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

It is with humbleness and precious memories that we wish to dedicate this 44th Annual Session of the Northern New Salem Association to the memory our beloved Elders, Brothers and Sisters who have expired since our last setting. They once gleamed in the fields with us here. They now rest from their labor, awaiting that glorious morning when once again we hope to join their company.

To the Little Flock Church, you have our condolence in the departure of our beloved and honorable Bro., Eld. Joshua Hicks. He was a highly respected minister for many years, a great counselor, always giving good advice and counsel in our churches and associations. Ever striving for peace and order.

To the Little Edna Church, we join in your sorrow, in the loss of our beloved Bro., Eld. David Slone. A brother of little stature, yet he stood tall in our mist. A Bro. of christian qualities, meek and humble. We would all do well to follow his examples and remember the humble life he lived. His advice and counsel, his love and fellowship will long be remembered.

Let's wait in hope of that great and perfect day, in which we hope to join them, they left us with precious memories.

With Love
Bro. Newsome
Bro. Turner — Clerks

The kind words you speak today, will long be remembered tomorrow.
Bro. Newsome



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

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PROCEEDINGS

Of The
Forty-Fourth Annual Session of the
Northern New Salem Association of Old Regular Baptist
The Church of Jesus Christ
August 3, 2001

Friday Session

As pilgrims from far and near were welcome by the Little Rebecca Church to attend this blessed old Association. So was the abundance of rain that began to fall from the far away distant rain clouds. Saturating the good earth, the parched ground, that had longed for water. Just as we as God's children yearns for a drink of that spiritual water that quenches the thirst of our never dying soul.

The steady falling rain didn't hinder the congregation from singing the inspiring songs of Zion. Causing one to soon forget the many miles on the tedious highways, one had journeyed to assemble here. It was here on these grounds, forty-four years ago, our forefathers, our Elder brothers gathered here to organize this the Northern New Salem Association.

Alternate Eld. Danny Carty, feeling unworthy, yet humble, introduced the services and led in a very warm and uplifting prayer.

Eld. Stoney Blackburn approached the stand with gladness in his heart of being a part of this blessed old church. He was soon blessed to preach repentance to the world. Saying, "Are you ready to meet Him today?" He admonished the congregation to let their light shine. That we may be the only Bible others may read.

Those who were not delegates were asked to remain at the pavilion where preaching would soon began. The delegates were advised to assemble in the sanctuary of the Little Rebecca Church to conduct the business of this the 44th Annual Session.

After assembling in the house and one of Zions songs was sung. Our Eld. Brother, Eld. Paris Tackitt was called on to make remarks, words of wisdom, words of inspiration, proclaiming that we are saved by faith, traveling by same. Eld. Gary Blevins of the Philadelphia Association led in prayer.

Eld. Roy Caudill, Moderator, announced that the 44th Annual Session of the Northern New Salem Association was now in working order.

Friday, August 4, 2001

1. The Moderator called for the letters from the churches that compose the Northern New Salem Association to be handed into the Clerk. On motion by Bro. Mike Hiatt, second by Eld. Scott Hamilton, the letter from the Little Rebecca Church was read by the Clerk. A motion was made by Eld. Ray Hamilton, second by Eld. Buford Brock to receive the letters and seat the delegates. By the same motion, all queries and requests were referred to the Committee on Arrangements.

2. The Northern New Salem 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, Tommy Dials, Arnold Whitaker. Officers elected:

Moderator	Eld. Roy Caudill
Assistant Moderator	Eld. Paris Tackitt
Clerk	Eld. Hillard Newsome

- Assistant Clerk Eld. Coeburn Wayne Turner
- (a) Noted by the Association concerning our finance committee and was moved and second that our finance committee be appointed at the same time of the election of officers. The committee appointed: Elders: Monroe Jones, Ralph Caudill, Ray Hamilton. Eld. Buford Brock made a motion, second by Eld. Doug McCarty to receive the report of the committee appointed and discharged them of their duties.
3. By a motion made by Bro. Mike Hiatt, second by Bro. James Wagner the moderator was authorized to make all temporary appointments.
 4. On motion by Eld. Ray Hamilton, second by Bro. Ballard Brown, reading of the Constitution, Articles of Faith and Rules of Decorum were omitted.
 5. Called for legally organized churches of our same faith and order desiring to join our union and received one, the Little Ellen Church, Alsip, IL. Represented by delegates: Lowell Mullins, Jimmy Sowards, and Cletis Easterling. On motion by Eld. Larry Newsome, second by Eld. Buford Brock the Little Ellen Church was received by given them the right hand of fellowship.
 6. Called for Associations of our same faith and order desiring to continue a Godly correspondence and the following responded by letter and delegate.
 - (a) **New Salem** — Represented by the following delegates: Ellis Holbrook, Monroe Jones, Forest D. Hall, Chuck Hall, Jimmy Dye, Ted Burke, James Branham, Ruben L. Gillman, Offie Bartley, Autie Puckett Jr., Squire Hamilton, James Waddles, Glenn Frasure, Clyde Lewis, Teddy Robinson, Roger Hicks, Woody Pack, Preston Lewis, Jack Adkins, Buster Turner, Doug Bailey, Deffort Thornesberry, Clinton Williams, Danny Crawford, John Tucker, Teddy Heath Robinson, Talmadge Hicks, Frank Adams, Charlie Sammans, Kenneth Wright, Bill Cotton, Macarthur Jacobs, Buck Tuttle, Elisha Branham, Rodney Slone, Don Vanderpool, Ralph Slone, Jr., Arnold Adkins and Howard Parsley. Letter in the hands of Eld. Chuck Hall. A motion was made by Eld. Elmer Edwards, second by Bro. Dan Thornsberry to receive their letter and seat the delegates with us in council by the right hand of fellowship.
 - (b) **Union** — Represented by the following delegates: Jimmy Dale Sanders, Ked Adkins, Gary Sanders, Bobby Johnson, Earl Hill, Floyd Jude, John B. Hamilton, Estil Hamilton, Eddie Slone, Jacob Deel, Bobby Adkins, Danny Robinette, Sollie Miller, Jr., Jimmy Stewart. Letter in the hands of Bro. Bobby Johnson. Eld. Milton Dye made a motion, second by Eld. Denver Meade to receive their letter and seat the delegates with us in council by the right hand of fellowship.
 - (c) **Philadelphia** — Represented by the following delegates: Gary Adkins, Harlan Barney, Ira Adkins Jr., Lowell Adkins, Howard Adkins, Bert Samons, Willis Tolliver, Gary Blevins, Paul Boggs, Paul David Moore, Curt Seagraves, Wayne Caudill and Walter Morrison. Letter in the hands of Bro. Wayne Caudill. A motion was made by Bro. John Elkins, second by Eld. Larry Newsome, to receive their letter and seat the delegates with us in council by the right hand of fellowship.
 - (d) **Sardis** — Represented by the following delegates: Chester Cochran, Gary Adair, Hobart Hamilton, Thomas J. Dials, Ron Hamilton, Johnny Adair, Jr., Richard Staton, Charlie Jarrolds. Letter in the hands of Eld. Hobart Hamilton. A motion was made by Eld. Ray Hamilton, second by Eld. Stoney Blackburn to receive their letter and seat the delegates with us in council by the right hand of fellowship.
 - (e) **Old Friendship** — Represented by the following delegates: David Lester, Wallace Mitchell, Dewey Matney, Phillip Estep, Junior Coleman, Monroe Matney and Sherd

Mullins. Letter in the hands of Bro. Junior Coleman. A motion was made by Eld. Buford Brock, second by Eld. Scott Hamilton to receive their letter and seat the delegates with us in council by the right hand of fellowship.

- (f) **Old Indian Bottom** — Represented by the following delegates: Paul Back, Aaron Whitaker, Jr., Murl Caudill, Arnold Whitaker, Delmer Jones, Haston Whitaker, Melvin Fields and Clarren Williams. Letter in the hands of Bro. Paul Back. A motion was made by Bro. James Wagner, second by Eld. Doug McCarty to receive their letter and seat the delegates with us in council by the right hand of fellowship.
- 7. The Moderator appointed a committee consisting of the delegates from the Little Rebecca Church, together with one delegate from each of the other churches to arrange the ministry for Friday evening and Saturday morning who reported as follows: Friday evening — Elders: Richard Staton — Sardis; Claren Williams — Old Indian Bottom and Gary Blevins — Philadelphia. Saturday A.M. Elders: Buck Tuttle, Squire Hamilton — both of New Salem, Estil Hamilton — Union, Philip Estep — Old Friendship and Willis Tolliver — Philadelphia.
- 8. Called for transient ministers and members of our same faith and order and the following responded: Elders: Morris Wicker, Delmas Hall, Danny Adams, Buddy W. Carty and Johnny Bentley.
- 9. A motion was made by Bro. Mike Hiatt, second by Eld. Billy Miller 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) Bro. Roy Collins made a motion, second by Eld. Eddie Wallen that we the Northern New Salem Association adjourn until 9 a.m. Saturday morning, August 4, 2001.
 - (b) The committee met pursuant to adjournment Friday noon and completed its work on the Bill of Arrangements. The services for the evening were introduced by Eld. Richard Staton — Sardis. Prayer by Eld. Jimmy Dale Sanders — Ass't. Moderator of the Union Association. His prayer was warm and uplifting filled with the good spirit. 2nd: Eld. Claren Williams — Old Indian Bottom and 3rd. Eld. Gary Blevins — Philadelphia.
 - (c) The request from the Little Flossie Church was read by the Clerk. The request is in reference to the Little Polly Church, asking the Association to withdraw from the Little Polly Church and to declare them in disorder. Owing to the letter that the Little Polly Church sent to our sister churches in the Northern New Salem Association. Declaring non fellowship with us and all our corresponding Associations.

Eld. Stoney Blackburn made a motion, second by Bro. Dennis Elkins to send the request back to the Little Flossie Church.

See item #11 of Saturday's work — August 4, 2001.

Saturday, August 4, 2001

Met pursuant to adjournment this the second day of the Northern New Salem Association. As the rain clouds of yesterday had drifted far away out in the distant sky. This morn-

ing was blessed with the warm rays of the bright brilliant sunshine. Bringing with it a cool refreshing breeze. Soon one could hear the echo of the inspiring songs being sung by the congregation. Eld. Ellis Holbrook — Moderator of the New Salem Association was called on to make remarks. Telling us of Moses and the burning bush, and that salvation is ever lasting. Eld. Jimmy Dye of the New Salem Association offered a warm and humble prayer, that blessed our souls with gladness.

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. Ray Hamilton, second by Eld. Stoney Blackburn to receive the Bill of Arrangements and discharge the committee.
3. The Circular Letter written by Eld. Hillard Newsome for our 2001 Session was read by him. A motion was made by Eld. Buford Brock, second by Eld. Ray Hamilton to receive the letter and have it printed in our 2001 Minutes.
4. The finance committee appointed Friday. Item 2a, consisting of Elders: Monroe Jones, Ralph Caudill, and Ray Hamilton, reported as follows:

2001 Church contributions	\$5,675.00
2001 Money for Pictures	560.00
Other contributions	604.00
Total money received for 2001	\$6,839.00

A motion was made by Eld. Elmer Edwards, second by Eld. Mike Hiatt 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, 2000	\$3,368.82
2000 Church contributions	5,660.00
2000 Picture money	495.00
Other contributions	<u>—0—</u>
Total money on hand August 6, 2000	\$9,523.82

Expenses for 2000

B.

Printer's Fee	\$5,516.50
Secretary's Fee	200.00
Postage, U.P.S. Freight	426.47
Supplies, Letters Printed, Flowers	<u>76.60</u>
Total Expenses for 2000	\$6,219.57
Total of A	\$9,523.82
Less Total of B	<u>6,219.57</u>
Balance	3,304.25
Plus Interest Earned	<u>38.57</u>
Balance August 3, 2001	\$3,342.82
Plus money received for 2001	<u>6,839.00</u>
Total money on hand August 5, 2001	\$10,181.82

Money sent by the Sister churches of the Northern New Salem

Association to the Little Rebecca Church in helping host the 2001 Session **\$8,075.00**

6. Eld. Ralph Caudill made a motion, second by Eld. Dee Osborne to accept the treasurer's

report. By the same motion Eld. Hillard Newsome was appointed recording secretary. He is to have 4,000 copies of the current minutes printed and distributed among the churches according to their contributions. The secretary is to receive \$200.00 for his services. Printer's fee is to appear on the front cover.

7. Eld. Stoney Blackburn made a motion, second by Eld. Scott Hamilton 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.
 - (a) Eld. Ray Hamilton made a motion, second by Bro. Ballard Brown that from this day forward that the cost of putting a picture in the minutes of the deceased spouse of an officer of the Northern New Salem Association be removed.
8. The following ministers were chosen to preach Saturday evening and Sunday morning. Saturday evening: Elders: (1) Ked Adkins-Union; (2) Teddy Robinson-New Salem; (3) Roger Hicks-absent-replaced by Clyde Lewis-New Salem. Sunday morning: Elders: (1) Roy Caudill, Paris Rackitt, Hillard Newsome and C. W. Turner all of the Northern New Salem..
9. On motion by Eld. Hargis Tuttle, second by Eld. Doug McCarty, the report of the Elders attending Union Meetings and Associations for the year 2000 and 2001 were given.
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 2001 and continuing the two following days. Delegates to attend: Loyd Hall, Hillard Newsome, Sam Franks, Scott Hamilton, Milton Dye, Ballard Brown, Carl Owsley, Buford Brock, Buddy W. Carty, Forest Osborne, Ernest Owens, Paul R. Moore, Wayne Turner, Paris Tackitt, Hargus Tuttle and Allan D. Osborne. 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 2001 and continuing the two following days. Delegates to attend: Arvid Blevins, Loyd Hall, Carl Owsley, Hillard Newsome, John M. Elkins, Buddy W. Carty, Ernest Owens, Wayne Turner, Paris Tackitt, Ballard Brown and Allan D. Osborne. Letter in the hands of Eld. Paris Tackitt.
 - (c) **Philadelphia** — When convened with the Friendship Church at the Association Building at Worthington, KY. Beginning on Friday before the second Saturday in August 2001 and continuing the two following days. Delegates to attend: Milton Dye, Sam Franks, John M. Elkins, Buford Brock, Buddy W. Carty, Forest Osborne, Kilby Deel, Delmas Hall, Buddy Workman, Wayne Turner, Hillard Newsome, and Paris Tackitt. Letter in the hands of Eld. Wayne Turner.
 - (d) **Sardis** — When convened with the host churches at the Association Building, Varney, Pike County, KY. Beginning on Friday before the second Saturday in September 2001 and continuing the two following days. Delegates to attend: Arvid Blevins, Sam Franks, Carl Owsley, John M. Elkins, Buddy W. Carty, Forest Osborne, Wayne Turner and Hillard Newsome. Letter in the hands of Eld. Buddy W. Carty.
 - (e) **Old Friendship** — When convened with the Little Dove Church, Hurley, VA. Beginning on Friday before the fourth Saturday in August 2001 and continuing the two fol-

lowing days. Delegates to attend: Buford Brock, Roy Collins, Duane Graves and Hillard Newsome. Letter in the hands of Eld. Buford Brock.

- (f) **Old Indian Bottom** — When convened with the Doty Creek and Lone Valley Churches at the permanent Association Site at the Mallet Fork Church, Pinetop, KY. Beginning on Friday before the first Saturday in September 2001 and continuing the two following days. Delegates to attend: Scott Hamilton, Sam Franks, John M. Elkins, Buford Brock, Buddy W. Carty, Paul R. Moore, Wayne Turner, Delmas Hall and Roy Caudill. Letter in the hands of Eld. Roy Caudill.

Bro. Newsome, the Clerk asked for a motion giving him the authority to have ordination forms printed in the current minutes for this year only.

A motion was made by Bro. Reed Triplett, second by Eld. Ralph Caudill to have forms printed.

11. The request from the Little Flossie Church in reference to the Little Polly Church was read by the Clerk. After much discussion it was agreed that we the Association acted hastily in Friday's work concerning the Little Flossie's request.

Eld. Stoney Blackburn withdrew his motion made Friday, as did Bro. Dennis Elkins withdraw his second to the motion.

Eld. Scott Hamilton made a motion, second by Eld. Raymond Stapleton to recant the motion made in Friday's work in reference to the request from the Little Flossie Church.

In answer to the request from the Little Flossie Church in regards of withdrawing from the Little Polly Church and publishing them in disorder by the Association. Bro. John M. Elkins made a motion, second by Eld. Buford Brock that the moderator apoint a committee to go to the Little Polly Church the second Saturday in November 2001 at 4 o'clock to see if peace can be restored. Committee appointed Elders: Roy Caudill, Ray Hamilton, Hillard Newsome, Wayne Turner, Scott Hamilton, Danny Adams and Buddy W. Carty.

12. Eld. Milton Dye made a motion, second by Bro. Dan Thornsberry to grant the request of the Pleasant View Church the honor of hosting the 45th Annual Session of the Northern New Salem Association. Commencing on Friday before the first Saturday in August 2002 and continuing the two following days.
13. By a secret vote of the delegates Eld. Arvid Blevins was chosen to preach the Introductory Sermon. Eld. Doug McCarty to be his alternate and Eld. Russell Hicks is to write the Circular Letter for our 2002 Session.
14. A motion was made by Bro. Roy Collins, second by Eld. Stoney Blackburn to omit reading of the current minutes.
15. Eld. Stoney Blackburn made a motion, second by Eld. Buford Brock, that we the Northern New Salem Association, adjourn until time and place mentioned in the 12th item of the current minutes, Saturday's work.

A closing prayer was offered by Eld. Murl Caudill, Moderator of the Old Indian Bottom Association. Bringing to a close this pleasant and joyous 44th gathering of this glorious old Association.

Done and signed by order of the Association.

Elder Roy Caudill
Elder Daniel C. Jackitt
Elder Hillard Newsome
Elder Caudill Wayne Turner

Moderator

Ass't. Moderator

Clerk

Ass't Clerk

Sabbath Morning, August 5, 2001

It was such a lovely sunny morning, a cool breeze swaying among the trees. As the faithful believers began to assemble in the sanctuary of the Little Rebecca Church. The singing of hymns and praise to our Heavenly Father was soon heard in our mist.

Services for the morning were introduced by Bro. Deffort Thornsberry of the New Salem Association, prayer by same.

Second on the stand was Eld. Teddy Robinson and third Eld. Roger Hicks both of the New Salem Association. They were well blessed to bring the good news from afar.

