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



In Session Assembled With
Little Angel Church
August 2, 3, 4, 1996

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

How precious are the thoughts and memories of those we were blessed to journey with here on the way to the promise land. They have departed to a land of perfect peace, leaving us with lasting memories of happy days spent with them, and a hope of meeting them again in that glorious land called Heaven. Let's long remember the teachings of our Elder brothers, Eld. Webster Bartley of the Family of Love Church and Eld. Whipple Reynolds of the Rose of Sharon Church.

We pause and dedicate this 39th Annual Session to their memory and the memory of our dear Brothers and Sisters who have departed since our last setting.

Faithfully yours,
Bro. Newsome
Bro. Turner

Rem: Crosses come before crowns.



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
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The Church of Jesus Christ
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Friday Session, August 2, 1996

As white clouds of ever different size and shape drifted far from the clear blue sky, making a way for the warm sunshine of early morning to shine around and about the Little Angel Church where pilgrims from far and near had assembled to attend this 39th Annual Session of the Northern New Salem Association. As the inspiring songs of Zion began to echo in the meadows near the Little Angel Church, where wildflowers swayed in the early morning breeze, it was music to the listener.

Eld. Hobert Justice, alternate, in a very humble manner, began to tell of the goodness of the Lord. Begging all to love one another and not to talk about your Brother or Sister, to let our light shine, that our Heavenly Father may be glorified.

Being chosen by the delegates at our last setting to preach the introductory sermon, our beloved Brother, Eld. Sam Franks, approached the stand in meekness of the spirit. Soon he was blessed to preach of God's goodness. Like David, "I looked into the hills from whence cometh my help, my help cometh from the Lord." Begged all to seek the Lord with all your soul, mind and strength, to have faith, without faith it is impossible to please the Lord.

The introductory sermon being delivered, the Moderator advised the delegates to assemble in the house to conduct the business of this the 39th Annual Session. Asked those who were not delegates to remain at the pavilion where preaching services would be conducted.

Assembling in the house after which an old song of Zion was sung, Eld. Murl Caudill, of the Old Indian Bottom Association was called on to make remarks, after which Eld. Herman West of the Union Association led in prayer.

Moderator Eld. Roy Caudill came forward and announced that the 39th Annual Session of the Northern New Salem Association was now in working order.

Friday, August 2, 1996

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. Buford Brock, second by Bro. Mike Hiatt, the letter from the Little Angel Church was read by the Clerk. A motion was made by Eld. Ray Hamilton, second by Dan Thornsberry 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: Ellis Holbrooks, Murl Caudill, Herman West. Officers elected:

ModeratorEld. Roy Caudill

Assistant ModeratorEld. Paris Tackitt

ClerkEld. Hillard Newsome

Assistant ClerkEld. 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. Robert Wallen, second by Eld. Buford Brock, the Moderator was authorized to make all temporary appointments.

4. On motion by Eld. Doug McCarty, second by Bro. John Mullins, reading of the Constitution and Rules of Decorum were omitted. Was requested to have the Articles of Faith read. They were read by the Assistant Clerk.

5. Called for legally organized churches of our same faith and order desiring to join our union and none responded.

6. Called for Associations of our same faith and order desiring to continue a Godly correspondence and the following responded by letter and delegate.

(a) **New Salem** — Represented by the following delegates: John E. Hicks, Jason Lowery, David Hicks, James Branham, Elisha Branham, Carlos Akers, Offie Bartley, James M. Chapman, Ronald McCarty, Forest D. Hall, Pete Hensley, Ralph Slone, Jr., Walter Akers, Doug Bailey, Ellis Holbrooks, Chuck Hall, Donal Blake Little, Squire Hamilton, Monroe Jones, Billy Cotton, Jimmy Dye, Woodrow Dye, Hiram Adkins, Paul Reynolds, D. Osborne, Johnny Thornsberry, Clyde Lewis, Woody Pack, Jimmy Waddles, C. B. Smith, Cecil Newsome, Jim Tuttle, Frank Adams, Charles Sammons, Roger Hicks and Vester Mullins. Letter in the hands of Eld. Walter Akers. A motion was made by Eld. Mike Slone, second by Eld. Forest Osborne 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: Arvid Blevins, Thomas E. Thacker, Earl Hill, Robert Clay, Herman West, Terry Bryant, Ellis Amburgey, Estill Hamilton, Charles Newsome, Jessie Bryant, Floyd Jude, Howard Daniel, Gary Sanders, Astor Elkins, Savel Combs, Sollie Miller, Jr., Frank Coleman. Letter in the hands of Eld. Arvin Blevins. A motion was made by Eld. Forest Osborne, 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.

(c) **Philadelphia** — Represented by the following delegates: Charles Barney, John Paul Clark, Gary Blevins, J. R. Blevins, Ira Adkins, Donnie Brown, Paul Boggs, Jacob and Curtis Seagraves, Wayne Caudill, Creed Thomas, Charmn Gilliam, Willis Tolliver, Paul Moore, David Gilliam. Letter in the

hands of Bro. Walter Morrison. A motion was made by Eld. Ray Hamilton, second by Eld. Hank Forgey 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: Chester Cochran, Marion Duncan, Joe Evans, Frank Sheppard, Gordon Akers, Hobart Hamilton, Richard Staton, Billie Brumfield, Elbert SESCO, Jim Cochran, Berlin Thornsberry, W. S. Brown, Billy Williamson, Danny Runyon, Dale Williamson, Lester Thompson and W. H. Cochran. Letter in the hands of Eld. Hobart Hamilton. A motion was made by Eld. Don Gibson, second by Eld. Jeff Dillon 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: Junior Coleman, Phillip Estep, Woodrow Whitt, Acie Matney, Monroe Matney and Leonard Coleman. Letter in the hands of Bro. Junior Coleman. A motion was made by Eld. Buford Brock, second by Bro. Doc Johnson 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: Leo Slone, Murl Caudill, Rodney Slone, Paul Back, Arnold Whitaker, Claren Williams, Aaron Whitaker, Jr., and Melvin Fields. Letter in the hands of Paul Back. A motion was made by Bro. Dan Thornsberry, second by Bro. Darrel Parks 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 Little Angel Church, together with one delegate from each of the other churches to arrange the ministry for Friday evening and Saturday morning who reported as follows: Friday evening — Elders: (1) Estill Hamilton-Union; (2) Elbert SESCO-Sardis; (3) Clyde Lewis-New Salem. Saturday morning — Elders: (1) Willis Tolliver-Philadelphia; (2) Roger Hicks; (3) Bill Cotton-both of New Salem and (4) Melvin Fields-Old Indian Bottom.

8. Called for transient ministers and members of our same faith and order and the following responded: Johnie Bentley, Ralph Caudill, Karrel Addington, Billy Miller and Kelby Deel.

9. A motion was made by Bro. Mike Hiatt, second by Hendricks Hampton 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. Robert Wallen made a motion, second by Bro. John Mullins that we the Northern New Salem Association adjourn until 9 a.m. Saturday morning, August 3, 1996.

Saturday, August 3, 1996

Met pursuant to adjournment after singing a number of the inspiring songs of Zion. Eld Billy Williams of the Sardis Association was called on to make remarks, which were warm and well seasoned. Eld. Ellis Holbrook of the New Salem Association offered a very humble prayer.

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 Eld. Hendricks Hampton, second by Eld. Buford Brock to receive the Bill of Arrangements and discharge the committee.
3. The Circular Letter written by Eld. C. W. Turner was read by him. A motion was made by Eld. Morris Wicker, second by Eld. Buford Brock to receive the letter and have it printed in our 1996 Minutes.
4. The finance committee appointed Friday. Item 2a, consisting of Elders: Hiram Adkins, Ralph Caudill and Ray Hamilton reported as follows:

1996 Church contributions	\$5,700.00
1996 Money for Pictures	425.00
Other contributions	740.00
Total money received for 1996	\$6,865.00

A motion was made by Bro. Danny Watts, second by Mike Slone 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 4, 1995		\$1,252.28
1995 Church contributions		5,800.00
1995 Picture money		497.00
Other contributions		685.00
Total money on hand August, 1995		\$8,234.28

1995 Expenses

B.		
Printer's Fee		\$6,146.50
Secretary's Fee		200.00
Postage, U.P.S. freight		226.22
Supplies		-0-
Total Expenses for 1994		\$6,572.72
Total of A		\$8,234.28
Less Total of B		6,572.72
Balance of		\$1,661.56
Plus Interest Earned		22.42
Balance August 2, 1996		1,683.98
Plus money received for 1996		6,865.00
Total money on hand August 4, 1996		\$8,548.98

Money sent by the Sister churches of the Northern New Salem Association to the Little Angel Church in helping host the 1996 Session . . . \$7,300.00

6. Eld. Buford Brock made a motion, second by Eld. Hendricks Hampton 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. Bro. Mike Hiatt made a motion, second by Bro. Henry Hobson 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 is to be submitted along with obituaries to be printed.
8. The following ministers were chosen by the committee to preach Saturday evening and Sunday morning. Saturday evening: Elders: (1) Creed Thomas-Philadelphia; (2) Savel Combs-Union; (3) Chester Cochran-Sardis; (4) Mike Slone-Northern New Salem. Sunday morning: (1) Hiram Adkins-New Salem; (2) Jason Lowery-New Salem; (3) C. W. Turner; (4) Hillard Newsome; (5) Paris Tackitt and (6) Roy Caudill, prayer, all of Northern New Salem.
9. On motion by Eld. Larry Newsome, second by Hargus Tuttle, the report of the Elders attending Union Meetings and Associations for the year 1995 and 1996 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 1996 and continuing the two following days. Delegates to attend: Buford Brock, Darrell Parks, Sam Franks, Milton Dye, David Slone, Oscar Cheatham, Larry Newsome, Scott Hamilton, Paris Tackitt, Hillard Newsome, C. W. Turner, Ballard Brown, Karrel Addington, Eddie Slone, E. B. Hicks. 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 1996 and continuing the two following days. Delegates to attend: John Mullins, David Slone, Kilby Deel, Larry Newsome, Paris Tackitt, Hillard Newsome, C. W. Turner, Karrel Addington, Milford Prater, Eddie Slone. Letter in the hands of Eld. Paris Tackitt.
 - (c) **Philadelphia** — When convened with the South Fork Church, at the Association Building, Worthington, KY. Beginning on Friday before the second Saturday in August 1996 and continuing the two following days. Delegates to attend: Buford Brock, John Mullins, Sam Franks, Dan

Thornsberry, Hargis Tuttle, Paris Tackitt, John M. Elkins, Hillard Newsome, Karrel Addington, Doug McCarty, C. W. Turner. Letter in the hands of Bro. John Mullins.

- (d) **Sardis** — When convened with the Sardis Church, Delbarton, WV. Beginning on Friday before the second Saturday in September 1996 and continuing the two following days. Delegates to attend: Stony Blackburn, Paris Tackitt, Hargis Tuttle, Raymond Gilman and C. W. Turner. Letter in the hands of Bro. Raymond Gilman.
 - (e) **Old Friendship** — When convened with the Pine Grove Church, Hurley, VA. Beginning on Friday before the fourth Saturday in August 1996 and continuing the two following days. Delegates to attend: Buford Brock, Sam Franks, Paris Tackitt, Hillard Newsome, Karrel Addington, C. W. Turner, Harrison Runyon. Letter in the hands of Eld. Hillard Newsome.
 - (f) **Old Indian Bottom** — When convened with the Doty Creek Church, Jeremiah, KY. Beginning on Friday before the first Saturday in September 1996 and continuing the two following days. Delegates to attend: Buford Brock, Darrell Parks, Sam Franks, Dan Thornsberry, Paris Tackitt, Hillard Newsome, C. W. Turner, Eugene Robinett, Delman Hall. Letter in the hands of Eld. C. W. Turner.
11. The request from the New Mt. Zion Church requesting a letter of dismission from the Northern New Salem Association. At their request, they agreed to take said request back to their home church.
 12. Upon request of the delegates of the Little Family Church, they agreed to take their request back, and was advised to restructure and return said request to be printed in our 1997 minutes with scripture and verse. Their request was to have items #15, 1964 minutes, item #17, 1970 minutes, item #12, 1980 minutes, reprinted in our current minutes.
 13. Eld. Glen Maddox made a motion, second by Eld. Larry Newsome to grant the request of the Rose of Sharon Church, requesting the privilege to host the Memorial Meeting of the deceased of the Northern New Salem Association for the year 1997, to be held on Saturday, May 31, and Sunday, June 1, 1997.
 14. In answer to the request from the Little Rebecca Church, requesting the honor to host the 1997 Session of the Northern New Salem Association. Eld. Elmer Edwards make a motion, second by Eld. Robert Wallen to grant said request.
 15. By a vote of the delegates, Eld. Jeff Dillon was chosen to preach the introductory sermon. Eld. Scott Hamilton is to be his alternate and Eld. Ralph Caudill is to write the Circular Letter for our 1997 Session.
 16. On motion by Bro. Mike Hiatt, second by Bro. Henry Hobson, the Clerk was asked to write a note of condolence to our sister Associations and also remember our deceased Elders and members.
 17. On motion by Eld. Larry Newsome, second by Eld. Buford Brock, reading of the current minutes were omitted.
 18. Elder Ray Hamilton made a motion, second by Eld. Buford Brock that we the

Northern New Salem Association, adjourn until Friday before the 1st Saturday in August 1997, at the Little Rebecca Church, Plymouth, Ohio.

