her blood pressure decreased, her heart rate slowed and her kidneys shut down (all the troubles that surrounded Mommy) God gave her strength to sing a few verses of "He's My All and All." To me, her voice had the prettiest sound to it that night because that was the last time for me to hear her sing. The next day, as I watched as she faded away, the last breath left her body I thought what a great blessing that truly is. For I believe mom is resting from her labor here on earth.

After she passed away, we had to step out of the room for a short time until the nurses got everything in order. As I walked back to her room, her door was shut but as I opened her door, I was greeted by the singing of birds. It sounded like they were giving God praise for another child of God's gone home.

I could write much more about mom and the great loss not only I feel but the rest of her children feel but to me God already knows all about the grief and pain that each and everyone of us feel.

I have noticed that if I sit real still and listen I can hear her singing "He's My All and All."

I'm going to miss my mom but I thank God for the time he has given her to me to spend with. To see her smile, to hear her say I love you, to hear her sing and to hear her shout. I thank God for all these things.

Written by her broken-hearted daughter and
Sister in Christ, Kathy Austin

ARTHUR PRIDEMORE

It is with much sadness that I write the obituary of my beloved husband, Arthur Pridemore.

Arthur was born January 6, 1924 in Knott County, KY, and he departed life on January 24, 1995. His parents, Dallas (Pigman) Pridemore and Boone Pridemore preceded him in death as did one brother, two infant sisters and a nephew.

Arthur was married to Berla Mae Collins on May 17, 1946. He is survived by five children: Angie, Randy, Skeeter, Dave, and Larry. Also surviving are three daughters-in-law, one granddaughter, five grandsons and three sisters: Mary, Edith and Aileen, and one brother, Robert.

Arthur joined the Old Regular Baptist Church in 1961, and he was baptized by Bro. Parris Tackett and Bro. Joshua Hicks. Arthur's membership was at Little Pearl Church. He was a faithful member and served the church as a Deacon for many years.

He left a broken-hearted family and many, many friends, but he laid the stones along the way for his children to follow. He was a wonderful example to them. Arthur is sadly missed, but we feel he is resting in the presence of our Lord, whom he served so faithfully.

Written by his Wife and Sister in hope, Mae Pridemore

NANCY PUCKETT

Sister Nancy Puckett, 95, of Radcliff Route 1, died Saturday, April 9, 1994, at Huston Nursing Home in Hamden after an extended illness.

She was born September 15, 1898 in Pikeville, KY. She was the daughter of the late Brack and Susan Hamilton Coleman. Sister Nancy was a homemaker and a member of Maggie's Home Old Regular Baptist Church in Dundas.

She is survived by three sons and daughters-in-law, Kermit and Mabel of Steinhathee, FL., Frank and Kathryn of Langsville, Route 1, Gene and Mae of

BESSIE WILSON FLANNERY SMITH



Bessie W. F. Smith

Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints. Psalm 116:15.

Bessie Wilson Smith was born March 17, 1930 and departed this life January 2, 1986, at the age of 55 years and 9 months. She was born in Olive Hill, KY, the daughter of Robert L. and Myrtle Wilson. She married R. L. Flannery, son of Robert and Hildreth Flannery April 20, 1965, and to union was born one son, Steven Ward Flannery. She resided in Kenosha, Wisconsin, until the death of R. L. in 1974. Then she moved to Mansfield, Ohio, to be with family and resided there until her marriage to Edwin Smith of Olive Hill, KY, in November 1983. Then she moved to Olive Hill and resided there until her death on January 2, 1986.

She was preceded in death by her father, Robert L. Wilson, her first husband, R. L. Flannery, three sisters, Lola Gracie, and Christine Wilson; and two brothers, Noah and Woodrow Wilson. She was survived by her husband, Edwin Smith, her son, Steven Ward Flannery; her mother, Myrtle Wilson; four sisters, Maxine Gregory of White Bluff, Tennessee, Kathleen Blevins of Olive Hill, KY, Mildred Stone of Butler, Ohio, and a twin sister, Betty Miller of Columbus, Ohio; three brothers, Herbert Wilson of Olive Hill, KY, Robert Wilson, Jr. and Homer J. Wilson of Mansfield, Ohio; and a host of relatives and friends.