A dismissal prayer was offered by our beloved Moderator — Eld. Roy Caudill.

Thanks to one and all young and old for your hospitality. You the Little Rebecca Church showed your love and concern for we weary travelers. The food was good and wholesome, served with ladles of love, warm smiles and kindness. The youngling and friends that gave a helping hand, we love you beyond words.

You kind one's in Camper's Village was it ever so good to see you. Sorry of the problems, perhaps next time we can do better, for you deserve the best. Please roll on safely down the highways and byways. Stopping at the Pleasant View Church, come August 2002, it's there and then we will share our love with you. Thanks for the donation of \$250.00 for the Little Rebecca Church.

Circular Letter by Elder Hillard Newsome

My dearly beloved Brothers and my most precious Sisters of the Northern New Salem Association, I, your unworthy servant, has been chosen by the delegates to write a circular letter for your inspection for this the 44th Annual Session. It is with much fear and humbleness that I write to you from the inner chambers of my humble heart this letter. First, let me give thanks to God for His goodness and express to you my love and gratitude for this great honor that you have bestowed upon me. May all I write be to the glory and honor of God; our redeemer and the great shepherd of the sheep. I have prayed so often that God would direct my feeble mind to write words of edification. I wish to hurt no one, only to enlighten you.

We are living in perilous times, with so much unrest and sorrow. A time when it seems to man that anything and everything is alright. *"There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death."* (Proverbs 14:12) How my heart is grieved by the way many are going and yet proclaim to be Christians. The subject that God has given me to address you with is *"The Mark of a Christian."* I, with much respect and a love for this blessed old church, will endeavor to write a few words for your approval if God will bless me.

When I was a child, I was as good as God wanted me to be. Time went on and I disobeyed or violated God's commandments and stepped out into sin. The light of God shined upon me, causing me to realize that I had sinned and I had become a sinner. I continued in sin for awhile. All the time God's good spirit continued to work with me. I began to pray, begging God to have mercy upon me, a poor lost sinner. I felt so sorry, lonely, scared, and far from God. I thought I would never get back to God, because I had wandered so far from him. Yet, my faith caused me to keep on praying. My burdens were so heavy. I knew that if I died in that condition, Hell would be my doom. Thank God for that good spirit that continued to work with me. And yet the devil, that evil spirit there with his lies, was trying to convince me that I was too young. Glory to our Heavenly Father for His love, forgiveness and compassion on poor sinners. He leads us through a travel of repentance, from nature to grace. Until that travel and a new birth in Christ I had not the marks of a Christian. After much praying, suffering and seeking a secret place where no eyes could see me, I feel God

heard my cries. He poured a little oil in my vessel and saved my troubled soul. He gave the inward man a hope and caused this outward man to have a desire to be different from the world; I was to go home to the old church and tell what good things the Lord had done for him. By having an experience with the Lord, He placed a mark on this man.

We need not use our tongue to tell others that we are a Christian or a member of a church. Our everyday life should prove it, by our conversations with others and by the way we live, dress and respect our fellow man. We, as Christians, should show our love to those that we meet each day. It is then and there that everyone would see the goodness of God in our lives. We should be meek, which means to be humble. We should not be proud or have a feeling of being better than others. It is good to be polite; to speak kind words to sinners. Perhaps by speaking a kind word or doing a good deed others will see good in us and they will have a desire to come and walk with us. There is no one perfect yet, but perfection will come in the morning. If we are meek, humble, gentle, kind and patient, our light will shine brighter and our blessings will be many. Jesus taught his disciples how to live by his examples of meekness, kindness and gentleness. Thank God for the good spirit that causes us to be humble. How we ought to pray each day for the Lord to keep us humble; to let our light shine, giving light to those who sit in darkness. Praise Him for His goodness toward the children of men.

One of the greatest marks of a Christian is forgiveness. Jesus teaches us how we ought to forgive one another. Only God can forgive sin. Let's be careful how we pass judgment on others. We should be careful what we say and how we talk to and about others. God is not pleased with a talebearer, gossip or a busybody; these are not marks of a Christian. If we would spend more time in sowing good seed and prayer, we would have less time to talk, carry tales and gossip. All of these things caused discord among the brothers.

I feel and believe that God teaches and directs the walks of His children. We know and realize when we do wrong or say something not quite right, it could hurt the feelings of ones' brother or sister. Let's be polite, kind and gentle, always respecting each other. The poorest of poor is someone and the lowest of low is to be loved. We prove what we are by the way we live; for a tree is known by the fruit it bears. Jesus taught us so much by being a simple man and living a common life. He had no rank or station in life. Yet, He came to die for sinners. Now let's honor Him as the King of Kings, the Prince of Peace. He is the Lily of the Valley and the Bright and Morning Star.

We may not live in palaces or sit in the seats of the mighty. Yet we are children of the King. We are serving in the greatest army on earth, marching on the Kings highway to the promise land. Our garments may not be of silk and satin or the finest material weaved; yet our robes are priceless, bought with Jesus' precious blood. Let's hold our heads high, all to the glory and honor of God and to the purpose He created us for.

Let's prize this old church, as the true church. I have been told by others, "We are almost like you." Many today are trying to imitate Her ways; yet their marks and practices are far from what sayeth the scriptures. The church is different from the world. It was bought with a price most costly, the blood of God's dear Son. How good it is to set in Her courts. Her sanctuary is holy; Her table is always set, feeding the hungry souls of Her children. She has a fountain in Her Garden of Love that never runs dry and it is there to quench the thirst of those that come. Let whom so ever will come. Her ways are so simple, yet so precious. I find comfort in Her walls and in the shadows of Her wings' rest.

When she raises Her voice in singing praises to our King, it is then that my heart is wrapped in Her love. It causes this old man to view heavens' land. It is then that I have a longing to go. No, this is not our land. We seek a country far more pleasant than this. We seek a land on the other side of the river, where all is well.

How thankful we ought to be for this blessed old church and for each other. Jesus called us "little children" and taught us to love one another. I don't have to tell you where you can go or what you can do, or how you ought to dress and conduct yourself as His child. If you

have been down to the banqueting house, and had the banner of love applied to your heart, then your life will manifest what you are. If we would let our everyday life tell others what we are by being forgiving, polite, kind and gentle, our tongues would get more rest. Please don't be swift to speak hurtful words that may hurt the feelings of others. We will long be remembered by our deeds of unkindness as well as our deeds of kindness. My preaching brethren, if any of you are jealous of another one's gifts, shame on you. I am so grateful for brothers who God has given great gifts to preach and sing. If any of you are guilty of sowing discord among the brothers, I beg you to please humble your heart and refrain from such. God is not pleased and that's not the mark of a Christian. Be strong, be bold and please, be meek.

For fear of this letter being to lengthy, with tear dimmed eyes, I beg and admonish you, one and all, to let brotherly love continue. Be humble, kind and gentle with each other. Pray for peace and order in our camps so that someday our children may have a desire to be a part of this blessed old church. I find food at the shepherds tent, food for the lowest sinner if he will repent and come to Christ. Be respectful of each other; but, most of all, respectful of this blessed old church. To gleam in the fields is joy unspeakable. For forty-nine years I have been blessed to set with you in Her courts. I prize Her heavenly ways. Her love flows from breast to breast, like the gentle breeze of evening, so warm and pleasant. I come not to change Her ways, Her practices or Her orders. I just come to live with you.

Our fore-fathers labored for the cause without grumbling. Let's continue in the paths they paved before us. God has been so good to this old man. Soon my tongue will be silent; my body will sleep in the good earth, awaiting that glorious resurrection morning. My feeble mind will cause my pen to cease writing. But as long as I live, precious memories will flood my soul of happy days spent with you. Please, oh please, continue to wear the mark of a Christian by loving each other.

Whether you receive this letter or not, my love for you will be unending. Until we meet over home in the homeland of the soul, always remember I love you and claim to be the least among you. I thank you for the honor of serving as clerk of the Northern New Salem Association for these many years. Your fellowship has been sweet and my traveling pleasant.

Glory, honor and praise to our King,
Your unworthy servant,
Elder Hillard Newsome

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 send it by their delegates to the Association; and such sums be deposited in the hands of the Treasurer chosen by the Association who shall be accountable for the money paid him by the Association, and paid out according to the Association.

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

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

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

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

ARTICLE 15. The Association shall have the power for the general union of the Churches; to preserve inviolable a chain of communion among the Churches; to give Churches all necessary advice in matters of difficulty; to inquire into the cause of the Churches failing to represent them at any time in the Association; to appropriate 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 Savior 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 Savior, and that by the use of unleavened bread and fruit of the vine and feet-washing should be kept up until His second coming, by His believers.

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

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

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

ARTICLE 10. We believe that no minister has a right to administer the ordinances and commands of the gospel, except such as are regular baptized, 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 that 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 up 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, 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 rise from his seat and obtain consent from the Moderator when he is about to make his speech.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

UNION MEETINGS AND MINISTERS CALLED FOR THE YEAR 2001-2002

NOVEMBER

LITTLE MELROSE - First in November (2001). Paul Boggs, Arnold Whitaker, Johnny Bentley, Murl Caudill, Ray Hamilton, Roy Caudill, Scott Hamilton, Otis Williams, Ishmal Hall, Jr.

APRIL

ANTIOCH - First in April. Roger Hicks, Delmas Hall, Arnold Whitaker, James Watts, Richard Staten.

PLEASANT VIEW - First in April. Roger Hicks, Curtis Hall, Covis Tackett, Estill Hamilton, Gary Blevins.

ETERNAL ROSE - Second in April. Ezra Thornsberry, Karrel Addington, Chester Cochran, Scotty Hamilton.

ROSE OF SHARON - Second in April. Richard Staten, Hobert Hamilton, Doug McCarty, Elbert Hagerman, Bill Blevins, Hank Forgey, Lowell Mullins.

MAY

LITTLE FLOSSIE - First in May. Don Lawson, Buddy Carty, Roy Caudill, Buford Brock, Scott Hamilton, Rick Akers, Delmas Hall, Johnny Bentley, Gary Blevins.

LITTLE IDA - First in May. Buddy Carty, Danny Carty, Woody Pack, Willis Tolliver, Ira Adkins, Jr.

MAGGIE'S HOME - First in May. Scott Hamilton, Chuck Hall, Buford Brock, Bill Cotton, Squire Hamilton, James Hamilton.

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

LILY OF THE VALLEY - Third in May. Eddie Wallen, Squire Hamilton, Billy Miller, Estill Hamilton, Johnie Bentley, John B. Hamilton.

LITTLE CHILDREN'S HOME - Third in May, 2 p.m. Saturday. Wayne Turner, Arnold Whitaker, Haston Whitaker, Don Lawson, Raymond Stapleton, Danny Carty.

LITTLE ELLEN - Third in May. Larry Newsome, Hayes Chaffins, Ray Hamilton, Raymond Gayheart, Johnie Bentley.

MACEDONIA - Third in May. Orbin May, Garfield Thacker, Offie Bartley, Paul Coleman, Raymond Stapleton.

MORNING STAR - Third in May. Danny Carty, Doug McCarty, Eddy Wallen, Danny Hamilton, Dalmas Hall, Gene Johnson.

JUNE

LITTLE BETHEL - First in June. Jackie Yates, Chuckie Hall, James Branham, Elisha Branham, Danny Adams, Willis Little.

LITTLE FAMILY - Second in June. Sam Franks, Wayne Turner, Danny Carty, Ked Adkins, Murl Caudill, Hargis Tuttle.

LITTLE PILGRIM'S HOME - Second in June. Johnny Bentley, Estill Hamilton, Russell Hicks, Morris Wicker, Harrison Runyon.

LITTLE ZION - Second in June. Eddie Slone, Edward Howell, Lonnie Staton, Jeff Dillon, Larry Dixon, Arvid Blevins.

LITTLE REBECCA - Third in June. Elbert Hagerman, Willis Tolliver, Murl Caudill, Russell Hicks, Bill Cotton, Tommy Dials.

FAMILY OF LOVE - Fourth in June. Sat. 2 p.m. Tommy Dials, Richard Staton, Hobart Hamilton, Woody Pack, Willis Tolliver.

LITTLE EDNA - Fourth in June. Covis Tackett, Estill Hamilton, Garfield Thacker, Billy Miller, Gordon Akers, Jeff Dillion, Danny Adams.

MT. OLIVET - Fourth in June. Tennis Sturgil, Larry Newsome, Danny Carty, James Watts, Johnny Bentley, Delmas Hall, Clyde Lewis.

JULY

LITTLE FLOCK - Third in July. Arnold Whitaker, Gary Blevins, Wayne Turner, Hargis Tuttle, Raymond Gayheart, Chuckie Hall, Mike Justice.

LITTLE ANGEL - Fourth in July. Richard Staton, Gary Compton, Chuckie Hall, Jimmie Dye, Bill Cotton, James Branham.

AUGUST

TRUE VINE - Third in August. Jeff Dillon, Bill Cochran, Karrel Addington, Dee Osborne, Eddie Wallen, Larry Newsome.

MEMORIAL MEETINGS

LITTLE REBECCA - Third in August. Buddy W. Carty, Morris Wicker, Johnny Thornsberry, Danny Adams.

MAGGIE'S HOME - First in June. Harrison Runyon, Johnny Newsome, Murl Caudill, Don Blake Little, Daniel Newsome.

LITTLE FLOCK - Third in June. Ray Hamilton, Hiram Adkins, Hillard Newsome, Danny Carty, Hobert Hamilton, Tommy Dials.

LITTLE RUTH - Second in July. Bill Staton, Teddy Robinson, Kenny Robinson, Buddy Carty, Richard Staten.

LITTLE EDNA - Fourth in August. Matt Slone, Scott Hamilton, Kenny Robinson, Larry Newsome, Raymond Gayhart.

LITTLE IDA - First in July. Scott Hamilton, Harvey Estep, Floyd Jude, Estill Hamilton, Hobert Justice, Buford Brock.

LITTLE FLOSSIE - First in October. Danny Hamilton, Estill Hamilton, Hargis Tuttle, Raymond Gayheart.

LITTLE ZION - Second in August. OC Holbrook, Johnie Bentley, Bill Blevins, Elbert Hagerman, Estill Hamilton.

LITTLE PILGRIM'S HOME - Second in August. Chucky Hall, Scott Hamilton, Squire Hamilton, Tennis Sturgill, Paul Dye and moderator.

MT. OLIVET - Fourth in August. Danny Adams, Jeff Dillon, Scott Hamilton, Estill Hamilton, Elbert Hagerman.

PLEASANT VIEW - First in June. Johnie Bentley, Tennis Sturgill, Jeff Dillon.

LITTLE FAMILY - Second in October, 2001. Hillard Newsome, Buddy Carty, Milton Dye, Willis Tolliver.

LITTLE ANGEL - Fourth in March. Larry Newsome, Hargis Tuttle, Squire Hamilton, Scott Hamilton, Hillard Newsome.

ANTIOCH - First in June. Monroe Jones, Chuckie Hall, Roy Caudill, Buddy Carty.

ROSE OF SHARON - Second in October (2001). Scott Hamilton, Monte Iverson, William B. Holbrook, Willis Little, Elisha Branham, John Paul Hamilton.

LILY OF THE VALLEY - Third in July. Danny Hamilton, Hobart Justice, Matt Slone, Jessie Pack, Hargis Tuttle.

LITTLE CHILDREN'S HOME - Third in September 2:00 p.m. Sat. Ralph Caudill, Billy Miller, Ira Adkins, Jr., Roy Caudill, Johnny Bentley.

MORNING STAR - Third in July. Larry Newsome, Paul Dye, Elbert Hagerman, Russell Hicks, Ray Hamilton, Hargis Tuttle.

LITTLE BETHEL - First in September. Scotty Hamilton, Danny Carty, Clifford Newsom, Hargis Tuttle, Raymond Gayheart.

FAMILY OF LOVE - Fourth in October. Russell Hicks, Phillip Mosley, Burton Ratliff, Roger Hicks, Morris Wicker.

MACEDONIA - Third in September, 2002. Scott Hamilton, Wayne Turner, Murl Caudill, Woody Pack, Don Lawson.

TRUE VINE - Third in October. Garfield Thacker, Stony Blackburn, Hargis Tuttle, Raymond Gayheart, Richard Staten, Scott Hamilton.

LITTLE MELROSE - First in May. Eddie Wallen, Wayne Turner, James Barney, Garland Deel, Willis Bartley, Harrison Runyon, Freddie Kidd.

ETERNAL ROSE - none.

LITTLE ELLEN - Larry Dixon, Tom VanZandt, Elbert Hagerman, Clifford Newsome, Leonard Hamilton.

SPECIAL MEMORIALS

LITTLE FLOCK-MARCUM MEMORIAL - Fifth Sunday in June. June 30, 2002. (Location: Wilkesville, Ohio, near intersection 160 and county road 8 (Newsome Road). About three miles from the intersection.) Ministers called: Russell Hicks, Harrison Runyon, Chester Cochran, Bill Staten, Morris Wicker, Paris Tackitt, Willis Tolliver.

LITTLE REBECCA CHURCH MEMORIAL MEETING FOR CURT CONLEY - Third weekend in May 2002. Ministers called: Buddy Carty, Dan Carty, Delmas Hall, Hargis Tuttle.

LITTLE IDA-ANNIVERSARY MEETING - In April 1952, the Little Ida Church was the first Old Regular Baptist church to be organized in the State of Michigan. The year 2002 will be its 50th Anniversary, and we are commemorating this by having a special meeting on our regular meeting time, April 6 and 7, 2002, with dinner following services on April 7, 2002. Please come and be with us during this very special occasion.