Eld. Donald Blake Little from the New Salem Association was blessed by the spirit of our Heavenly Father to bring to a close this 39th Annual Session of this grand old Association. He humbly led us to the throne of grace, begging God to keep us safe on the tedious highways and that our lives may be a glory and honor to Him.

Done and signed by order of the Association

<u>Elder Roy Caudill</u>	Moderator
<u>Elder Paris C. Tackitt</u>	Ass't. Moderator
<u>Eld. Hillard Newsome</u>	Clerk
<u>Elder C. W. Turner</u>	Ass't Clerk

Sabbath Morning, August 4, 1996

Assembling in the sanctuary of the Little Angel for this third and final day of this blessed old Association. Lifting their voices high in singing the glorious songs of Zion, were those that had labored hard, for endless hours in the vineyard of the Lord. It was here this lovely morning they had gathered together to glean in the Master's field, that they may find food to sustain them as they journeyed to their several places of abode.

Eld. Hiram Adkins of the New Salem Association introduced the services and led in prayer.

Eld. Woody Pack of the New Salem Association was second to fill the stand. Followed by Elds. C. W. Turner, Hillard Newsome, Paris Tackitt and Roy Caudill, all of the Northern New Salem Association. Closing prayer was offered by Eld. Donal Blake Little of the New Salem Association.

We were blessed to have in our presence this holy day, the honorary clerk of the New Salem Association, Bro. Dexter Dixon and Sister Dixon.

We wish to extend to the members and friends, the community at large of the Little Angel Church our heartfelt thanks and appreciation for a job well done. In caring for this beloved Association, your labor of endless hours, your early rising, and retiring late at night, proved to us that we were loved and wanted. May a cloud of blessings, like rain drops, settle over the Little Angel Church, that your vineyard may grow and prosper in return for your deeds of kindness.

On behalf of the Little Angel Church, we wish to extend to the members and friends of the Little Family Church our thanks for the pies you donated. The Little Flock, Little Eddie, Little Ruth and Family of Love Churches, thanks for your helping hands. To you our friends because of you, we smile.

To you who resided in Campers Village, was it ever so good to have you to park and take time out of your traveling to be one in our gathering. Trust your stay here was a pleasant one, your traveling to Little Rebecca a safe and joyous journey. Thanks Little Angel for your electrical hookups, you are special.

Thanks, residents of Campers Village, for your contribution of \$261.00.

With Warmest Regards,
Bro Newsome, Clerk

Circular Letter **by Elder Coeburn Wayne Turner**

To the Moderator, officers and delegates that compose the Northern New Salem Association, and to the delegation from the corresponding associations represented here at the 1996 session, and to all that may hear the reading of this letter and to those who may read for themselves at a later time: I bid you greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, who, for our sakes, gave himself as a sacrifice upon the cross of Calvary for our sins; being an example unto us as to how we should conduct our lives while here on earth — longing for the day of resurrection, Jesus being the first fruit thereof whereafter we would ever be with Him in Glory.

My dear brethren, I feel so little and unworthy to make this attempt of writing a letter for your consideration of printing in your minutes. Nevertheless, having been chosen at our last session to do so, I will, after many, many prayers for guidance and enlightenment, submit to you this letter and I truly hope and trust that my thoughts, as presented here, are of the Lord and that He will direct my mind for a few moments of time — that I may be able to warn sinner men and women of the dangers of not being separated from the things of the world, attempting to show why we Old Regular Baptist believe that the world is one thing and the church is another.

God's instruction to Moses about offerings for uncleanness was to separate the children of Israel from their sins that they die not in their uncleanness. Lev. 15:31. Come out from among them and be ye separate. 2nd Cor. 6:17.

I believe that based upon this concept was the plan being laid out for the redemption of man, that he should separate himself from the sins that he had committed against God; therefore being separated from the world as Jesus says in John 15:19: "but I have chosen you out of the world . . ." and in 1st Peter 2:9: "But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of Him who hath called you out of darkness into marvelous light . . ." Darkness meaning the world, as He says in another place, John 3:19-21: "And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. For everyone that doeth evil hateth the light, neither cometh to the light, lest his deeds should be reproved. But he that doeth truth cometh to the light, that his deeds may be made manifest, that they are wrought in God."

I would like to say a few words here about the children of Israel in the time of Samuel the Prophet. In the first book of Samuel, Ch. 8 vs. 1-7, we read how Samuel had appointed his sons to be judges over the people of Israel but the people cried unto Samuel that he was old and his sons walked not in his ways and they said, "Now make us a king to judge us like all the nations." In other words, they wanted to be like people of the world. Samuel prayed about the matter and God told him that they had not rejected him but had rejected God. So, in due time, Saul was anointed king to rule over them. But as in times past, since having been in the land of Egypt, still there was rebellion against the word of God. Saul had returned from battle where the Lord had instructed him to destroy all living things, yet he kept back part of the spoils, sheep and oxen. (the chiefest of the things which should have been utterly destroyed.) to sacrifice unto the Lord thy God. And he saved alive Agag, the king of Amalek. And Samuel said, "Hath the Lord as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the Lord? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams. For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry. Because thou has rejected the word of the Lord, He hath also rejected thee from being King." 1 Sam. 15:22-23. (Let the reader continue to read this and the next chapter of Samuel). The best, or chief, things of the world is not what the Lord wants. He wants you to obey the voice of the Lord. Ps 103:20. Refrain from the ways of the world. Pr. 1:15. Take up the cross and follow Jesus. Mt. 16:24. Saul's attempt to offer things of the world was displeasing with God, therefore, He took his crown and gave it to another. (Whom we know was King David.)

If we would allow anyone who is not of our faith to take part with us in our services, whether they be in our worship service, baptisms, weddings, funerals or whatever religious function, are we not offering worldly things unto the Lord? God forbid. And if a brother or sister should dress like the world or should have the appearance of men or women of the world should the church remain silent? Are they not offering worldly appearances unto the Lord? Brethren I believe that we can invite tribulations, sorrows, sickness and even shorten our lives by our disobedience and failure to stand up for established practices or failure to speak out for what we believe is right — especially when faced with a multitude of those that believe the opposite and too often we let friendship and kinship persuade us to be blinded to conditions or situations that are not common or regularly accepted practice. Some may say that the scriptures are silent on certain matters but I believe God is still giving his leaders and his servants instructions on all things pertaining to the sanctity of the old church and gives interpretations of situations relative to keeping peace and harmony among his children. If any of you lack wisdom let him ask of God. Ja. 1:5. In addition let us look to II Thes. 2:15: "Therefore, brethren, stand fast, and hold the traditions which ye have been taught, whether by word or our epistle," and to II Thes. 3:6: "Now we command you, brethren, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye withdraw yourselves from every brother that walketh disorderly, and not after the tradition which

he received of us." Sometimes we need to refer to what Paul wrote to the Hebrews about one being restored to the Lord.

"... know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? Whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God." Ja. 4:4. "Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from thee." Ja. 4:7. "He that loveth father or mother more than me is not worthy of me: and he that loveth son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me." Mat. 10:37

"Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him." 1 Jn. 2:15. "And be not conformed to this world, but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect will of God." Rom. 12:2. For the Lord "is not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance." II Pet. 3:9.

If we be God's children, as we profess to be, we are all heirs of the kingdom. Ja.2:15, and there is a crown of Glory waiting for us. I Pet. 5:14. So let us keep the whole law and not take chances that our crown may be given to another as was King Saul's.

Behold the day of the Lord cometh, cruel both with wrath and fierce anger, to lay the land desolate; and He shall destroy the sinners thereof out of it. Is. 13:9. And I will punish the world for their evil, and the wicked for their iniquity; and I will cause the arrogancy of the proud to cease, and will lay low the haughtiness of the terrible. Is. 13:11

But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief. Ye are all the children of light, and the children of the day: we are not of the night nor of the darkness. Therefore let us not sleep, as do others; but let us watch and be sober. 1 Thes. 5: 4-6

Brethren forgive me for writing such a lengthy letter, I had no thought but that I might write only a few lines. More could be said, and probably should be, but it would be superfluous for me to attempt to write line for line of scripture but I thank the Lord for allowing me to draw from them to substantiate my belief that surely there is a difference in serving the Lord and serving the world.

Let us continue to pray that sinner men and women will realize that the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. Rom. 6:23

Let us continue to pray for each other that our love may grow and the union of our churches and associations become stronger so that the world could see that surely there is a reality in serving the Lord. Let us show loving kindness to all in the congregations that may attend our several churches realizing that it is from them that the church may grow.

In conclusion, I love the old church, I love her ways, She's my life and it grieves my heart to see a falling away coming as the scriptures so indicate will happen in the latter days. I hope and pray that the Lord will bless and keep every one of you and that if we never more meet in this world that by the Grace of God we might meet around that White Throne where we can praise the Lord forever and ever. Amen.

Written by your servant in the Lord,
Elder Coeburn Wayne Turner

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 1997

April

PLEASANT VIEW — First in April 5:00 P.M. only. Kelly Slone, Tad Huff, Covis Tackitt, Jeff Dillon, Curtie Hall.

ANTIOCH — First in April. Roger Hicks, Woodrow Pack, Curtis Caudill, Birtchel Mosley, Jr., Glyn Maddox.

ROSE OF SHARON — Second in April. Elisha Branham, Doug McCarty, Larry Newsome, Hargis Tuttle, Scott Hamilton.

NEW MT. ZION — Fourth in April. Ellis Amburgey, Tad Huff, Robert Haney, Jimmy Dale Sanders, Tennis Sturgell.

May

MAGGIE'S HOME — First in May. Scott Hamilton, David Slone, Jeff Dillon, Ray Hamilton, Buford Brock.

LITTLE IDA — First in May. Willis Tolliver, Woody Pack, Urshel Huff, Red Alley, Edwin Hay, Stony Blackburn.

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

LITTLE RUTH — Second in May. Willis Tolliver, James Branham, Karrel Addington, Hillard Newsome, Jeff Dillon, Kenny Robinson.

LITTLE ZION — Second in May. Buford Brock, Arvid Blevins, Stoney Blackburn, Gene Johnson, Bill Blevins, Earl Hill.

LILY OF THE VALLEY — Third in May. Hobert Justice, Estil Hamilton, Johnie Bentley, Edgar Howell, Squire Hamilton, Karrel Addington, Hillard Newsome.

LITTLE CHILDREN'S HOME — Third in May. Bill Dunbar, Wayne Turner, Danny Carty, Jr. Mosley, Danny Adams.

MORNING STAR — Third in May. Paul Dye, Lon Beverly, John Paul Hamilton, David Slone, Larry Newsome, Tery Ratliff.

MACEDONIA — Third in May. Jack Adkins, Paul Coalman, Tennison Sturgell, Orbin May, Paul Stepleton, Oleo Tackett.

June

MT. ZION — First in June. Robert Haney, Estil Hamilton, Matt Slone, Jr., Ed Kidd, Dennis Kidd, Moderator and Assistant Moderator.

LITTLE BETHEL — First in June. Paris Tackitt, Hendrix Hampton, Don Gibson, Ciffiorn Newsome, Willis Little, Bill Blevins, Karrel Addington.

