

MINUTES
OF THE
FIFTY-SECOND
ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
Northern New Salem
Association
of Old Regular Baptist
of Jesus Christ



In Session Assembled With
Little Rebecca Church
July 31, August 1, 2, 2009

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

In memory let us pause and dedicate this 52nd Annual Session of the Northern New Salem Association to the memory of our beloved Elders, brothers and sisters who have expired since our last setting.

As we journey onward to the promise land, may their precious memories, encourage and comfort we that remain until we are blessed to join their company in a land of perfect peace and joy where there is no measure of time.

We extend to you our condolence,
Clerk Bro. Hillard Newsome
Assistant Clerk Bro. Dennis Elkins

*"Use kind words for each other, it's then they will know
that you love them and perhaps your light will shine brighter."*

Bro. Newsome



Officers: (Left to right) Eld. Buddy W. Carty, Moderator; Eld. Ray Hamilton, Assistant Moderator; Eld. Hillard Newsome, Clerk; Eld. Dennis Elkins, Assistant Clerk

Deceased Elders Since Our 2008 Setting



Eld. Chester Newsome
Lily of the Valley



Eld. James Watts
Little Family

Note: Please send a picture of deceased Elders when they expire during the year to the Clerk or Assistant Clerk. Size — 3 x 2.

Thanks,
Bro. Newsome — Clerk

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Introductory Sermon for 2010 — Eld. Doug McCarty

Alternate — Eld. Charlie Duke

Circular Letter — Eld. Hargis Tuttle

Reprinted Items from the 1964, 1965, 1970, 1980 and 2003 Minutes of the Northern New Salem Association

Year 1964 – Item 15: By move and second the association agreed to answer the request from several churches touching upon the question of sisters cutting their hair, using make-up, etc. As follows: It is the duty of every moderator of every church to exercise strict disciplinary action toward the violation of established practices. To insist on strict compliance with what sayeth the scripture concerning a woman of righteousness. Mark them that would creep in the assembly just to destroy the peace and salvation of the church.

Year 1965 – Item 16: That each church in our union shall hold its own key, and it is to be the sole judge of the members as long as it does not violate the Word of God, the order of the Association or Old Regular Baptist principles.

Year 1970 – Item 17: The request from the Little Ruth Church "Asking for advise on how should a minister who has been excluded from preaching with sects and orders contrary to Regular Baptist principles can be received back into the fellowship of a Regular Baptist Church." We as an advisory council say to all our churches that you may restore such one upon strict examination, BUT not to return to them their credentials until they have been reexamined by legal presbytery.

Year 1980 – Item 12: By a motion and second, the request from the Little Rebecca Church was granted to correct Item #13 of our 1979 minutes to read as follows:

We, the Little Rebecca Church of Old Regular Baptist of Jesus Christ having met at our regular meeting time being found in full love and fellowship of all members present agreed unanimously to send the following request to the Northern New Salem Association when convened with the Little Ida Church on Friday before the first Saturday in August 1979. "We, the Little Rebecca Church request the Northern New Salem Association to adopt a resolution against members of our churches belong to secret orders such as Masons, Odd Fellows or any other related worldly organization that is an offense to our sister association as well as our own brethren". This question has produced friction far too long in our union and we feel it is contrary to our fundamental Christian beliefs and our church principles as we are not to be a part of a worldly kingdom. And farther that we advise all of our churches having such members to rid themselves of any members that refuse to disassociate themselves from such organizations. (And not preach with any preacher that belongs to a secret organization.)

Year 2003 – Item 15: A motion was made by Eld. Larry Newsome, second by Eld. Harrison Runyon that we as an adviser and counselor answer the request of the Pleasant View, Eternal Rose and True Vine Churches concerning Item #17 of our 2002 Minutes. The following will replace Item #17: "We say to our churches to advise their ministers to refrain from taking any part in the services of churches not in correspondence with the Northern New Salem Association. This means preaching or baptizing members into their fellowship. If this is violated the minister will be silenced for a period of time, satisfactory to his home church. Under no circumstance will this be less than twelve (12) months for the first offense, and if this should happen a second time he would automatically be excluded.

Concerning funerals: If a family wants a minister of the Old Regular Baptist faith to participate in a funeral service where another church minister (not of our correspondence) is going to take part or be used in part of the services. This is acceptable as long as the Regular Baptist minister separates the services by song, prayer and dismissal called. See Item #17 of our 1970 Minutes. This advice is to be printed in our Minutes until future action is taken.

PROCEEDINGS

Of The

Fifty-Second Annual Session of the
Northern New Salem Association of Old Regular Baptist

The Church of Jesus Christ

July 31, August 1, 2, 2009

Friday Session

A light mist of rain was falling beneath the overcast skies, which was soon replaced with the warm morning sun.

Coming from distances far and near over the tedious highways and byways to attend this 52nd Annual Session of this the Northern New Salem Association, as they began to greet each other with a warm hand shake and an embrace of love. As they began to mingle their voices in singing the inspiring songs of Zion, causing all to say, "It's so good to be here."

The services for the morning were opened by Elder Delmas Hall-Alternate. Though weak in body he approached the stand in meekness and in the fear of the Lord. Was soon overshadowed with the good spirit. Was blessed to tell how the light of God shined to him, causing him to fear God, as he began to seek God for that sweet salvation. He begged all to love one another.

A humble prayer was offered by Elder Phillip Beverly.

Our beloved Assistant Clerk, Elder Dennis Elkins being chosen by the delegates at our 2008 Session to preach the Introductory Sermon, came to the stand in humbleness and in the fear of the Lord. Preaching that our God is a strong, loving and caring God. Always mindful of His creation. Come to save that which was lost. That we all had sinned and come short of the glory of God. There was two men in the race, created to give God glory and honor. He begged all to love one another, as God has loved us. By showing our love for each other, our Heavenly Father would be pleased, and we must have faith to please God.

Those who were not delegates were asked to remain at the pavilion where the preaching would be conducted. The delegates were advised to assemble in the sanctuary of the Little Rebecca Church where the business of the Association would begin. The following Elders were chosen to preach at the place arranged: Elders (1) Murl Caudill-Old Indian Bottom; (2) Danny Hurley-Old Friendship; (3) Charles Jarrell-Sardis; (4) John B. Hamilton-New Salem; (5) Estill Hamilton-Union; (6) Paul D. Moore-Philadelphia.

After gathering in the house and one of Zion's songs was sung, Elder Delmer Williams-New Salem, was called on to make remarks and Elder Amos Williams-Northern New Salem led in prayer.

Our beloved Moderator, Elder Buddy W. Carty, announced that the 52nd Annual Session of the Northern New Salem Association was now in working order.

Friday, July 31, 2009

1. The Moderator called for the letters from the churches that compose the Northern New Salem Association to be handed in to the Clerk. The letter from the Little Rebecca Church was read by the Clerk. A motion was made by Elder Larry Newsome, second by Elder Don Mullins, with no objection, to receive the letters, seat the delegates and refer all queries and requests to the Committee on Arrangements.

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: Tommy Dials-Sardis, James Tackett-New Salem and David Lester-Old Friendship. Officers elected:

Moderator Elder Buddy W. Carty
Assistant Moderator Elder Ray Hamilton
Clerk Elder Hillard Newsome
Assistant Clerk Elder Dennis Elkins

(a) Noted by the Association concerning our Finance Committee and was moved and seconded that our Finance Committee be appointed at the same time of the election of officers, the Moderator appointed: Elders: Danny Belcher-Union, Hobart Hamilton-Sardis and Chuck Hall-New Salem.

Elder John M. Elkins made a motion, second by Elder Jerry Caskey, with no objection, to receive the report of the committees appointed and discharge them of their duties.

2. By a motion made by Elder Jerry Caskey, second by Elder Doug McCarty, with no objection, the Moderator was authorized to make all temporary appointments.
4. By a motion made by Elder Scott Hamilton, second by Elder Bill Blevins, with no objection, the reading of the Constitution, the Rules of Decorum and the Articles of Faith was omitted.
5. Called for legally organized churches of our same faith and order desiring to join our union and none responded.
- 6 Called for Associations of our same faith and order desiring to continue a Godly correspondence and the following responded by letter and delegate.
 - (a) **New Salem** — Represented by the following delegates: David Calhoun, John B. Hamilton, Clyde P. Lewis, James C. Tackett, Squire Hamilton, James and Elisha Branhams, Milton Dye, Autie Puckett, Jr., Leonard Hamilton, Deffort Thornsberry, Homer Isaac, Chuck Hall, Darrell Calhoun, Marcus Huff, Preston Lewis, Delmer Williams, Mose Griffie, David Maynard, Carlos Akers, Don Vanderpool, Jimmie Dye, Roger Hicks, Paul Matthews, Glenn Frasier, Ezra Thornsberry, Teddy Honaker, Jeff Ree, Brian Keathley. Letter in the hands of Elder Milton Dye. A motion was made by Elder Danny Carty, second by Elder Don Mullins to receive the letter and seat the delegates with us in council by the right hand of fellowship.
 - (b) **Union** — Represented by the following delegates: Danny Belcher, Bobby and Gene Johnson, Danny Adams, Jerry Overstreet, Bobby Robinson, John B. Sanders, Estill Hamilton, Gary Sanders, Lloyd "Popeye" Brown, Bill Elkins, Danny Robinette, Russ Cole, James Barney and Harold Hall. Letter in the hands of Brother Bobby Johnson. A motion was made by Elder Doug McCarty, second by Elder Hargis Tuttle to receive the letter and seat the delegates with us in council by the right hand of fellowship.
 - (c) **Philadelphia** — Represented by the following delegates: Lowell Adkins, Paul D. Moore, Gary Adkins, Ira Adkins, Jr., Luther Rumey, Jr., Bob Taylor, Willis Tolliver, Gary Blevins, Chester Blevins, Jr., Gary D. Blevins, Dallas Bledsoe, Jr., Alfred Helton and Wayne Caudill. Letter in the hands of Elder Paul D. Moore. A motion was made by Brother Rodney Slone, second by Brother Rick West to receive the letter and seat the delegates with us in council by the right hand of fellowship.
 - (d) **Sardis** — Represented by the following delegates: Hobart Hamilton, Thomas J. Dials, Richard Staton, Charles Jarrell, Marion Duncan, Lacy Fletcher, Leonard and Gary

Napter and Wayne Blackburn. Letter in the hands of Elder Richard Staton. A motion was made by Elder Larry Newsome, second by Elder Bill Smith to receive the letter and seat the delegates with us in council by the right hand of fellowship.