ORDAINED MINISTERS

LITTLE REBECCA

Elder Lon Beverly	45 Bell St., Plymouth, OH 44865	419-687-9501
Elder Danny Carty	5346 St. Andrews, Westerville, OH 43082	614-899-9815
Elder Donel Gibson	Box 84, New Haven, OH 44850	419-935-4165
Elder Monroe Hicks	121 W. Broadway, Plymouth, OH 44865	419-687-3865
Elder Faris Tuttle	505 St. Rt. 603, Shiloh, OH 44878	419-896-3569

MAGGIE'S HOME

Elder Don Mullins	35833 DePue Rd., Hamden, OH 45634	740-596-4946
Elder Paris Tackitt	344 3rd St., Beaver, OH 45613	740-226-6343

LITTLE FLOCK

Elder Hank Forgey	1443 Centerville Rd., Thurman, OH 45685	740-682-6533
Elder Mike Fortner	2476 Centerpoint Rd., Oak Hill, OH 45656	740-682-6236
Elder Sam Franks	1412 Jones Rd., Vinton, OH 45686	740-388-9009
Elder Don Lawson	204 2nd St., Box 47, Pleasantville, OH 43148	740-468-2203
Elder Raymond Stapleton	73600 Stapleton Ln., Vinton, OH 45686	740-669-5055

LITTLE RUTH

Elder Scotty Little	6279 Glade Dr., Galion, OH 44833	419-462-1726
Elder Bill Staton	1111 Twp. Rd. 208, Marengo, OH 43334	419-253-5906
Elder Raymond Vanderpool	281 Citrus Dr., Davenport, FL 33837	863-420-9723
Elder Amos Williams	150 Riley St., Newark, OH 43055	740-344-1073

LITTLE EDNA

Elder Elmer Edwards	888 Cooper Foster Park Rd., Amherst, OH 44001	440-988-3809
Elder Hobert Justice	4555 Sumner St., Sheffield Lake, OH 44054	440-277-9547
Elder Denver Meade	953 Warwick Dr., Sheffield Lake, OH 44054	440-949-6048
Elder Jessie Pack	12620 Grimsley Ave., Cleveland, OH 44135	216-251-1825

LITTLE IDA

Elder Herman Belcher	132 Leroy, River Rouge, MI 48218	313-841-2277
Elder Mose Bentley	25537 Baker St., Taylor, MI 48180	313-292-3247
Elder Arvid Blevins	4639 6th St., Ecorse, MI 48229	313-386-7827
Elder Ralph Caudill	1594 Wilson St., Lincoln Park, MI 48146	313-381-3710
Elder Billy Miller	672 Cora, Wyandotte, MI 48192	734-283-0208
Elder Arthur Mitchell	1712 Electric, Wyandotte, MI 48192	734-283-2423

LITTLE FLOSSIE

Elder Larry Dixon	8070 N. Angling Rd., Kendallville, IN 46755	219-347-8082
Elder Russell Hicks	11971 N. Angling Rd. 57, Wolcottville, IN 46795	219-854-3649
Elder Thomas N. VanZandt	11346 Wildwood Dr., Marshall, MI 49068	616-781-8191
Elder Morris Wicker	5510 E. 1150 N. 57, Wolcottville, IN 46795	219-854-9475

LITTLE ZION

Elder Rick Akers	58253 Culpepper St., Washington, MI 48094	810-781-9321
Elder Clarence Owens	3790 Lapeer Rd., Metamora, MI 48455	810-678-3145

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	440-647-3539
Elder Robert Wallen	123 Main St., Rochester, OH 44090	440-647-4052

MT. OLIVET

Elder Elbert Hagerman	P. O. Box 173, Kendallville, IN 46755	219-347-6894
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PLEASANT VIEW

Elder Stony Blackburn	1013 Jackson St., Vermillion, OH 44089	440-967-9389
Elder Hayes Chaffins	403 S. Center St., LaGrange, OH 44050	440-355-8461
Elder Alex Collier	961 Pepperwood, Brunswick, OH 44212	
Elder Conley Daniels	3624 W. 114th St., Cleveland, OH 44111	216-251-0709
Elder Larry Newsome	2216 Brownhelm Sta. Rd., Vermillion, OH 44089	440-967-5877
Elder Matt Slone	5426 Lake Rd., Sheffield Lake, OH 44054	440-949-5174

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	859-498-6232

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 Dee Osborne	571 Alma Omega Rd., Waverly, OH 45690	740-947-9179
Elder Forest Osborne	2744 S. High St., Columbus, OH 43207	614-492-9435
Elder Ezra Thornsberry	7628 Rt. 335, Beaver, OH 45613	740-226-1911

ANTIOCH

Elder Karrel Addington	501 Micawber, Louisville, KY 40245	502-254-5961
Elder Curt Caudill Jr.	2018 Skeen St., Madison, IL 62060	
Elder Hillard Newsome	3520 Fincastle Rd., Louisville, KY 40213	502-452-1197
Elder Coeburn Wayne Turner	1888 Finchville Rd., Shelbyville, KY 40065	502-834-7608

ROSE OF SHARON

Elder Johnie Bentley	3218 22nd St., Wyandotte, MI 48192	734-283-2983
Elder Jeff Dillon	7939 Adair Rd., Casco, MI 48064	810-329-4368
Elder Ray Hamilton	5040 Carleton-S. Rockwood Rd., S. Rockwood, MI 48179	734-783-5037
Elder William B. Holbrook, Jr.	13388 Parkway Blvd., Carleton, MI 48117	734-654-6883

LILY OF THE VALLEY

Elder Evan Hamilton	1322 West Proget, Ashtabula, OH 44004	440-992-4621
Elder Scott Hamilton	P.O. Box 768, Geneva, OH 44041	440-466-0321
Elder Junior Jent	3120 Mill Rd., Dorset, OH 44032	440-293-5018
Elder Chester Newsome	4540 Carpenter Rd., Ashtabula, OH 44004	440-964-7621

LITTLE CHILDREN'S HOME

Elder Buford Brock	1494 N. County Rd. 50 E., Danville, IN 46122	317-745-9182
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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	734-753-5869
Elder Ishmal Hall Jr.	36876 Thinbark, Wayne, MI 48184	734-728-0194
Elder Willis Little	4541 Grace, Wayne, MI 48184	734-728-4486
Elder Covis Tackett	1204 Sandusky St., Plymouth, OH 44865	419-687-2059

LITTLE BETHEL

Elder Paul Dye	Box 122, Tyro, OH 44887	419-347-5064
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FAMILY OF LOVE

Elder Clifford Bradley	18003 SH 231, Nevada, OH 44859	614-482-2095
Elder Buddy W. Carty	18 High School Ave., Shelby, OH 44875	419-342-4143
Elder Delmas Hall	79 Trux St., Plymouth, OH 44865	419-687-0945
Elder Rufus Slone	224 Deffiance St., St. Mary's, OH 44885	419-394-5146

MACEDONIA

Elder Harrison Runyon	705 Runyon Ln., Nelsonville, OH 45764	740-753-1024
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TRUE VINE

Elder Stephen Borders	770 Wooster Rd. N., Barberton, OH 44203	330-745-7377
Elder Bart Potter	Unknown address or phone number in Florida.	
Elder Kennis Robinson	1947 Tonawanda Ave., Akron, OH 44305	330-794-8821

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 Heights, FL 32656	352-473-3424
Elder Johnny Newsome	6402 Bowdoin Ave., Keystone Heights, FL 32656	352-473-9206

ETERNAL ROSE

Elder Savel Combs	2555 Wahl Dr., Mansfield, OH 44903	419-774-9938
Elder Raymond Gayheart	14061 Twp. Rd. 215, Lakeville, OH 44638	330-378-9008
Elder Hargis Tuttle	4494 Butler Rd., Wakeman, OH 44889	440-839-5113

LITTLE ELLEN

Elder Lowell Mullins	1165 Oak Ridge Dr., Manteno, IL 60950	815-468-1532
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2001 DELEGATES TO THE NORTHERN NEW SALEM ASSOCIATION

Little Rebecca	Roy Collins, Conley Wicker, Dan Thornsberry
Maggie's Home	Amos Reffitt, Harold and Lester Prater
Little Flock	Sam Franks, Raymond Stapleton, Hank Forgey
Little Ruth	Adron Counts, Jimmy King, Scotty Little
Little Edna	Denver Meade, Woodrow Thacker, Elmer Edwards
Little Ida	Ralph Caudill, Billy Miller, Herman Belcher
Little Flossie	Russell Hicks, R. J. Combs, Fred Jones
Little Zion	Rick Akers, Buford Conn, Gerald Akers,
Little Pilgrim's Home	Danny Hamilton, Eddie Wallen, Daryl Hall
Mt. Olivet	Elbert Hagerman, Brian Mullins, Carl Ousley
Pleasant View	Stoney Blackburn, Larry Newsome, Terry Ratliff
Little Family	Jerome Watts, Jr., Earnie Tuttle, Danny Watts
Little Angel	Ballard Brown, Milton Dye, Dee Osborne
Antioch	Wayne Turner, Melvin Adams, Jr., I.V. Hudson
Rose of Sharon	William B. Holbrooks, Leonard and Ray Hamilton
Lily of the Valley	Scott and Evan Hamilton, Carl Hall
Little Children's Home	Buford Brock, James Wagner, Mike Hiatt
Morning Star	Randall Parks, Ishmal Hall, Jr., Willis Little
Little Bethel	Glen Conley, Holly Tuttle, Gary Beverly
Family of Love	Rufus Slone, Reed Triplett, Earnest Martin
Macedonia	Harrison Runyon, Paul R. Moore, David Sturgill
True Vine	Dennis Elkins, Steve Borders, Bob Williams
Little Melrose	Doug McCarty, Johnny Newsome, John M. Elkins
Eternal Rose	Hargis Tuttle, Raymond Gayheart, Johnny Henderson
Little Ellen	Lowell Mullins, Jimmy Sowards, Cletis Easterling

CLERKS AND THEIR ADDRESSES

Church	Clerk	Address	City, State	Telephone
✓ Little Rebecca	Frank Holt	1049 Springmill Rd., Apt #17.	Mansfield, OH 44906	(419) 747-4552
Maggie's Home	Amos E. Reffitt	34108 Old Dixon Rd.	McArthur, OH 45651	(740) 596-4525
Little Flock	Hank Forgey	1443 Centerville Rd	Thurman, OH 45685	(740) 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	(440) 988-3809
Little Ida	John Johnson	15649 Fordline	Southgate, MI 48195	(734) 246-0769
Little Flossie	Fred Jones	5056 W-500, S	Wabash, IN 46992	(219) 563-5001
Little Zion	Gerald Akers	789 Fairfax	Almont, MI 48003	(810) 798-2190
Little Pilgrim's Home	Danny Hamilton	367 TWP Rd. 1031	Nova, OH 44859	(419) 652-2485
Mt. Olivet	Carl Ousley	4991 Cooper Rd.	Leslie, MI 49251	(517) 589-8736
✱ Pleasant View	Dennis Elkins	1461 Kenmore Blvd.	Akron, OH 44314	(330) 745-3492
Little Family	Marvin Potter	7492 Hopkins Rd.	Maineville, OH 45039	(513) 683-2492
Little Angel	Forest Osborne	2744 S. High St.	Columbus, OH 43207	(614) 492-9435
Antioch	Melvin Adams, Jr.	495 Overlook Rd.	Louisville, KY 40229	(502) 957-2417
✱ Rose of Sharon	Johnie Bentley	3218 22nd St.	Wyandotte, MI 48192	(734) 283-2983
Lily of the Valley	Carl E. Hall	17249 Stocking Rd.	Madison, OH 44057	(440) 298-1490
Little Children's Home	James D. Wagner	17201 Stone Ch. Rd.	Laurel, IN 47024	(765) 698-2316
Morning Star	Willis Little	4541 Grace	Wayne, MI 48184	(734) 728-4486
Little Bethel	Ernest Owens	833 Fennimore St.	Fremont, OH 43420	(419) 334-4344
Family of Love	Earnest Martin	41 Trux St.	Plymouth, OH 44865	(419) 687-6914
Macedonia	David Sturgill	2068 St. Hwy. 1704	Olive Hill, KY 41164	(606) 286-6049
✓ True Vine	Steve Borders	770 Wooster Rd. N.	Barbertown, OH 44203	(330) 745-7377
Little Melrose	John M. Elkins	P.O. Box 1319	Interlocken, FL 32148	
✓ Eternal Rose	Raymond Henderson	5915 CR 22	Lakeville, OH 44638	(419) 994-3031
Little Ellen	Jimmy Sowards	12612 Harold Ave.	Palos Hts., IL 60463	(708) 448-6894

CHURCH MODERATORS AND ASSISTANT MODERATORS

Church	Moderator	Asst. Moderator
Little Rebecca	Buddy W. Carty	Robert Wallen
Maggie's Home	Paris Tackitt	Don Mullins
Little Flock	Sam Franks	Don Lawson
Little Ruth	Amos Williams	Bill Staten
Little Edna	Hobert Justice	Jessie Pack
Little Ida	Ralph Caudill	Herman Belcher
Little Flossie	Russell Hicks	Morris Wicker
Little Zion	Rick Akers	Clarence Owens
Little Pilgrim's Home	Robert Wallen	Danny Hamilton
Mt. Olivet	Elbert Hagerman	William B. Holbrook
N Pleasant View	Larry Newsome	Stoney Blackburn
Little Family	Roy Caudill	Hendricks Hampton
Little Angel	Hiram Adkins	Paris Tackitt
Antioch	Hillard Newsome	C. W. Turner
Rose of Sharon	Ray Hamilton	Jeff Dillion
Lily of the Valley	Scott Hamilton	Evan Hamilton
Little Children's Home	Buford Brock	Hendricks Hampton
Morning Star	Covis Tackett	Bill Blevins
Little Bethel	Covis Tackett	Paul Dye
Family of Love	Buddy W. Carty	Rufus Slone
Macedonia	Burl Sturgill	Harrison Runyon
True Vine	Kennis Robinson	Vacant
Little Melrose	Doug McCarty	Johnnie Newsome
Eternal Rose	Hargis Tuttle	Raymond Gayheart
Little Ellen	Lowell Mullins	William B. Holbrooks

CHURCH ADDRESSES

Church	Address	City	State
Little Rebecca	Henry Road, Ph. 419-687-8838	Plymouth	Ohio
Maggie's Home		Dundas	Ohio
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, Ph. 419-652-2485	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 Carleton-		
	S. Rockwood Rd., 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	I-64-Ex. 161 W. US 60-Rt. 182-4.6 miles	Grahn	Kentucky
True Vine	7992 Cleveland Mass Road, Ph. 330-882-6393	Clinton	Ohio
Little Melrose		Melrose	Florida
Eternal Rose	14061 Township Rd. 215	Lakesville	Ohio
Little Ellen		Alsip	Illinois

STATISTICAL TABLE

2001

CHURCHES

	Received by Baptism	Received by Letter	Recommendation	Restored	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Total Membership	Meeting Time	Contributions	Communion Time
Little Rebecca	2	2	0	0	0	0	4	44	3-E	\$450.00	July
Maggie's Home	1	0	0	0	0	3	2	23	1-M	150.00	July
Little Flock	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	27	3-M	200.00	Aug.
Little Ruth	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	19	2-M	175.00	June
Little Edna	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	20	4-M	125.00	July
Little Ida	0	1	0	0	3	5	1	81	1-M	500.00	June
Little Flossie	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	29	1-E	350.00	June
Little Zion	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	2-M	200.00	July
Little Pilgrim's Home	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	17	2-M	200.00	July
Mt. Olivet	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	17	4-M	125.00	July
Pleasant View	4	0	0	0	2	4	4	73	1-E	300.00	May
Little Family	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	20	2:00 P.M. 2-E	250.00	July
Little Angel	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	56	4-E	450.00	Aug.
Antioch	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	25	1-E	400.00	Oct.
Rose of Sharon	2	1	0	0	0	0	2	40	2-M	400.00	May
Lily of the Valley	0	2	0	0	0	0	1	19	3-E	100.00	June
Little Children's Home	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	9	2:00 P.M. 3-E	100.00	July
Morning Star	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	37	3-M	300.00	June
Little Bethel	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	17	1-M	125.00	July
Family of Love	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	25	2:00 P.M. 4-E	250.00	July
Macedonia	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	13	3-M	165.00	June
True Vine	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	18	3-M	100.00	Sept.
Little Melrose	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	13	1:30 P.M. 1-E	150.00	Jan.
Eternal Rose	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	18	2-E	50.00	May
Little Ellen	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	3-E	60.00	

2001 Church Contributions.....\$5,675.00
 2001 Money for Pictures.....560.00
 Other Contributions.....604.00

Grand Total **15 12 0 1 6 16 26 694** **\$6,839.00**

M — Saturday morning services
 E — Saturday evening services

OBITUARIES

MEMBERS

EDNA AKERS

In a little community known as Cody, in the beautiful hills of eastern KY, in Knott County. It was here on November 26, 1901, the home of the late Alice Francis Johnson and Simmon Johnson was blessed with their second child. This bundle of joy, a little girl was welcome with love and open arms into their household. They chose the name Edna for this blessed child. It was here in the mountains of our beloved KY, Edna would grow into adulthood with her older sister Della and her three other sisters, Cora, Lily and Eva Mae. Along with four brothers, Raleigh, Herman, Willard and Iota. Who joined the Johnson household after sister Edna. It was here in the little community of Cody where Edna along with her siblings were educated in a little one room school. Roamed the mountains, meadows, valleys and dales picking wild flowers, playing in the streams, rumbling down the hollows of Knott County. It was here in this modest, humble home these children were taught to work, be honest, respectful and trustworthy. We are what we are today, because of the parents we had yesterday.



Edna Akers

Sister Akers was proceeded in death by the following Bros. Raleigh, Willard, Herman and Iota, and sister Della. Survived by sisters Cora Johnson and Lily Cope both of Lexington, KY, Eva Mae Sterling of Florida. Who I am sure will have lasting memories of happy days of childhood growing up with Edna around the old home at Cody.

In June, the year of 1921, Edna was married to the love of her life. A fine young man of Pike County, KY. Eld. Roy B. Akers, (Clerk of the Northern New Salem Association for many years.) Together they shared life's good years, along with the disappointments and uncertainties of life for 57 years. It was on January 30, 1978 that she lost the beloved of her life, Bro. Akers. Leaving her with precious memories of being a loving, caring, devoted wife and mother. Their home was blessed with the following children who survive, Astor Akers of Louisville, KY, Donald Akers of Shelbyville, KY, and daughter Margaret (Peggy) Zegaib of St. Augustine, FL. Also survived by 5 grandchildren, 13 great grandchildren and 3 great-great-grandchildren, which will long remember the love of their Nan.

Sister Akers resided at 819 North Pope Lick Rd., Middletown, KY. It was at the Regency Health Care Center here in Lou. that on Dec. 20, 2000, nearing the hour of midnight. Sister Akers gathered her robe around her and was carried by the angels to her long sought rest above. Sister Akers was blessed to live upon God's good earth 99 years and 24 days. Days she treasured, time she used wisely, leaving us with precious memories of one so dear.