LITTLE POLLY — Second in June. Karrel Adkins, Oscar Halcomb, Scottie Hamilton, Larry Newsome, Allen D. Osborne, David Slone.

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

LITTLE FAMILY — Second in June. Murl Caudill, C. W. Turner, Hargis Tuttle, Sam Franks.

LITTLE REBECCA — Third in June. Danny Adams, Edwin Hay, Hillard Newsome, C. W. Turner, Russell Hicks, Hiram Adkins, Woody Pack.

LITTLE EDNA — Fourth in June. Russell Hicks, Morris Wicker, Raymond Gayheart, Covis Tackett, Thomas Thacker, Estil Hamilton.

MT. OLIVET — Fourth in June. Robert Wallen, Eddie Wallen, Danny Hamilton, Clarence Owens, Russell Hicks, 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. Gary Blevins, Russell Hicks, Claren Williams, Arnold Whitaker, Morris Wicker.

LITTLE ANGEL — Fourth in July. Jeff Dillon, Gary Compton, Woody Pack, Bill Cotton, Richard Staten, D. Osborne.

August

TRUE VINE — Third in August. Karrel Addington, Hillard Newsome, Jeff Dillon, Offie Bartley, David Slone and Moderator.

November

LITTLE MELROSE — First in November. Roy Caudill, Willis Tolliver, Paul Boggs, Johnie Bentley, Murl Caudill, Paris Tackitt.

MEMORIAL MEETINGS

LITTLE REBECCA — Third in August. Karrel Addington, Morris Wicker, Johnny Thornsberry, Paris Tackitt, Buddy Carty.

MAGGIE'S HOME — First in June. Kermit Lester, David Lester, Morris Wicker, Paul Vance, Moderator and Assistant Moderator.

LITTLE POLLY — Second in September. Johnie Bentley, Jeff Dillon, Junior Mosley, Mike Slone.

MT. ZION — First in September, 1997 — Jeff Dillon, Fred Charles, Morris Wicker, Steve Borders, Gary Compton, Charles Nitchie.

LITTLE FLOCK — Third in June. Ivory Sowards, Ray Hamilton, Willis Tolliver, Hiram Adkins, Richard Staten.

LITTLE RUTH — Second in July. Kennis Robinson, Tad Huff, Gary Compton, Ellis Amburgey.

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

LITTLE IDA — First in July. Buford Brock, Danny Adams, Murl Caudill, Arnold Whitaker, Birtchell Mosley, Jr., Clarence Owens, Scott Hamilton.

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

LITTLE ZION — Second in August. Estil Hamilton, Ishmael Hall, Jr., Covis Tackett, Johnie Bentley, Scott Hamilton.

LITTLE PILGRIM'S HOME — Second in August. Tennis Sturgel, Scott Hamilton, David Slone, Squire Hamilton and Moderator.

MT. OLIVET — Fourth in August. Clyde Lewis, Estil Hamilton, Glyn Maddox, Scott Hamilton, Ralph Caudill.

PLEASANT VIEW — First in June. David Slone, Alex Collier, Tennis Sturgill, Roger Hicks, Danny Adams.

LITTLE FAMILY — Second in October 1996. Ked Adkins, Paris Tackitt, Arnold Whitaker, Buddy Carty.

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

ANTIOCH — First in June. Hiram Adkins, Chuckie Hall, Robert Wallen, Jerry Runyon, Roy Caudill.

ROSE OF SHARON — Second in October. Johnie Bentley, Sam Franks, John Paul Hamilton, Buddy Carty, Ralph Caudill.

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

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

MORNING STAR — Third in July. Ray Hamilton, Terry Cury, Johnie Bentley, Glyn Maddox, Clarence Owens, Jr. Mosely.

LITTLE BETHEL — First in September. Buddy Carty, Hobart Justice, Lon Beverly.

FAMILY OF LOVE — Fourth in October. Danny Adams, Russell Hicks, Philip Mosley, Kelly Slone, Paul Vance, Curtie Hall, Buddy Carty.

MACEDONIA — Third in September. Paul Coalman, Orbin May, Offie Bartley, Paul Stepleton, Oleo Tackett.

TRUE VINE — Third in October 1997. Garfield Thacker, Jessie Pack, Hargis Tuttle, Mike Slone, Tad Huff.

NEW MT. ZION — Fourth in July. Savel Combs, Matt Slone, Larry Newsome, Scott Hamilton, Hayes Chaffins..

LITTLE MELROSE — First in May. John Lowe, Richard Lowe, Ray Hamilton, Sam Franks, Squire Hamilton, James Barney.

SPECIAL MEMORIALS

A general Memorial service for all the deceased Elders and members of the Northern New Salem Association will be held at the Rose of Sharon Church, 5665 Carolton-Rockwood, S. Rockwood, Mich., on *May 31 and June 1, 1997*. The Saturday May 31st meeting is to start at 1:30 P.M. (evening meal will be served). Sunday 1st 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 — First Sunday in June of 1997. Ministers called: Paris Tackitt, Ivory Sowards, Russell Hicks, Willis Tolliver, Edwin Hay.

FAMILY OF LOVE-WEBSTER BARTLEY MEMORIAL — will be held the 4th Saturday and Sunday in August, 1997. Ministers called: Buddy Carty, Paul Boggs, Bill Cotton.

ORDAINED MINISTERS

Little Rebecca

Elder Lon Beverly	45 Bell St., Plymouth, OH 44865	(419) 687-9501
Elder Danny Carty	5346 St. Andrews, Westerville, OH 43802	(614) 899-9815
Elder Donel Gibson	Box 84, New Haven, OH 44850	(419) 935-4165
Elder Faris Tuttle	505 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	18 Ash Dr., Nancy, KY 42544	(606) 636-6801
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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, Vinton, 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) 988-3809
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, Lincoln Pk., MI 48146	(313) 381-3710
Elder Clark Damron	60 Stoner, River Rouge, MI 48218	(313) 841-7137
Elder Birtus Dunbar	303 Leonard St. Eaton Rapids, MI 48827	(517) 663-6935
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

None

Pleasant View

Elder Stony Blackburn	1013 Jackson St., Vermillion, OH 44089	(216) 967-9389
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	(513) 423-2381
Elder Hendricks Hampton	40 Deardoff Rd., Franklin, OH 45005	(513) 746-7533
Elder James D. Watts	1719 Edgelawn Dr. Mt. Sterling, KY 40353	(606) 498-6232

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 Edsel Slone	9508 Maple Rd., Louisville, KY 40229	(502) 968-8778
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 William B. Holbrook	13388 Parkway Blvd., Carleton, MI 48117	(313) 654-6883

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 Junior Jent	3120 Mill Rd., Dorset, Ohio 44032	(216) 293-5018

Elder Chester Newsome	5908 Ogden Ave., Ashtabula, OH 44004	(216) 992-5640
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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 Danny R. Adams	24858 Champaign, Taylor, MI 48180	(313) 292-8759
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

Elder Paul Dye	Box 122, Tyro, OH 44887	(419) 347-5064
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Family of Love

Elder Clifford Bradly	18003 SH 231, Rt. 1, Nevada, OH 44849	(614) 482-2095
Elder Buddy W. Carty	18 High School Ave., Shelby, OH 44875	(419) 342-4143
Elder Rufus Stone	224 Deffiance St., St. Marys, OH 45885	(419) 394-5146

Macedonia

Elder Darvin Sturgill	Olive Hill, KY 41164	(606) 286-4075
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True Vine

Elder Steven Borders	770 Wooster Rd. N., Barberton, OH 44203	(330) 745-7377
Elder Bart Potter	9110 Speith Rd., Litchfield, OH 44253	(330) 723-5267
Elder Kennis L. Robinson	1947 Tonawanda Ave., Akron, OH 44305	(330) 794-8821

New Mt. Zion

None

Little Melrose

Elder Terry Hall	713 Barefoot Rd., Wilmore, KY 40390	(606) 858-9127
Elder Albert Hamilton	3819 Randall Rd., Green Cove Springs, FL 32043	(904) 284-6046
Elder Doug McCarty	P.O. Box 2018, Keystone Hgts., FL 32656	(352) 473-3424
Elder Johnny Newsome	6402 Bowdoin Ave., Keystone Hgts., FL 32656	(352) 473-9206

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Little RebeccaDan Thornsberry, Landis Beverly, Donel Gibson
Maggie's HomeAmos Reffit, Jerry Runyon, Don Mullins
Little Polly	.....Rich Griffin, Randy Poe, James Poe
Mt. Zion	.....Mike Slone, Bobby Patton, Tony Sturgell
Little Flock	.....Joshua Hicks, Hank Forgey, Howard Parsley
Little Ruth	.....Raymond Vanderpool, Bill Staten, Kenneth Mullins
Little Edna	.....Raymond Gilman, Denver Meade, Elmer Edwards
Little Ida	.....Doc Johnson, Pat Patterson, Bob Davis
Little Flossie	.....Russell Hicks, Morris Wicker, Fred Jones
Little Zion	.....Glyn Maddox, Eugene Robinette, Ermon Smiley
Little Pilgrim's Home	.....Danny Hamilton, Robert Wallen, Eddie Wallen
Mt. Olivet	.....Kelsey Mullins, Ray Hamilton, Carl Ousley
Pleasant View	.....Larry Newsome, Stony Blackburn, Hargis Tuttle
Little Family	.....Hendrix Hampton, Danny Watts, Jerome Watts, Jr.
Little Angel	.....Forest Osborne, Ballard Brown, Paul Parsons
Antioch	.....Edsel Slone, Milford Prater, Sr., Darrel Parks
Rose of Sharon	.....Jeff Dillon, Ralph Manuel, William B. Holbrook
Lily of the Valley	.....Scott Hamilton, Evan Hamilton, Carl Hall
Little Children's Home	.....Buford Brock, Henry Hobson, Mike Hiatt
Morning Star	.....Ishmal Hall, Jr., Randall Parks, Willis Little
Little Bethel	.....Holly Tuttle, Ernest Owens, Merlin Gibson
Family of Love	.....Buddy Carty, Delmas Hall, Lavon Isaac
Macedonia	.....Burl Sturgill, Earnest Middleton
True Vine	.....Mack Adkins, Steven Borders, Wallace Mitchel
New Mt. Zion	.....Kelly Reed, Aaron Slone, Cleo Slone
Little Melrose	.....Doug McCarty, John M. Elkins, Kenneth Wright

CLERKS AND THEIR ADDRESSES

Church	Clerk	Address	City, State	Telephone
Little Rebecca	Frank Holt	223 Plymouth St.	Plymouth, OH 44865	(419) 687-4402
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Little Polly	Thomas Vanzandt	11346 Willwood Dr	Marshall, MI 49068	(616) 781-8191
Mt. Zion	Ben Sturgill	3507, CR44	Ada, OH 45810	(419) 634-4236
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) 988-3809
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, Jr.	495 Overlook Rd.	Louisville, KY 40229	(502) 957-2417
Rose of Sharon	Johnie Bentley	3218 22nd St.	Wyandotte, 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	13052 Shank Rd.	Doylestown, OH 44230	(330) 658-4924
New Mt. Zion	Dwayne Slone	321 Twp. Rd. 350	Sullivan, OH 44880	(419) 736-3531
Little Melrose	John M. Elkins	3809 Ferncreek Rd.	Keystone, FL 32656	(352) 473-7896

CHURCH MODERATORS AND ASSISTANT MODERATORS

Church	Moderator	Asst. Moderator
Little Rebecca	Buddy W. Carty	
Maggie's Home	Paris Tackitt	Ivory Sowards
Little Polly	Rich Griffith	
Mt. Zion	Mike Slone	Tad Huff
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
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Little Angel	Hiram Adkins	Paris Tackitt
Antioch	Hillard Newsome	C. W. Turner
Rose of Sharon	Ray Hamilton	Jeff Dillion
Lily of the Valley	Scott Hamilton	
Little Children's Home	Buford Brock	Hendricks Hampton
Morning Star	Covis Tackett	
Little Bethel	Covis Tackett	Paul Dye
Family of Love	Buddy W. Carty	
Macedonia	Burl Sturgill	
True Vine	Kennis Robinson	David Slone
New Mt. Zion	Mike Slone	Bar Potter
Little Melrose	Doug McCarty	Johnnie Newsome