(e) **Old Friendship** — Represented by the following delegates: David F. Lester, George Thomason, Danny L. Hurley, Junior Coleman, Danny C. Justus, James D. Stacy, Kevin Salmons, Dewey Matney, Edgar Baker, Jr., Roger Baker. Letter in the hands of Brother Junior Coleman. A motion was made by Elder Delmas Hall, second by Elder Russell Hicks to receive the 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, Haston and Aaron, Jr. Whitaker, Delmar Jones, Murl Caudill. Letter in the hands of Elder Aaron Whitaker, Jr. A motion was made by Elder Robert Wallen, second by Elder Doug McCarty to receive the 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 ministers for Friday evening and Saturday morning, who reported as follows: Friday evening and Saturday morning, who reported as follows: Friday evening—Elders: (1) Haston Whitaker-Old Indian Bottom; (2) Chuck Hall-New Salem. Saturday morning—Elders: (1) Danny Justus-Old Friendship; (2) Squire Hamilton-New Salem; (3) Willis Tolliver-Philadelphia; (4) Jerry Overstreet replaced by Danny Belcher-Union; (5) Richard Staton-Sardis.

8. Called for transient ministers and members of our same faith and order and the following responded: Elders: Jeff Dillon, Stoney Blackburn, and Brother Marty Carty.

9. A motion was made by Elder Robert Wallen, second by Brother Kenneth Slone, with no objection, that we, the Northern New Salem Association correspond by letter and delegate with the following Associations: (a) New Salem; (b) Union; (c) Philadelphia; (d) Sardis; (e) Old Friendship; and (f) Old Indian Bottom.

10. The Moderator 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 on Arrangements to meet back at the house at 2:00 P.M. Friday afternoon.

(a) Elder Larry Newsome made a motion, second by Elder Matt Slone, with no objection, that we the Northern New Salem Association adjourn until 9:00 A.M. Saturday morning, August 1, 2009.

(b) The committee met pursuant to adjournment Friday afternoon and completed its work on the Bill of Arrangements. The services for the evening were introduced by (1) Elder Haston Whitaker-Old Indian Bottom, followed by (2) Elder Chuck Hall-New Salem.

Saturday, August 1, 2009

Met pursuant to adjournment this, the second day of three of the Northern New Salem Association.

Services for the morning were introduced and led in prayer by Elder Hobert Hamilton of the Sardis Association.

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 Elder Don Mullins, second by Brother Claud Hale, with no objection, to receive the Bill of Arrangements and discharge the committee.
3. The Circular Letter written by Elder William B. Holbrook, Jr., for our 2009 session was read. A motion was made by Brother Jimmy Sowards, second by Elder Elbert Hagerman, with no objection, to receive the letter and have it printed in our 2009 minutes.
4. The finance committee appointed Friday, Item 2a, consisting of Elders: Danny Belcher-Union, Hobart Hamilton-Sardis, and Chuck Hall-New Salem, reported as follows:

2009 Church contributions	\$6,275.00
2009 Money for Pictures	330.00
Other contributions	<u>1,225.00</u>
Total money received for 2009	\$7,830.00

A motion was made by Elder Doug McCarty, second by Elder Billy Miller, with no objection, to accept the report of the Finance Committee and discharge them of their duties.
5. The Moderator called for the Treasurer, Elder Hillard Newsome to give his report as follows:

Treasurer's Report

A. Balance as of August 1, 2008	\$7,093.23
2008 Church contributions.....	6,350.00
2008 Picture money.....	380.00
Other contributions.....	<u>2,200.00</u>
Total money on hand as of August 3, 2008.....	\$16,023.23

Expenses for 2008

B. Printer's Fee	\$5,531.00
Secretary's Fee	200.00
Postage, UPS Freight.....	502.28
Supplies.....	30.00
Other	0.00
Total Expenses for 2008	\$6,263.28
Total of A.....	\$16,023.23
Less Total of B.....	<u>6,263.28</u>
Balance	\$9,759.95
Plus interest earned	12.00
Balance July 31, 2009	\$9,771.95
Plus money received for 2009	7,830.00
Total money on hand August 2, 2009	\$17,601.95

Note: Money sent by the Sister churches of the Northern New Salem

Association to the Little Rebecca Church in helping host the 2009 Session **\$9,000.00**

6. Brother Ernie Owens made a motion, second by Elder Jerry Caskey, with no objection, to receive the Treasurer's Report. Elder Elmer Edwards made a motion, second by Elder Bill Blevins, with no objection, to appoint Elder Hillard Newsome recording secretary. He is to have 3,000 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. Elder John M. Elkins made a motion, second by Elder Don Mullins, with no objection, 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 \$20.00 for pictures is to be submitted along with obituaries to be printed.
8. The following ministers were chosen to preach Saturday evening and Sunday morning. Saturday evening: (1) Danny Carty-Northern New Salem; (2) Lloyd "Popeye" Brown-Union; (3) Hargis Tuttle-Northern New Salem; (4) Clyde Lewis-New Salem; (5) Teddy Honaker-New Salem; Sunday morning: Officers of the Northern New Salem. Brother Moderator appointed Elders Haston Whitaker-Old Indian Bottom; Teddy Honaker-New Salem; James Barney-Union to take the vote for who will preach the Introductory Sermon and Elders Chuck Hall-New Salem; David F. Lester-Old Friendship; Murl Caudill-Old Indian Bottom to take the vote for who will write the Circular Letter for 2010. By a vote of the delegates, Elder Doug McCarty was chosen to preach the Introductory Sermon, Elder Charles Duke to be his alternate, and Elder Hargis Tuttle to write the Circular Letter for our 53rd Annual Session.
 9. On motion by Elder Doug McCarty, second by Elder Don Mullins, with no objection, the report of the Elders attending Union Meetings and Associations for the years 2008 and 2009 was omitted.
 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 2009 and continuing the two following days. Delegates to attend: Danny C. Hamilton, Karrel Addington, Scott Hamilton, Wayne Sartin, Don Lawson, Ernest Owens, Delmas Hall, Hank Forgey, Mike Fortner, Duane Graves, Thurman Jones, Raymond Stapleton, Ray Hamilton, Malcolm Branham, Ivan King, Scotty Little, Hillard Newsome, John M. Elkins, Don Mullins, Buddy W. Carty, Rick West, Dennis Elkins, Russell and Shawn Hicks and Morris Wicker. Letter in the hands of Elder 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 and continuing the two following days. Delegates to attend: Ernest Owens, Delmas Hall, Malcolm Branham, Ivan King, John M. and Dennis Elkins, Buddy W. Carty, Larry Newsome, Scott Little, Hillard Newsome, Karrell Addington and Hansel Brown. Letter in the hands of Elder Dennis Elkins.
 - (c) **Philadelphia** — When convened with the Little Mary Church at the Association Building, Worthington, KY. Beginning on Friday before the second Saturday in August 2009 and continuing the two following days. Delegates to attend: Billy Miller, Delmas Hall, Kilby Deel, Hank Forgey, Ray Hamilton, Ivan King, Malcolm Branham, John M. Elkins, Bill Blevins, Dennis Elkins, Larry Newsome, Buddy W. Carty, Scott Little, Jimmy Sowards and Danny Carty. Letter in the hands of Brother Jimmy Sowards.
 - (d) **Sardis** — When convened with the Pilgrims Home Church at the permanent Association Building, Varney, Pike County, KY. Beginning on Friday before the second Saturday in September 2009 and continuing the two following days. Delegates to attend: Scott Hamilton, Wayne Sartin, Delmas Hall, Hank Forgey, Mike Fortner, Ray Hamilton, John M. Elkins, Duane Graves, Bill Blevins, Dennis Elkins, Larry Newsome, Scott Little and Buddy W. Carty. Letter in the hands of Elder Scott Hamilton.

- (e) **Old Friendship** — When convened with the North Spring Church, Wolford, VA. Beginning on Friday before the fourth Saturday in August 2009 and continuing the two following days. Delegates to attend: Ray Hamilton, John M. Elkins, Mike Fortner, Bill Blevins, Dennis Elkins, Larry Newsome, Buddy W. Carty, Scott Little, Hillard Newsome and Hansel Brown. Letter in the hands of Elder Ray Hamilton.
 - (f) **Old Indian Bottom** — When convened with the host churches at the Association Building, Mallet Fork Church, Pinetop, KY. Beginning on Friday before the first Saturday in September 2009 and continuing the two following days. Delegates to attend: Don Lawson, Delmas Hall, Raymond Stapleton, Buddy W. Carty and Roy Caudill. Letter in the hands of Elder Roy Caudill.
11. The request from the Little Zion Church requesting that we adopt Article #15 from the Sardis Association Articles of Faith concerning the Biblical teaching that marriage is between a man and a woman was read. See Article #16 of our Articles of Faith in current minutes take from Article #15 Articles of Faith-Sardis Association-year 2008. A motion was made by Brother Darrell Hall to grant the request, second by Elder Scott Hamilton. Elder Jerry Caskey objected because he said he believed that a change to our Articles of Faith should be decided by the whole body. The vote was 38 in favor of granting the request and adding the Sardis Article #15 to our Article of Faith and 22 against.
 12. The request from the Little Pilgrim's home and Pleasant View Churches were read requesting that we reserve page 2 of our minutes for the pictures of our Elders that have passed in the past year. A motion was made by Elder Doug McCarty, second by Elder Gordon Akers, with no objection, to grant the request and let the Clerk find pages near the front to print pictures of our elders.
 13. The request from the Little Rebecca Church was read requesting that Moderators need to make sure that all request letters sent out from their church are signed by the Moderator and the Clerk. A motion was made by Elder Jerry Caskey, second by Elder Bill Smith, with no objection, that we grant the request and ask our Moderators and Clerks to sign all church letters being sent out.
 14. The request from the Little Ida Church was read requesting that Elbert Compton's name be removed from the list of ordained ministers. A motion was made by Elder John M. Elkins, second by Elder Robert Wallen, with no objection, to grant their request.
 15. The request from the Morning Star Church was read requesting permission to host a 2010 Memorial Meeting of the deceased members of the Northern New Salem Association. A motion was made by Elder Danny Carty, second by Elder Russell Hicks, with no objection, to grant the request of the Morning Star Church to host a Memorial Meeting of the deceased members of the Northern New Salem Association on Sunday, August 1, 2010 (odd weekend).
 16. The request to host the 2010 Association from the Pleasant View Church was read and the requests of the Eternal Rose, Little Pilgrim's Home, True Vine and Little Edna Churches to co-host with Pleasant View were noted. A motion was made by Elder Elmer Edwards, second by Elder John M. Elkins, with no objection, to grant the request of the Pleasant View Church the honor of hosting and the Eternal Rose, Little Pilgrim's Home, True Vine and Little Edna Churches co-hosting the 2010 setting of this blessed old association.
 17. Elder Danny Carty made a motion, second by Brother Kenneth Slone, with no objection, to forego the reading of the current minutes.