In the year of 1951 she and Bro. Akers became members of the Enterprise Old Regular Baptist Church, New Salem Association. In the year of 1966 they came in an arm from the Little Jewell Church, Ashland, KY, to establish the Antioch Church on Barricks Rd., here in Louisville. She was a charter member along with myself of the Antioch Church. It was here she gleaned in the field like Ruth, searching for spiritual food, humble like Hannah, meek like Mary and Martha. She was a role model as a sister in her church. Always setting good examples as a Christian, dressed modestly, yet humble, always grateful, never boastful. Never did I hear Sister Akers say an unpleasant word about anyone. She carried not tails or gossiped, neither a busy body. Lived a common simple life, letting her light shine all to the glory and honor of God. Her life was a beacon to others and we all would do well to pattern our lives after her. She wasn't ashamed of her church, her beliefs or her life style. A few days before her departure, as Melster and I were by her bed side, she would say,

"I will soon be gone home to glory and where is my Roy."

We will not and we should not say good bye, no just a little while and it's there and then we hope to join you in a land of perfect peace. In a land where sorrow, death, trouble and heart aches shall never come. Only love joy, and peace, surely this will be heaven. A land that far exceeds our expectations, made possible by our Heavenly Father.

Precious Memories, Eld. Hillard Newsome

EVALEE MURRELL BRADLEY

It is with very sad and broken hearts that we will try to write an obituary of our dear loving mother, Evalee Bradley. An angel was born to the late Dudley and Maude (Heartbarger) Murrell on April 17, 1926, in McGoffin County, Kentucky, making her stay here 74 years, 3 months, and 24 days.

On December 22, 1949, our dear mother met and fell in love with our dear father Clifford Bradley. Mom and Dad got married and to this union were born five beautiful gifts from God: Larry Lee of Marion, OH; Clyde Lee of Prestonsburg, KY; Helen Marie (Mrs. Ron Johnson), Nancy Carol (Mrs. David Hampton), and Goldie Jean Bradley, all of Wyandotte, OH. She also has eleven grandchildren and four very precious great-grandchildren.

Mom is also survived by one sister, Kathleen (Mrs. Charlie Patton) of Iberia, OH; four brothers: Jack, of Nevada, OH; Earl, of Morral, OH; Johnnie, of Topmost, KY; and Junior, of Mousie, KY.

Mom joined the Old Regular Baptist Church and was baptized on June 16, 1973, by Elder Burt Hall and Elder Clyde Hall at Caney Fork Church. Mom's baptism was the most beautiful one that I have ever been to; you could feel the presence of God and God's love all around.

Mom got her letter and took it to the Little Rebecca Church in Plymouth, OH, to come off the arm to establish the Family of Love Church in Wyandotte, OH, on June 4, 1974. We would have church in the Family of Love Church house, and then all the brothers and sisters would eat dinner with us. There were 60-65 people at our house at one time. Mom and Dad worked so very hard to buy and prepare the food. The other sisters of the church would help prepare food, too. Mom made sure nobody left hungry. I will never forget that Mom and Dad made a four-by-eight foot long table to feed all the people.

Our mother was the most loving, kindest person I have ever known. I am thankful that God let us borrow His perfect rose for a little while. Mom was in several hospitals, but one night we were all at Marion General Hospital, and Mom told me she was ready to go Home. I knew she was, but I did not want to let go of her. Mom and Dad have let their lights shine for everyone to see.

It has really been hard on all of us, especially on Dad and on us kids. Mom, we love you and miss you very much. You live on in our hearts. Mom has traded this life of suffering and pain for a Home in Heaven. Mom is only gone away with a Friend. *"For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with Him."* (1 Thess, 4:14)

Mom's memorial will be August 25-26, 2001 at the Family of Love Church in Wyandotte, OH.

Written by her broken-hearted family

God saw she was getting tired and a cure was not to be. So he put his arms around her and whispered, come with me. With tearful eyes we watched her suffer and saw her fade away. Although we loved her dearly, we could not make her stay. A golden heart stopped beating, hard working hands to rest. God broke our hearts to prove to us he only takes the best.

Author unknown



Evalee Murrell Bradley

MELVA BREWER

Praying for God to give me strength, I will try to write an obituary of our dear mother and sister, Melva Collins Brewer. Mom was born April 12, 1933 to the late Elder Willie and Rachel (Tuttle) Collins. She departed this life March 13, 2001, making her stay on earth 67 years and 11 months.

She was preceded in death by her husband Robert Brewer and one son Emmitt Carl Caudill. Two brothers, Junior Collins and Sam Collins and four sisters, Lucille Moore, Avenelle Absher, Juanita Hodges, and Ruth Ramey also preceded her. Left to mourn her loss are 4 daughters, Myrtle Jean Blanton, Hester Lacy, Zilpha Pisani, and Rachel Brewer, two sons Edward Ray Caudill and Willie Brewer. Her cherished grandson, Joe Ireland who she raised as her own, also mourns her. She was so proud of Joe and told everyone about her grandson in college. She left four sisters, Helen Isaac, Dorise Jones, Jean Baker, and Gwen Cano and two brothers, Amos Collins and Bill Collins. She also left 15 grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren, and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

We've lost so many of the family over the years to that terrible disease cancer. How we dreaded standing by and watching it take Mom. We're so glad God saw fit to take her quickly. She suffered so much the last few days but someday she'll receive a new body when Jesus returns to reunite her soul and body.

Not long before she died, I laid beside her on the bed. She asked me if I could see that man. When I asked her, "What man?", she said "I saw Jesus.". She kept talking to someone and she would get the prettiest smiles on her face. But the most beautiful smile of all was as she was taking her last breath. I believe she saw Jesus, the one who hung on the cross for her, when he sent his angels to take her home to suffer no more. Mom was afraid of the water in this land, but when she got ready to cross over into Jordan, I believe she took flight and was not afraid. How beautiful and peaceful it must be there. I can almost see the Lord wiping that last tear from her eye.

So I say to my brothers and sisters, if you want to see Mom again, it must be through the door of life, Jesus Christ. We love you, Mommy.

Written by her broken hearted daughter, Myrtle Jean Blanton

ARIZONIA BRYANT

It is with a sad heart that I will try to write an obituary of a dear friend and sister in the Church. Sister Zonia, as she was know to all of us, was a member of the Little Pilgrim Home Church for 23 years. She died in the spring of 2001 after a long illness. She was the wife of the late Carlos Bryant, who passed away about 5 years ago. She is greatly missed by all who know her.

Written by a friend and sister in the Church, Roxie Hamilton

BESSIE CAUDILL

With humbleness of heart and a prayerful mind, I will attempt to write an obituary of a dear friend and sister in the Lord — Sister Bessie Adams Caudill. One line of the song is "Come up here, little Bessie, come up here and live with me: and the last line of the song is "little Bessie fell asleep." And so it was for Sister Bessie Caudill on December 9, 2000.

Sister Bessie was born March 14, 1922 in Jeremiah, Kentucky to John D. Adams and Susan Caudill Adams, who proceeded her in death.

At an early age in life she met and married Elder Roy Caudill on February 13, 1942. For 58 years she loved and cared for him and for the children God blessed them to have: There were sons Roy Clayton, the eldest, and infant son Neal, both who preceded her in death. She is survived by her husband of 58½ years Elder Roy



Bessie Caudill

Caudill of Jacksonburg, Ohio, sons: Larry (wife Pat), of Somerset, Kentucky; Hendricks (wife Debbie), of Bowling Green, Kentucky; Wesley (wife Dianna), of Oakland, Kentucky. Daughters: Cora (husband Mark) Anderson of Tennel, Georgia and Centa (husband Doug) Lane of Fletcher, Ohio. There are 17 grandchildren and 27 great-grandchildren. Sister Bessie is also survived by sisters Hassie Adams and Winnie Mae Feltner, of Miamisburg, Ohio; one brother Jessie W. Adams, Franklin, Ohio. There are also countless brothers and sisters of the Old Regular Baptist family and many friends and neighbors around the community who also mourn the loss of this dear loved one.

Sister Bessie was baptized into the Old Regular Baptist family by the hands of Elder Roy Caudill and Elder Jim T. Caudill and was a faithful member of the Little Family Old Regular Baptist Church. One could hardly tell that Sister Bessie was there because she was always so quiet, but if you would look closely you could see her sitting in the back row on the stand, or in the back of the house where the Association was being held.

She was truly a "help-mate" in every sense. Brother Roy has always been moderator of the Little Family Church and also, for the past 18 years, moderator of the Northern New Salem Association. Through all of that Sister Bessie was right there with him — not always liking what she heard "whispered in the back of the house", but was always there for Brother Roy to lean on and to console him when matters seemed to be weighing heavily on his mind.

All who knew her loved her for her meekness and quietness. She loved pretty flowers and had many growing round about the house. From her many gardening magazines she gained knowledge in their planting and care and was eager to share this knowledge along with seeds or plants that she had raised with her friends such as my wife Jeannie and sister Dorothy Boggs or Sister Mary Brock with whom Sister Bessie had spent so much time. So many times Brother Buford and Sister Mary would travel with Brother Roy and Sister Bessie to Oklahoma, (when they were having church out there) and to the many other churches and associations around the country. My wife and I have also traveled many miles with Brother Roy and Sister Bessie — having spent many nights together in each other's home. We came to be as "family" and now one of the "family" has been called away.

Brother Roy, it is as King David said when his son passed away, "I shall go to him, but he shall not return to me". So then, by the mercies of God we may be able to go to her.

The love for Sister Bessie was made manifest by the number of brothers, sisters and friends who attended the services. In total there were 18 ministries representing five associations who preached at these services, in addition to many other ministers who did not take part. I know Brother Roy is grateful for all who came to show love and respect.

Never have I seen a family so concerned about a loved one as was Sister Bessie's during her time of sickness — the boys and their wives, and the daughters and grandchildren, were so attentive to both Brother Roy and Sister Bessie. It was evident that the love of God took priority in this household and it was through His love and mercy that He strengthened them in the last days to be able to understand that it was time for Mom to go home.

Let us all look to the God that Sister Bessie loved and trusted that He will one day take us to that glorious home on high where we can ever be with Him and our loved ones.

Children, continue to pray — you must repent and be born again if you ever want to see Mom again.

With special love, Brother Wayne and Sister Jean Turner

BERTHA CAUDILL

During the last three years, the Good Lord has given me the task of caring for my mother-in-law, Bertha Caudill. To make that task possible, He has given the loving care and concern of all the rest of her family, her many friends, neighbors, my mother and the caregivers at Marian Manor Nursing Center. Now He has given me one final task of writing her obituary, and with His help, I will do my best.

Bertha Caudill, daughter of John Moore and Zella (Scott) Moore, was born on October 22, 1905. She died on the afternoon of July 5, 2001, making her stay here on earth 95 years, 8 months, and 13 days.

Bertha, with the help of family, eloped to marry Gehazie Caudill on August 7, 1924. To this union was born two sons, Iveria and Bradie, "different as day and night," she would often say, but she loved them both. She was preceded in death by her father and mother; her husband, Gehazie; son, Bradie; daughter-in-law Jenny; grandsons: Iveria, Jr. and Billie Ray; sisters: Lola, Laura, Kate, and Jane; and brothers: Kelly, Willie, Kendall, Lee, Belvie, and Ray. Left to mourn is her son, Iveria, her brother Edd, five grandchildren, ten great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren.

Bertha Caudill joined the Old Regular Baptist Church at Steel's Creek, Wayland, KY, and was baptized by Elders M.C. Wright and E.H. Howard on the second Sunday in May 1935.

She had two sons, but she was "Mother" to many. Her neighbor, Mike, was like a son to her through the many years he looked after her yard. Her great-granddaughter, Sherry, was the daughter she longed to have. She was Big Mama to neighborhood boys, Josh, James, and Jason. Her great-great granddaughter, Amy, was the apple of her eye. In her last years, her great-great grandson, Nicholas, brought a joy to her when he visited every Sunday with a sparkle in his eye, as he would jabber away to her even before he could talk, when she would say, "Hi, Nick!"

Bertha had many names: "Sister Bertha," "Sister Caudill," "Aunt Bertha," "Mrs. Caudill," and "Big Mama," but she was lovingly called "Big Mom" by her family, a name given to her by her first grandson, Iveria, Jr.

Big Mom loved to work in her garden and can green beans. When she fell and broke her hip one July 6th by stepping over the strings that were strung for her beans, that didn't stop her! The next year she had her family plant, pick, and help her can. She could open a couple jars of green beans, heat up some corn, send someone to Kentucky Fried Chicken, fix some vegetables from the garden, and have a great meal ready in a short time for family and friends. She loved to cook, and in later years, she would want to send out for pizza.

She loved everyone; her door was always open. In turn, everyone loved her. She will be greatly missed but will be forever in our hearts. Now, she is home at last.

Written by her daughter-in-law, Karen

In Loving Memory of Bertha Caudill

1905-2001

*She was an angel mother from the Kentucky hills; and for 45 years her husbands devoted wife,
And the sparkle of her eyes was for Gehazie and her family, they lived the happy life;
As a full-time serving mother, she had the greatest occupation in all the world,
Faithfully caring for her family; her loving face shining like a priceless pearl.
Aunt Bertha was a great cook, preparing large dinners with a smiling face;
Sometimes there were many, yet she served them with her loving grace,
Friends and visiting ministers were always welcome, even on the holidays;
And for after church friends, it was a real treat to eat at "Big Mom's" enjoying her loving ways.
She was a caring mother and grandmother; always wanting her loved ones under her wings;
For her house was a place of refuge from all their cares and many other things;
And too a place of warmth, where she gave with all her heart, a mother's love;*



Bertha Caudill

Where it was so beautifully seen; like unto the fluttering wings of a snow white dove.
 Her hands were always busy around the house for her family every day
 And that was for a lifetime with her heart loving care showing in many ways.
 Now those sweet loving tender hands that soothed in sickness are drawn and still.
 They've been spent; now resting from all their labors; it's her Holy Father's will.
 The sweet fragrance of her presence; her love and beauty shall always remain in our hearts,
 And each and every memory becomes a perfumed flower a message her love imparts;
 Her arms were always opened wide with love; and a sweet tender embrace,
 For her loved ones and friends; and every day, she was a loving lady with grace.
 Her life was one with some heartaches; yet, mostly sunny brightness, leaving its impress true,
 And it truly marked out a long pathway to heaven with many a radiant hue,
 Too, her life was to us a monument more precious than any sculptor could ever rear,
 And she leaves of her sweet blessed memory; to all who knew her down here.
 Strike low, oh harps of Zion! — in your sweetest and in your tenderest tone;
 For one we love is sleeping, yes, a precious Aunt and Mother from us is gone;
 Her sweet voice is hushed on this earth forever; in silence so deep and so long,
 But oh listen, can't you hear those sweet echoes from the Golden Shore so strong?
 It's a wonderful, beautiful song of welcome that the angels are singing for one
 Whose sweet love and faithfulness in this life, well merits the best applaud well done!
 So don't hang your harps on the willow trees, nor don't put your flutes away,
 Cause a sweet 95 year old angel Mother has departed to heaven forever to stay.
 Now she's in His shining presence, in sweet heaven's glorious clime
 Where there's everlasting joy and peace with Jesus, in Sweet Beulah Land sublime
 All because of her life long Godly living and of the Christ of whom she confessed;
 "Big Mom" is now in the sweet presence of her Lord, in that heavenly land of the blessed.

By Nephew, Ruther Turner

ELLIE (CREECH) (RICHIE) CAUDILL

Ellie Caudill was born July 7, 1927 to parents Issac and Sarah (Collins) Creech. She and her younger twin, Ollie were the second set of twins and children number 7 and 8 of a total of 14. She died Sept. 18, 2000 of injuries suffered in an automobile accident in August 26th of that year. Her stay on this earth was 73 years, two months, and 11 days.

As a young girl, she met a soldier returning from war and on February 15, 1946 married Lloyd Richie. To this union was born Janice in January 1947, Roger in February 1948, and Larry in May 1952. In 1953 twin boys of her own, Danny and Donnie were stillborn and in 1954 a daughter Delilah lived only a few hours. I have heard mom speak of how her arms ached to hold those babies. I wonder if she is holding them now, waiting for the rest of us to join her.

Ellie was preceded in death by her own three children already mentioned, two siblings who died in infancy, her parents Ike and Sarah, Brothers Leonard, Carlos, Arvel (part of the older set of twins), and Norman, and sisters Nora and Ethel. Also preceding her in death were her first husband and father of her children, Lloyd Richie, in January 1977 and her second husband, Raymond Caudill in April 1986.

Left to mourn her passing are her children Janice and Doug Back of Franklin, OH, Roger and Karen Ritchie of Carlisle, OH, and Larry Richie of Cookeville, TN, seven grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren. Also surviving are brothers Everett (the second part of the older twins), Phillip and Eli, all in Indiana, and two sisters, her twin Ollie Patrick of Germantown, OH, and Mollie Richie of Indiana, nieces, nephews, and cousins, too numerous to mention, and a great host of friends, both in and out of church.

Years ago, before she ever became acquainted with the church, my mother had a dream. She awoke and wrote it down as a poem, just as it was in her dream.



Ellie (Creech) (Richie) Caudill

TWIN DIAMONDS IN THE SKY

*One night as I lay sleeping a vision came to me
As I gazed into the heavens to see what I could see:
It was there I saw two diamonds, they were glittering so bright
It was early in the morning, just before the day got light
Oh, I wondered, yes, I wondered what this vision could mean
As I gazed in amazement at the beautiful scene
So I asked my dear old father for I knew he'd seen it too
He said daughter don't you know? That's your sister and you.
Oh God look down in pity for heaven is my aim
Where there is no tomorrow, and there is no death or pain
Where the rain never falls, and the flowers never die
Oh I want to go to heaven to that home beyond the sky*

Years later, she got acquainted with members of the Little Family Church in Jacksonburg, OH, when they were visiting her brother, Leonard, as he lay dying of cancer. She later began to visit that church and in 1967, she was saved and baptized into fellowship. Her twin sister Ollie also joined the same church where both were active and faithful members until the time of her death, her sister Ollie still attends regularly.

We miss her greatly, but fully believe she has gone to a better place. She is suffering no pain, but rather a peaceful sleep, awaiting the resurrection to come when we can all be together throughout eternity. Her life was a testimony to her belief, and although her passing seems tragic to those of us left, it was in God's own time and for his purpose, and we take comfort in the knowledge that she has a mansion awaiting her in Heaven.

Written by her son, Roger in the full faith that we will meet again.

ENON CHAFFINS

Praying that God will direct our hand, we will write an obituary of our loved one, Enon Chaffins. Enon was born October 14, 1929 in Garrett, Kentucky. He departed this life February 1, 2001 to be with his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, who loved man so much he gave his life that all who would believe on him could have eternal life and enjoy the blessings of heaven through-out eternity.