Bessie was a kind, loving, caring person and was loved by all who knew her. She loved the United and the Old Regular Baptist Church and held to their beliefs. Although she never took up membership in the church, her heart was there, and she always attended whenever she had a way to get there. Bessie said that she had repented and was born again into the family of God and that she was a Christian, and she showed forth the principles of Christianity in her daily living. She loved reading her Bible.

It has been nearly ten years now since Bessie was called out of this life to be with Jesus, and we still miss her greatly. She left a void here that will never be filled and there's an empty spot in our hearts. We don't know why the Lord saw fit to take her home so suddenly, but we do feel she is now at peace with the Lord and free from all the troubles and sorrows of this life, and we look forward to seeing her again when our life on this earth is over, and we will all rejoice together in Heaven.

Submitted by her brothers and sisters

BARBARA LEE (MAYNARD) STIFFLER

It is with much sadness that I will try to write this obituary of my dear mother, Barbara Lee (Maynard) Stiffler, who I love and miss so much. Mom passed away unexpectedly on September 24, 1994 at Riverside Methodist Hospital in Columbus, making her stay on this earth 50 years, 9 months, and 4 days. Leaving behind precious memories of those she loved and touched.

She is survived by her husband: David G. Stiffler, Sr., 2 children: Jaree Ann (Stiffler) Wood and David G. Stiffler, Jr. Leaving also to mourn in her loss is her mother, Lucy (Marcum) Maynard; 3 sisters: Mrs. Edith Speakman, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond (Jaree) Stapleton, and Mr. and Mrs. Tony (Joann) Adkins. Two grandchildren: Brittany Ann and Brooke Ashley Wood, all of Ewington, Ohio. Leaving also to mourn in her loss is many good friends, neighbors, and relatives. She was preceded in death by her father, Jesse Maynard and a brother-in-law, George Speakman.

On August 16, 1964 she was married to David Sr., a union of 30 years before her passing. Mom was known by many people in her 50 years of living. She was loved by many people and touched all of our hearts in her own special way.

Mom was born December 20, 1943 in Williamson, West Virginia, and was buried September 27, 1994 beside her father, Jesse Maynard, in the Marcum Cemetery, just outside of Wilkesville.

In my closing I would like to say the last three months of my mother's life was hard but was also rewarding. As in the last months, she found Jesus, there is nothing better in this world than knowing that she is in Jesus' hands, and she is in no more pain. She will always be sadly missed by all of us.

I love you Mom, with all my love, your son,
David G. Stiffler, Jr.

ELDER EMMITT TACKETT

At the request of the family and by the help of the Lord, I will try to write the obituary of Elder Emmitt Tackett.

Brother Emmitt was born May 27, 1919, the son of Jim Tackett and Melissa Hall Tackett, both deceased. The call from heaven came to Brother Emmitt, Saturday, December 17, 1994 at 1:45 p.m., making his stay here on earth 75 years and six months.

In the year of 1938 on April 2, Brother Emmitt married Goldie Mitchell. God blessed this home with four daughters: Sylvia Jean Phillippi, Palistine Horen, Eveline Rudnicki, all of Michigan and Alva Mae Tackett who was called to heaven at the age of nine months. Brother Emmitt and Sister Goldie enjoyed their life even more when they were blessed with two sons: Andy Lee of Kentucky and Harmon J. (Jay) of Michigan.

After almost 37 years of being in love and sharing their life together, on January 25, 1975, the Angels from heaven came to carry Sister Goldie home. Sad was her leaving but joyful were the memories she left her family. Knowing that it wasn't good for Brother Emmitt to live alone, God saw a need to bring a good Christian woman and mother, Ann Marie Isaac into the life of Brother Emmitt.

Brother Emmitt and Sister Marie Isaac were joined together in marriage by



Elder Emmitt Tackett

Elder Lloyd Smith on June 7, 1975. In this, Brother Emmitt was blessed with the privilege of being a daddy to Sister Marie's four daughters, Sylvia Lee Hall of Kentucky, Geronda Faye Perfitt and Betty Lou Caudill of Michigan, Phyllis Banny of Ohio, and two sons: James G. Isaac and Kermit Lester Isaac, both of Ohio. They too will miss Brother Emmitt every much.

Brother Emmitt left six brothers to mourn his departing: Lee of North Carolina, Charles, Jimmy, and Grant of Kentucky, and Johnny and Harold of Ohio; and one sister, Marie O'Brien of Kentucky. He also leaves to mourn his passing his much loved sisters-in-law, brothers-in-law, sons-in-law, daughters-in-law, 29 grandchildren, 39 great-grandchildren and a host of friends and relatives.