CHURCH ADDRESSES

Church	Address	City	State
Little Rebecca	Henry Road, Ph. 419-687-8838	Plymouth	Ohio
Maggie's Home		Dundas	Ohio
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, Ph. 330-658-4924	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	2	0	0	0	0	1	2	45	3-E 3:30	\$400.00	July
Maggie's Home	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	31	1-M	125.00	July
Little Polly	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	22	2-E	150.00	July
Mt. Zion	4	1	0	0	4	0	1	22	1-M	50.00	July
Little Flock	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	30	3-M	200.00	Aug.
Little Ruth	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	20	2-M	175.00	June
Little Edna	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	21	4-M	125.00	July
Little Ida	7	0	0	0	0	4	3	96	1-M	500.00	June
Little Flossie	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	35	1-E	200.00	June
Little Zion	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	29	2-M	250.00	June
Little Pilgrim's Home	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	19	2-M	175.00	July
Mt. Olivet	0	1	0	0	6	0	0	9	4-M	125.00	July
Pleasant View	7	1	0	1	1	1	3	88	1-E	375.00	May
Little Family	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	25	2-E	250.00	July
2:00P.M.											
Little Angel	3	0	0	0	0	1	1	59	4-E	400.00	Aug.
Antioch	0	0	0	0	2	0	3	33	1-E	325.00	Oct.
Rose of Sharon	0	0	0	0	1	2	1	39	2-M	400.00	May
Lily of the Valley	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	17	3-E	175.00	June
Little Children's Home	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	11	3-E	150.00	July
2:00P.M.											
Morning Star	0	3	0	0	0	1	0	41	3-M	300.00	June
Little Bethel	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	20	1-M	125.00	July
Family of Love	0	4	0	0	0	1	2	28	4-E	200.00	July
3:30P.M.											
Macedonia	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	42	3-M	100.00	June
True Vine	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	23	3-M	200.00	Sept.
New Mt. Zion	6	0	0	0	2	0	2	8	4-M	50.00	Oct.
Little Melrose	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	10	1-M	125.00	Jan.
1996 Church Contributions	\$5,700.00										
1996 Money for Pictures	425.00										
Other Contributions	740.00										
Grand Total	33	18	0	2	18	12	23	823		\$6,865.00	
M — Saturday morning services											
E — Saturday evening services											

Obituaries

INA HAMMONS AMBURGEY



Ina Hammons Amburgey

Ina Hammons Amburgey was born to George and Janie (Adams) Hammons, June 10, 1916 in Letcher County, Kentucky. She passed away January 10, 1996, making her stay on earth 79 years, 7 months. She married Haymond Amburgey December 24, 1938. Haymond preceded her in death July 29, 1989. They never had any kids. But, everybody's kids loved them, especially the nieces and nephews. Sister Ina belonged to the Little Family Church of Old Regular Baptist at Jacksonburg, Ohio. She had been a Christian for 20 years. She loved to go to church when she was able. She leaves to mourn her passing, her sister, Cordia and brother-in-law, Arnold Collins of Villa Hills, Kentucky. Her brother, Chelis Hammons and sister-in-law, Ruby of Ghent, Kentucky. Several

nieces and nephews and a host of friends. Her daddy and mother preceded her in death. A sister, Thelma Casey, passed away this past June in Cape Coral, Florida.

Written by her sister-in-law, Sister Georgia Amburgey

ELDER WEBSTER BARTLEY



Elder Webster Bartley

Webster Bartley died Monday, July 15, 1996 at Marion General Hospital.

He was born March 6, 1915 in Pike County, Kentucky to Drewery and Eveline Woods Bartley.

He was a member and Assistant Moderator of the Family of Love Church.

He was a machinist foreman with Tecumseh Products.

He is survived by his wife, Lola Ratliff Bartley of Marion; a son, Edward Bartley of Mount Gilead; two daughters, Shelby Jean Stotts of Marion and Don-Retia Madekar of Mount Gilead; 11 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; and a brother, Albert Bartley of Pike County.

We ask ourselves what do you say and how do you describe a man, a Brother, or we could say Father in the Gospel, a Pilgrim, or a soldier of the Cross. Above all, this to me the Old Regular Baptist people are the greatest people on the earth and that's what Brother Webster Bartley was. But on the other hand the Lord said woe to the man that all men speak well of. So I know that everyone did not speak well of or love him. And these kind of people did not speak well of or love Jesus. Brother Web was not a perfect man in nature and he knew that. But there was a soul which had been born of the perfect spirit of God which could not sin. I know Brother Web

suffered many persecutions and suffered much for the cause of Christ. Jesus said if you suffer with me you will reign with me. But greater is he that is in you than he that is in the world. To my judgment and I believe my judgment is true, a great man has fallen in the camps of the Old Regular Baptist family. I would like to describe Brother Webster Bartley as a soldier of the cross. As the poet wrote, he fell like a soldier he died at his post.

I have known Brother Web for thirty some years; but just got acquainted with him the last few years to really know him. We got so close so quick. I thank God we got to have fellowship with him the last few short years at the Family of Love Church. He was so humble; the closer he got to the river the more humbler he got. He has been so sick the last few years. But his mind was so strong right down to the end. Every time he was able he wanted to go to church. That was all his mind was on and he loved the Church and the Brothers and Sisters so much, and we all loved him, too. Brother Web has fought a good fight, he has kept the faith. He has gone on to rest; his body back to the dust, his soul to paradise. In the morning of the resurrection he will get a crown of glory. He will never smother or suffer anymore. Brother Web spent over half of his life preaching and teaching the word of God, and how that every man and women in this world could be saved and go to heaven, but only on the terms of the Gospel that by the measure of faith God gave them they could reach out and touch the hem of his garment and take heed to the light that shines in a dark place until the day dawns or the day star arises in their heart.

He believed sound doctrine and sound practices in the church. It would be safe for his children, your children and my children to take heed to an turn from the sinful things of this world. Repent for God has commanded man everywhere to repent and follow Jesus.

About two months ago the Brothers of the Family of Love Church put Brother Web in as assistant moderator. Even though he was very sick he knew that in body he was not able, but he was willing to do everything he could for the church. As I, the family and some of the brethren stood by his bed and watched him leave this world, see his breath leave him, we could not see the angels that kindly received his soul and spirit and took it home to rest.

Precious in the eye of the Lord as the death of his saints, so I write blessed are the dead that do die in the Lord that hence forth yea sayeth the Lord they rest from their labor and their works do follow them. So fare well good old Brother until we meet on heaven's bright shore. So many more things I could write but time and space won't permit.

Your unworthy Brother, Brother Buddy Carty

To put on paper what I thought and felt for Brother Webster would take all day and still not get it all said. I was with Brother Webster when he came down to cross old Jordan. He had someone with him to carry him on across. And one of these days if I am what I profess to be, I'll meet him on the other side.

Brother Webster was a man of little stature. But when the Lord blessed him with his spirit he spoke with much authority. When the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice. (Proverbs 29-2). We are all going to miss Brother Webster, but I believe he is in the Paradise of God waiting for that glorious morning when he will get that new body liken unto Christ's most gloriest body.

Written by a friend and Brother in Christ, Delmas Hall

DIXIE BOOTH



Dixie Booth

As we sit at my mother's kitchen table my sister and I will try to write the obituary of our beloved mother, Dixie Booth. This is very difficult because just 9 short months ago we did the same thing for our father, Edgar Booth.

Mom was the oldest of 9 children born to Greenbury and Delphia Hall. She was born in Galveston, Kentucky, February 22, 1935. In 1956, she came to Lorain, Ohio to stay with her sister. Here she met Edgar Booth and after 2 weeks ran away with him to Angola, Indiana where they were married, August 17, 1956. Out of this union came 2 daughters, Janet Ann and Verda Mae. These girls gave them 4 granddaughters and brought them 2 sons-in-law they loved as much as their own sons.

Mom had emphysema which continually worsened. She was on oxygen all the time and her ability to get out was severely restricted. She and Dad were happily married until his death from cancer July 30, 1995. She missed him so very much.

In April, she had an infection in her lungs and was hospitalized for a few days. She was home for about 2 weeks when she suddenly became very ill. My sister and I took her back to the hospital where she died 13 days later.

Mom joined Little Edna Church about 26 years ago. She dearly loved her church. Although she could no longer attend services, the brothers and sisters visited and kept in touch by phone. During her's and Dad's illnesses and deaths the members of the church were always there for us. I don't think we could have made it without their love and support. We will never forget their kindness.

It seems there is a huge hole in our lives now, but with God's help and each other's strengths we will get through this. Fortunately, we still have the memories of our loving parents and we will cherish those always.

Written by daughters, Janet Jezierski and Verda Reising

CLARA G. CLARK BRYANT

I'm writing this obituary of my dear precious Mother: Clara Gladis Clark Bryant. She was the daughter of the late Joe Likens Sr. and Emma Hamilton Tackett. Mother was born on November 24, 1921. She deceased this life on March 25, 1996, making her stay on this earth 74 years, 4 months and 1 day. Also deceased is her husband, Charlie Clark; mother, Emma Likens Tackett; brothers, Tolva Likens; Joe Jr. Likens and Donald Tackett.



Clara G. Clark Bryant

Charlie Clark and Clara G. Likens were married on May 11, 1939. To

this union were born ten children. Five sons: Milford Clark of Nova, Ohio; Tolva Clark and Charles R. Clark of Ashland, Ohio; Hillard Clark of Loudonville, Ohio; and Larry D. Clark of Sullivan, Ohio. Five daughters: Emma Leu Peppard of Nova, Ohio; Anna Sue Lilly and Jewel D. Arms of Shelby, Ohio; Pauline Tormaschy of Sanford, Florida; and Linda F. Pauley of Ocala, Florida. She also leaves behind 32 grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren; 1 grandson deceased in 1959 and 1 great-granddaughter deceased in 1979.

Mom joined the Pilgrims Home Church in Grethal, KY on July 19, 1951. Dad joined there on March 26, 1954 and was baptized on April 17, 1954. In 1955 Charlie and Clara moved to Nova, Ohio. They both moved their letters to The Little Pilgrims Home Church in Ruggles, Ohio. Dad and Mom named this church and were members there until they retired and moved to Ocala, Florida in September 1979. They then moved their letters to churches in Florida. Mom belonged to Mary Elizabeth in Hollister, Florida under Elder Hansford Short, Jr. Moderator. I recall Mom calling Brother Short "Little Boy". She loved singing and rejoicing the good old-fashioned Regular Baptist songs. Our hearts are so saddened from the loss of our dear Mother and loved ones who are gone to live with Jesus. Mom never met a stranger! Her smile and open arms were always open to express how much love and kindness she had for everyone. Mom and Dad taught us to love each other in so many different ways. They lived for Jesus thru the good times and hard times. God was like a hammer pounding in their hearts that guided them throughout their lives. I deeply feel that my Mom and Dad both are together in heaven. I had a vision that Mom is an angel with wings of gold. She met Daddy at the gate on March 25, 1996. Mom had an uncountable number of friends from everywhere. She loved to live, travel, and sing for her Lord for as long as I can remember. My dear Mother was an inspiration to us all. She gave us love, advise and prayed for all of her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Mom loved her church, family and friends. Daddy and Mommy left us all a large trail to follow! I feel God blessed us with the greatest parents in the world. The memories are what we must cherish and treasure till we meet them again. If Mom and Dad could tell us, it would be this: "Children look up and fol-

low us; we're safely home now with all of our loved ones, don't weep over us; we're rejoicing with Jesus; Take up the cross dear little ones and follow Jesus, so Mom and Dad can meet you again someday." Spiritually I know Mommy is in heaven rejoicing. It's nature's flesh that we'll miss. Just remember to look up and give Jesus the praise for Mommy and Daddy are together forever. Our loss is heaven's gain! Pray to God and live for Jesus.

Sadly missed by her family and friends. God Bless All.

Written by her baby daughter, Linda E. (Clark) Pauley

CHESTER A. DIALS



Chester A. Dials

It is with deep sadness in my heart that I try to write an obituary of the most wonderful life, my Dad.