As a young man Enon served his country during the Korean War in an artillery division. After returning from Korea, Enon met and married Sister Hazel M. Branham on November 17, 1956. Their union was blessed with two sons, Greg and Rick.

Enon lived his life so that his family can take comfort in knowing that he is only asleep. Jesus, himself called death sleep when he said concerning Lazarus in John 11:11, *"Our friend Lazarus sleepeth; but I go, that I may awake him out of sleep."*

Enon had been in poor health for 30 years or more, but he received a clean bill of health February 1 about 2 o'clock in the morning when the Lord took his soul to paradise to live in his presence forever. Enon was as humble as anyone you will ever know, never complaining, asking only that those who come to visit him to pray with him and for him, and that Hazel be at his side to minister to his needs. Enon took great delight in and was very proud of his two granddaughters, Christen and Jennifer. Any time you talked to him he would find a way to tell you about something special they had done.

Enon is survived by his wife, Sis. Hazel M. (nee Branham) Chaffins, sons Gregory Chaffins of Willard, Ohio, and Rick Chaffins of Plymouth, Ohio, daughter-in-laws, Debora (nee Smith) Chaffins and Jill (nee Hartman) Chaffins, grandchildren, Christen Chaffins and Jennifer Chaffins, brother, Elder Hayes M. Chaffins of Lagrange, Ohio, sister, Verna Mae Fraley of Tucson, Arizona; and a host of nieces, nephews and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, William



Enon Chaffins

Nelson and Grace Ellen (nee Tuttle) Chaffins, brothers, Orville Chaffins, and Elder Mitchell Chaffins; sisters, Norsie Tuttle, Laura Chaffins, and an infant sister, Edna Mae Chaffins.

The Apostle Paul tells us in Phillipians 1:21 *"For to me to live in Christ and to die is gain"*. Enon witnessed to all that his life was in Christ, and now in death he has gained his reward. His body in resting, waiting for the resurrection of the just, when the Lord shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God, to be reunited with his soul, to walk forever in a perfect and glorified body before the throne of God. Enon will feel God's good hand wiping all tears from his eyes and hear God say you will never have another pain or any more sorrow. He will then be able to sing the song "O death, where is thy sting, O grave where is thy victory. Sleep on, Enon, until that great day when we shall everly be with the Lord, never to depart again.

Written by Members of Enon's Family

Memorial meeting will take place on the 3rd Saturday and Sunday, 2002 at Little Rebecca Church, Plymouth, OH.

Elders called: Buddy Carty, Danny Carty, Delmos Hall, and Kerrell Addington

GLADYS COMPTON

March 28, 1932-Feb. 12, 2001 — This obituary is of a sweet and dear sister in the church. She is missed very much by all of her friends and family. Sis. Gladys was a member of the Little Pilgrim Home Church of Ruggles, Ohio. Where she and her husband Bro. Chester served as deacons for many years.

There's not enough time in an hour or day or even a year to tell how good and loving a mother she was. Everytime Mom hugged us it was a warm and sincere hug straight from her heart. It made us feel good all over. She had an abundance of love she shared with everyone she met. Mom was born March 28, 1932 in Floyd County, KY to Tony and Julia Sparkman who both preceded her in death. She was the eldest of three children. Her sisters Ruby Tackett of Shiloh, OH, Dalphene Spencer of Morehead, KY were very close all their lives. Not just sisters but best of friends. Mom married Dad (Chester Compton) on July 15, 1948 to this union four children were born: Judy Martin of Waverly, OH; Debbie Holiday of Willard, OH; Lanette Conley of Shiloh, OH; and Maude Compton who died at birth. Also at home was their grandson Jamie Compton whom she loved very much. Mom always worried over us no matter how old we were. She was our lighthouse in the storm. Always there to listen and advise us. Mom walked everyday of her life for the Lord. She spread His word everywhere she went. She would talk to her seven grandchildren Angie Brown, Jessie Martin of Shiloh, Missy Wilson of Shelby, Julie Stein, Jay Holiday, Heather Holiday of Willard and Natasha of Shiloh, about the Lord.

She loved being with them and laughing with them. Mom also leaves 9 great-grandchildren who dearly loved her and loved going to grannys house. Dad we all want you to know we're here for you and always will be. We all love you with all our hearts. Although Mom no longer awaits us at home we all know she is at her eternal home.

Someday Mom we hope to meet you at the door and never, never have to say good-bye again. Sleep on Mom you deserve the rest. Your job here on Earth is done. To Bro. Chester's and Sis. Gladys's loved ones they want you to fall out with sin and be born again and meet them on that bright shore some sweet day. We all loved Sis. Gladys and deeply miss her, too.

Written by a broken hearted family and Sis. Roxie Hamilton



Gladys Compton

CURTLEY CONLEY

In Loving Memory — March 8, 1920-June 4, 2001 —

Curtley Conley was born to Bill & Dovie (Cox) Conley on March 8, 1920 in Garrett, Kentucky and was 81 years old when he passed away (due to a stroke) on Sunday, June 4, 2001 at Licking Memorial Hospital, Newark, Ohio. Curt was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers and two sisters. The two brothers are: Herbert Conley and Jr Conley and the two sisters are: Corsie Peterson and Norcie Bolen. Surviving brothers and sisters are: Manis Conley of Willard, Ohio; VC Conley of Utica, Ohio; Garnett Wicker of Lima, Ohio; Thelma Shepherd of Willard, Ohio; Gladys Ousley and Marie Lafferty both of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.



Curtley Conley

At the age of 21, Curt was drafted into the United States Army and served from October, 1941 until November, 1945. He was a WWII Veteran. He served most of his time over seas, which included places like Iceland, England, Belgium and France. He was honorably discharged. Curt was very patriotic and with great pride and enthusiasm, daily flew the United States flag.

On December 28, 1946, Curt was united in marriage to Nellie Wicker of Mousie, Kentucky. To this union was born six children; three sons and three daughters. The sons are: Gary J. Conley of Utica, OH; Herbert A. Conley of Chattanooga, TN and Roger D. Conley of Newark, OH. The daughters are: Joyce A. Horne of Orange Park, FL; Gwen L. Ogle and Revonna L. Browning both of Newark, OH.

Upon committing his life to the Lord Jesus, he joined the *Little Rebecca Old Regular Baptist Church* in 1975 and had been a faithful member ever since. Curt loved attending church and was happy to assist there whenever he was able. He also enjoyed time spent with his family and friends.

In August, 1983, Curt retired from the Newark Air Force Base where he worked in Civil Engineering as a Painter. He was a hard worker and good supporter for his family. In October, 1983, he was faced with open-heart surgery. After recuperating from surgery, he enjoyed the days of his retirement taking care of the lawn, gardening, visiting with family and friends and traveling.

In early April of this year (2001), it was obvious that Curt was not feeling well. He slowly became weak, tired and complained of dizziness. He died suddenly on June 4, 2001 (due to a stroke). He is survived by his wife, Nellie, family (six children, 9 grandchildren, 1 great-grandchild, and inlaws) and friends all of whom love and miss him very much. We feel confident that he rests in the arms of our Lord Jesus. God Bless you, Curt.

Written by Nellie Conley

ROBERT FRANK DAVIS (BOB)

Psalms 16:8-9 — *I have set the Lord always before me: because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved. Therefore, my heart is glad, and my glory rejoiceth: My flesh also shall rest in hope.*

By request and with the help of the family, we feel it an honor to compile this obituary of our dear Brother in Christ, Brother Bob Davis (Frank).

As the evening shade of darkness fell on August 4, 2001, in the home of Brother Bob and Sister Norma in River Rouge, Michigan, God sent an angel down and took his soul back to the "Giver" to his heavenly rest, making Bob's stay here on Earth, God's footstool, 73 years, 8 months, and 18 days.

One of six children, Bob was born on January 17, 1928, to John and Ruby (Sands) Davis of Walnut, North Carolina. Mother, Father, one brother, Johnny, and one sister, Wanda, preceded him in



Robert Frank Davis (Bob)

death.

On September 1, 1951, Bob married Mildred Clark. To this union was born three children, Vickie Lynn Davis, Robert Frank, Jr., and Michael Wayne. Bob's wife, Mildred, passed away in 1967.

Bob married Norma Jean Mullins on May 22, 1981. They had a wonderful marriage of 20 years before his passing.

Since 1952, Bob belonged to the United Brotherhood of Carpenters. He retired from work in 1982, devoting his skills to church, family and friends.

In October 1986, Bob saw his need of a Saviour. He and Sister Norma joined the Little Ida Church and were baptized the same day. He was a devoted member until the day of his passing.

In sadness of his passing, he leaves to mourn his companion, Norma Jean Davis; three brothers: Joe, Jimmy, and Billy; his children: Vickie Lynn (Tommy) Haack of Tennessee, Robert Frank, Jr. (Susan) Davis of Maine, and Michael Wayne (Angel) Davis of Tennessee; 12 grandchildren; 1 great-granddaughter, Lacy Nicole, a little angel Bob loved, who died recently; three stepchildren (Norma's children): Janice (Harry) Stewart of Michigan, Vicki (Gary) Middleton of Michigan, and Ralph David (Lexi) Mullins of Alabama; 5 step-grandchildren; and 1 step-great-granddaughter, as well as many nephews, nieces, friends, and neighbors of his community. The church mourns the great loss of a wonderful member and Brother in Christ.

Brother Bob was a man of few words, but his life around the church had a bearing on all who knew him. When work was mentioned at the church, he was there with his helping hand. He loved the church so well. You'd find him there in early hours working by himself. I believe he felt closer to the Lord there alone in the church.

In his leisure time, Bob loved to fish with his "fishing buddies," Bro. Pat Patterson and Bro. Herman Belcher. They spent hours fishing on the Detroit River, always kidding about their "catch" and the ones that got away.

Now his soul is resting in hope for the glorious resurrection. He would say "weep not for me" but rather for yourselves.

Sister Norma, each time you enter the church, you will see the many things he touched and did out of love for the church. The love of your life is now still. We pray that God will grant you pleasant memories. You will find much to remember — sometimes with a smile or a tear — of your years together. Take comfort in knowing that he is at peace under the Altar of God. He will live again!

We know that Bob will be sadly missed by his children and their families, as well as by his many friends. Find his Saviour and be united in heaven where parting will be no more. The church has lost a dear Brother in Christ and we mourn his passing with you. We will greatly miss him for we loved him too.

Written by your unworthy servants in Christ, Elder Ralph and Sister Leona Caudill

CUBA DITTY

Cuba Osborne Ditty was born February 7, 1931 in Wales, Kentucky and passed away May 12, 2001 at Saint Mary's Medical Center in LaFollette, Tennessee. She was the daughter of the late Grant Osborne and Pricie Little Osborne formerly of Pike County, Kentucky.

She married Donald E. Ditty of Ashland, Kentucky on December 17, 1948. They had four children: Rebecca Sue Ross of Newport News, Virginia; Donna Marie Roberts of Lincoln Park, Michigan; Deborah Ann Bierman of Margate, Florida; and Donald Eugene Ditty II of Taylor, Michigan and six grandchildren.

Other survivors include sisters Thelma Compton of Southgate, Michigan; Delliiah Irwin of Jamestown, Pennsylvania; Myrtle Sellars of Southgate, Michigan;



Cuba Ditty

Louise Cave of Newport News, Virginia; Phyllis Boggs of Maloneton, Kentucky; and brothers Andrew J. Osborne of Jacksboro, Tennessee; Arbit Osborne of Vero Beach, Florida; and Paul Osborne of Minford, Ohio. Preceding her in death was her sister Cellia Dempsey in December, 2000 and five infant siblings.

Cuba was a member of the "Little Ida" Old Regular Baptist Church in Ecorse, Michigan. She loved to go to church and after moving to Tennessee six years ago, they would travel hours into Kentucky and Virginia to go to the church of her faith, "The Old Regular Baptist Church."

Cuba was a devoted Wife, Mother, Grandmother, Friend and a wonderful homemaker. She enjoyed cooking and trying new recipes. She loved children and spent most of her adult life caring for children.

Cuba suffered from a long term illness but you never heard her complain. When asked how she was feeling, her reply was always the same — "I'm Fine"!

Cuba was dearly loved by family and friends and will be fondly remembered and sorely missed by all.

Written by her devoted family

LONES T. FINLEY

With love and sadness in our hearts, I will help my mother write my father's obituary.

Lones T. Finley Sr. was born December 13, 1917 in Dunlow, West Virginia. He was the son of Virgie and Jesse Finley.

He had four sisters and two brothers, one sister survives.

He and my mother, Mabel (Allen) Finley were married August 13, 1942 in Greenup, Kentucky.

Together they had five children: Phillis Bray, Larkspur, Colorado, Jerry Finley, Lakeland, Florida, Alfredia Tackett, Marion, Ohio, Delbert Finley, Caledonia, Ohio and Lones Finley Jr., Marion, Ohio.

Daddy was blessed with nine grandchildren: Cindy and Curtis Bray, Colorado, Lori Muccino and Shawn Finley, Florida, Jason Tackett, Ohio, Danny Finley, Ohio, Lisa Finley and Kelly Knoles, Arizona. One grandson, Chad Finley, preceded him in death.

Daddy also leaves nine beautiful great-grandchildren: Amber and Taylor Bray, Colorado, Brittany Tackett, Ohio, Angelea Martinez, Florida, Tyler and Savannan Finley, Florida, Jacelyn Finley, Layne and Holdan Knoles, Arizona.

Daddy worked several places over the years: The Ohio Locomotive Crane Company in Bucyrus, Ohio and Fairfield Engineering Company in Marion, Ohio, where he retired from. Daddy was also a veteran of WWII.

He loved to go fishing in summer and hunting in the fall and winter. I think his favorite hobby was woodworking, which he did for many years. The things he liked to do everyday were taking his long walks, and of course reading his Bible.

Lones T. Finley was a member of Family of Love Church in Wyandotte, Ohio where he was baptized. Daddy passed away April 3, 2000. He was 82 years old. We were all very lucky to have had him for so long.

We will always miss him and will keep him in our hearts forever.

Written with loving memories by his wife, Mabel and daughter, Alfredia



Lones T. Finley

GWENDALE GIBSON

With a lonely and broken heart we will try to write the obituary of a wonderful mother and sister Gwendale Gibson. Gwendale Gibson was born to Add and Emma Vanderpool on December 1, 1933 in Floyd County, Kentucky. She was married to Donel Dean Gibson on April 19, 1952. They were blessed with six children: Mrs. Brenda Ruggles of Ironton, Gerald Gibson of Willard, Claude Allen Gibson of Plymouth and Joseph Arrick Gibson of Willard, Mark Adam Gibson of Willard, and Donel Dean Gibson II of Greenwich. She also had 15 grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild.

She had three brothers: Quince Vanderpool of Willard, Ronald Vanderpool of North Fairfield, and Phil Vanderpool. She had five sisters: Avel Hicks of New Haven, Linda Robinson, Donna Hicks, and Dianna Stevens of Willard, and Annetta Beverly of North Fairfield. She was preceded in death by both her parents and her older brother Phil Vanderpool.

She turned her life over to the dear Lord on Jan. 29, 1967, when she was baptized and became a member of the Little Rebecca Church of Old Regular Baptist faith. She was a devoted and faithful member who went to church everywhere and whenever she was able to go. She was a light to all who knew and loved her, the young and the old. She seemed to touch the hearts of all who knew her. She always listened to one's problems and always understood. She would add to her conversations, "Just pray to the good Lord. He will see you through."

On Dec. 21, 2000 she learned of her illness and tried to assure her loved ones that no matter how things went she was a winner either way. Whether she would go or whether she would stay. She knew God held her life and she never lost faith. She was ready to go when and if He called, she would answer. She always said, "I am in the Lord's hands." She would say to all that she and Dad had their bags packed a long time ago and they were ready to go. Mommy, you said I wasn't losing you because all you had to do was wait on me. I say to all who loved her and held her dear in their hearts, "She's waiting. She's waiting to see us."

On March 21, 2001 our sweet mother and dear sister lost her fight to cancer making her stay in this world 67 years. She went to sleep in Jesus' arms and was carried away. So we say "Good Night Mommy, Good Night Sissy. We will see you in the morning and oh what a morning it will be." She left behind so many memories, we could go on and on but we feel that the life that she led says it all. To you, her children and loved ones God will surely bless you for the care and love that you gave her throughout her life and through her last days here on earth. Daddy we know you will miss Mommy the most. You were so good to Mommy and the love you shared was a very special love. Daddy, I know that even though your heart is broken please remember what you always said "God would never leave you or forsake you in your time of need." So Daddy, press onward until that day when you and Mommy will meet again in that happy home. Remember that you said, "She's only gone away with a friend."

Written by her brokenhearted daughter, Brenda Ruggles
and brokenhearted sisters, Avel Hicks, Donna Hicks and Dianna Stevens

What is a Mother?

*A mother is someone who is always around.
Someone who listens, you have found.
A mother lets you shed the tears.
She gives you her shoulder through the years.
A mother tells you of the life above.
Someone who gives you all of her love.
We love you mom.
You were our guiding light.
Thank you for making our world so bright.*



Gwendale Gibson

A Loved One Gone

Written for my beloved sister Gwendale Gibson by Avel Hicks

As I sit alone in the darkness,
Waiting for the morning light,
And the night is oh so lonely,
As a loved one passes from sight.

All the nights and days I've waited,
As I sat beside your bed,
Wishing I could share all of your troubles,
As I washed your feverish head.

Sometimes in our grief and sorrow,
We don't always understand,
Why our loved one had to leave us,
And go into another land.

For all things there is a reason,
But we don't always know why,
But when we lose a loved one,
Oh it is so hard not to cry.

God will make a way for us,
And always be our guide,
I call for him in my sorrow,
He will never leave my side.

As I say goodbye to my loved one,
Oh what a sad, sad day,
But if I look up to my Jesus,
He will show me the way.

So with a sad and lonely heart,
I looked into my loved ones face,
Someday we'll be together again,
In a beautiful and heavenly place.

RILLA HALL

Psalms 63:6-7: When I remember thee upon my bed, and meditate on thee in the night watches. Because thou hast been my help, therefore, in the shadow of thy wings will I rejoice.

At the request of the family, we will try to write an obituary of a beloved Mother and Sister in Christ, Sister Rilla Hall.

In the stillness of night on February 27, 2001 at Seaway Hospital in Trenton, Michigan, one of God's angels came by and Rilla's soul left her body to go home to be with Jesus. She always said she hoped she could go quietly in her sleep to her eternal rest, and God granted her request.