18. A motion was made by Elder Johnie Bentley, second by Elder Delmas Hall to adjourn to the place and time mentioned in Item #16 of Saturday's work in the current minutes.

The 52nd Session was closed with a humble and uplifting prayer and Dismission by Elder Roger Hicks of the New Salem Association.

Done and signed by order of the Northern New Salem Association.

Eld. Buddy W. Carty
Eld. Ray Hamilton
Eld. Hillard Newsome
Eld. Dennis Elkins

Moderator

Ass't. Moderator

Clerk

Ass't Clerk

Sabbath Morning, August 2, 2009

Assembling in the sanctuary of the Little Rebecca Church to attend this third and final day of this 52nd annual setting of this blessed old association. As they blended their voices together in singing the inspiring songs of Zion, one could hear the echo, like a warm gentle breeze in early morning.

Services for the morning were introduced by Elder Lloyd "Popeye" Brown of the Union Association. A humble prayer was offered by Brother Hansel Brown of the Northern New Salem Association. Second on the stand was our loved and devoted Assistant Moderator, Elder Ray Hamilton. Followed by our beloved Assistant Clerk, Elder Dennis Elkins. Fourth was our highly respected Moderator Elder Buddy W. Carty, preaching and bringing to a close this the 52nd Annual Session of the Northern New Salem Association.

I have searched, looked and begged for words to express to you the Little Rebecca Church, Brothers, Sisters and friends our thanks and appreciation for your generous love and hospitality shown to one and all, while we journeyed in your land. Thanks for your deeds of kindness, your caring, your love and your welcoming, causing all to feel welcome. The food you served with spoons of love, were wholesome, delicious and plentiful. May God richly bless one and all in the North land, as you journey with us on the way to the promise land.

To those in Campers Village, was it ever so nice to have you with us. Your little homes on wheels was just as nice as a rolling subdivision. Please come on up North come August 2010 and there once again we can enjoy your fellowship. Thanks for your token of love \$295.00 worth for the Little Rebecca Church.

In Christ Love,
Brother Newsome, Clerk
Brother Elkins, Clerk

LETTER OF CONDOLENCE

We your Sister the Philadelphia Association, wish to express to you our Sister the Northern New Salem Association, our condolence in the departure of your Elders, Brothers and Sisters since your last assemblage.

Take comfort in the promise of that great day when we will all enter that home that was prepared for those that have washed their robes and made them white; where there will be no more tears or sorrow only everlasting peace and joy.

Brothers in Christ
Elder Gary Adkins,
Brother Charon Gilliam

2009 Circular Letter by Elder William B. Holbrook, Jr.

To the Officers, Delegates, Brothers and Sisters of the Northern New Salem Association, and all correspondence. Being chosen by the delegates of our 2008 session, it is with much fear and many prayers that I attempt to write this Circular Letter for this Fifty-Second Annual Session of this Grand Old Association. I have prayed many times for the Lord to grant me the privilege to write something that would be edifying to the church and above all to lift up the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

We may sometimes wonder why we seem to fail to draw members into our churches more than what we do. I know not a better way to draw them in, than to let our loving kindness be manifested to the world of mankind. For God said, therefore with loving kindness have I drawn thee. (Jeremiah 31:3) God has born us with a love that except the world has tasted this love they just don't understand how good it is

I feel that we should do everything we can to please our Lord at all times and cause Him to smile down and to be pleased with the way we conduct our lives. I read in the Bible (Proverbs 6:16-19). These six things doth the Lord hate: yea, and the seven are an abomination unto him: A proud look, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood, a heart that deviseth wicked imaginations, feet that be swift in running to mischief, a false witness that speaketh lies, and he that soweth discord among the brethren. We should be very careful of how we treat one another and not be guilty of any of these things that our Lord hates, for none of these things has any love in them and as it is written, God is Love. Therefore we should be very concerned about what bringth forth Love. Have you ever noticed when you hold an infant child close to your bosom how innocent and pure that love is felt. The world of mankind should also be able to feel our love that we have toward them in like manner. I feel that it is the duty of the members of the church to try with all their ability to convince the gainsayer to turn from all their evil ways and close in with the offerings of the all wise and merciful God. We should not criticize people in the congregation when they come to our church, for no one likes criticism. Criticism will drive people away, but we should tell them the truth and that we are glad they are present in the congregation and show them much love. Let them know that they are loved and to make them feel welcome in the congregation of our churches. We should let them know that God loves them, we love them, the church loves them and the church needs them. Let us do our work and the Lord will do his work.

While at the Passover and the one who will betray Jesus had gone out, Jesus said to his disciples, a new commandment I give unto you, that ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another. (John 13:34-35) We preach love so strong at times, yet seems like we fail to let our love be manifest the way we should. The world is watching us more than we might think. We need to conduct our lives in such a way that the world would want to be like us and not give them a truthful right to say, I am as good as they are. This love that I speak of should not be restricted to just in the church house, but it should be manifested when we are in the public also.

It is good to give honor where honor is due, but we should be careful and not worship the creature rather than the Creator for we do have a jealous God. He said I will have no other God's before me.

Brethren let us not advocate things that bringth forth confusion, for the world is confused enough, our God is not the author of confusion. Let us be good to one another as we are commanded, for the body of Christ is not divided.

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with us all. Amen.

Your Brother in Christ,
Elder William B. Holbrook, Jr.

**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. We believe that a sanctioned marriage of God is between a man and a woman only. Also we believe in receiving members into our fellowship that follow the natural dating relationship that leads to holy matrimony between a man and a woman only; thereby, preserving the family unit of father, mother, and children.

Eph. 5:22, 23, 28, St. Mark 10:6-8, Romans 1:26, 27

ARTICLE 16. 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 reprov'd by the Association as they think proper.

2009

DELEGATES TO THE NORTHERN NEW SALEM ASSOCIATION

Church

Delegates

Little Rebecca	Danny Carty, Art Tuttle, Chester Tuttle
Maggie's Home	Albert Osborne, Donald Mullins, Claud Hale
Little Flock	Duane Graves, Hank Forgey, Mike Fortner
Little Ruth	Bill Smith, Don Lawson, Adron Counts
Little Edna	Elmer Edwards, Denver Meade, Jerry Caskey
Little Ida	Ralph Caudill, Billy Miller, Steven Miller
Little Flossie	Russell Hicks, Morris Wicker, Thomas N. VanZandt
Little Zion	Rick Akers, Gordon Akers, Gerald Akers
Little Pilgrim's Home	James Hall, Robert Wallen, Darrell Hall
Mt. Olive	Elbert Hagerman, Luther Hagerman, William B. Holbrook
Pleasant View	Larry Newsome, Matt Slone, Rodney Slone
Little Family	Jerome Watts, Jr., Earnie Tuttle, Roy Caudill
Little Angel	Wilburn Nichols, Arnold Mullins, Jaime Tickle
Antioch	Stephen Slone, Scott Little, Wayne Sartin
Rose of Sharon	Johnie Bentley, Otto Collins, Rick West
Lily of the Valley	Carl Hall, Scott Hamilton, Dave McCracken
Little Children's Home	James Wagner
Morning Star	Bill Blevins, Willis Little, Charles Blevins
Little Bethel	Bill Back, Glenn Conley, Ernest Owens
Family of Love	Delmas Hall, Patrick Deel, Earnest Martin
True Vine	Bob Williams, James Coleman, Terry Ratliff
Little Melrose	Hansel Brown, John M. Elkins, Doug McCarty
Eternal Rose	Hargis Tuttle, Raymond Gayheart, Kenneth Slone
Little Ellen	Lowell Mullins, Jimmy Sowards, Charles Ramey

UNION MEETINGS AND MINISTERS CALLED FOR THE YEAR 2009-2010

NOVEMBER - 2009

LITTLE MELROSE - First in November (2009). Roy Caudill, Ray Hamilton, Johnie Bentley, Paul Boggs, Buddy W. Carty, Scott Hamilton, Squire C. Hamilton.

APRIL

ANTIOCH - First in April. Dennis Elkins, Danny Belcher, Carson Wright, Jeff Little, James Tackett (Enterprise), Ray Hamilton, Tommy Dials.

PLEASANT VIEW - First in April starts at 5:00 P.M. on Saturday. Roger Hicks, Tennis Sturgell, Scott Hamilton, Jeff Dillon, Teddy Honaker.

ETERNAL ROSE - Second in April. Bill Blevins, Charles Blevins, Willis Tolliver, Jeff Dillon, Joe Gibson.

ROSE OF SHARON - Second in April. Eddie Wallen, Richard Staton, Hobart Hamilton, Doug McCarty, James Branham, Elisha Branham, Bill Blevins, Mike Justice, Hank Forgey.

MAY

LITTLE FLOSSIE - First in May. Danny Carty, Scott Hamilton, Raymond Stapleton, Don Lawson.

LITTLE IDA - First in May. Buddy W. Carty, Willis Tolliver, Gary Adkins, Gary Young, Rick Akers.

MAGGIE'S HOME - First in May. Scott Hamilton, Squire C. Hamilton, Gary Young, Willis Tolliver.

LITTLE RUTH - Second in May. Clyde Lewis, James Branham, Willis Tolliver, Russell Hicks.

LITTLE ZION - Second in May. Gordon Boyd, Ralph Slone, Jr., Terry Hall, Elmer Edwards, Denver Meade, Hayes Chaffins, Charles Blevins.

LILY OF THE VALLEY - Third in May. Squire C. Hamilton, Johnie Bentley, Estill Hamilton, Billy Miller, Eddie Wallen, Tom VanZandt.

LITTLE CHILDREN'S HOME - Third in May. Arnold Whitaker, Haston Whitaker, Don Lawson, Raymond Stapleton, Chester Cochran.