He was born in Laura, Kentucky on March 13, 1919, to Moise and Tilda Dials. He had 7 brothers and 3 sisters. He left this world peacefully and quickly in his home in Columbus, Ohio on October 24, 1995, making his brief stay on earth 76 years, 8 months, and 11 days. He was joined in marriage to Roxie Jane (Adams) Dials on January 14, 1940. They were blessed with 2 daughters and 55 years together.

Left to mourn his going home is his loving and devoted wife Roxie; his daughter, Linda L. (Dials) Sibole of Columbus, OH; grandsons, Shane Richard Sibole of Columbus, OH, and Brando Ross May of Pikeville, KY; granddaughters, Tabatha Lynn Newman (and husband Paul), and Trina Bailey. He had 5 great-grandchildren; Shanda Mae and Taylor Nicole Sibole, Stevie Rane and Kevin Richard Newman and Christopher Bailey all of Columbus, OH. Also surviving are 1 brother and 2 sisters: Vernal Dials (and wife Kizzie) of Pilgram, KY, Mary Preece of Inez, KY and Mae Kazee of Louisa, KY. Preceding him in death was his daughter, Brenda Joyce (Dials) Bailey; sister, Norma Coburn of Oxford, FL; brothers, Martin, Homer, Henderson, Wallace, Johnnie, and Willis Dials. There were lots of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends to mourn his passing.

His love of God and his church, The Little Angel, you could see in his eyes and hear it in the sound of his voice, being a member for 46 years. Unfortunately bad health kept him from attending the Old Regular Baptist Church for the last year of his life, I'm very proud to be the daughter of such a loving, honest, kind, humble, and just man.

Daddy was not an educated man but was filled with the wisdom of the "Word of God", which is more important than a degree from any school on this earth. He had to work hard to take care of his family, working many years in a back breaking job on his knees digging coal for the coal mines. When the coal mines closed he moved his family to Columbus, Ohio for financial reasons where he worked and retired from the Federal Glass Company. Daddy was a quiet man, a

religious man, and he led his family by the good examples he set.

After retirement his health steadily went downhill with black lung, emphysema, then early stages of Alzheimer's when God decided it was time to take Daddy home. God took him quickly with a heart attack. He's in a much better place now, he can breath, and has no pain, for he's in Heaven with God. We love him and miss him so.

"If we have died with him, we shall also live with him; if we continue to endure, we shall also rule with him; if we deny him, he also will deny us; if we are not faith, *he remains faithful*, for he cannot be false to himself."

In Loving Memory, your Daughter, Linda

SYLVIA (MERRITT) CLAY

With many precious memories and with God's help, I will try to write an obituary of my dear sister, Sylvia Clay. She was born on July 1, 1904, to the late Albert J. and Safrona Merritt. Her first four children died as infants. Her husband, Edgar Clay, passed away in September 1970. She is survived by two sons, Robert of Unical, TN, and Hobert of Oxford, FL; two daughters, Bettye Wilson of Okeechobee, FL, and Marie Casteel of Wayne, IN; twelve grandchildren and several great-grandchildren.



Sylvia (Merritt) Clay

She also leaves two brothers:

Albert of West Branch, MI, and Bruce of Huntington, WV; six sisters, Letha Adkins of Wurtland, KY, May Nance of Ona, WV, Rachel Skeans of Detroit, MI, Bessie Fortner of Amherst, OH, Thelma Poriget of Raceland, KY, and Ruth Asbury of East Lynn, WV. She was preceded in death by three brothers, Homer, Donald and Howard.

Sylvia was a member of the Southern Home Regular Baptist Church in Florida. She loved to go to church so much and loved the old-time singing and preaching. Sweet Jesus took her home to live with the angels on March 24, 1996. She had been longing to go to her Heavenly Home for some time as her health was failing and she was not able to go to church any more. She loved to talk on the Bible. We have had many good conversations together. She was very much worried about her loved ones that don't know the Lord in the pardon of their sins. The many, many prayers she prayed for them, I hope will not be in vain.

Children, grandchildren, brothers, sisters, nieces and nephews, Jesus is only a whisper away. He is always there if you will only turn to Him. He is standing with outstretched arms pleading, "Come unto Me." Time is growing short here on earth for us all. No matter what sins you have committed, You CAN be forgiven. Just believe, and have faith that God WILL hear your prayers. But you must BELIEVE with your whole heart. Some day you can walk on the streets of

gold with her if you want to. The choice is up to you. Please don't let death find you in your sins; that awful Lake of Fire is where you would go to spend eternity. Jesus is so full of love and mercy; He doesn't want anyone to go to that place.

Elder Parris Tackett and Sylvia's nephew, Elder Jack Adkins, took care of her funeral. She was laid to rest beside her husband in the Watson Cemetery in Lincoln Co., WV.

A few minutes before she died, I believe the Lord let her view her heavenly home. She died so happy.

Written with love by her sister, Sister Bessie Fortner

BROTHER JOHN ELLIOTT



Brother John Elliott

With the help of the Lord, we will try to write an obituary of our father, John Elliott.

Dad was born July 10, 1909 at Dony, Kentucky to the late Frances "Bud" Elliott and Victoria Hall Elliott.

He was married to Maxie Hamilton in July, 1927. To this union was born four children: Homer and Francis who preceded him in death. Barbara Carlini of Eutis, Florida, Clara Flannery of Longwood, Florida.

After the death of Maxie, he met and married Bessie Hamilton. To this union was born nine children. Daughters: Donna Hardin of Hillman, Michigan; Glenna Kendrick of Plymouth, Ohio, Phyllis Dale of Greenwich, Ohio and Vickie Kendrick of McDowell, Kentucky. He also leaves to mourn his

loss: 30 grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren, and 15 step-grandchildren. Brothers: Hershel and Andy of Michigan; Roy of Ohio, and Francis Jr. of McDowell, Kentucky. Sisters: Lona Martin and Oma Moore of McDowell, Kentucky; Leona Mitchell, Lucy Schmittou, and Hazle Nickles of Michigan.

Dad was baptized April 19, 1959 at the Little Ida Church in Ecorse, Michigan. He was ordained as a deacon in August 1961. Dad and Mom moved back to Kentucky in 1966 and brought their membership to the Little Rosa Church where he was a faithful member until his death. He loved to see the Little Rosa Church grow and prosper, for he loved it with his whole heart.

There are so many good things we could say about daddy, but his life was a witness that words could not express. His death cannot take away our memories of him. He showed the love of God toward strangers, friends, and family. One of his greatest desires was to see his children and grandchildren take up the race that he had run for many years. We believe that our loss is heaven's gain. To his family, and friends, if you want to see Daddy again fall out with sin, and call upon Jesus.

It is with much sadness and sorrow that we say goodbye to a father, a grandfather, a brother and a good christian soldier who will be greatly missed.

Written by his loving family.

WELCOME HOME CHILD

Welcome home my child, my son, your work on earth has been well done.

You've been a witness to many while on earth,

and you've shared the story about my birth.

You've never hid the fact that you loved me,
you shared the word no matter what the need be.

You spoke of me often to family and friends,
And you showed how faith can strengthen and mend.

You did your best to give glory to me,

And for this you'll live Eternally.

Now the time has come for you to rest,
I'm taking you home as my special guest.

Welcome home, my child, my son,
Your work on earth has been well done.

ARIZONA HALL

It is with much sadness and a broken heart, I with the help of the Lord, will try to write this obituary of my dear aunt Arizona Hall.

She was born on May 3, 1920 and departed this world on May 9, 1995, making her stay on earth 75 years and six days. She was the daughter of the late Wilburn and Rachel Mullins. On August 12, she married a wonderful man, Leonard Hall. He preceded her in death after a marriage of 49 years. They had six children together, two of whom preceded her in death. She is survived by



Arizona Hall

her son and three daughters: Walter Hall, Juanita Tackett, Barbara Avigne of River Rouge, and Sylvia Turnmire of Wyandotte, Michigan; her brother, Adam Mullins of River Rouge, Michigan and her sister Caroline Tackett of Lincoln Park, Michigan as well as a host of relatives and friends. Arizona had thirteen grandchildren and fifteen great-grandchildren. She also had four brothers and one sister and one great-grandchild who preceded her in death.

Aunt Zone suffered from cancer. I believe that before she passed away, Aunt Zone received a glimpse of Heaven. As we sat bedside with her and held her hand, she would call on the Lord to have mercy on her soul. She would say "Come and get me Lord, I want to go home." The Lord did have mercy on her soul that Tuesday evening at Seaway Hospital when the Angels came and took her in their arms and carried her home to be with Jesus, having to suffer or die no more.

To her children and all her loved ones: If you want to see her again, you have to make peace with God.

Written by her niece, Rhonda Gulyban
May God Bless You All

VESTER HICKS



Vester Hicks

In Psalms 34:4 it reads: *"I sought the Lord, and He answered me, and delivered me from all my fears."* Brother Vester's fear of going down to the lost world had been removed the day the Lord spoke PEACE to his soul. He told me two weeks before he died, "Sister Marge, I am not afraid to die; I am ready to go HOME." He said, "This cancer has disappointed me; I thought I was going to get well, but it came back, and I know now I cannot live unless it be God's will." God knew best, as He always does. He made the plan of death just as He made the plan of living. God called him home on October 22, 1995.

Brother Vester's problems are over now because he turned to the Lord, not only for peace for his soul, but for all the problems he had in this life.

Those who don't know the Lord in the pardon and remission of sin have their problems just beginning when death comes. He always talked of how he wanted Grace to be saved, and his daughter Carolyn (Vitko) and his son Michael. He loved his two grandchildren, Tommy and Nicole Vitko. Often he told me things he thought were funny that they did. Time and again he would come to me and ask for prayer for Grace and his children. They seem to be a close-knit family.

Brother Vester and Grace were united in marriage September 1, 1961, one year after he was discharged from the service as Airman Second Class. He retired from Osborne Manufacturing Company in 1993. Elder Junior Jents was his foreman. Brother Vester had lived in Cleveland, Ohio, for 33 years coming from Wayland, (Floyd Co.) Kentucky, where he was born July 4, 1937, the son of Andrew and Eva Hicks.

Others in his family are the following: Verna McKee of Indiana; Viola Crum of Kentucky; Marie Watson of Ohio; Nancy Holbrook of Michigan; one half-sister, Virgie and one half-brother, James Jacobs. His brothers are Vernon of Indiana and Virgil of Virginia. There was one sister Vivian and parents who are deceased.

From what I have heard during his ordeal, Brother Vester was an inspiration in his neighborhood to his friends. I remember well some few years ago, he would always bring a widowed sister in the Lord, Canzella Jefferson, to church. He did so right up to her death. People would often ask, "Is that your mother?" He would say, "No, I just want to treat her as if she were." He surely did!

Brother Vester became a member of the Old Regular Baptist Church after becoming a Child of God. He was baptized April 11, 1965, at the Little Pilgrim Home Church at Ruggles, Ohio, by the late Elders Willie Collins and Clinon Beverly. He took his membership to Pleasant View where he was welcomed into the church in May 1965.

Brother Vester suffered with cancer for five years; off and on the pains would come to ache his body. One blessed thing in all of that was he didn't lay and suffer on his bed a long time. Hardly a week was all that he was bedfast. Grace told me she would often find his Bible under his pillow where he would read and fall

asleep. He asked the nurse earlier in the week if he could go to church at Pleasant View one more time. He was not able. How much we take for granted each day when WE are well and able to go!

To Grace and the family, I would like to say, if you want to be happy, repent and be born again; let GOD control your life. You will have someone to go to when trouble comes, when pain wracks your body. Jesus is one you can always depend on; He will never forsake you. Each person knows the condition of their own heart toward God.

Brother Vester's resting place is in the River Road Cemetery, LaGrange Township, LaGrange, Ohio. The Blackburn Funeral Home of Grafton was in charge of the funeral. Elder Larry Newsome and other ministers conducted the services.

Thanks to all who did a kind deed during his sickness and the funeral. God bless you ALL.

In loving memory, Sister Marjorie Slone

ANDY HOWARD

With much sadness and lonely hearts, we will write the obituary of a wonderful husband and caring father, Andy Howard of Hebron, Ohio. He was born on March 23, 1930 in Mid, KY to the late Russell W. and Elizabeth (Bradley) Howard. He entered into an eternal rest on June 26, 1995 in Columbus, OH. God called him to heaven after making his stay here 65 years, three months, and three days.