One of eight children, she was born on December 10, 1902 to Elder William and Delilah (Tackett) Osborn, Pike County, Kentucky, making her stay here on Earth 98 years, 2 months, and 17 days. Mother, father, two brothers, and five sisters preceded her in death.

In early life, Rilla met and married Gomer Newsome. They were blessed with one child, Madge L. (Newsome) Anderson. Gomer passed away due to an accident leaving Rilla a widow. Later in life, Rilla met Silas R. Hall, and on August 3, 1918, they were married. To this union, God granted four children; two sons: Arthur and Astor, and a set of twins, Melby and Meldy. Astor and the twins preceded Rilla in death. Also preceding her in death was a grandson, Danny Anderson.

Left to mourn the loss of a precious Mother and Grandmother are her children, Arthur and Sally Hall of Southgate, Michigan and Madge Anderson of Wyandotte, Michigan, seven grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren, 11 great-great-grandchildren, a host of friends, and the family of the Church.

On October 3, 1947, Sister Rilla saw her need for God, repented, and turned her life over to God, making Him her Lord and Saviour. She joined the Enterprise Church, Pike County, Kentucky, and was baptized by Elder Frank Hopkins. She was a member of this church for 53 years, and at the time of her death, was their oldest member. Her desire was to visit the Enterprise Church before she left here, and the church has surely lost a mild and lovely Sister in Christ. She spoke often of the brothers and sisters there. She truly had a Christian love for all of them. While living in Michigan for the last 18 years with her daughter, Madge, she attended the Little Ida Church on a regular basis.



Rilla Hall

A host of friends and loved ones, as well as the church family, will greatly miss her presence. A seat has been left empty by her passing. She has gone to be with Jesus, the One who kept her all these years. She has taken her flight to Heaven's golden shore for a peaceful rest until that glorious day dawns.

To Arthur, Sally, and Sister Madge, our hearts grieve with you. Your loss is great, and the hours will be lonely. Many things will remind you of her. She was a light in the window on life's pathway. God will reward you all for being there when mother needed you.

For all the grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-great-grandchildren, remember your "Meemaw" and all the precious memories she has left for you with a smile, laughter, or a tear. She would want you to come to see her in her new home. Take heed to the light she left as a Christian for you. Let not the circle of love in the family be broken. Repent and join her on Heaven's shore. Let Jesus be your Saviour as He was to Sister Rilla, for there is a better land.

Your Humble Servants in Christ, Elder Ralph and Sister Leona Caudill

NANNIE HAMILTON

Nannie Hamilton, 80, died Tuesday, January 30, 2001. She was born October 30, 1920 in McDowell, KY and was the daughter of John A. and Lovina Hall. She married Squire Hamilton on November 17, 1937. She was a life long homemaker and a member of Lily Of The Valley Old Regular Baptist Church of Geneva. She was preceded in death by her husband in 1993, two daughters, Omy Lee Knapp, and Martha Hamilton, two sons, Woodrow, and John, several half brothers and sisters, and her parents. Left to mourn her death are her daughters, Lonnie Van Gilder, and Chris Michaelis, and son Evan Hamilton. So Mom we will miss you, and love you.

With Loving Memories, Your Son, Evan Hamilton



Nannie Hamilton

ELDER JOSHUA HICKS

Elder Joshua Hicks was born March 20, 1926 at War, West Virginia to the late John M. and Clara Woody Hicks. He passed away at the V.A. Medical Center in Chillicothe, Ohio on July 18, 2001. He was blessed to live 75 years after being injured in industrial accidents and failing health for more than 30 years.

Uncle Josh was a World War II veteran of the 14th armored command of the United States Army, taking training at Fort Knox, Kentucky to be a tank operator. He was later stationed at Luzon, Philippine Islands until he was honorably discharged.

He was united in marriage at Paintsville, Kentucky on July 11, 1947 to his wonderful wife Sylvia Bolen Hicks.

Uncle Josh saw the need of the Savior of the World, but a special Savior to the believer, and became a soldier in the Army of God. After being baptized by Elders Marion Chaffins and Alex Coburn at Bradshaw, West Virginia on the 3rd Sunday, November 20, 1944, while on furlough from the United States Army, he took his membership to the Stone Coal Church. After moving to Jackson, Ohio with Aunt Sylvia's family, Uncle Nathan and Sister Rosie Bolen and children, whom he loved as his own, moved his membership to the Maggies Home Church at Dundas, Ohio and later to the Little Pearl Church where he was ordained to the ministry on the 1st Saturday in September, 1950.

Brother Josh was also instrumental in organizing and serving different churches that now compose The Northern New Salem Association. He was in the arm that established the Little Flock



Elder Joshua Hicks

Church, which he served and was a devoted member until his death.

Uncle Josh was a skilled carpenter and was willing to share his knowledge with family and others, who were willing to do things right. He expected good workmanship naturally as well as spiritually.

Uncle Josh leaves to mourn his loss, his wife Sylvia Bolen Hicks, five sons, Donald (Liz) Hicks, Ronald (Teresa) Hicks, Paul (Shelia) Hicks, Mike (Sherrie) Hicks, and Scott Hicks of the home. Three daughters, Bonnie (Charles) Shumaker, Connie (Russell) Bennett, and Sharon (Timothy) Binkley all of Ohio. Also surviving are 15 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren. Four sisters, Mae Sexton of Paynesville, West Virginia, Edith Hagerman of Ligonier, Indiana, Cynthia Slone of Topmost, Kentucky and Leah Hagerman of Ligonier, Indiana. To his nephews and nieces he was a big brother. He was preceded in death by his parents, four brothers, Aaron, John Redford, Raymond and Amos. Two sisters, Lissie Marie and Lucinda.

He, with Aunt Sylvia's dedication and support and the help of the good brothers, sisters, and friends who saw that he had a way to church when he was unable to drive or to travel by himself, traveled many miles to promote and defend the true word of God.

Thanks to all of you who visited him at home where he and Aunt Sylvia always made you feel welcome and appreciated. Please don't forget to visit and comfort Aunt Sylvia, for she will miss him more than anyone. Your visits to the hospital from April 1st till July 18th will be greatly remembered by Aunt Sylvia and all the family.

I thank the Great God of Heaven for all the years we have been blessed to walk together in the Church. Please don't forget his council, pleasant smile, gentle voice, but most of all he wanted you to be born again and to know the Love that God gives to all his children. How wonderful is the hope of Glory! We will meet again to live forever and forever.

Written by the request of Aunt Sylvia and the children.

I love you all, Elder Russell Hicks, Nephew

SUSIE WRIGHT HICKS

I will try to write a short obituary of my loving mother who passed away over 40 years ago, and who was kind to all.

Susie was born March 24, 1904 in Dock, KY, to Malcolm and Nancy Ousley Wright. Susie married Dan Hicks and 14 children were born of this union.

Four of the children preceded her in death, Waneda, Eugene, Ellis, and Paul. Another son, Curtis, died in 1989. Nine children are still living. Glenn Hicks, Robert Hicks, Willis Hicks, Carl Hicks, Jackie Hicks, Mrs. Nancy Hicks, Mrs. Ruth Moore, Mrs. Ruby Risner, and Mrs. Rita Keesy. Susie died May 15, 1961 in Willard, Ohio. Susie was a kind and loving mother and a hard worker. To this day, when people talk about her, it is with kind words.

Mother joined the Old Regular Baptist Church, The Little Rebecca Church of Plymouth, Ohio in the 40's.

Mom was sick for 7 years before she died, but kept her faith. Our mother is still missed by all her children and many grandchildren. If mother could see all her grandchildren and great-grandchildren, I feel she would be a very proud woman.

We all believe Mother's soul is resting. She was a faithful member of the Little Rebecca Church until her death. She enjoyed going to church as long as she was able. She was a good mother. She worked and toiled with her hands to help her children, but we feel our loss is her gain.

I believe with all my heart that God had prepared her a better home than what she had on this earth. Mother we miss you, but our loss is Heaven's eternal gain.

Written by her children, Jackie Hicks, Robert Hicks, Rita Hicks Keesy



Susie Wright Hicks

CARRIE ELIZABETH MULLINS

It is with a sad and broken heart I try with the help of God to write an obituary of our dear beloved grandmother, Carrie Elizabeth Mullins.

Carrie was born December 16, 1902, at Eddy, Kentucky, to Harvey Mullins and Molly Adkins. She departed this life in the early hours of June 24, 2001 at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. On April 6, 1918, she married Benjamin Franklin Mullins. To this union were born two sons, Bonnie Astor and Lonnie Gene. They also raised a nephew, Alonzo Mullins. He passed away April 22, 1982.

Ben left this world for a better place on August 7, 1958. Bonnie followed on July 31, 1965.

Mo Carrie, as everyone knew her, had 7 grandchildren. Bonnie's and deceased wife, Bethel's children being Gay, Lillie, Molly, Ronnie and MacArthur. Lonnie Gene's and his wife, Beulah, being Eddie Keith and Jeffery Scott.

She had 18 great-grandchildren, 13 great-great-grandchildren and 2 great-great-great-grandchildren.

She was blessed to have 7 of Alonzo's children to love also. She lived long enough to see the sixth generation.

Mo Carrie joined the Pilgrim Rest Old Regular Baptist Church in December 1934 and was baptized January 1935. At her death, she was the oldest member and had served our Lord faithfully for 66 years.

She always had a kind word and good advice for everyone. She loved to see people come to her little home and always wanted to feed them.

She will be sadly missed by her family, friends, brothers and sisters in the Church, and everyone who knew and loved her, especially Sister Audry Mullins who was like a daughter. Lick Fork will never be the same without her and her sincere prayers she said for everyone. But we feel she is resting in the arms of Jesus.

Written by her granddaughter, Gay, on behalf of the family



Carrie Elizabeth Mullins

JOHN J. MULLINS

Brother John J. Mullins, 604 Welch Lane, Greenup, KY died at his home, April 17, 2001.

He was born April 19, 1913 in Jenkins, KY. He was the youngest child of the late Robert and Ellen Mullins.

His main occupation as a provider for his family was a Coal Miner.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Bertie Mullins, his second wife, Mary Mullins, his baby son, Eddie Ray Mullins, two Brothers, Doc and Marion Mullins, six sisters, Martha, Mary, Elizabeth, Bertha, Eura and Nancy Jane, and one step-daughter.

Surviving are his wife, Glenna Flannery Baker Mullins; two sons, Donald Wayne (Joy) Mullins of Hamden, Ohio, Robert (Sandy) Mullins of Wellston, Ohio; two daughters, Lenoris (Bobby) Baker and Betty (Don) Barnett, both of Hamden, Ohio; 12 grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren, 7 great-great-grandchildren, six step-children and many nephews and nieces. Brother John became a member of the Old Time Regular Baptist Church in 1947. He laid his membership in at Bethel Church, Jenkins, KY. In the early 50's John and family moved to Hamden, Ohio. There he laid his membership in at Little Maggie Home Church, Northern New Salem Association.



John J. Mullins

Brother John's life was spent doing what God blessed him with — singing songs of Zion and to serve as a Deacon at Little Maggie Home Church. He was a borrowed Deacon at several churches during the many years working for the Lord.

In the latter days, John's eye sight failed. This interfered with his ability to see the song book. He loved to sing so well, he would start a song and ended up giving one of the brothers the book to finish. During our communion at Little Rosa Church, John was working the communion table and he started a song and asked the brothers to find the song on a certain page. He wanted them to finish the song he started. The brothers found the song, but the Lord Blessed him to line and sing the complete song. This communion was his last here on earth.

When the time came for him to leave this world, he opened his eyes big and looked up for several seconds. I believe he viewed his home and I believe his soul is resting under the altar of God.

Written by his Wife, Sister Glenna

ELDER CHARLES NEWSOME

It is with a saddened heart and memories of days gone by that I will attempt, with the help of the Lord, to write the obituary of my dear husband, Elder Charles Newsome.

Charles was born October 25, 1935 in Esco, Kentucky and departed this old troublesome world on April 12, 2001. He was the son of the late Lonnie and Eunia (Newsom) Newsome.

Charles leaves behind his wife Easter, a daughter Diana (Wendell) Jackson, and a son Donald Ray (Vickie) Newsome. Also to mourn his loss, are six grandchildren, three great-grandchildren, one brother, five sisters, and a host of nieces, nephews, and friends.

On December 24, 1967, Charles jointed the Old Baptist family. He felt the Lord had forgiven him long before, but that day he had to come home. Then on March 3, 1979, Charles received the greatest gift, the Lord chose him to become one of his prophets to go and preach his gospel. Charles loved to sing and preach when the Lord would bless him and he lived the life that he preached about. Charles stood up for the things that the Lord showed him and for the Old Regular Baptist order and practice.

Whenever anyone was sick or had a death in their family Charles would leave his home for days to be by the family's side to comfort them in their sickness and during their loss of a loved-one. He would sing songs, hold prayer, or whatever was asked of him, for he served others.

The Little Vineyard Church has lost a good and faithful member and an Assistant Moderator. Charles is at the foot of Paradise, waiting for the day of redemption when the Lord will say, well done my son come up a little higher. Charles will take wings and fly away and he'll be singing, I've been redeemed, I've been redeemed.

In closing I would like to say to all who knew and liked Charles, that if he could, he would tell you to fall out of sin and start climbing the Great High Mountain and get on the rock, for you know not when your time will come.

Sleep on Honey, I'll meet you some day
Your loving wife and sister in the Lord, Easter Newsome



Elder Charles Newsome

ARTIE WALLEN PATRICK

On January 11, 2001, the angels came and took our mother to a better place where the pain will be no more, only joy and happiness wrapped in the arms of Jesus. Born 12/1/1916 to Lee and Lizzie Ratliff Eallen. On January 17, 1935, she married Woodrow Patrick in Garrett, Kentucky. They were married 66 years and to this union were born nine children: five daughters, Tessie, Glessie, Bertha, Janice, Jeanette; and four sons Bobby, Leonard, Jerry, and Terry; and an infant son who preceded her in death. She also had 18 grandchildren and 35 great-grandchildren. She had 2 sisters Bertha Wright and Audry Hicks both of Garrett, Kentucky, numerous nieces and nephews, all who mourn her loss. Artie is preceded in death by her parents and 5 brothers and 4 sisters. Mom was a member of the Old Regular Baptist Church at Stone Coal, Garrett, Kentucky for more than 50 years. Into this she led a faithful and true Christian life. Artie and Woodrow moved to Michigan in 1953 to raise their family. They lived in the Munith area since 1954.



Artie Wallen Patrick

Mom's greatest joys were her family, gardening, her grandchildren and her great-grandchildren. Mom was happiest when she got to fill her seat in church. She loved talking on the phone with her family, her grandkids and her great-grandkids. If one of them had a question on how to cook something or how to make something they would all look to Mom on how to fix it or cook it or make whatever they called her about. We have lost a great teacher, who will be greatly missed by her family and friends and those who knew her. She loved having flowers planted by her porch. Along beside her rose bush she would always have one or two tomato plants for Dad. Mom in our hearts we know that you are still taking care of us from your heavenly home and we also know that God only chooses the best. That is why He has our Mother. Be peaceful Mom, we hope to see you again someday in your heavenly home.

Woodrow and Children

WOODROW PATRICK

On May 20th, 2001, the angels made yet another trip to our home, and took our beloved father to meet our mother in Heaven. Born May 12, 1913, to Alvin C. and Bertha Bailey Patrick in Mennifee County, KY.

On January 17th, 1935, he married Artie Wallen and settled in Garrett, KY and to this union they had nine children: five girls and four boys, with one son, Terry preceding them in death. They have 18 grandchildren and 35 great-grandchildren.

Leaving the coal mines behind in May of 1953, he moved to the Munith area to continue to raise his family. Dad made farming his life and guided his children to a prosperous life.

Oh what a beautiful sight it must have been to see our parents reunite again. To have and hold as they walk the streets of gold.

Dad was the happiest when he could take Mother to the Old Regular Baptist Church to fill their seats and to listen to the singing and preaching and the visiting of old and new friends.

Dad, our homes are so lonely with you and Mom both gone. We know that the two of you are happy together again the way God meant it to be. So be peaceful Dad, you are in our hearts and prayers until we meet again.



Woodrow Patrick

Written by the broken hearted Children

ELDER DAVID SLONE

Brother David was born January 20, 1935 on Johnican Creek in Pike County, Kentucky and departed this life on June 18, 2001, from injuries sustained in a fall June 6, 2001 in Pikeville making his stay here on Earth 66 years and 5 months. He was the son of the late Owen and Pearlie (Thacker) Slone.

He married Linda Tucker on July 12, 1956 and to their union was born one son, Gary David Slone, Sr. Brother David had 3 grandchildren, Stacey Slone, Samantha (Slone) Maszion, and Gary David Slone, Jr. He had two great-grandchildren; Chandler and Caleb, all who are left to mourn his loss. He is also survived by 2 sisters, Sophie Slone of Pikeville and Liza Kendrick of St. Claire Shores, Michigan.

Brother David was preceded in death by his mother Pearlie Slone, his father, Owen Slone, 4 brothers; Dan, Ben, Mithcell, and Clarence and 3 sisters; Nancy Chaney, Florence Slone, and Mercy Chaney.

On December 24, 1967, Brother David received the best Christmas present anyone can get, the salvation of his soul. He joined the Little Flock Old Regular Baptist Church and was baptized that day by Elders John M. Justice and Thanil Thacker. Since that time, Brother David was a humble servant of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. He brought his letter to the Pleasant View Church in Litchfield, Ohio in August of 1970 and he was ordained a minister in December or 1971. He brought his letter to the Little Edna Baptist Church in July of 1978. He served as Pastor of the Little Edna Church since 1986, and as Assistant Pastor of the True Vine Church in Clinton, Ohio since it's establishment in 1983. Previously, he had served as Assistant Pastor of the Pleasant View Church for many years. Brother David was a good and faithful servant and was loved by all both within and outside the church.

Brother David moved to Lorain, Ohio in 1954 to seek employment. He retired from the U.S. Steel in 1985 after 31 years of service. He had been a straddle truck operator.

Now Brother David has closed his eyes in death but his soul has gone on to rest in paradise. He has finished his labor and reaped his reward. Grandchildren and friends, if you want to see Brother David, you'll have to fall out with sin and see the free offered mercies of Jesus Christ. As he sang many times, "O! Come this moment and begin while life's sweet moments last; Turn to the Lord, forsake all sin, and He'll forgive the past."