LITTLE ELLEN - Third in May. Ray Hamilton, Johnie Bentley, Larry Newsome, Hayes Chaffins, Hargis Tuttle, Elbert Hagerman, William B. Holbrook, Dennis Elkins, Earl Dean Newsome.

MORNING STAR - Third in May. Eddie Wallen, Doug McCarty, Elbert Hagerman, Gene Johnson, Danny Hamilton, Johnie Bentley.

JUNE

LITTLE BETHEL - First in June. Bill Blevins, William B. Holbrook, Jr., Jackie Yates, Earl Dean Yates, Elbert Hagerman, Ray Hamilton, Ted Burke.

LITTLE FAMILY - Second in June. Elbert Hagerman, Scott Hamilton, Doug McCarty, John Elkins, Harvey Tuttle.

LITTLE PILGRIM'S HOME - Second in June. Elbert Hagerman, Johnie Bentley, Billy Miller, Larry Dixon, Charles Edwards, William B. Holbrook, Morris Wicker.

LITTLE REBECCA - Third in June. Rick Akers, Russell Hicks, Sean Hicks, Charles Edwards, Johnny Thornsberry.

FAMILY OF LOVE - Fourth in June. Saturday 2 P.M. Danny Belcher, Billy Miller, Mose Griffith, Gary Blevins, James Branham, Elisha Branham, Charles Jarrell, (Northern) Gayle Brown.

LITTLE EDNA - Fourth in June. Matt Maddox, Danny Belcher, Wayne Sartin, Charles Blevins, Hargis Tuttle.

MT. OLIVE - Fourth in June. Russell Hicks, Eddie Wallen, Danny Hamilton, Ray Hamilton, Robert Wallen.

JULY

LITTLE FLOCK - Third in July. Gary Blevins, Gary Young, Gary Adkins, Wayne Sartin, Billy Miller.

TRUE VINE - Third in July. Danny Belcher, Barry Lucas, Ben Little, Wayne Sartin, Greg Sowards, Billy Miller.

LITTLE ANGEL - Fourth in July. Charles Jarrell, Charles Edwards, Richard Staton, Kennis Robinson, Hobart Hamilton, (Northern) Gayle Brown.

MEMORIAL MEETINGS

LITTLE REBECCA - Third in August. Karrel Addington, Delmar Williams, Hargis Tuttle, Delmas Hall, Moderator, Assistant Moderator.

MAGGIE'S HOME - First in June. Daniel Newsome, Milton Dye, Harrison Runyon, Buddy W. Carty.

LITTLE FLOCK - Third in June. Ray Hamilton, Danny Carty, Hobart Hamilton, Richard Staton, Russell Hicks, Greg Sowards.

LITTLE RUTH - Second in July. Kennis Robinson, Danny Belcher, Lloyd Ray, Scott Hamilton, Delmas Hall.

LITTLE EDNA - Fourth in August. Scott Hamilton, Kennis Robinson, Larry Newsome, Matt Slone, Estill Hamilton.

LITTLE IDA - First in April. Bill Smith, Danny Carty, Estill Hamilton, Scott Hamilton, Eddie Wallen.

LITTLE FLOSSIE - First in October. Danny Hamilton, Johnny Thornsberry, Delmas Hall, Clyde Lewis.

LITTLE ZION - Second in July. Edsel Slone, Joe Havlic, Johnie Bentley, Bill Blevins, Gene Johnson, Billy Miller.

LITTLE PILGRIM'S HOME - Second in August. Scott Hamilton, Evan Hamilton, Hobert Justice, Paul Dye, Russell Hicks.

MT. OLIVE - Fourth in August. Larry Dixon, Johnie Bentley, Scott Hamilton, Estill Hamilton, Willis Little.

PLEASANT VIEW - First in June. Ray Hamilton, Paul Matthews, Evan Hamilton, Moderator, Assistant Moderator.

LITTLE FAMILY - Second in October (2009). Buddy W. Carty, Hillard Newsome, Willis Tolliver, Bobby Whitaker, Ralph Caudill.

LITTLE ANGEL - Fourth in March. Charles Duke, Hargis Tuttle, Scott Hamilton, Larry Newsome, Hillard Newsome, Dennis Elkins.

ANTIOCH - First in June. Hargis Tuttle, Danny Carty, Ben Little, Lowell Mullins, Scott Hamilton, Roger Hicks.

ROSE OF SHARON - Second in October (2009). Leonard Hamilton, Scott Hamilton, Lowell Mullins, Dennis Elkins, Ray Hamilton, Johnie Bentley.

LILY OF THE VALLEY - Third in July. Danny Hamilton, Hobert Justice, Matt Slone, Alex Collier, Stephen Slone.

LITTLE CHILDREN'S HOME - Third in September (2009). Ralph Caudill, Billy Miller, Ira Adkins, Jr., Roy Caudill, Russell Hicks, Rick Akers.

MORNING STAR - Third in July. Ray Hamilton, Hargis Tuttle, Larry Newsome, Russell Hicks, Bill Blevins, Willis Little.

LITTLE BETHEL - First in September (2010). James Branham, Elisha Branham, Phillip Beverly, Buddy W. Carty, Hargis Tuttle, Eddie Wallen.

FAMILY OF LOVE - Fourth in October (2009). Paul Boggs, Morris Wicker, Russell Hicks, Scott Hamilton, Jackie Yates, Ray Hamilton, Deffort Thornsberry.

TRUE VINE - Third in October (2010). Garfield Thacker, Roger Justice, Larry Newsome, Hargis Tuttle, Charles Duke.

LITTLE MELROSE - First in May. Eddie Wallen, Greg Sowards, James Barney, Willis Bartley, James Waddles, Danny Carty, Haston Whitaker, Marcus Huff.

ETERNAL ROSE - Second in June. Kennis Robinson, Charles Duke, Larry Newsome.

LITTLE ELLEN - Third in October (2010). Joe Havlik, Matt Maddox, Joseph Akers, Gordon Akers, Jerry Caskey.

SPECIAL MEMORIALS

MORNING STAR - Odd weekend in July (August 1), 2010. Special Memorial of all deceased of the Northern New Salem Association. All Old Regular Baptist Ministers invited.

We, the desendants of the Tuttle family wish to invite everyone to meet with us for the **Tuttle Memorial** on Sizemore Mountain near Wayland, Kentucky, Saturday, May 29th, 2010. Singing will start at 9:30 A.M. Services following at 10:00. Any and all are welcome to attend. We, especially, look forward to the presence of ministers.

The Tuttle Family

ORDAINED MINISTERS

LITTLE REBECCA

Elder Lon Beverly	45 Bell St., Plymouth, OH 44865	419-687-9501
Elder Phillip Beverly	4076 Bull Head Road, Willard, OH 44890	419-933-3740
Elder Danny Carty	5346 St. Andrews Dr., Westerville, OH 43082	614-899-9815
Elder Joseph Gibson	1838 Lyons Rd., Willard, OH 44890	419-933-7820
Elder Faris Tuttle	505 St. Rt. 603, Shiloh, OH 44878	419-896-3569

MAGGIE'S HOME

Elder Scotty Little	474 Diana St., Minford, OH 45653	740-820-3190
Elder Donald Mullins	36157 DePue Rd., Hamden, OH 45634	740-596-4946
Elder Johnny Newsome	60097 Locker Plt. Rd., McArthur, OH 45651	740-596-0447
Elder Albert Osborne	42651 St. Rt. 160, Wilkesville, OH 45695	740-669-4002

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

LITTLE RUTH

Elder Don Lawson	204 2nd St., Box 47, Pleasantville, OH 43148	740-468-2203
Elder Bill Smith	11937 St. Rt. 736, Marysville, OH 43040	937-642-4106
Elder Raymond Stapleton	73600 Stapleton Ln., Vinton, OH 43686	740-669-5055
Elder Bill Staton	1111 Twp. Rd. 208, Marengo, OH 43334	419-253-5906
Elder Raymond Vanderpool	281 Citrus Ridge Dr., Davenport, FL 33837	863-242-9487
Elder Amos Williams	150 Riley St., Newark, OH 43055	740-344-1073

LITTLE EDNA

Elder Jerry Caskey	10206 Main Rd., Berlin Heights, OH 44814	440-965-5270
Elder Elmer Edwards	888 Cooper Foster Park Rd., Amherst, OH 44001	440-988-3809
Elder Hobert Justice	4555 Sumner St., Sheffield Village, OH 44055	440-277-9547
Elder Denver Meade	953 Warwick Dr., Sheffield Lake, OH 44054	440-949-6048
Elder Jesse Pack	12620 Grimsley Ave., Cleveland, OH 44135	216-251-1825

LITTLE IDA

Elder Mose Bentley	25537 Baker St., Taylor, MI 48180	313-292-3247
Elder Arvid Blevins	15765 Goddard Rd. Apt. 107, Southgate, MI 48195	734-287-6965
Elder Ralph Caudill	1594 Wilson St., Lincoln Park, MI 48146	313-381-3710
Elder Billy Miller	672 Cora St., Wyandotte, MI 48192	734-283-0208
Elder Steven Miller	19363 Buck St., Brownstown, MI 48174	734-955-1347

LITTLE FLOSSIE

Elder Larry Dixon	8070 N. Angling Rd., Kendallville, IN 46755	260-347-8082
Elder Russell Hicks	11971 N. Angling Rd. 57, Wolcottville, IN 46795	260-854-3649
Elder Harvey Tuttle	955 South 900 East, Lagrange, IN 46761	260-499-7997
Elder Thomas N. VanZandt	11346 Wildwood Dr., Marshall, MI 49068	269-781-8191
Elder Morris Wicker	5510 E. 1150 N. 57, Wolcottville, IN 46795	260-318-0181

LITTLE ZION

Elder Gordon Akers	735 Elmdale Lane, Almont, MI 48003	810-798-3834
Elder Joseph R. Akers	105 S. Walker, P.O. Box 427, Capac, MI 48014	810-395-1623
Elder Rick Akers	2828 Lorraine St., Marlette, MI 48453	989-635-7393
Elder Jeff Dillon	7939 Adair Rd., Casco, MI 48064	810-329-4368
Elder O. C. Holbrook	5479 Old Banner Trail, Grand Blanc, MI 48439	810-694-5193
Elder Matt Maddox	36815 Mulberry, Clinton TWP, MI 48035	586-615-0483

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. OLIVE

Elder Elbert Hagerman	P. O. Box 213, Angola, IN 46703	260-665-1882
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PLEASANT VIEW