Andy is survived by his wife of 36 years, Anna Lou (Isaac) Howard; two daughters: Shelby K. (Gary) Williams of Granville, OH and Rhonda A. Howard of Columbus, OH; one granddaughter, Megan Ann Williams (who truly misses her Papaw); brothers: Ishmal, Troy, Hagar, and Sage; Sister: Edith Quaintenance. He was preceded in death by a son, Paul Z. Howard, who passed away September 18, 1982, five brothers and six sisters.

Andy served in the U.S. Army and Navy for 10 years and was a veteran of the Korean Conflict and the Cuban Crisis. He retired from the Newark Air Force Base after 21 years of service and was a member of the Kikersville, OH American Legion Post #107 and D.A.V.

Andy was taken very suddenly and his companionship is greatly missed. He would always be there in times of need or when something needed fixed. Many neighbors, friends and family continue to talk about good deeds.

We miss him greatly, but know he is in a better place now, where someday we will all be joined together again.

Sadly written by his wife and daughters



Andy Howard

IDA M. HUNT



Ida M. Hunt

Born March 2, 1905, died March 19, 1996. She was 91 years, 17 days. She was the daughter of the late Moses and Emily Deel. She was born in Buchanan County, Virginia. She moved to Ohio in 1930's and then married Rubert H. Hunt who has preceded her in death. She lived at 3983 Radnor Road, Radnor, Ohio since 1947. Surviving her are her daughter: Evelyn (James) Rucker of Delaware; two sons: Everett (Gertrude) of Marion, Ohio and Floyd (Trudy) of Centerberg; six grandchildren, five great-grandchildren and sister: Mary Boyd of Clintwood, Virginia. Even though she did not join the Old Church, she faithfully attended Little Ruth, Family of Love and Mt. Zion for many long years. Whenever Aunt Ida was able, she loved to travel with us.

So rest on AUNT IDA we will see you soon. We all love you.

Written by: Flossie Deel and her son Kilby

MARIE JOHNSON

Sister Marie Johnson was born in Williamson, W. VA, September 5, 1920. Daughter of the late Jim and Hester Payne Varney. Grew up in Pike Co., KY, in a little community known as Turkey Creek. A resident of Frankfort, KY for the past 21 years. Was blessed to live upon God's good earth 75 years, 2 days, bringing joy, love and sunshine to those she met here on life's pathway. Gathering her robe around her, saying good bye to her loved ones, on September 7, 1995, she was escorted away on the angels wings to her home of perfect peace.

Survived by one son, Mickel Johnson, wife Eileen and two granddaughters, Melessa and Lauren, all of Atlanta, GA. A foster daughter, Sheila Hack of PA. Was a good neighbor and a friend to many. A special friend to sister Dicie Adkins and children.

On May 15, 1956, sister Marie was baptized into full love and fellowship of the Turkey Creek Old Regular Baptist Church, Sardis Association, by the hands of the late Eld. Lewis Marcum. Brought her letter to the Antioch Church December 8, 1974. She was faithful to God of her salvation, and by her faith in Him was able to endure the many heartaches, disappointments, trials and sorrows she encountered here on her way to the promise land.

Our hope is in the morning of the resurrection, we will meet Sister Marie in the land of the living, where parting shall never come, and the weary shall be at rest. Memories of you will brighten our day.

With love, Brother Hillard

LACY KAY JONES

How precious is little children, someone to brighten our day and make us feel so loved and wanted. So it was with a darling little blonde-headed girl, Lacy Kay Jones, a little girl with curly locks, eyes as blue as indigo, and a smile like fire in winter, warm and pleasant.

Little Lacy was the daughter of Dale and Rhonda Adkins Jones. She entered their home on May 13, 1991, bringing love and sunshine to them and her little sister, Chelsea. On Saturday evening, July 20, 1996 she was hit by a car near her home in Simpsonville, Shelby Co., KY. The next morning as a new day was dawning around eight o'clock at the Kosair-Children's Hospital in Louisville, KY, the angels came and took her to play around God's throne, where danger will



Lacy Kay Jones

never come, and little children will brighten that glorious city. Besides her father, mother and little sister, she leaves grandparents, James and Patsy Jones of London, KY, Sister Doris Adkins Rowe and Burnard, great-grandmothers, Kathleen Carroll and Frankie Adkins all of Louisville, KY. Uncles, aunts, cousins and friends who will miss the love she gave. She touched the lives of so many. Lacy was the granddaughter of the late Eld. Paul Adkins.

I am so thankful I knew this little girl. Like all little children, she was full of excitement and energy. One Christmas she sat on my knee and whispered in santa's ear what she wanted. In her little world, everything was perfect. She knew no worry, sin or danger, only love. All she had to do was spread love, and she did it well.

Just can't imagine what heaven will be like, little children playing upon the streets of gold, having angels wings and a halo in a land of perfect peace. When Jesus was here, He blessed little children, in heaven they will be forever blessed.

Rhonda and Dale, so many unanswered questions, yet we are not to ask God, "why?" Trust in the Lord and when the sunshine in that glorious morning shines, there we will see the face of little children, and little Lacy will be one in that number to welcome us home.

*A little girl with golden locks.
Busy feet to run and play.
An innocent face, skin so fair.
In heaven now awaits us there.*

Your friend, Bro. Hillard Newsome

BROTHER JAMES CHARLES KING



Bro. James Charles King

It is with deep sadness and much sorrow in our hearts that we write this obituary of our beloved husband, father, grandfather and Brother in Christ.

Brother James was born March 14, 1930 in Paintsville, KY, to the late Sister Verillie (King) Cantrell and departed this life peacefully on February 12, 1996 at his home with his family and friends at his bedside, making his stay here on earth 65 years and 11 months.

He is survived by his wife Nancy of 46 years. To this union were born 3 children: Kathy Smith of Richmond, VA; son and daughter-in-law, Jimmy and Kristy of Marengo, OH; and daughter Karla King of Sunbury, OH; stepfather, Drew Cantrell (now deceased), and five grandchildren:

C. Matthews and Jason Smith, Amanda, Joshua and James Charles King II.

He attended the Old Regular Baptist Church for many years and gave his hand to become a member of the Little Ruth Church on February 10, 1996 during church services held at his home. Dad had told us and the Brothers of the Church of a wonderful experience he had when he felt Jesus had forgiven him and though he wasn't able to be baptized by the water we and the Brothers of the Church feel that he obtained the most important baptism, that of the fire and Holy Ghost.

Dad got great pleasure in reading the Bible and sitting around talking about the scriptures and the Lord with his Brothers of the Church.

The emptiness and loneliness will always be with us. We all hope to meet him in heaven someday.

We love you Dad.

Written by his loving family

MANOR MANUEL

Manor Manuel, age 83, of Langley, KY, passed away Tuesday, January 9, 1996, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital, Martin, KY, following a long illness. He was born August 30, 1912, in Pyramid, KY, the son of the late William Lee and Lucinda Robinson Manuel and preceded in death by his wife, Fannie Arms Manuel. Mr. Manuel was a retired engineer; formerly employed by Kentucky Hydrocarbon, Langley, KY, and a member of the Bethel Old Regular Baptist Church, Langley, KY.

He was an Old Regular Baptist for 40 years. He has gone home with mommy. He was the son of Lee and Lucindy Manuel. Dad had nine children: three sons, William Manuel, Shiloh, Ohio; Ralph Manuel, Garden City, Michigan; James Manuel,

Houston, Ohio; and six daughters: Mildred West, Leesburg, Florida; Jeanette Moore, Alger, Ohio; Mary Lou Hall, Langley, KY; Brenda Tuttle, Bucyrus, Ohio; Alice Tuttle, Rockwood, Michigan; Wanda Bowling, New Albany, Indiana; one brother: Joe Manuel, Langley, KY; two sisters: Margaret Hicks and Amy McGarey, both of Langley, KY; 22 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

Our dad was the greatest man I ever knew. He walked like a tall tree to me. He was special in our eyes. We all could see the beauty of the love of God in our daddy.

He taught his children about Jesus so many times. I hope the children can see Jesus' love that my daddy had. I never seen so much love that one man had for my mommy and his children and all his neighbors and friends. They would come to my dad for help.

He was the clerk for Bethel Church for many years and he was a good one. When something went wrong at the church, everybody would say to go get Brother Manuel and he would always fix it. He did many things for all the churches around and he really enjoyed it for that is the great love we saw in our dad. I know it because I helped him many times.

Daddy truly was an Old Regular Baptist. He told me his experience of how the Lord forgave him. How he felt the evil spirit leave him and the good spirit come in. He was at the gas plant where he worked.

The old church made a deacon out of my dad. He enjoyed it well. He had a good help mate, my mommy. She truly obeyed my dad.

He fed many people and he really enjoyed it for we all knew it because we helped take care of daddy's friends. Our daddy was the best man I ever knew. He was so kind. We all enjoyed it so well.

Daddy shone so many times as we went to church. I know I could write many things about our daddy but daddy preached his own funeral as he went through this life. God knows how we all enjoyed this man. I hope the children can see the great love that I saw in my daddy and the love my daddy had for Jesus.

Written by his son, Willard



Manor Manuel

HELEN (TOLLIVER) MEADE



Helen (Tolliver) Meade

With much sadness and heartache, I will write a few words about my Mother, Helen Ruth Meade. Mom was a special person. She was loved by all who knew her. She never met a stranger. Mom loved to cook and do things for people. She was a "caring and giving" person. Mom loved her family deeply and she was the "rock" that we leaned on.

Mom was born March 18, 1925, in Letcher County, Kentucky. Her parents were Wiley and Flora Tolliver. She was married to Luther Meade on September 1, 1949. She was baptized at the Elizabeth Church in Millstone, KY. After living in Lorain, Ohio for many years, she brought her membership to the Pleasant View Church, Litchfield, Ohio.

Mom is survived by her husband, Luther, of 52 years. A daughter: Brenda (Mrs. Carl) Roberts; two grandchildren: Tracy and Scott. Her sisters are Arminda Sexton, Shirley Williams and Jerri Shepherd. Brothers: Robert, Tommy, Ernie and Alfred. She was preceded in death by her parents, Wiley and Flora (nee) Williams Tolliver; sisters: Julie Tolliver, Virgie Vanover, Sarah Adams and Eva Anderson; brothers: Irvin, Ashland, Hillard and Dennis.

Mom had been sick for two years. Her sickness prevented her from going to church a lot, but her FAITH remained strong. On Sunday, November 12, 1995, Mom's eyes closed in death. But before she died, Mom let us know she was going to Heaven. Mom is waiting for us there, to be with her again.

Written by her saddened and broken-hearted Husband,
daughter, and grandchildren

FARRIS MOORE



Farris Moore

In loving memory of our loving and precious Daddy and loving Grandfather.

Farris Moore was born January 9, 1925 and departed this life May 9, 1996. He was 71 years old.

Farris was the son of the late Ernest Moore and Eliza (Hicks) Moore.

On September 24, 1945 he married Essie (Hall) Moore who preceded him in death August 18, 1995. To this union was born six children, (four daughters and two sons): Idonis Mazei (Rockford, MI), Eliza Ann Malone (Lowell, MI), Janet L. Moore (Mingo, IN), and Linda L. Hall (Mingo, IN). Two sons preceded him in death. He had five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. He is also survived by two sons-in-law: Trent Mazei and Steve Malone.

Daddy joined the Little Flossie Church at Kendallville, IN, April 4, 1986. He was devoted to the Lord and to the Church. He was a good Christian man. Daddy loved people and especially children. Daddy touched a lot of people's life through the years.

What our Daddy and Mommie gave us in their lifetime and what they left behind with us is something no one will ever take away from us nor can money buy it. We have only good memories of our parents. The love they had for us will always be with us.

Daddy has left this world but he will never be forgotten. He loved us and we loved him dearly. We know he is at rest now and we know he is with God.

Written by his daughter, Janet L. Moore

HAZEL (THORNSBURY) MAYNARD

"For He shall give His angels charge over thee to keep thee in all thy ways." (Psalm 91:11) Yes, Sister "Aunt" Hazel had angels watching over her the night of September 19, 1995, in the Fisher-Titus Hospital in Norwalk, OH. She had suffered a heart attack that day and was admitted to the hospital. As the long hours of the night slowly passed away, the angels were encamped around her. As the dawn drew near on Wednesday morning September 20 around the hour of 3:20 a.m., God sent an angel to her bedside. It was time to COME HOME!