Written by his Brother in Christ, Brother Dennis Elkins



Elder David Slone

MARVIN STURGILL

We have come together today to remember the life of Marvin Sturgill. He was born December 2, 1929 in Pinetop, Kentucky. To the late Ralph B. & Mariah Vance Sturgill. He is also preceded in death by his sister Ethel Gibson and brothers Ellis, Willis, Shelby, Irvin and Charles. He is survived by one brother, C.B. Sturgill of Mesa AZ. Marvin is also survived by his wife Esther Junella Ratliff Sturgill; 2 children Marvin Douglas & Vanessa of Cathedral City, California. And Patricia Kintzele and Tom of Evergreen, Colorado. 3 grandchildren; Private Brett Glenn of Fort Benning, Georgia. And Mariah & Camille Kintzele of Evergreen, Colorado. And Marvin's "other" daughter, Delores Ratliff of Noblesville, Indiana.

Marvin married Junella on January 27, 1953 after serving honorably in the Korean War.

Marvin's journey to Christ began in the Pleasant View Church on July 6, 1969 when he and Sister Junella were Baptised together. He served as a loving and faithful member of this church for



Marvin Sturgill

31 years. In May 1970, Brother Marvin was ordained as a Deacon, a duty he served humbly.

Marvin told that the Lord showed him what love really was the day he saw the first of his grandchildren. Marvin spent the last 17 years of his life showing that love to them. Brett, Mariah and Camille were the light of his life.

Marvin's life was a soft, gentle light that warmed all who were Blessed to know his love.

Written by his loving Daughter, Patricia Kintzele

CHARLES RAY STURGILL, SR.

Charles (Bro. Charlie) Sturgill was born December 15, 1932. He entered into rest July 8, 2000 after a long and happy life.

Bro. Charlie was the son of the late Ralph B. & Mariah Vance Sturgill. He met and married Joyce Taylor in 1953, to this union were born 4 children.

Charlie was preceded in death by his loving wife Joyce, one sister and 4 brothers. He is survived by his children; Anita Finnerty, Charles Ray Sturgill, Jr., Ethel Simons and Deborah Sturgill, his 8 grandchildren; Bridget Matej, Danielle Douglas, Jesse Sturgill, Garrett Sturgill, Michael Finnerty, Brad Simons, Brittany Barkas, and Roxanne Sturgill, Charlie is also survived by 2 brothers; C.B. Sturgill & Marvin Sturgill.

Uncle Charlie was a quiet, gentle and loving man who will be missed by so many. He was a long standing member of the Pleasant View Church.

Written by his loving niece, Patricia Kintzele



Charles Ray Sturgill, Sr.

ELDER J.C. TACKETT

Psalms 94:22 *But the Lord is my defense and my God is the rock of my refuge.* It is with deep sadness that I try with the help of God to write the obituary of a Good Soldier whom was always at his post, Elder J.C. Tackett.

He was born in Pike County, Kentucky, July 6, 1930. The son of the late Harvey and Naomia Tackett. He departed this life of pain, trouble and sorrow, into a life of everlasting peace, joy, and happiness April 18, 2000. Making his stay here in this natural world 69 years and 9 months.

In 1951, he met, fell in love and married the lady of his life Gladys Hall, and to this union of 49 years one son J.D. and one daughter Ellen were born.

He is survived by his Dear Devoted Wife Gladys, his son J.D., his daughter Ellen, 7 grandchildren, 4 great-grandchildren, 3 step grandchildren, 1 brother Doug Tackett, 6 sisters Lillian Hagar, Ilma Miller, Betty Little, Flora Brickley, Jackie Bartley, and Wilma Mullins. Also many other relatives and friends. He would say, you all don't mourn for me but rejoice that my journey is over. I have crossed the river and resting without pain or sorrow. I am with Jesus and having everlasting joy. I know you all loved me as I loved you so please get ready, repent and be ready when the master calls for you and come and see me in my new home.

Bro. J.C. joined the Ypsilanti Church of Old Regular Baptist in April of 1965. He was our Assistant Moderator for several years and a better one no church could have had. The members all loved him dearly and miss him very much. And I can still hear him singing "Just One Rose Will Do" and "Flowers for Mother's Grave". He had a beautiful voice, loud and clear singing for the Lord.

Bro. J.C. wasn't a long standing Preacher, but his words were of great strength, he could say more in a few minutes time than some could in an hour. Preach on Dear Brother, Preach on, rejoice now



Elder J.C. Tackett

you are home, you stood as a soldier, you fought the battle brave, you fell like a soldier at his post.

He especially loved the children and they all in return, loved him, (my children grew up knowing Bro. J.C. and still talk of him and they still miss him).

Bro. J.C. and Gladys had 49 years of loving each other never had much of the worldly things but they always had each other. To Gladys and the children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren, I know you loved him very much but God loved him more, children think about your souls get ready to meet Dad again someday.

Gladys I know you miss him, your husband, best friend, your fishing buddy. I believe you will meet him again, in the morning on God's shore.

My Brother, My Preacher, My Good Friend is at rest now with God and all the Holy Angels. Bro. J.C. is singing with the angels now, I know you would not want him back here and in all the pain he had. So get ready to meet dad in Heaven and sing with the angels. Like Dad is doing now.

I love you all and pray for you. God Bless and Always love each other.

Written by at the request of Gladys, Elder Gene Johnson

ERNEST THORNSBURY

October 17th, 1930 to July 2nd, 2001 — With much love, and sad and aching hearts, and with God helping and guiding us, we will try to write an obituary of a loving husband, a wonderful father and grandfather, Ernest Thornsberry.

Ernest was one of 14 children, of whom 4 proceeded him in death. Surviving brothers are Veral, J.E., Ralph, and Arnold, and 5 sisters: Mable, Merkie, Shirley, Hattie and Mattie.

He was the son of Kana Wha and Draxie Thornsberry of Pikeville, Kentucky. He was born on October 17, 1930 and passed away July 2, 2001. Making his stay here on Earth 70 years and 9 months. In Saint Joseph Hospital, on a bright, sunny afternoon, God answered Brother Ernie's prayers and blessed his soul to take its flight from his cancer-stricken body to his eternal resting place where Brother Ernie won't have any more pain and suffering.

Early in life, he met and married Gracie Damron on August 15, 1951 and to this union they were blessed with seven children. Left to mourn his loss is his loving wife, Gracie; three daughters: Ada and her husband Rick, Leilia and her husband Ronnie, Karen and her husband Rick; and four sons, Ernie and his wife Beth, Craig and his wife Deidre, Steve and his wife Patty, and Todd and his wife Jenny; also 12 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren; a host of nieces and nephews and many friends. He loved to have his family and friends to just drop in to spend time with him.

He joined the Old Regular Baptist Church in 1981 and was a member of the Rose of Sharon Church where he was an ordained Deacon. The church will feel a great loss and will deeply miss Brother Ernie, but we feel our loss is Heaven's gain. God chose another beautiful flower for his garden. Daddy has gone on to his heavenly home, but he has left our loving mother to help watch over and guide us.

To his children, Brother Ernie would say to you. . .

Children if God would grant me a wish this would be my wish.

That my children repent of their sins as I have done, pray for mercy and join Daddy in Heaven some day.

Boys take care of your mother and girls help her when you can.

So now I say farewell vain world, I am going home to die no more.

Written by his wife and family and Brother Johnie and Sister Audrey Bentley.

Special memorial for Brother Ernest Thornsberry will be the second Saturday and Sunday of August 2002 at the Rose of Sharon Church. Ministers called — Elder Doug McCarty, Elder Buddy Carty, Elder Teddy Honaker, Elder Floyd Jude, Elder Johnnie Bentley and Elder Ray Hamilton, Jr. Hall



Ernest Thornsberry

ROSA N. VANCE

With the help of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, we will attempt to write our mother's obituary. She was born on February 23, 1913 to the late Levi and Dinah Hall Mitchell. She was the second of five children. She was proceeded into death by her parents, and 2 brothers, Hilliard Mitchell & Foster Mitchell and 1 sister Olive Mitchell. Her younger brother Drexel D. Mitchell (Ruby Jean) reside in Groveport, Ohio. Jesus took Mother home to be with our Dad, Arthur Vance, and our brother, Arthur Vance, Jr. On March 31, 2001, making her stay here on Earth 88 years and 36 days. Our loss is Heaven's gain. We miss her so very much here on Earth but we will see her again one day. She married her soulmate on, April 1, 1933; to



Rosa N. Vance

this union 12 children were born: Glen Vance (Shirley), Keller, Texas; Loretta Horn (Franklin), West Jefferson, Ohio; Wince Vance (Brenda), Chillicothe, Ohio; Valda Dawson (Jack), Coshocton, Ohio; Gilberta Lutz (Ron), Galloway, Ohio; Lois Marcum, Gahanna, Ohio; Arthur Vance, Jr. (Died on 4/72); Peggy Crawford (Myron died on 4/01), Mt. Sterling, Ohio; Jimmy Vance (Debby) Galloway, Ohio; Saundra Vance (Charlie Sapp), Las Vegas, Nevada; Gary Vance (Janet), Goshen, Kentucky; Coy Vance, Columbus, Ohio. She leaves 24 grandchildren, 22 great-grandchildren, and 1 great-great-granddaughter. Her parents, 2 brothers, 1 sister, husband, son, 2 grandsons and 1 great-granddaughter preceded her in death. Mother joined the Little Angel Old Regular Baptist Church many years ago and was an active member as long as her health would allow. Mother leaves us with many loving and wonderful memories. All those who knew her sadly miss her.

Written by her daughters, Loretta, Valda, Gilberta, Lois, Peggy & Saundra

MOLLIE WATTS

Mollie (Aldred Watts was born on October 1st, 1934 in Holmfirth, England, to John and Agnes (Booth) Aldred, and passed away May 28th, 2001, in the presence of her loving family in Battle Creek, Michigan. Making her stay on this Earth a short 66 years, 7 months and 27 days.

She was wed to Jerome Watts, Jr. in Tripoli, North Africa on October 8th, 1952. They then moved to Garner, Kentucky to start their family.

She had 5 children die at birth, and 3 children were left behind to mourn her passing, Yvonne Mary, Dean Mitchell and Diana Lynn. She is also survived by a twin sister, Shirley Alderson of Cumbria, England; sisters: Joyce Matthewson of Surrey, England; Jacqueline Gray of Kalamazoo, Michigan and five grandchildren.



Mollie Watts

She was baptized into the Little Family Church on October 15th, 1961, by Elder Roy Caudill, and was a faithful member for forty years. She so loved her church family and traveled to be with them as often as she could, even when affliction took its hold on her.

Mom was often sick, beginning with Diabetes, then many other infirmities took their toll. Yet through all of this, she still stayed so strong, both in her faith and her love for life. She loved people and always made others laugh and smile, and was optimistic up to the very end, holding up her sweet presence to comfort her family. She was the living example of what the Apostle Paul wrote about in 2 Corinthians 12:9 — *"And he said unto me, 'My grace is sufficient for thee; for my strength is made perfect in weakness'. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me."*

Written with tearful respect by her son, Dean, for her grieving husband and family

God Saw You

*God saw you getting tired
And a cure was not to be,
So He put His arms around you
And whispered, "Come to me."
With tearful eyes we watched you,
And saw you pass away,
And though we loved you dearly,
We could not make you stay.
A golden heart stopped beating,
Hard-working hands at rest.
It broke our hearts to lose you,
But you didn't go alone.
For part of us went with you,
The day God called you home.
Author unknown*

OBITUARIES

FRIENDS OF THE N.N.S.A.

REVIS ALLEY

With love, prayer and sadness in my heart, I'll try with the help of the Lord, to write the obituary of our dear friend and loved one, Revis Alley.

Born April 1, 1932, in McDowell, KY, to the late David and Mary A. Alley. Revis passed away March 29, 2001, at Oakwood Hospital in Dearborn, Michigan, at the age of 68 years old.

Preceding him in death besides his parents, are two brothers, Joseph and Audrie. On November 30, 1955, Revis was united in marriage to the love of his life Frances McSurley. To this union three sons were born, Michael and wife Freda of Trenton; Greg and wife Tonia of Gibraltar; and R.J. and wife Jimmie of Detroit, Michigan. Besides his wife and children, left to mourn his loss are nine grandchildren: Jason, Melissa, Bryan, Natasha, Brandon, Elizabeth, Derek, David and Megan; two brothers: Homer of Ecorse, Michigan, and wife Kathy; and Wavis "Red" of McDowell, Kentucky, and wife Jennie; three sisters: Pauline of Denver, Colorado; Emogene of Jacksonville, Florida, and her husband, Elden; Olabe of Enon, Ohio; and a host of friends and relatives.

Revis was a kind and gentle person, one we will all sadly miss. It was a privilege to have known and loved him. His kindness we'll never forget. I'll never forget the last time at the hospital when we were there, even though the pain and suffering were almost too much to bear, that squeeze of my hand that he gave said more than words ever could, because Revis we love you, too.

Homer and Kathy, I know that you'll miss him. Find comfort in knowing how much it meant to him and his family that you were blessed to be there as much as you were. You know he thanks you, too.

Frances, I can't imagine the hurt and loneliness you feel, but find comfort in remembering that he's now resting in Jesus' care, never to want, or suffer no more. We'll pray for your strength to go on and the courage to let go.

Children when your hearts are weary and the pain too much to bear, look to our Savior, he'll always be there.

Take care of one another; be there for Mom as much as you can. Live your lives for Jesus, ask him for your guidance because only He really understands.

Revis will celebrate this birthday unlike any of the rest, no more pain or sorrow, only the best.

Written by wife Frances and loved ones



Revis Alley

SYDNEY MARIE DOWNING

Sydney Marie Downing, the second of four beautiful daughters born to Theon and Lavonne Branham Downing, graced and left this world on November 23, 1996.

She was a precious little angel and must have been a special soul for God to call home so soon. I am sure Heaven is full of little angels, and Sydney is another bright spot around the throne of God.

Her mommy and daddy love and miss her more than words can express. Her three sisters: Emily, Kendall, and Bailey, can rest with assurance that she is watching over them and when they look toward Heaven, she is smiling down upon them.

Mama and Papa never got to hold her, but there will always be a spot in our hearts that only belongs to her.

Thank the Lord for Heaven and for little angels.

Sydney's mama, Betty Branham

*Death is just another step along life's changing way
No more than just a gateway to a new and better day
And parting from our loved one is much easier to bear
When we know she is waiting for us to join her there
For it is on the wings of death that the living soul takes flight
Into the promised land of God where there shall be no night
So death is just a natural thing like the closing of a door
As we start upon a journey to a new and distant shore
And no one need make this journey undirected or alone
For God promised us safe passage to this vast and great unknown
So we let our grief be softened and yield not to despair
For we have only placed our loved one in the loving Father's care.*

WANDA ANN COLEMAN HYLTON

It is with fond memories, but yet with a sad heart, that I will try to write the obituary of our sister, mother, grandmother, and friend to everyone she met.

Wanda was born April 26, 1927, departed this life January 14, 2000. Making her stay here on Earth, 72 years, 9 months and 18 days. She was the daughter of Elder Willie E. Coleman and Sally Ann Thacker Coleman. She was born and raised on Wolfpit Creek Rd., Regina, KY in Pike County. She was married to James E. Hylton (son of Delmon Hylton and Stella Adkins Hylton). To this union one daughter was born, Catherine Hylton Hunter.



Wanda Ann Coleman
Hylton

She was preceded in death by her husband, James; 1 sister, Alafair Coleman; 5 brothers: John H., Paul, Arnold, Lanta and Opie. Her brother Charlie has since passed away (March 27, 2000).

She is survived by her daughter, Catherine Hunter and son-in-law James Hunter, of Norton, Ohio; 2 granddaughters: Tammy Lynn Spencer (husband Kevin) Shiloh, Ohio; Patricia Albright (husband Scott) Wadsworth, Ohio; 1 grandson: Michael Hunter (wife Lisa Scott Hunter) Norton, Ohio; 2 great-granddaughters: Amanda Spencer and Sarah Hunter; 5 great-grandsons: Ryan Hunter, Dustin, Joshua and James Albright, Matthew and Canaan Spencer; 3 brothers: James David, Albert of Ohio, and Bill of Pike Co., Kentucky; 2 sisters: Mandy Louvena Adkins and Liza Pearl Coleman, of Norton, Ohio.

Sis and Ed moved to Ohio in the early 1950's. Ed worked at Babcox and Wilcox before he went to work for Ford Motor Co. in Cleveland, Ohio. Sis worked for Cardinal Maintenance in Akron, Ohio.

They were members of the Liberty Freewill Baptist Church in Norton, Ohio. They both professed a hope in Christ and they loved the Lord very much. Sis was sick from a stroke for ten or eleven years. She was a very kind and gentle person. I believe she was a child of God in whom she put her trust. I could write and keep writing about her and never do justice. I could never put into writing what she meant to her family and friends. I believe she is resting at the altar of God, waiting for the Lord to come again to take all his children home. I also feel we the family of Sis are hoping to meet her again. We have to say farewell for a little while, may God bless and keep you all until then. I love you all.

Written by her brother, Thomas Albert Coleman

CINDY "SLONE" JOHNSON

Born: October 7, 1903 — Deceased: March 1, 2001

On September 2, 1920, Cindy Slone was married to Frank Johnson. Frank Johnson was deceased on March 3, 1965. The burial was in Johnson Fork, Kentucky at the Johnson Cemetery.

Also preceded in death are three sons: Bill and Robert Johnson of Carey, Ohio, and Charlie Johnson (twin) of Lenior City, Tennessee.

Survivors are Alice "Johnson" Hicks of Alger, Ohio; Pokie "Johnson" Vineyard of Carey, Ohio; Goldie "Johnson" Flannery (twin) of Columbus, Ohio; Della "Johnson" Ousley of Willard, Ohio; Alex Johnson of Wauseon, Ohio; and Ruben Johnson of Atlanta, Georgia. Also, surviving were several grandchildren.

Mother suffered a lot, her last few days on Earth. God knew she was getting weaker, so He knew it was time to take Mother home. She loved to sing Amazing Grace. She enjoyed the Old Regular Baptist Church. We will all miss you, Mother.