Brother Emmitt was baptized into the fellowship of the Little Ida Old Regular Baptist Church on December 11, 1960 and was ordained as a Deacon on May 7, 1977. After serving the church as Deacon in a faithful manner, Brother Emmitt felt that the Lord had called him to go and preach the Gospel. He was ordained as a minister on April 2, 1983 at the Little Ida Church. Brother Emmitt moved to Kentucky in 1979 and later helped to establish Little Pilgrim's Rock Old Regular Baptist Church in Waynesburg, Kentucky. He remained a humble and faithful servant at Little Pilgrim's Rock until Jesus called him home.

Brother Emmitt, you will be missed so much by Sister Marie and all your loving children. Daddy and husband, as you shout down those golden streets of heaven, we will all share the fond memories you left. We will see the stones you piled up and the sweet light you left hanging in the window. When we pass by, we will know that our husband and daddy passed this way.

Let me say to all his family. Daddy climbed that great high mountain and he can now see the view. He has obtained a rose that will never fade away.

So, Brother Emmitt, as we say so long for a season, rest on dear brother, husband, and father. We hope to see you again.

Written with much love in my heart for you all.

Elder Johnie Bentley

BROTHER CHARLES THORNSBERRY



Brother Charles Thornsberry

By request of his wife, Ethel, I will try with the help of God, to write an obituary in his memory.

He was born June 13, 1931 in Knott County, Kentucky. He passed away October 24, 1994, which made him 63 years old.

Charles married Ethel Caudill December 9, 1950. To this union was born two children. One daughter, Phyllis Robinson of Willard, and one son, Charles Randall of Willard. He was blessed to have four granddaughters, four grandsons and one great-granddaughter. He

was the son of Clay and Ellen (Mullins) Thornsberry. He was preceded in death by four brothers and four sisters. He is survived by one brother, Sterling Thornsberry, of Kentucky. He was a member of the Little Rebecca Church of Plymouth.

We have known Brother Charles for several years, but the past year has been a special one. Although he has been so sick, there has been so much joy.

When we first started going to see him in the hospital he was very sick, also very troubled about his soul. Each time we went to see him he'd say he was praying. But one special day we went to see him, you could tell by the smile and contentment in his face, God had heard his prayers and forgiven him of his sins. He was so happy as he told how good the Lord had been to him. He was so anxious to be baptized, he wasn't satisfied until he was able to do so.

He gave his hand to become a member of the old church, in his bed. It felt like heaven in that room. Everyone was so happy. Several times he'd get better and we thought we were going to keep him. Even though it hurts family and friends so bad to give him up, God always knows best. He wanted to die at home in his bed. God granted him that request.

As I sat on his bed watching his breath grow shorter, I tried to ask God to let him go to sleep and die easy. I was not there but the children and Mabel said he went to sleep very easy.

I believe he is at rest in the arms of Jesus. He got tired of pain and wanted to go home.

So to all the family, make preparations to meet him again where there will be no more sorrow. God bless you all.

Elder Buddy and Sister Carlene Carty

LILLIAN TUTTLE

Lillian Tuttle was born on June 22, 1931 in Topmost, Kentucky to Culbert and Lizzie (Osborne) Waddles. She united in marriage with Arthur Tuttle on October 21, 1949.

She is survived by her husband Arthur, her son Terry Tuttle of Bucyrus, Ohio, and daughters: Janet Hawblitz of Plymouth, Ohio and Teresa Rose of Delaware, Ohio. She was preceded in death by an infant daughter, Betty Lynn and a son Denzil Tuttle in 1992 and her father Culbert Waddles.



Lillian Tuttle

Also surviving are fifteen grandchildren, her mother, Lizzie Waddles and her brothers and sisters: Verna Triplett of Plymouth, Oscar Waddles of Shelby, Tommie Waddles, Larry Waddles and Pauline Tuttle, all of Willard, Ohio.

I have been asked to write an obituary for my mother, Lillian Tuttle. I have sat here for an hour trying to decide how to begin. The memories come flooding in and I know I can't put them all on paper. How do you write about a lifetime of love and happiness in a few sentences. So I'll just say what is in my heart.

My greatest memories of mom are the bad times in my life when she was the first one there for me and the last one to leave. She's been there for all of us at

some point in our lives. The best part is that she did it gladly and with love. Her grandchildren loved her so much and she returned that love and they felt it.