Elder Stoney Blackburn	2598 Dix Fork Rd., Sidney, KY 41564	606-353-4522
Elder Hayes M. Chaffins	403 S. Center St., LaGrange, OH 44050	440-355-5067
Elder Alex Collier	961 Pepperwood Ln., Brunswick, OH 44212	330-273-3505
Elder Conley Daniels	3624 W. 114th St., Cleveland, OH 44111	216-251-0709
Elder Charles Duke, Jr.	1032 S. Main St., Grafton, OH 44044	440-926-2602
Elder Dennis Elkins	2263 Pontius St. N.E., Hartville, OH 44632	330-877-7931
Elder Donel D. Gibson	222 Stonehedge Dr., Elyria, OH 44035	440-322-0299
Elder Larry Newsome	2216 Brownhelm Sta. Rd., Vermilion, OH 44089	440-967-5877
Elder Matt Slone	5426 E. Lake Rd., Sheffield Lake, OH 44054	440-949-5174

LITTLE FAMILY

Elder Roy Caudill	6143 Paulin Dr., Middletown, OH 45042	513-423-2381
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LITTLE ANGEL

Elder Greg Hunt	5774 Hargus Court, Columbus, OH 43026	614-557-2095
Elder John Jude	1609 Fallbrook Rd., Columbus, OH 43223	614-274-7122
Elder Forrest Osborne	255 Berryville Rd., Columbus, OH 43207	614-492-9435

ANTIOCH

Elder Karrel Addington	501 Micawber, Louisville, KY 40245	502-254-5961
Elder Hillard Newsome	3520 Fincastle Rd., Louisville, KY 40213	502-452-1197
Elder Stephen Slone	4155 Butler Rd., Wakeman, OH 44889	440-574-1740
Elder Wayne Sartin	1613 South 4th St., Louisville, KY 40208	502-638-0688

ROSE OF SHARON

Elder Johnie Bentley	3218 22nd St., Wyandotte, MI 48192	734-283-2983
Elder Ray Hamilton	5040 Carleton-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	6123 Lucas Ave., Ashtabula, OH 44004	440-536-4021
Elder Scott Hamilton	4760 N. Ridge E., Geneva, OH 44041	440-361-4482
Elder Junior Jent	3120 Mill Rd., Dorset, OH 44032	440-293-5018

LITTLE CHILDREN'S HOME

Elder Buford Brock	272 Suburban St., Danville, IN 46122	317-745-4629
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MORNING STAR

Elder Bill Blevins	11022 Oak Lane, Apt. 9106, Belleville, MI 48111	734-697-0935
Elder Ishmal Hall, Jr.	455 Hemlock View Rd., Morehead, KY 40351	606-780-0788
Elder Willis Little	4541 Grace, Wayne, MI 48184	734-728-4486

LITTLE BETHEL

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

Elder Clifford Bradley	18003 SH 231, Nevada, OH 44849	740-482-2095
Elder Buddy W. Carty	18 High School Ave., Shelby, OH 44875	419-342-4142
Elder Delmas Hall	1011 Sandusky St., Plymouth, OH 44865	419-687-0945

TRUE VINE

Elder Terry Ratliff	892 Woods Edge Ct., Wooster, OH 44691	330-262-4389
Elder Kennis L. Robinson	2769 Clearfield Ave., Akron, OH 44314	330-848-4518

LITTLE MELROSE

Elder John M. Elkins	131 Winchester Ave., Interlachen, FL 32148	386-684-4559
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

ETERNAL ROSE

Elder Savel Combs	2555 Wahl Dr., Mansfield, OH 44904	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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CLERKS AND THEIR ADDRESSES

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Maggie's Home.....	Duane Graves	028 Bronx Corner Rd.....	Ray, OH 45672	(740) 286-5281
Little Flock.....	Floyd Newsome.....	45215 Newsome Rd.....	Vinton, OH 45686	(740) 669-1803
Little Ruth	Adron Counts	3645 TWP Rd. 26	Cardington, OH 43375	(419) 946-6621
Little Edna	Elmer Edwards	888 Cooper Foster Pk. Rd.....	Amherst, OH 44001.....	(440) 988-3809
Little Ida.....	John Johnson	15649 Fordline St.	Southgate, MI 48195	(734) 246-0769
Little Flossie.....	Fred Jones.....	5056 West 500 South	Wabash, IN 46992	(260) 563-5001
Little Zion.....	Gerald Akers	2311 Chestnut Ln.	Burton, MI 48519.....	(810) 743-4570
Little Pilgrim's Home...	James G. Hall.....	210 Creston Rd.....	Mansfield, OH 44906	(419) 524-8514
Mt. Olive.....	Lonnie Staton.....	4109 Page Ave.....	Michigan Center, MI 49254	(517) 764-3105
N Pleasant View.....	Dennis Elkins.....	2263 Pontius St. NE.	Hartville, OH 44632	(330) 877-7931
Little Family.....	Gary Sanders	4411 Dana Dr.....	Franklin, OH 45005.....	(937) 746-9093
Little Angel.....	James Finley.....	3996 Paradise Rd.	Sugar Grove, OH 43155	(740) 746-9621
Antioch.....	Melvin Adams, Jr.	495 Overlook Rd.....	Louisville, KY 40229	(502) 957-2417
Rose of Sharon.....	William B. Holbrook.....	13388 Parkway Blvd.....	Carleton, MI 48117	(734) 654-6883
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	Charles Blevins	14502 S. State Rd.....	Perry, MI 48872	(734) 664-8721
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
True Vine	Dennis Elkins.....	2263 Pontius St. NE.	Hartville, OH 44632	(330) 877-7931
Little Melrose.....	John M. Elkins	131 Winchester Ave.	Interlachen, FL 32148	(386) 684-4559
Eternal Rose.....	Raymond Henderson	5840 CR 50	Lakeville, OH 44638	(330) 378-2223
Little Ellen	Jimmy Sowards	12612 Harold Ave.....	Palos Hts., IL 60463.....	(734) 775-7831

CHURCH MODERATORS AND ASSISTANT MODERATORS

Church	Moderator	Asst. Moderator
Little Rebecca	Buddy W. Carty	Danny Carty
Maggie's Home	Donald Mullins	Albert J. Osborne
Little Flock	Hank Forgey	Mike Fortner
Little Ruth	Amos Williams	Don C. Lawson
Little Edna	Hobert Justice	Jesse Pack
Little Ida	Ralph Caudill	Mose Bentley
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Rose of Sharon	Ray Hamilton	William B. Holbrook, Jr.
Lily of the Valley	Scott Hamilton	Evan Hamilton
Little Children's Home	Buford Brock	Aaron Whitaker, Jr.
Morning Star	Bill Blevins	Willis Little
Little Bethel	Paul Dye	Willis Little
Family of Love	Buddy W. Carty	Delmas Hall
True Vine	Kennis L. Robinson	Alex Collier
Little Melrose	Doug McCarty	Albert Hamilton
Eternal Rose	Hargis Tuttle	Raymond Gayheart
Little Ellen	Lowell Mullins	None

CHURCH ADDRESSES

(Preferably, mail correspondence to the Clerk's address)

Church	Address	City	State
Little Rebecca	4982 Henry Road, Ph. 419-687-8838	Plymouth	Ohio
Maggie's Home	Benner Road	Dundas	Ohio
Little Flock	1900 Borland, Rte. 1	Ray	Ohio
Little Ruth	Route 3	Marengo	Ohio
Little Edna	5160 Bond Avenue	Lorain	Ohio
Little Ida	4060 Drennan Street	Ecorse	Michigan
Little Flossie	159 W. Greenwood Dr.	Lisbon	Indiana
Little Zion	63181 Romeo Plank Road	Romeo	Michigan
Little Pilgrim's Home	Highway 224, Ph. 419-652-2485	Ruggles	Ohio
Mt. Olive	M-52, 4 miles North of	Stockbridge	Michigan
Pleasant View	3589 Beat Road	Litchfield	Ohio
Little Family	State Route 744, 1 mile West of	Jacksonburg	Ohio
24 Little Angel	5733 Saltzaber Road, Ph. 614-492-0010	Groveport	Ohio
Antioch	10817 Barricks Road	Louisville	Kentucky
Rose of Sharon	5665 Carleton-Rockwood Rd., Ph. 313-379-4870	South 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	State Route 228	Green Springs	Ohio
Family of Love	18061 S.R. 231 (Wyandotte) Ph. 614-482-2434	Nevada	Ohio
True Vine	7992 Cleveland Massilon Rd, Ph. 330-882-6393	Clinton	Ohio
Little Melrose	201 Pearl St.	Melrose	Florida
Eternal Rose	14061 Township Rd. 215	Lakeville	Ohio
Little Ellen	IL 50, W. 115th, Rt. on Lawler, Left 11200 S. Avon	Alsip	Illinois

STATISTICAL TABLE

2009

CHURCHES

	Received by Baptism	Received by Letter	Recommendation	Restored	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Total Membership	Meeting Time	Contributions	Communion Time
Little Rebecca	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	41	2:00 P.M. 3-E	325.00	July
Maggie's Home	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	31	1-M	175.00	July
Little Flock	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	18	3-M	300.00	Aug
Little Ruth	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	21	2-M	225.00	June
Little Edna	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	19	4-M	150.00	July
Little Ida	1	0	0	0	0	1	4	61	1-M	425.00	June
Little Flossie	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	27	1-E	350.00	June
Little Zion	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	20	2-M	120.00	June
Little Pilgrim's Home	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	14	2-M	150.00	July
Mt. Olive	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	4-M	200.00	July
Pleasant View	2	4	0	0	0	1	2	66	6:00 P.M. 1-E	400.00	May
Little Family	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	14	2:00 P.M. 2-E	250.00	July
Little Angel	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	34	4-M	400.00	Aug
Antioch	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	24	3:00 P.M. 1-E	500.00	Oct
Rose of Sharon	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	31	2-M	500.00	May
Lily of the Valley	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	17	6:00 P.M. 3-E	125.00	June
Little Children's Home	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	2:00 P.M. 3-E	200.00	July
Morning Star	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	17	3-M	300.00	June
Little Bethel	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	1-M	150.00	July
Family of Love	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	22	2:00 P.M. 4-E	250.00	July
True Vine	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	14	3-M	250.00	Aug
Little Melrose	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	12	2:00 P.M. 1-E	350.00	Jan
Eternal Rose	0	1	0	0	2	0	0	17	6:00 P.M. 2-E	100.00	May
Little Ellen	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	4:00 P.M. 3-E	80.00	June

2009 Church Contributions\$6,275.00

2009 Money for Pictures.....330.00

Other Contributions1,225.00

Grand Total **9 12 0 1 4 8 13 560** **\$7,830.00**

M — Saturday morning services

E — Saturday evening services

OBITUARIES

MEMBERS

JOHN H. ADKINS

It is with heavy hearts that we write this obituary of John H. Adkins. Born May 17, 1927, in Owsley, Kentucky, he departed this life on December 27, 2008, at the age of 81. John was the son of Harrison and Sarah (Williams) Adkins, and the beloved husband of Cora Ellen Adkins for 58 years.