Written by her daughter, Alice "Johnson" Hicks and son-in-law Edgbert Hicks



Cindy "Slone" Johnson

CLAUDY (NEIL) JORDAN

On July 18, 1926, in Walnut Grove, Mississippi, was born a special baby boy named Claudy O'Neil Jordan to Susie Elmyra and John Monroe Jordan. We all knew him as Neil. He was raised up with six brothers: Paul, Keith, Wayne, Johnny, Art, and Eddie; two sisters: Mae and Rubynel. Neil had two children: a son Mickey and a daughter Pat, whom he loved very much. On November 19, 1978, he married Nay. Neil's love for Nay will go to the grave with him. They loved each other very much. As the years went by, their love grew stronger for each other. Nay had a daughter (Tootie), Neil loved her as his own child and Tootie loved him as a dad. Neil also loved Tootie's husband, Russ. He was always a Grandpa to their three sons.

He also had four other grandchildren left to mourn his death. To the Beverly family he was a brother to all of us. We all loved Neil and he loved all of us. Neil, we will all miss you. The family reunion will not be the same without you being there. Neil loved to cook and feed the people when they came to his and Nay's home. Neil was a veteran in the Army. He served his country in the Korean War. Neil told some people that he had been praying and nothing was standing in his way. We believe Neil had made peace with the Lord. We were at the hospital when they asked him what his religion was and he said, "I am a Baptist." So sleep on Neil, we will all miss you. Nay will miss you the most. Nay, it will not be the same for you, because part of you will go into the grave with your loving husband. You will miss hearing him say, "I love you, babe". We do feel that our loss is truly Heaven's gain. If Neil could talk, he would say, "Children come and go home with me to that Heavenly Land".



Claudy (Neil) Jordan

Written by Brother Lon and Sister Dottie Beverly

HATTIE HAMILTON MITCHELL

Hattie Hamilton Mitchell, 82 years of age, passed away suddenly on Wednesday, October 25, 2000, at her residence in Trenton, Michigan. Aunt Hattie was born March 7, 1918, in Kentucky, the daughter of the late Mack and Mahaley Newsome Hamilton. Aunt Hattie lived to be the oldest child and was the last of eleven children to leave this unfriendly world. Her brothers and sisters, which are all deceased, (beginning with the oldest) are Elizabeth Hamilton Swiney, Craig Hamilton, Rosie Hamilton Akers, Alvin Hamilton, Ethel Hamilton, Delpha Hamilton Hall, Draxie Hamilton Frasure, Arville, Ola, and Charlie Hamilton. Aunt Hattie was the eighth from the oldest. We feel that she is resting around the altar of God, waiting on that great and notable day of the Lord, realizing that our loss is Heaven's gain.



Hattie Hamilton Mitchell

On July 2, 1976, she was married to Andy Jack Mitchell, who preceded her in death on February 22, 1994. Although Aunt Hattie had no children of her own, she had two step-children, Willie B. Mitchell of Beaver, KY and Polly Howell of Louisville, KY. Along with the two step-children, she left behind three step-grandchildren, three step-great-grandchildren and many nieces, nephews and friends to mourn her loss.

About a year and a half after the death of her husband, she moved to Michigan to live with her niece, Verniece Holbrook of Carleton, MI. She stayed with Verniece four and a half years until she got an apartment of her own in April, 2000. She got to know some friends at her new residence and would often take them something to eat and sit and talk with them for a while. She enjoyed doing this and felt needed. Although Aunt Hattie never joined the church, she told us she felt the Lord had forgiven her for her sins when she was very young. She attended church regularly with us at the Rose of Sharon Church of the Old Regular Baptist in South Rockwood, MI.

Written by Elder William B. and her niece Verniece Swiney Holbrook

PATRICK LEE MUTCHLER

It is with a sad but thankful heart that I tell my friends about our son-in-law, Patrick. Patrick was born on November 27, 1955, in Mansfield, Ohio, to Mr. and Mrs. Richard Mutchler. He lived most of his life in the Loudonville-Butler area. He was employed as a commercial journeyman in plumbing and heating at Universal Enterprises. Patrick met and married our daughter, Rhonda Lynn Branham, on December 16, 1993, and became so much a part of all of our lives. Our family loved him dearly and he added so much to our home. Left at home to carry on without their father is Jeremy, Casey and Amy Jo. It has been a hard road for Rhonda, but she is a remarkable young woman. She took such good care of him when he got sick.



Patrick Lee Mutchler

He called her "his little trooper". Patrick passed away on October 17, 2000, after a 3-month bout with cancer. He fought so hard to beat this, but that was not in God's plans. He would always tell us "I have to fight this, I have too much to lose." He didn't want any of us to cry or worry about him. He would tell all of us "I am fine, I am O.K." Of the days that I spent with him, those last three months were the hardest days that I have ever spent, but I got to know what a wonderful person our daughter had brought into our lives. I would do it all over today, and more, if I had the chance. He had the faith to deal with this in a way not everybody has. He had a lot of faith in God, and that got him through with few complaints. The evening before he passed away, he said to a number of family members who were with him, "I am ready to go now, are you ready?" That gives us great peace, for we know what he was talking about. All of his prayers had been answered, he was

going home to be with Jesus. Patrick loved his family so much and they so loved him, but God loved him more and God gave him salvation. We could not do that for him. We are looking forward to meeting you again, Patrick, in a place where we will love everyone there, the way we loved you. You will forever be in our hearts.

I thank God everyday for the remembrance of you.
Your mother-in law, Betty Branham

Patrick

*God saw you were tired and a cure was not to be.
So he put his arms around you saying, "Patrick, come with me"
With tearful eyes we watched you fade away,
although we loved you dearly, we could not make you stay.
A golden heart to prove to us, he only takes the best.
It is lonesome here without you, we miss you more each day.
Life doesn't seem the same since you have gone away.
When we are sad, and things go wrong, we seem to hear you say:
"Don't cry for me, I'm with God, we'll meet again someday."
If love could have saved you, you would not have gone away.
If memories we have of you, helps us through each day.
When I get to Heaven, will you remember me?
I guess it doesn't matter, with Jesus we will be.*

Love, Your Family

HUBERT SHEPHERD

With a sad heart and by the help of God, I'll try to write an obituary of my husband, Hubert Shepherd. He passed away at the St. Vincent Hospital in Toledo, Ohio on January 8, 2001. He was born October 16, 1929, to the late Wilson and Alice (Allen) Shepherd in Gunlock, Kentucky.

He lived in the Willard area since 1953. He was an army veteran. Hubert and I were married August 27, 1960. We weren't blessed to have a family.

He worked in Marion, Ohio for 29 years and 3 months for the Tecumseh Product Co. They closed the shop. Then he went to Lakepark Industry in Greenwich, Ohio, where he retired in 1955.

He attended the Little Rebecca Old Regular Baptist Church at Plymouth, Ohio for years. He loved to go to church, but the last few months he wasn't able to go too often. I'd ask him if we were going to church today and he would say, "You go on. I'm not feeling too good and I'm going to lay around today and rest."

He has one brother: Buford Shepherd, of Ligonier, Indiana and three sisters: Sarah Handshoe, of Garrett, Indiana; Marjorie Oney, of Norwalk, Ohio; and Amie Hale, of Hueysville, Kentucky.

He was preceded in death by his parents, five brothers: Ed, Wilkie, George, Herald, Luther and one sister: Margaret Hale.

Burial was made in the Maple Grove Cemetery, New Haven, Ohio.

Our home feels so empty without you, Hube, and I miss you so much.

Written by your wife, Thelma Shepherd

Memorial meeting will take place on the 3rd Sunday in April, 2002.

Elders called: Buddy Carty, Hargis Tuttle, Russel Hicks, Delmas Hall and Saval Combs



Hubert Shepherd

MACEL SLONE

With loving memories and a sad heart, I will try to write an obituary of my friend and neighbor, Macel Slone.

Macel was the daughter of Perry and Lissie (Melissa) Slone, of Garner, Kentucky. She married Angus Slone on April 8, 1940, and to this union were born 2 children; a daughter, Lora Jean (James) Casebolt, of Marion, Ohio, and Edward Lowell (Carolyn) Casebolt of Delaware, Ohio. She also leaves to mourn her loss three grandchildren: Brian L. Slone, Deanna L. (Slone) Fogle, and Melissa R. (Casebolt) Smith, and 5 great-grandchildren. She is also survived by 4 brothers: Charles, Coshel and Clones Slone of Marion, Ohio, and Vernon Slone of Garner, Kentucky; 4 sisters: Mable Thomas, Annis Mills, Lillian Gayheart of Garner, Kentucky, and Darlene Armentrout of Lima, Ohio, plus a host of nieces and nephews.



Macel Slone

Macel was a dear person who loved her family and friends. She always knew how to put a smile on a person's face. Her family, and especially her grandchildren, were her pride and joy. Even in her darkest hours, when they walked into the room, her face would light up.

To Macel's family, I know you will all miss her so much, but we must accept God's will to have peace within ourselves and with God. He will not forsake us. He is in control, no matter what we go through here on earth. The best is still ahead, for these who love and serve Him. I also loved Macel and will surely miss her and our many visits and phone calls. I just hope and pray that someday we can all meet her in Heaven, around the throne of God, where there will be no more pain or sorrow.

But for now, we have our precious memories, which we shall treasure forever.

Written by a friend, Heeda Thomas and Macel's family

WALTER WICZUK

While my father, Walter "Tony" Wiczuk, is gone and the sadness is great, the joy of knowing him is greater.

Tony was called home to his Lord, June 5, 2001. His beloved wife, Mary of 52 years, was with him at the time he answered that call.

Tony and Mary married December 24th, 1948, and had three children: Rodney of Worthington, OH, Terry of Macomb, MI, and Sandy of Oshkosh, WI. Tony enjoyed his five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. He was one of four children: Sophie of Hazel Park, MI; Virginia "Pinky" of Warren, MI; and Whitey of Detroit, MI. Although Tony was born in the big city of Detroit, MI, on August 23, 1922, he was a country boy at heart. He had sixteen brothers and sisters-in-law that took him into their hearts and into their lives as if he, too, were born in Mousie, KY. He will be greatly missed by all of his family.



Walter Wiczuk

Tony fought with the Rangers in World War II, earning two purple hearts and many accommodations for bravery, but his ever-present smile and laughter are what we will most remember. If he was teasing you, he was loving you. If he was fishing, he was loving the world and he was fishing every second that he could. A life-long dream of his was realized when he and his sons went on an extended fishing trip deep in the wilderness of northern Canada. They had a cabin on an island surrounded by nothing but some of the most beautiful country God ever created and many lakes full of fish. They were able to do this two years in a row and if you ever talked to him after those trips, you knew all about them because it's all he talked about. The joy on his face while

he regaled in the stories about “the one that got away” and all the ones that didn’t, left no doubt to anyone how much he enjoyed that time with his sons, Ron and Terry. It meant the world to him.

Tony’s generosity with his time is remembered by all of those that he helped move to a new house or add on to an old one. He was always there with a helping hand and a smile as if whatever he was doing for you at time was the most important thing to him. He was well-known for being able to fix or build almost anything and almost everyone who knew him has something that was fixed or built with Tony’s own two hands. At 76, he could still do cartwheels down the driveway and climb up on the roof with his son, Terry, and help him with repairs.

Tony will be greatly missed by all that knew him and enjoyed by all that went before him. Heaven is just a little brighter for having him there.

We miss you Dad!

Written with love and devotion by his daughter, Sandy

LONG FORM — NOTE OF HELPFUL ADVICE

In organizing a new church it would be helpful and in the best interest of all concerned if the working body of the arm granted for the purpose of organizing a new church, if possible consist of at least seven members, and if four of the members could be male members.

ORGANIZING A NEW CHURCH

Being the time chosen, on this date _____ a great host of brothers and sisters has assembled together for the purpose of organizing an Old Regular Baptist Church at _____. The following brothers and sisters were granted an arm in full love and fellowship from the _____ Church, to be examined by a presbytery. If found orthodox in faith and practice of the Old Regular Baptist faith and order, to be organized into a church working body.

1. The moderator of the _____ Church, granting the arm, inquires of love and fellowship among the brothers and sisters of said church in the usual manner.
2. Moderator from the _____ Church, granting the arm ask all ordained ministers and deacons in correspondence with this church and corresponding association to come together and organize themselves into a presbytery by electing a moderator and clerk.
3. A move and second was made for Brother _____ to serve as moderator and Brother _____ to serve as clerk of the presbytery.
4. The clerk at this time will compile a list of all ordained ministers and deacons present.
5. The church granting the arm will view the presbytery and by a move made by Brother _____, second by Brother _____ to turn the arm of brother and sisters into the hands of the presbytery for questioning.
6. The presbytery will proceed in questioning the arm.
7. The presbytery being satisfied, a move was made by Brother _____, second by Brother _____, that Brother _____ lead the presbytery in the organizing prayer and Brother _____ give the charge.
8. On move by Brother _____, second by Brother _____ the work of the presbytery was read by the clerk.
9. Was moved by Brother _____, second by Brother _____ to approve and accept the work of the presbytery.
10. Moved by Brother _____, second by Brother _____ to release the brothers and sisters from the presbytery as an orthodox organized church, to transact business when they have elected their officers and to dissolve the presbytery.
11. The newly organized church will elect their officers and name the church.

The new church is under the watchful care of the mother church of the arm and that association until the new church letters up to the corresponding association of their choice.

ORDINATION FORM

We the undersigned authorities met; at the _____ Church of Old Regular Baptist of the Northern New Salem Association at _____ on date _____ for the purpose of examining Brother _____ for a minister or deacon.

A legal working Presbytery was formed by a motion being made to elect _____ for moderator and _____ as clerk. Motion was made by _____, second by _____.

The Moderator asked the clerk to compile a list of the ordained Elders and Deacons of the Presbytery.

The Presbytery was comprised of Elders to witness:

Deacons to witness:

The moderator asked for a motion and second from the church to deliver Brother _____ into the hands of the Presbytery. Brother _____ made the motion and Brother _____ made the second. The moderator then asked for a motion and a second to receive him into the Presbytery. The motion was made by Brother _____ and second by Brother _____.

1 Timothy chapter 3 was read by Brother _____
Articles of Faith and Rules of Decorum _____ (optional)

ORDINATION FORM

The Presbytery being satisfied; a motion was made by Brother _____ and the second was made by Brother _____ to cease questioning and to proceed with the Laying on of Hands Prayer. The moderator appointed Brother _____ to lead the prayer. An old song of Zion was sung and the prayer was conducted. The moderator appointed Elder _____ to preach the Charge.

Brother _____ made the motion and Brother _____ made the second to deliver Brother _____ back to the _____ Church as an ordained _____.

Brother _____ made the motion and Brother _____ made the second to receive him back into the church as ordained _____.

The moderator asked the clerk to read the minutes back to the Presbytery. Brother _____ made the motion and Brother _____ made the second to the motion to accept the minutes.

Brother _____ made the motion and Brother _____ made the second to dissolve the Presbytery. No objections.

Done and signed by the order of the Presbytery:

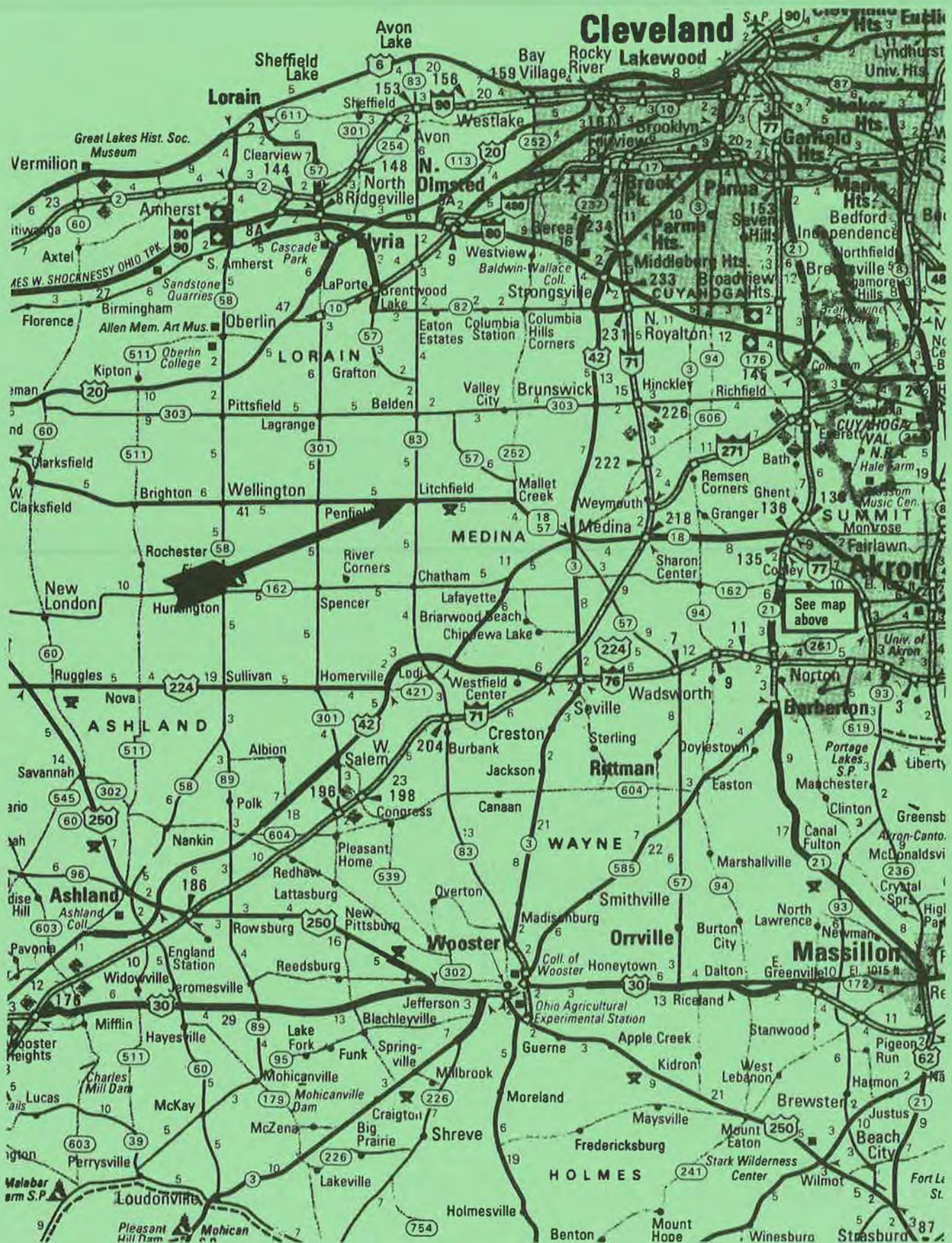
Elder _____ Moderator _____ Elder _____ Clerk _____

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