My most recent memories of mom are the hardest. She had had cancer for over a year. She had been very ill for the past six months. But even on some of her worst days she was still thinking of us. Sometimes when I would break down and cry she would say, "Honey, don't worry about me. We all have to die someday and this is the way it is supposed to be for me. I dread what comes before death but not what comes after. I'm not afraid." Many times she told me not to worry about her. In her last weeks she talked about God a lot. One day she said, "They are all beautiful." I asked her what was and she said, "My angels, All my angels are beautiful."

The day before she died, as Dad and I sat with her she told us that she saw Jesus and that she gave him her heart. I believe that she did see Him because the next day she easily slipped away from us and I saw no pain or fear on her face.

We will all miss Mom more than words can say. She has touched so many and has left a hole in our lives that no one on Earth can fill. But I know that we are all grateful that she suffers no more. I feel that she is in Heaven and that she is not alone. Denzil and Betty were there to meet her. But most of all I feel God welcomed her with open arms.

Written with love by Janet

PERRY C. WILLIAMS



Perry C. Williams

Brother Perry Cecil Williams, born April 21, 1933, departed this life June 20, 1995, at the age of 62 years. Born in Wheelwright, KY, he was the son of the late James Franklin and Gladys Williams. He lived most of his life in Marion, Ohio.

He leaves his loving and devoted wife, Estie Hall Williams, whom he married December 25, 1951. Born of this union were two sons: Larry and Garry of Marion, and three daughters: Connie Boyd of Mansfield, and Donna Shonk and Diane Klaus of Marion. He had twelve grandchildren living and one deceased.

Perry is also survived by five brothers: James Arthur, Glenn, Ezra, Earl and Ray, and three sisters: Myrtle Schwaderer, Louise Conley, and Linda Eaton.

Two sisters are deceased.

Perry was baptized in 1968, and has been a member of the Family of Love Church since July 24, 1976. He served the office of Deacon since 1979. He also served as clerk for the church.

Brother Perry was a pillar in the Family of Love Church. He left a vacant seat and an empty place in our hearts that will never be filled. Brother Perry by his life preached and lived before man and God a life, an electancy that I would like to leave for my family. For by his life, he has already preached his funeral to his children, to this brothers and sisters in the church, and to all them that knew him. For

we feel he was a light to this world and to all them that knew him. Brother Perry has been more than a father, more than a brother, more than a friend, and a precious husband.

He was the best husband there could ever be to his wife. We all loved him so much. We knew he loved us so very much down to the end of his life. Perry was a quiet man of great strength and faith. He never spoke ill of anyone and everyone had a deep respect for him. He always greeted others with a beautiful smile that we will always remember. He was a man who his sons and daughters would like to emulate.

Dad taught his children the value of honesty and the importance of hard work. He showed the meaning of commitment to God and his wife. He was dedicated to his children and would do anything he could for them. He welcomed his in-laws into his family as his own. They loved and respected him a lot and thought of him as a dad to them.

We the church have suffered a great loss that I don't believe will ever be filled. He was one of a kind. We will all miss him, and there will be a great void in our lives.

Written by his loving family and a dear friend and
Brother of the Family of Love Church, Elder Donel D. Gibson

RUBY WILLIAMS

It is with great sadness and a broken heart, that I will attempt to write the obituary of my loving Mother, Ruby Joyce (Robinson) Williams of Breaks, Virginia.

Mother passed away Thursday, July 13, 1995, at Buchanan General Hospital in Grundy, Virginia, of a massive heart attack, at the age of 69.

She was born at Greasy Creek, (Pike County) Kentucky, on August 8, 1925, to Adam Robinson and Spicy (Dameron) Robinson. She was the youngest of nine children born of the union.

On May 16, 1945 at Pikeville, Kentucky, she became the wife of Ira Williams, who survives her. Daddy is the son of John and Draxie (Hopkins) Williams. To this union on August 20, 1946 was born a daughter, Drucilla (Williams) Styles of Little Beaver, Elkhorn City, Kentucky.

Mother and Daddy joined the Little Rebecca Old Regular Baptist Church in Plymouth, Ohio, in 1970. Due to illness in the family, they moved back to Kentucky to take care of daddy's parents, and in 1986 moved their letters to the Greasy Creek Old Regular Baptist Church. They both became Deacons at the Home Church, and were borrowed Deacons at Little Pond Regular Baptist Church at Draffin, KY, and Indian Creek Regular Baptist Church at Wise, Virginia.