Left behind to mourn his passing are his sons, Johnny, Danny (Brenda), Timothy (Virginia), five grandchildren, four great-grandchildren. John was preceded in death by three sisters, Bertha Justice, Zola Ford and Sydney Marie Hopkins, and five brothers, James Willard Adkins, Luther Adkins, Lawrence Adkins, Tommy Adkins and J.C. Howell.



John H. Adkins

John had been praying a long time for forgiveness of his sins. Then, late one night, while sitting by the kitchen window, he saw a light and felt that God was speaking to his heart, telling him that he was saved. So, on December 9, 1968, he joined the Little Ida Church of Old Regular Baptist, in Ecorse, Michigan. He became a deacon on May 7, 1977. Later, the Lord led him to join the Rose of Sharon Church, in Rockwood, Michigan.

John worked 33 years at McLouth Steel Corp., in Trenton, Michigan, and had a wonderful retirement party at Little Ida Church, in May of 1987. Afterwards, he and Cora moved to McArthur, Ohio, and lived there until 1997, when they decided to move back to Michigan to be closer to their family.

In May of 2003, John entered the Belle Fountain Nursing Home, in Riverview, Michigan. One day, Cora entered his room and told him that she loved him. At this time, John, who hadn't said much in nearly two months, looked her in the eyes and, to everyone's surprise, said, "I love you too."

John lived a good and faithful life in the Lord, and enjoyed being at church with all his Brothers and Sisters, whom he loved with all his heart. John found great comfort and strength reading his Bible, and clung fervently to the Scriptures during his darkest days.

(Cora) "Darling, I miss you more and more each day, but I have the joy in my heart to know that one day we'll be together again, rejoicing around the throne of God."

John's three sons would like everyone to know that they had the greatest Dad in the world. That's why losing him is the hardest thing they have ever gone through. Even though he gave them so much in this life, the most precious thing of all was teaching them about the Lord. And though they will always miss his beautiful smile and twinkling blue eyes, it warms their hearts to know that he is now at peace in God's loving arms.

Written by Cora Ellen Adkins, Johnny Adkins, David Adkins and Timothy Adkins

IMAJEAN COLLINS BAKER

With Gods help and his mercy I will try to write an obituary for a Loving Mother, Grandmother, and Sister the late ImaJean (Collins) Baker. She was born April 24, 1943 to the Late Elder Willie Collins and Rachel (Tuttle) Collins. She was taken from us November 16, 2008 after her long and hard battle with leukemia. Mom was blessed to have 13 brothers and sisters. She will meet some of them at the gate of our Lords great kingdom. They are Junior, Lucille, Juanita, Ruth, Avenile, Melva and Sam. Left here on Earth awaiting their most holy travel are Amos, Bill, Helen, Doris and Gwen.



ImaJean Collins Baker

Mom was married to Vaughn Baker. They had 4 children that miss them both very much and not a day goes by I don't wish I could just talk to her again which gives me a hope of one day joining her again with our Lord and Savior. Missing her are Mark, Scott (Shelly), Buddy (Renee) and Bobbie Jean. She left her grandchildren whom she loved so much, Dakota, Krysten, Ravyn, Cory, Brandon, Lauren, Adam, Dean and Lillie.

Mom was a mother first and firm with us boys when she needed to be, but she was our best friend who we leaned on in our time of need. She had a good sense of humor and loved to laugh. She was loving and compassionate to her family. Mom loved the church and loved to see them come when she was battling her sickness. She knew she was a winner either way, but Gods gain was our loss.

Mom was surrounded by many family friends and loved ones on the day the Lord called her home, with a sigh mom left us all as she held her arms up and said "I'm going home" then peacefully left this sad and terrible world. I want to express to all who read this to spend time with your family take care of your parents cause someday they'll be gone. Live and do right by God because he will do right by you.

Written by her broken-hearted son, Buddy

ELDER HERMAN MASON BELCHER

With a sad and humble heart I will try to write the obituary of my dear father.

Dad was born August 14, 1938 to the late Willie and Nannie Case Belcher and was called home April 12, 2009 at dawn Easter morning, what an appropriate day for him. Making his stay on this earth 70 years and 8 months. Dad grew up to be a humble man, and after praying for GOD to send him a good woman that he could take care of, on the mountain behind his home he then met and married our mother Spicie Jean Mullins Belcher on August 18, 1962. They were married 46 years. To this union was born three children, Danny Keith, Kimberly Ann and Angela Kaye.



Elder Herman Belcher

Dad was raised in the Old Regulars and after searching and begging for his Savior to forgive him of his sins he was saved in June 14, 1982. He joined Little Ida Church. He was a called to preach and was ordained May 14, 1985. He was a member until they moved back to Kentucky and he took his letter to Dorton Creek Old Regular Baptist Church, where he was a faithful member till his death.

Daddy was a steadfast servant to his LORD, his light shined everywhere he went. He was man of few words but when dad spoke to you, you were drawn in by his love of the Lord.

In dad's last days he still had work to do even from his death bed, laying hand and praying for those who needed was dad's gift. Dad laid hands on Shaun and came up preaching his last sermon from his bed with a voice he hadn't had in months. GOD blessed him to finish his work here on earth. Dad always said "I'm out about doing my father's business and he always was."

He left to mourn a loving and heartbroken wife, Spicie Jean Belcher. Three children, Danny Belcher of Knoxville, Tennessee, Kimberly and Edward Bourassa of Taylor, Michigan, and Angela and James Rutherford of Dandridge, Tennessee. Nine grandchildren, Daniel, Andrew Mason, Kayla, Amanda, Hailee, Ryan, Steven, Elizabeth and Nathaniel (who preceded him in death). One great-grandson, Dominick Mason. Two sisters, Mae Burke of Allen Park, Michigan and Jeannette Holland of Lookout, Kentucky. And a very special extended family, Andy, Gracie, Mabel, Julie and a very special brother-in-law who was his brother in dad's eyes, Johnny. And a host of nieces, nephews, family, friends, and his church family.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Willie and Nannie Belcher, three sisters, Floetta, Marie, and Alberta, two brothers, Kermit and Eral, a grandson Nathaniel Edward and a daughter-in-law, Louise. And from his extended family, Delano and Rosie Mullins, Derotha Bentley, Vilice, Carl, Clarence Mullins and Shell Mullins.

We would like to thank everyone that came and lifted dad with song and prayers. Dad sure hated it when he was no longer able to fill his seat at church but he had a great many blessing right there in his home.

Sleep well daddy, one day we will be together again on heavens golden shores.

Written by his daughter and Sister in Christ, Angela Rutherford

DOUGLAS BRYANT

Brother Doug Bryant was born February 10, 1938 in Letcher County, Kentucky. He died on September 25, 2008 at his home in Middletown, Ohio. He was preceded in death by his parents, Earl and Alma Bryant; three sisters, and one brother. He is survived by his wife, Linda Bryant; one son, Keith Allen Bryant and one stepson, Tommy Riddell; five grandchildren; eight sisters, Corrine Caudill, Lilly Maddox, Wilma Lee Wells, Earlene Milligan, Patty Miles, Linda Trout, Lavena Banks, Betty Kelly; and one brother, Paul Franklin Bryant. They all dearly loved Brother Doug. He served in the U.S. Army from 1957 until 1960 in the Vietnam conflict. Later he served in the U.S. Air Force from 1960 until 1980. Burial was in the Dayton National Cemetery with full Military Honors. Brother Doug was proud to have served his country so well.



Douglas Bryant

Brother Doug and I were cousins, but we were also good friends when we were both young men. We had many fond memories of our adventures together. The year before he died, we were blessed to wash each other's feet in communion services at Little Family. That sweet memory was the best of all for us both! Brother Doug was a faithful member of the Little Family Church. He always greeted people with a smile, a laugh, or a friendly conversation. His laughter and smile is certainly missed by his natural family and by his spiritual family. We who loved him while he was here on earth will surely want to see him again when this weary life is over. My wish is to meet him on the other side. To his Brothers and Sisters that loved him so dearly, I know he would want me to give you this advice: if you haven't already done so, please prepare to meet Brother Doug on Heaven's distant shore.

Written by his cousin, friend, and Brother in Christ, Brother Wayne Caudill

ZINIA HALL COLLINS

Zinia (Hall) Collins, age 80, of New London, Ohio, went to be with her Lord and Savior on Wednesday morning, April 1, 2009 at MedCentral Hospital in Mansfield.

She was born on February 11, 1929 in Drift, Kentucky, the daughter of the late William "Tack" and Lizzie (Case) Hall.

On a brisk February weekend, Zinia met the love of her life, William Lloyd Collins, a man in uniform on a short leave from the Army. Three weeks later, on March 16, 1946 they were married in Pikeville, Kentucky and shared over 63 wonderful years together.

She performed custodial care for New London Savings and Loan for 13 years and spent six years as a seamstress at C.E. Ward Company in New London. Her most important role though, was that of a loving wife, mother, and homemaker.

A woman of deep faith, Zinia was a member of the Little Dove Old Regular Baptist Church in Trace Branch, Kentucky.

Everyone knew that the kitchen was Zinia's domain. In it, she created many masterful dishes. Every meal was made from scratch and a whole lot of love. Her recipes were impossible to duplicate because she could never give you exact measurements; she would just grab what felt right and say "it takes about this much." No one was allowed to leave her home on an empty stomach; it was demanded you eat, especially the fresh pie or other dessert just out of the oven.

Zinia's hands were those of a doer and creator. Many intricate quilts were designed by those hands and given as gifts. She and Bill planted and cared for a plentiful vegetable garden every year. When it was time to harvest their goods, she spent many hours and days canning their produce. She also loved to tend to her beautiful flower gardens.

A special place existed in Zinia's heart for each member of her family and friends. Many decades of holidays, celebrations, and family get-togethers were held in her home. To her, family was always the most important thing in life. We are all very blessed to have known such a loving and caring woman as our wife, our mom, our sister, our grandma, our friend.