Ever since June 4, 1972, when she was baptized into the Pleasant View Church in Litchfield, OH, by Elders Ivan Amburgey and Charles Keesee, she had waited to go Home to be with her Savior.

There she will be happy, no more tears, no more sorrow of any kind, just peace, love, and joy. What a Home-going for a Child of God! She stated the night of her departure, "I am not afraid to die, and I am ready to go!" Many times she got anxious to go being 88 years old. She, like some older people, felt it was needless to stay. She always said, "I never did grow up; I just got older!" Older people have the same needs, wants, and feelings as young people. They want to feel needed; they only grow older in age.

Her pride and joy were her dear loved ones, especially her daughter, Rosalee (Mrs. Dan) Ehler, with whom she made her home for the last three years in Greenwich, OH, and her two grandchildren, Melanie and Casey Ehler. They loved their "Nana" as they called her. She would always mention their names and how precious they were to her. Her son-in-law Dan Ehler was Number One in her book as she would say, "Dan is so sweet and so good. I don't know how Rosalee ever found such a wonderful husband as Dan." She was truly blessed to have a son-in-law just like him.

Before moving to Greenwich, she lived in LaGrange, OH, and we shared many good times together, going out to lunch, shopping, and taking her to church. She was so much fun! She was so young at heart, the kids enjoyed her as well as the



Hazel Maynard

elderly. She has such a sense of humor, but she was just as serious when it came to her spiritual life. She certainly believed in prayer. Before moving to the Elyria/LaGrange area, she lived in Knott Co./Floyd Co. Kentucky where she grew up with many "precious memories" she often told us about.

She was truly blessed never to be sick. Her memory was good, she was very alert, and she loved to read. She stayed in the hospital once just long enough to have a cast put on a broken ankle. After that accident, she had a fear of falling and wasn't as active as before which caused her arteries to stop up resulting in the heart attack. But God certainly blessed her with a good life. It was a real blessing to know "Aunt Hazel."

Being the last member of her Dad's and Mother's family, N.V. Thornsburg and Minnie (Combs) Thornsburg, she was preceded in death by two brothers, John and Herbert; two sisters, Loonie (Mrs. Curt) Collins and Bessie (Mrs. Elmer) Slone, and her estranged husband, Bill Maynard. She had many nieces and nephews. Her sisters-in-law, Laura Thornsburg of LaGrange, OH, and Violet Thornsburg of Medina, OH, were also her sisters in fellowship in the Pleasant View Church.

I am sure it will be hard for Rosalee, Dan Melanie, and little Casey to adjust to her absence, but God is only a whisper away. He is the strength we all need and have to lean on. He is standing, waiting to listen to your needs. His eyes are ever over you, and He will comfort you in your lonely hours. As Children of God, we must not forget Rosalee and her family and be faithful to keep them in our prayers. Aunt Hazel had confidence that she would meet them again some day.

She was laid to rest in the Greenlawn Cemetery near Rosalee's home in Greenwich, OH. She many brothers and sisters had planned a trip to Kentucky, that weekend being the New Salem Association, but many of them canceled that trip to show respect to the family. Rosalee would like to thank all those who came, called, prayed, or even shed one tear and for their love and kindness shown to her mother over these many years. She would especially like to thank the Pleasant View Church for all they did on Sister Hazel's behalf, for the dinner served to everyone the day of the funeral and for all the prayers mentioning their names. To Elders Raymond Gayheart, Hargis Tuttle, and Larry Newsome, a special thank you.

With many precious memories and much love, God bless you.

A niece by marriage, Sister Marjorie Slone

EUNICE PARKER

By request of some of the family, I will try to write this obituary in hope that God will direct my mind and guide my hand that it would be the hand of the ready writer.

Eunice V. Parker was born January 16, 1922 in Pike County, Kentucky, the daughter of Charlie and Gracie Varney. As time went on, she married Tom Parker and to this union was born eight children. Feebie Jane died at the age of two years, and in 1951 Dad was killed in a coal mine leaving Mom with seven children ages one through eleven. The surviving children are: Grace Slone, Meta, Kentucky; Polly West, Marion, Ohio; Teddy Parker, South Shore, Kentucky; Charles Parker, Roy, Washington; Walter Parker, Vinemont, Alabama; Vinnie Ruth Thacker, Marion, Ohio; and Ann Slone, Marion, Ohio. Sometimes one wonders how Mom



Eunice Parker

ever raised all of us children, but I remember when just a little boy lying in bed sometimes awake late at night I would hear Mom calling on the Lord. I wonder so often what would have happened to all her children if Mom hadn't prayed. Mom joined the Little Flock Church in the Union Association the fourth Sunday in February in 1945. After Dad got killed and she moved closer, she moved her membership to the Cedar Bottom Church where she could attend more often. Later, after all the children were gone, she moved to Ohio to stay with her daughter and took her membership to the Family of Love Church in the Northern New Salem Association. The Song of Solomon, the sixth chapter and second verse, says "my Beloved has gone into his garden to the beds of spices, to feed in the gardens and to gather lilies". With my whole heart I believe God picked a lily from the Family of Love Church on the 25th day of August 1995 that will bloom again when that great trumpet sounds and all they that sleep in Christ comes from the grave then they can shout a victory that's worth all the hardships of this world. Remembering when I was a young man and was in the Army, I came home and was going back to Germany, when I started to leave Mom followed me to the door and hugged me and put a little Bible in my shirt pocket. There was no doubt in Mom's mind who could go with me and guide me all the way till I got home again. How precious the memory.

Family of Love Church will always be special to me. So march on in the good old way. This was good enough for the old prophets and good enough for the Apostles and surely it's good enough for the world of mankind.

To all her children and grandchildren who were very special to her, let's go see our sister in her new home. We love you Mom.

Her son, Teddy Parker

DONNA REED



Donna Reed

Whether she was called Donna or Dony, Mother or Mom, Grandmother, Grandma, Granny, Sister Reed, or Mama she was the essence and spirit of Love and Life itself. From her always helping hand, her reassuring smile, her wonderful sense of humor, her quick wit, to her "come in and sit down awhile," to "come back and see me soon," to her "potatoes, green beans and cornbread," Mother and Mama was a constant source of inspiration and unconditional Love which endeared her to all those who had the good fortune to meet and to know her.

Mother and Mama was our "queen bee". Our family evolved around her as its focal point and source of family community from where we would leave, but always come back for nourish-

ment, a witty saying, comfort, hope, and a renewal of faith. She always had a kind word for everyone and never spoke ill of anyone. Likewise, we know of no one who disliked her or ever had a negative thing to say about her. Granny has left this earth but her life will continue to be a testimony of strength and faith to all those who loved her so.

Mama's greatest joy was serving Christ and her family. She was so proud of her family . . . each and every one of them. She instilled in us the value of family and how important it is to be there for each other and to love one another.

We think about all the stories she has told us — like when she was young and was the spelling bee champion of her school, or how the boys always wanted her on their team because she could hit and run so well. And we remember how she loved to work outside with her gardens and her flowers — that gave her great joy. Some day we will hear those stories again and we'll see her working in a heavenly garden, full of flowers.

Born as Donna Prater, in Pyramid, Kentucky on April 4, 1902, she departed this earth on Monday, September 25, 1995, making her stay here 93 years, 5 months and 21 days. She was baptized in July of 1965, being born again and die no more.

She is the Mother of seven surviving daughters: Nadean Howard of Plymouth, Ohio; Naomi Caudill of Plymouth, Ohio; Elsie Daniels of Wellington, Ohio; Bobbie Jo Walker of Winter Park, Florida; Betty Jean of Ashland, Ohio; Shelby Jean of Elyria, Ohio; and Peggy Sue of Mansfield, Ohio; and a son, Dayton of Bowling Green, Ohio. She was preceded in death by four sons: Denver, Dallas, Hobart and an infant son, and a daughter, Thelma. In addition she has 37 grandchildren, 62 great-grandchildren, and 5 great-great-grandchildren. She also leaves behind numerous relatives, friends and church family.

Mother's and Mama's husband, Hiram, passed away in 1951, leaving her to raise and take care of the children by herself. Her hard work and commitment to her family and her complete independence to provide for herself and her family continued all her life. She never let down and she never gave up . . . even at the end. She loved life as much as she loved her family. But her love and strength in

God made her realize that when the Lord said it was time to come Home she would be ready . . . and she was.

She leaves us now, but only in body, but never, never in spirit. She has left her spirit behind for all her family to share. She will always be in our hearts, our conversations, our holiday gatherings, and our family reunions, which she hoped and prayed would continue after she made the Crossing. She leaves behind a great family in which she will be remembered for generations to come.

Mother, Mama, Granny although we must with heavy heart and much sadness say good-bye for now, we know that you are in that wonderful place, where you are at peace, where you have the best of everything, where you no longer have pain or suffering, where the sun always shines, and where you are surrounded by those flowers that you always loved so much, but will never have to water again, because they will bloom forever . . . but none as long and as beautiful as you.

And so until we meet again in Heaven, sleep peacefully, we loved you very much and you will always be in our hearts.

"My flesh and my heart faileth; but God is the strength of my heart, and my portion forever." Psalm 73:26.

In Loving Memory,
by David Howard and Pamela Howard, Grandchildren,
and Sister Nadean Howard

ERMA LEE REYNOLDS

I am very sad and broken hearted as I try to write the obituary of my dear mother, Erma Reynolds. She entered eternal life on October 29, 1995 at Riverside Hospital in Toledo, Ohio after a sudden illness.

She was born on December 2, 1933 into the home of John M. and Virgie Watts at Garner, Kentucky. She grew up in the hills of Knott County. She was in her early 20's when she moved to Ohio. There she met and married James Reynolds. They remained together for over 30 years. She worked as a seamstress for most of her life. She was in the process of retirement and looking forward to not having to work anymore.



Erma Lee Reynolds

She leaves behind two sons: Roger Watts and daughter-in-law Teri of Swanton, Ohio, and Mike Elamon of Toledo, Ohio. She has one daughter: Jami Reynolds of Toledo, Ohio and one step-daughter, Nanny Pelphey of Naples, Florida. She has six grandchildren; Richard and Shannah Watts of Swanton, Ohio; Genny Pelphey of Naples, Florida; Jimmy, Justin, and Jalisa Rodriguez of Toledo, Ohio. Her brothers are Leon Watts of Garner, Kentucky and Harless Watts of Mousie, Kentucky. Her sisters are Audrey Adams of Hindman, Kentucky, Veda Reynolds of Taylor, Michigan, and Treva Thomas of Blountville, Tennessee. She also has a host of nephews, nieces, and friends all over this country.

My mother proclaimed her faith in God and was baptized into the Little Ida Church of Old Regular Baptist in Ecorse, Michigan, the first day of June, 1991. I remember that day well. It was a beautiful day and we drove a long way to reach the river where she was baptized. I remember how pretty she looked as Brother Ralph Caudill led her into the water. I thought this is how the angels in heaven must look and when she came from the water, she was happier than I have ever seen her. She remained a faithful member of Little Ida and loved her church until the end.

Many people have told me how very proud she was of her children and grandchildren. Family meant everything to her. Thanksgiving was her special day. She always wanted the family to be at her home for dinner. If someone couldn't make it for some reason she'd just smile and say "maybe next year."

I talked with my mother almost every day and it seemed like the older we got, the closer we were. She wasn't just my mother, but also my friend and I miss her dearly. I also know her friends at Little Ida miss her when they look at her empty seat. It's also so very hard for sister Veda, especially on Sundays because that was their day to spend together going to church and visiting. They were as close as two sisters could be. I close this by saying that the last words I spoke to her as she was lying in the hospital bed was "Mother, you have to get better. We have a family reunion to go to." She opened her eyes and looked at me as if to say that she was going to a reunion in Heaven. I believe with everything in me that is where she is today. I know the Lord had his reasons for taking my mother, but he left a lot of good memories with me. She'll never be forgotten.

Written by her broken-hearted son, Roger Watts

ELDER MILBURN WHIPPLE REYNOLDS



Elder Milburn Reynolds

With the help of the Lord I will try to write a short obituary of Milburn Whipple Reynolds. Brother Whipple was born June 26, 1906 and deceased May 22, 1996. He was a member of the Rose of Sharon Church of Old Regular Baptist in South Rockwood, Michigan. He served as assistant Pastor for several years at Rose of Sharon Church and he had served several churches in Kentucky as Pastor and assistant Pastor.