Besides her parents, she was preceded in death by one brother, Sammy Robin-



Ruby Williams

son and six sisters: Bertha Blair, Cora Justice, Maxie Riley, Edna Ratliff, Ida Keen and Georgia Mallie Ratliff.

A sister, Edra DeMaw of Texarkana, Arkansas, survives her, along with several nieces and nephews and scores of friends and neighbors who sadly miss her and mourn her passing.

On May 16, 1995 Mother and Daddy celebrated their Golden (50th) Wedding Anniversary. Mother wouldn't let us have a party or list the announcement in the paper like so many do. She said "When we got married it was simple, and besides when you invite people they think they have to bring gifts. I'd rather remember and celebrate with just the four of us." I still bought a nice wedding cake and some trimmings — you see I thought my parents deserved at least one wedding cake. Their marriage lasted through good times and hard times. It was easy to see the love they had for each other. When they were baptized daddy ran in and carried mother out of the water. Daddy did what he could to help Mother, and July 13th, he carried her in his arms for his last time. Daddy, for what you have done to help make Mother's life a little easier, I will always be grateful.

Mother let her light shine for all to see, even when she wasn't able to go to church she would still try to go.

Jesus has called her Home — When He took her hand, all pain and cares disappeared. He gently whispered "Welcome Home, I'm glad you're here."

Daddy and I are so lonesome — we miss her loving arms, smiling face and sweet kisses. Lord you have left an empty place in our hearts that no one else can fill.

We had her charms to gladden us — although her stay was brief. Now we have her lovely memories as solace for our grief.

On her bed I heard her say "Dear Lord, Thy will be done!"

Mother we love you and we miss you so very much and for all of the happiness we have known we will forever grateful stay. We'll try to hold up and brave the bitter grief that comes and try to understand.

With the help of the good Lord we'll join you in heaven some day.

Written by a broken-hearted daughter and husband

MYRTLE HOLBROOK WILSON



Myrtle H. Wilson

"Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither has entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love Him. 1 Corin. 2:9

Myrtle Holbrook Wilson was born December 28, 1891 and departed this life March 25, 1986 at the age of 94 years. She was born in Elliott County, KY, the daughter of Clabe and Jane Reynolds Holbrook. Shortly after her 16th birthday she married Robert L. Wilson, the son of Levi and Nancy Messer Wilson, and to this union was born 13 children. She was preceded in death by her husband Robert, by three infant daughters: Lola, Gracie, and Christine; by a daughter Bessie Smith; and by two sons: Noah and Woodrow Wilson. She was survived by three sons: Herbert Wilson of Olive Hill, KY, Robert Wilson, Jr., and Homer J. Wilson, both of Mansfield, Ohio; by

four daughters: Maxine Gregory of White Bluff, Tennessee, Kathleen Blevins of Olive Hill, KY, Mildred Stone of Butler, Ohio, and Betty Miller of Columbus, Ohio; and by one brother, Ed Holbrook (who has since joined her in death). She also left to mourn her passing many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and a host of friends and relatives.

She was baptized and joined the Clark Hill United Baptist Church in the early 1940's and later transferred her membership to the Macedonia Old Regular Baptist Church, where she remained a faithful member until her death.

Mom was not rich in worldly possessions, but she had riches far greater than that. She was happy with her lot in life. She was fondly called "Aunt Myrt" by all who knew and loved her. One of her greatest pleasures was cooking and serving up delicious meals to friends, neighbors, and family. The first thing Mom would ask when you entered her home was "Are you hungry?" and then insist upon fixing you a meal. Mom loved her gardening, her flowers, and her quilting. Her beautiful quilts stand as a reminder of her loving, caring concern for her family.

Mom exemplified the true Christian principles by the way she lived each day. Friends and neighbors always knew they could call on Aunt Myrt any time, day or night, and she would be there with a kind caring heart to help in any way she could. She always seemed to know what to do to make the situation better and to comfort others, whether it be a sickness in the family or a death or whatever. Sometimes just a cheerful visit to let her neighbors know she cared. She had a special love for all children and handicapped persons.

You cannot find her name in history books or magazines or in the Hall of Fame, but it is written on the hearts of all those across whose path of life she came. Although she has been gone nearly ten years, we still miss her greatly, and look forward to meeting her again on the other side of Jordan and rejoicing with her in Heaven.

Submitted by her children

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