Zinia will be dearly missed by her husband, Bill; her five children: son, William (Uari) Collins, Jr. of Wichita Falls, Texas and their children, Suriyan (Ana) Collins of Ewa Beach, Hawaii, Jamie (Mike) Ellis of Wichita Falls, Texas, Amy (Mike) Varnadoe of Benbrook, Texas, son, Bob (Jeanene) Collins of Wellington, Ohio, and their children, Brian (Missy) Collins of Wellington, Ohio, Bobbi Jean (Brian) Forrest of Medina, Ohio, daughter, Delores (John) Kline of New London, Ohio, and their children, Rachael and Laura Kline of New London, Ohio, son, Michael (Debbie) Collins of Lexington, Ohio, and their children, Ryan (Angela) Collins of Mount Gilead, Ohio, Shannon Collins of Columbus, Ohio, Erica (Luke) Kiger of Lexington, Ohio, son, Garry "Beak" Collins of New London, Ohio and his children, Brett Collins of Ashland, Ohio, Stacey (Bill) Workman of New London, Ohio, Branden Collins of Crestline, Ohio; six brothers: Audis "R.B." (Gladys) Hall of New London, Ohio, Billy (Madelyn) Hall, Earl (Annaleigh) Hall, Carl C. (Dottie) Hall, Kadous (Nancy) Hall, Walker Hall, all of Kentucky; a sister, Alice (Samuel) Boyd of Kentucky, nine great-grandchildren, numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and loved ones.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by two brothers, Curt and Vardie Hall, and a sister, Margie Hunter.

Zinia's family greeted friends from 2-4 P.M. and 6-9 P.M. on Friday, April 3, 2009 at Eastman Funeral Home, 200 W. Main St., New London, and on Saturday from 10 A.M. until the time of services celebrating her life at 11 A.M. with Pastor Todd Froehlich officiating. Burial took place in Ashland County Memorial Park.



Zinia Collins

DOSHIE CAUDILL EVERAGE

On February 1, 1918, in the lovely hills of Knott County, in Eastern Kentucky, the home of the late James W. and Polly Ann Caudill welcomed a gift from God. The gift was a little baby girl and they chose the name of Doshie for this child. It was here she joined her siblings and all would soon grow up as little children do. She was the last of ten, living upon God's good earth 90 years, 5 months and 29 days. Doshie was preceded in death by seven sisters: Lida, Lona, Ollie, Dicy, Dana, Stella and Ann. Two brothers also preceded her in death, Tildon and Melvin.



Doshie Caudill Everage

In the year of 1940, Doshie was wed in holy matrimony to the late Rankin Caudill. They devoted their lives to each, always caring and loving. In 1953, they left the hill country and settled in Jefferson County, Kentucky. God trusted into the hands of this couple five children, three sons and two daughters. The three sons, Keith, Kelly and Colin, preceded her in death. She is survived by two lovely and devoted daughters. They are Carolyn Hillberry and her husband, Bill, and Kathleen Cox and her husband, Sonnie, all of the Louisville area. She leaves 13 grandchildren and many great-grandchildren. I know they will miss the love of an honorable and loving grandmother.

Her humble home was always tidy and clean, and her delight was making her family and friends feel welcome when they came to visit. I have dined at her house many, many times and always enjoyed her sweet fellowship. She was a simple sister, humble and meek. She was never boastful, nor a busy-body or a tell carrier. I found her to be honest and trustworthy.

Long will I remember the first time we had church in the Antioch Church house. It was the first Sunday in February, 1968. Sister Doshie came forward telling of the good things the Lord had done for her and desiring a seat in this blessed old church. She was baptized by the hands of the late Elder Paul Adkins and Elder Hillard Newsome. She and Brother Rankin were baptized on the same day and later were ordained as Deacons. Sister Doshie was a gifted singer. We miss her presence at church and hearing her blending her voice in praise to our Heavenly Father. She was loved because she gave love. The fashions and the changing ways of the world never bothered Sister Doshie. She set good examples by dressing modestly, keeping herself unspotted from the world and letting her light shine.

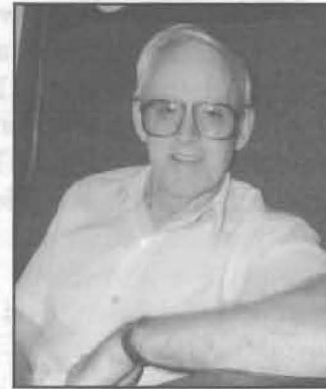
After the death of Brother Rankin in 1972, several years later she was married to Brother Everett Everage. God blessed them to have almost 20 years of a happy and devoted marriage. In 1999, Brother Everage passed away and Sister Doshie made her home with Carolyn and Bill, often spending time at Kathy and Sonnie's home. To her, Bill was a son. He Carol, Kathy and Sonnie were so good to her. They sacrificed so much to give her love and to see to her many needs in her sunset years. As she began to take her final journey to her long sought rest above, she told of seeing Jesus and her loved ones that had gone on before. She said to Carol and Bill and others, "Come, go with me to Heaven." Oh, what a testimony and a consolation of a sainted old mother, one who had honored her Heavenly Father by living an humble life.

On July 29, 2008, she gathered her robe around her, placed her hands in sweet Jesus' arms, and was carried by the angels to a land of everlasting peace and joy, Heaven Sweet Heaven. Sister Doshie, we loved you yesterday, we miss you today and hope to meet you tomorrow.

Precious memories, Elder Hillard Newsome

VARDIE HALL

It was on October 4, 1919, as the master artist, with His paint of the beautiful fall colors, began to paint the inspiring scene on the mountains, valleys and peaks of the beloved hills of Floyd County in Eastern Kentucky. Yes, it was here on this date that the home of the late Elder William Tack and Lizzie Case Hall welcomed a gift from God, a little baby boy to be known as Vardie. Soon he grew up, as little boys do. He was educated in a little one room school and as time slipped by, he became a fine young man. His eye caught the beauty of a charming sweetie in his native Floyd County, Ms. Emogene Hall. On March 9, 1944, they exchanged vows in holy wedlock to become husband and wife.



Vardie Hall

Through good times and bad, they were always devoted to each other. For over 64 years they shared joys and happiness, along with the unexpected ways of life, always with love for each other. Brother Vardie is survived by his beloved wife, Sister Emogene Hall of Louisville, Kentucky. He is also survived by the following brothers; Earl, Walker, Billy, R.B., Kadous and Carl C. He was preceded in death by a brother, Curtis and two sisters, Margie Hunter and Zinia Collins. Brother Vardie and Sister Emogene's home was blessed with eight children, four boys and four girls. Their infant son, Randy, preceded him in death. The surviving children are: Donnie Ray, Paul B. and Vardie DeWayne, all of Louisville; Sharlene Sutton, of Pendleton, Indiana; Joyce Ann Alostt, of Anderson, Indiana; Kay Vandervender, of Louisville, Kentucky and Marlene Hall of Bardstown, Kentucky. Brother Vardie is also survived by 12 grandchildren, 25 great-grandchildren and a number of great-great-grandchildren. I am sure they will always have fond memories of their father and grandfather.

Brother Vardie was a World War II Veteran. He fought in the North African Invasion. Several years ago, Brother Vardie began to attend the Antioch Church. I could see a great change in him and it was on the first Sunday in May, 1988, he came forward telling of the good things the Lord had done for him. He was baptized by the hands of Elder Hillard Newsome and the late Elder Wayne Turner. He was ordained as a deacon of the Antioch Church on March 7, 2007. Brother Vardie stood for good order, was very humble and always showed his love in meekness. He never met a stranger, always greeting one with a smile and a soft gentle voice. He was a carpenter by trade.

For almost 87 years, God blessed Brother Vardie to live upon His good earth. I feel and believe by the life he lived and the little light he let shine that all was well with his soul. On July 6, 2008, I feel he gathered his robe around him and his soul was carried by an angel band to his long sought rest above, there to dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

To Sister Emogene, I know your home is lonesome. Be comforted with the precious memories of 64 years of marriage. I can truthfully say, "You were a devoted, caring and loving wife to him." To his children, to see him again, you must be born again. Always love and care for your precious, loving Mother. She was the pride of Brother Vardie's life.

Sleep, sleep on, little humble brother and our hope is when sweet Jesus comes in His cloud of glory, we can all join His angel band. We can go home to heaven, there to live in His presence, forever in a land of peace and joy. Praise God for all His blessing and for that sweet salvation.

With love and precious memories, Brother Hillard Newsome

ARKANSAS HUDSON

With much sadness, we will try to write an obituary of our mother, Arkansas Hudson. She was born October 2, 1907, making her stay here on earth 100 years and 11 months. She was married to our father the late Elder Roy Hudson on December 25, 1925, and to this union eight children were born: Lois Tackette, Lealy Ratliff, Soloman Hudson, Bea Hudson, Lora Johnson, Violet Elliot, Brenda Burke, Ann Letwiski. Three girls preceded Mom and Dad in death, leaving us five to mourn her passing. She also leaves behind thirty-two grandchildren, sixty-four great-grandchildren, and thirty-four great-great-grandchildren, and many friends.



Arkansas Hudson

Our hearts ache for the loss of her and we will miss her laughter and her guiding star that was always there in our moments of darkness. Mom and Dad planted the seeds and taught us obedience to God and the love of God early in our lives. Those seeds would bloom as each of us matured. We were poor in material things but very rich in God's love.

Mom was saved and joined the Old Regular Baptist Church at an early age. She was a member of Old Union Church at Jonancy, Kentucky near to 73 years. One big highlight in her life was when Brother Randy come and sing for her on Sunday after church. Later, when she moved to Illinois, Brother Randy would call and sing for her. She would get so happy.

Shortly before her passing, she made the comment: 'I want to go home.' Lora asked her where is home, thinking she might be talking of Kentucky. 'Heaven, of course,' she shot back. Later, Brenda and I were sitting with Mom between us on the bed talking about all the kids, when she said she wish we lived closer to each other. And when Lora said 'Mom, someday we'll all be together in Heaven.' She clapped her hands and said, 'Won't that be a wonderful day!'

On August 31, 2008 at 6:15 A.M. Mom closed her eyes for the last time. She had a special glow on her face and we knew she was at home at last with the Lord. What peace this brings, knowing we can go and be with her again.