Brother Whipple leaves to mourn his loss: his loving and faithful companion of 58 years, Maxie Leedy Reynolds. Five daughters and sons-in-law: Nadine and Gene Lankford of Bakersfield, California; Yvonne and Carl Ogar of Metamora, Michigan; Billie and Dave West of Vonore, Tennessee; Phyllis and Ballard Akers of Ypsilanti, Michigan; and Lynn and Ronnie Knight of Madisonville, Tennessee. Sons and daughters-in-law: Earl and Joy Reynolds of Milan, Michigan, and John and Anne Reynolds of Brighton, Michigan. Thirty-three grandchildren and 25 great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews. Preceded in death by daughters: Jenny Stoecker and Justice Ray and son, Joe Dean Reynolds.

There could be volumes of good things that could be written about this great minister, husband, father and friend. I am sure that each of the children and grandchildren could relate to you various happenings in their lives that touched them in many ways. Dad will be missed by all of the many people that were touched by his life.

The church has lost a wonderful member and the rest have lost a loving and faithful friend, husband, father and grandfather. Brother Whipple was a faithful member of the Old Regular Baptist Church for almost 52 years. I personally have known Brother Whipple as long as I can remember and he was always a preacher of the Gospel. There is much more that could and should be about as Sister Maxie said, most of the words were related to him while he was alive. I have lost a dear brother in Christ and a good friend.

Written by: Elder Ray Hamilton

IMAL ADKINS ROWE

As a blanket of white, fluffy snow had fallen a few days previous to this day, Saturday, January 13, 1996, a cool morning breeze was putting a chill in the air. Yet it did not prevent the angels, from coming and carrying the soul of this our loving mother, grandmother, daughter, sister, and a devoted friend to wit: Imal Rowe. As she took her departure on the angels wings, to her eternal rest, leaving behind her worries, sorrows and troubles, exchanging them for a land of perfect peace. Where the sun will always shine, joy shall be eternal. Blessed to live on this good earth 74 years, 1 month and 21 days. In the lovely hills of Eastern Kentucky, in a little community known as Greasy Creek, Pike County, where the trees stand tall on the mountains, wildflowers bloom, bees and butterflies fly freely beneath



Imal Adkins Rowe

the clear blue sky, streams of fresh, cool water rumbles noisily down the hollow. Here in this lovely setting, Sister Imal was born on November 24, 1921. Gracing the home of the late Criss Adkins and Frankie Mullins Adkins, who survives. Here she treaded the old dirt road, roamed the hills, picking wildflowers, playing in the streams and being educated in a one room school, along with her 7 little sisters and 4 brothers.

In early life she was married to the late Virgil Rowe. God trusted into the hands of this young wife and dedicated mother 5 little girls and 1 son, who survive. They are: Kay Wicker of Marion, OH; Cheryl DeGorge, Sharon Leras, Judy Dixon, and Ava Webber. Son: Lynn David (Ben) Rowe, all of Louisville. A little boy, Perry Rowe, who was left motherless at the age of two, became her son, who she loved as her own. Also survived by 10 grandchildren, 4 great-grandchildren. Preceded in death by 2 brothers: Eld. Paul Adkins and John Willis Adkins; 1 sister, Ozell Bibb. Surviving sisters are: Edith Gillespie of Charlestown, IN; Rebel Coleman of Grundy, VA; Peggy Adins, Betty Thacker, Ruby Caulfield and Carol

Alvey; two brothers: Edd and Bennitt Adkins all of Louisville, who will cherish the memories of childhood, growing up around the old home on Greasy Creek.

Sister Imal collected friends both young and old, far and near, who will long remember the warm friendship she gave to those she met along life's pathway.

On the 3rd Sunday in November 1966, sister Imal was baptized into full love and fellowship of the Antioch Old Regular Baptist Church, by the hands of the late Paul Adkins and Glenn Adkins. Here she gleamed in the fields like Ruth, humble like Hannah, quiet like Mary, meek like Martha. Filling her seat in the corner of the Antioch Church, here she was quiet, yet prayerful, no doubt the prayers of this silent sister caused God to take notice and pour out a blessing, as we worshipped in His house. She dressed modestly, simple, yet she was meek, humble, never ashamed of her church and its belief. She arrived early, enjoying her fellowship with her Bros. and Sister, who will miss her presence. For thirty years she let her light shine, by setting good examples for others to see that she was different from the world. The pride of life, changing ways of the world never bothered Sister Imal. Her cross was heavy, yet she never complained. Worked and labored with her hands to provide her means. She didn't set down, when the puzzles of life fell apart. Picked them up, put them together and continued on. Idle not her time away, accepted no welfare, trusted in God for strength as she went about doing domestic work, so she would be a burden to no one. A sister of honor, with dignity, friend to cherish.

To you, her children, hold your head high, honor her as a devoted, loving and caring mother. One who gave you good advice and council, setting good examples for you to follow, you would do well to walk in her steps, pattern your life like hers. A poor mother in earthly riches, yet rich in the Lord. As long as you live, the memories of this your loving mother will comfort and sustain you in days to come. Her hands of labor and love has ceased to care for you, yet she would beg you to remember the life she lived, repent and prepare to meet her again in a land of perfect peace. Her toils of life has ended, her joys of heaven has begun, as she boarded the old ship of Zion, carrying her to that peaceful shore. Where Jesus said, "Welcome home child, your home of eternal rest, where worries shall cease, and joy shall be eternal."

With precious memories, Bro. Hillard Newsome

DAN SLONE

It is with great sadness and broken hearts that we attempt, with the help of God, to write the obituary of our loving father Dan Slone.

He was born November 1, 1915 to the late John and Nancy Slone at Fishtrap, Kentucky, and deceased this life December 15, 1995, making his stay on earth 80 years, 1 month, and 14 days. He was married to Stella Slone on August 17, 1933. They were blessed to live together 59 years, 6 months, and 14 days. To this union was born eight children. He leaves to mourn his death: five daughters: Polly Kayser of Mouthcard, KY; Gracie Thacker of Crossville, TN; Alice Darnell of Willard, OH; Florence Hobbs and Reva Hackney both of Lorain, OH; three sons: Ocil Slone of Buffalo Grove, IL; Vinton Slone of Amherst, OH, and



Dan Slone

Dan Slone Jr. of Elyria, OH; nine grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren; one brother: Wheeler Slone of Fishtrap, KY; four sisters: Fairy Slone and Sophie Mae Pinion of Fishtrap, KY, Alice Carter of Zebulon, KY; Josephine Mullins of Feds Creek, KY, and a host of friends. He was preceded in death by his wife Stella Slone on March 3, 1993. He was also preceded in death by two brothers: Ben Slone and David Slone; one sister: Ella Thacker; four grandchildren: Woodrow Thacker Jr., Jeanell Hayslett, Bobby Kayser, and Michael D. Slone. He joined the Old Regular Baptist Church on the first Saturday in June, 1986, and was baptized the same day by Elder Perry Layne and Elder King Coleman. His membership was at the Cedar Bottom Old Regular Baptist Church, Kimper, KY.

Daddy never got over losing Mother. He would talk about her and cry almost every day after she passed away. Daddy always worked hard to provide for his family. He suffered a stroke on October 8, 1995, and while he was in the hospital he told me several times he wanted to go home. And I knew he meant Heaven, that wonderful place where there will be no more sadness and pain.

God gave us a wonderful father and mother, and we are grateful for the many happy memories we have of them. We miss you so much but we truly feel our loss is Heaven's eternal gain. Rest in peace until we all meet again.

Written by his broken-hearted children

ELDER WINSTON SLONE



Elder Winston Slone

In loving memory, and by request of his wife, I am honored to write the obituary of one whom I loved and deeply respected. Brother Winston was born in Knott County, Kentucky, in 1921, to Miles N. and Ada Lee Slone, and died September 12, 1995. He was a Veteran of World War II. On February 1945 in Floyd County, Kentucky, he was married to Jeanette Smith, by Elder Earl Howard. To this union was born two sons: Ed Senior of Kendallville, Indiana and Bill Senior of South Milford, Indiana. Also surviving besides his wife and sons are his sisters: Marie Prater and Marinda Slone of Ohio; Ruby Tiller of

West Virginia and Ruth Pyck of Kendallville, Indiana. Brothers: Clyde of Ohio; Herman of Kentucky and Burnard of Kendallville, Indiana; also seven grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. Plus a great host of friends, and brothers and sisters in the Church.

Brother Winston was a Minister in The Old Regular Baptist Church, for about thirty years. He was Moderator of The Northern Little Dove Church, of R. R. #3, Warsaw, Indiana, for about twenty years. He was a good leader, and always gave good advice and council to the Church, and was able to take care of any problems which arose in the Church. He was strong in the faith, and bore his sickness with patience.

His wife kept him home most of the time, during his sickness, and cared for him with the help of Aids and Nurses. He died surrounded by the love and care of his family, and brothers and sisters of the Church. We will all miss him. But one day when this life is over, the ones that have been borne again, and are on that strait and narrow road, will meet him again. Where we will not have to part again. So to his family and friends, if you don't know God in a pardon and remission of your sins, this would be a good day to start. Tomorrow may be too late.

Written by a Brother in the Lord, J. C. Napier

NONA MULLINS-SMITH

With love and remembrance in our hearts and by the grace of God, we will try to write this obituary of our mother, Nona Mullins-Smith.

Mother was born in Virgie, Kentucky on May 16, 1929 to the late Delmer and Edna Burke. She went to be with the Lord on September 14, 1995.

She met and married our father, the late Roman Mullins in 1945. From this union were born two children: Larry R. Mullins of Southgate, Michigan and Linda K. Lemon of Bristolville, Ohio. Mother will be greatly missed by her daughter-in-law, Dawn, and her son-in-law, Larry. She also leaves to mourn five grandchildren: Larry, Bill, Jason, Danny and Larry, Jr.; two great-grandchildren: Roman and Derek; five sisters: Fronia Shelton of River Rouge, Michigan;

Dean Burke of Detroit, Michigan; Shirley Johnson of Detroit, Michigan; Jean Bredin of Atlanta, Georgia; Judy O'Neal of Champion, Ohio; three brothers: Acy Burke of Champion, Ohio; Truman Burke of Tavares, Florida; Tony Burke of Bristolville, Ohio. Two sisters and two brothers preceded her in death.

Mother was a faithful member of the Old Regular Baptist Faith for over 43 years. After being a widow for eight years, she remarried the late Rev. Lloyd Smith. Mother will be sadly missed by a host of friends and family. The earth's loss is Heaven's gain.



Nona Mullins-Smith

Written by her children

MINNIE TRIPLETT



Minnie Triplett

Minnie Triplett, age 84 of Lexington Court Nursing Home, Lexington, Ohio died Friday, October 13, 1995, in Mansfield General Hospital after a long illness.

She was born October 4, 1911 in Mousie, Kentucky to Rob and Virgie Wicker. She lived in Tiro and Crestline, Ohio for 50 years.

Surviving are five daughters: Doris Collins of Crestline; Janice Mahon and Flossie Kaple of Findlay; Rochella Summers of Mansfield; and Rosella Leety of Denver, Colorado; 16 grandchildren, 24 great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; a brother: Elmer Ray Wicker of Lexington, Ohio; and a sister: Flossie Corkhill of Huntington, Indiana. She was preceded in death by her husband, Curtis Triplett.

Curt and Minnie joined the Wymame Church together in Florida. They brought their letter back from Florida to The Little Rebecca Church 5 years later. She belonged to The Little Rebecca Church for approximately 20 years.

Minnie was a very devoted wife and a good and loving Mother and Grandmother. She loved all the brothers and sisters in The Little Rebecca Church, and attended church regularly.

She was talented in quilt making and it gave her great joy to give them as wedding gifts to her children and grandchildren. Her greatest pleasure was to gather her family into her home for many good old-fashioned meals. Her special recipes for gingerbread, chicken dumplings and biscuits will always be treasured by her family.

Minnie was very enthusiastic about going places and doing things with her family.

Her legacy to us is her kindness, her example of love for her friends and family, and her strong faith in God.

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