Written by her daughters, Brenda Burke and Lora Johnson

ELDER CHESTER NEWSOME

In loving memory and with great honor I will write the obituary of my grandfather, Elder Chester Newsome who passed away December 4th, 2007.

Brother Chester was born June 15th, 1924 in East McDowell, Kentucky. He was the son of the late William and Mary (Tackett) Newsome.

Brother Chester's wife, sister Palestine and 5 of their children: Lavada, Gary, Janet, Ricky, and Mike; also brothers: Ralph, Earle, Edward, and Estill; sisters: Masil, Bessie, Hazel and Silvia preceded him in death. His sisters: Marie, Draxie, Mildred, and one brother William, Jr. survive him.



Elder Chester Newsome

Elder Chester and Sister Pal were married August 22nd, 1942. From that union came thirteen children: Sons: Randy, Roger, Fred, Ronnie, and Carl. Daughters: Carlotta, Janette, and Sandy.

Grandpa served his country in the Army and also worked the coal mine in Kentucky.

When my grandfather saw the joy in my grandmother after she joined the church, he began his journey with the Lord and with much prayer he also joined the church in 1967. Grandpa and

Grandma worked alongside each other to help establish the "Lily of the Valley" church, where he remained a lifelong member. Grandpa wasn't much of a traveling man but he loved having brothers and sisters come and stay with him and my grandmother to attend church together.

His children and grandchildren would say he was a quiet man but when he was preaching or being blessed to sing "Great High Mountain" he would be overjoyed. When I was younger, he and my grandmother took me to an association meeting in Kentucky. What a cherished memory I have sitting between the two of them listening to all the voices blend and send their beautiful sound up to the mountains.

Grandpa got a lot of pleasure from his garden and often shared his harvest with all of us kids. His rows were ever so straight and never a weed to be seen.

When my grandmother went to be with the Lord, Grandpa struggled as their love was true. He often felt lonely and missed her a great deal. When Grandpa's illness began to take his memory it saddened us, but it seemed the Lord let him remember the good times when he and my grandmother were young and raising their family. We loved to hear those stories over and over again as it would give him such joy. Grandpa is now resting with Grandma in peace, he has climbed that high mountain, seen the views and is now on the other side.

Written with Love, by his granddaughter Lisa, and his loving son, Brother Roger

MOLLIE OLIVER

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.

Having been asked by the family to write an obituary of our dear Sister in Christ, Sister Mollie Oliver; "Sister, thou was mild and lovely; gentle as the summer breeze." Truly befitting of a wonderful sister who loved the Lord. She filled her place in the Little Ida Church until sickness came and God called her home to her eternal rest at the Verba Center, Lincoln Park, Michigan, on October 16, 2008, making her stay here on earth 78 years, 9 months, and 16 days.

She was born one of eight children on December 11, 1929 to Levi and Alma (Hampton) Bartley, Long Fork, Kentucky. Mother, dad, and one sister, Edith Robinson, preceded Mollie in death.

In early life, Mollie met the love of her life, Ernest Oliver, Jr., and they were united in marriage on March 8, 1956. No children were granted to this union. "Mac," as she fondly called him, passed on December 19, 2003.

Being from a close family, Mollie leaves to mourn a great loss three brothers: Joy Bartley, Hurley (Ruth) Bartley, and Troy Bartley, all of Hillsdale, Michigan; and three sisters: Hannie Little, Virgie, Kentucky; Wanda (Tony) Mazzie, Lincoln Park, Michigan, and Dorene (Fed) Hall, Lincoln Park, Michigan.

Little Ida Church will miss "Miss Mollie," as this writer fondly called her. Such a likeable personality of greeting everyone!

Mollie joined the Little Ida Church in November 1986 and was a faithful member. She will be greatly missed.

To her family she loved so much, we pray you will get her Savior and join Sister Mollie in a land of joy and peace in eternal life and parting no more. Her life here was truly a blessing to us all. She is in a better land. Joy will come in the morning for those who serve the Lord. Her soul is resting in peace.

Our prayers are with each of you, Brother Ralph and Sister Leona Caudill



Mollie Oliver

BETTY LEE POWERS

Betty Lee Powers of Apache Trail, Somerset, passed away on Saturday, March 14, 2009, after a brief illness, surrounded by her family. She was born July 30, 1930, in Dema, Kentucky to Roosevelt and Margaret Casebolt Slone, who preceded her in death.

She married the love of her life, James Franklin Powers, on June 10, 1950 in Pikeville, Kentucky. He recently preceded her in death in August 2008.

She was more than a loving and caring wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. She was a caregiver to anyone in need. Her greatest love was her Lord Jesus Christ and she professed that love to all, both in her life and actions. She was a member of Little Zion Old Regular Baptist Church in Romeo, Michigan until relocating to Somerset, where she was a member of Little Pilgrim Rock Old Regular Baptist Church in Waynesburg, Kentucky.

She is survived by her daughter, Lawana (and Barry) Craig of Bronston, Kentucky. Four grandchildren; Lindsay Lee Phillips of Romeo, Michigan; Rebekah Sue Phillips, Emily Jo Phillips and Barry Allen Craig, Jr., of Bronston, Kentucky; three stepgrandchildren; Amber Renee (and Paul) Stapp of Lawrenceburg, Kentucky, Samantha Jo Craig of Somerset, Kentucky and Rebecca Nicole Craig of Bronston, Kentucky; a very special great-granddaughter, Jade Lynn-Marie Phillips of Bronston, Kentucky.

She is also survived by two sisters; Clotine (and Clifton) Hicks of Payne, Ohio and Mary Helen (and George) Kestel of Dema, Kentucky; one brother, William Jennings (and Marcella) Slone of Paulding, Ohio; one sister-in-law, Vinetia Scott of Somerset, Kentucky and several nieces, nephews, neighbors and friends, who will deeply miss her.

She was preceded in death by her parents and husband, two sisters, Lois Slone Powers and Subrina Slone Jones; father and mother-in-law, Elbert, Sr. and Cordelia Hall Powers; one sister-in-law, Dovie Hall; four brothers-in-law, Berlin Jones, Elbert Power, Jr., Arlie Hall and Posey Scott, Jr.; one nephew, Michael Jones; and a very special 'adopted grandson', Marine Sergeant Phillip A. Bocks.



Betty Lee Powers

JAMES FRANKLIN POWERS

Mr. James Powers, age 82, of Somerset, passed away on Saturday, August 23, 2008 at Lake Cumberland Regional Hospital.

He was born on September 11, 1925 in Bypro, Kentucky to the late Elbert and Cordelia Hall Powers, Sr. He was a press operator for 32 years at the Chrysler Corporation in Warren, Michigan and deacon at the Pilgrim Rock Old Regular Baptist Church in Waynesburg, Kentucky. He was a Korean War Army veteran, with the rank of Specialist Third Class.

Mr. Powers is survived by his wife, Betty Slone Powers, whom he married on June 10, 1950 in Pikeville, Kentucky; a daughter Lawana Sue (and Barry) Craig of Bronston, Kentucky; a sister, Vienetia Powers Scott of Somerset; four grandchildren: Lindsay Lee Phillips, Rebekah Sue Phillips, Emily Jo Phillips, and Barry Allen Craig, Jr.; three stepgrandchildren, Amber Renee (and Paul) Stapp, Samantha Jo Craig, and Rebecca Nicole Craig; and several nieces and nephews.

Preceding him in death were his parents; two brothers, Arlie Hall and Elbert Powers, Jr.; father and mother-in-law, Roosevelt and Margaret Casebolt Slone; three sister-in laws, Lois Slone Powers, Subrina Slone Jones, and Dovie Hall; two brothers-in-law, Posey Scott, Jr. and Berlin Jones; two



James Franklin Powers

special nephews, Clyde Scott and Ronald Scott; and a very special "adopted grandson", Marine Sergeant Phillip A. Bocks.

My mother...

I know this should be a day of rejoicing, but my heart is so heavy and I miss my mother so much. I know she has finally reach the goal she had strived for most of her life and she is free. I feel like she did not go alone — that Dad and Phil came to take her home.

Anyone who knew mom knew that more than anything, she loved her Lord. She showed this love in everything she said and did. When she saw someone in need, she worked tirelessly to help in any way she could.

Her second love was children. I only wish that every child and adult child whose life she touched could be here today. There would be standing room only. I have seen her hide neighbor children from a drunk and enraged father, gather clothes and for people whose home had burned, help people find assistance for expensive medications their insurance wouldn't cover, pay electric bills and buy food for strangers so their children would not be cold or hungry. The list goes on and on. Even when her own health was failing, she found the energy to always try to help anyone in need.

She was the strongest person I ever known. She is my hero. There was no challenge she could not conquer. The greater the challenge, the harder she worked. She always taught me that anything worth having is worth working for and no matter what you decide to do in life, you always do it to the best of your ability. Be thankful for everything you receive and when you share your good fortune with others, without greed, you are rewarded ten fold.

The only obstacle she could not overcome was her inability to have children, which she wanted more than anything. She prayed and prayed until God decided it was time, and they adopted me. She told me a few months ago that she hoped Sharon, my birth mother, understood what a blessing she had given her. The greatest sacrifice a mother could make was the greatest gift she had ever received.

She was more than a mother — she taught me to fish, swim, ride a bike, roller skate, ice skate, play tennis, camp, hike, play hopscotch and jacks, knit, sew, read, do algebra and drive (which was no easy feat!). She taught me good morals and helped me learn the value of a dollar and most importantly, saw me graduate from college — her dream.

She had so many dreams for her grandchildren also. I hope that they always remember the things she taught them and appreciate the unconditional love she had for them. I found, written in her Bible "My God, grant me the wish that you will help my girls and boys to get a good education and they will prosper in thy word, in Jesus name I pray... Amen".

We would be nothing if it wasn't for her. I only hope that I can be half the woman she has been and that I will be able to pass down to my children and grandchildren everything she has taught me.

There is such a void in our lives right now that seems like it can never be filled. This week, as I talked to people I haven't talked to in years, I thought "I can't wait to tell mom" and then I realized I couldn't. I'm sure there will be many more times like that. I just pray that she, and Dad, will continue to watch over us, as they always have, and help comfort us as we continue on our journey.

With undying love and gratitude, Lawana Sue Craig

I think back on things, and wish I could have done more for my grandparents. As I got older, I grew away from them and now I wish I hadn't. I miss them more than ever. When we would all watch Lifetime movies with popcorn, Popsicles on hot summer days, bike rides through the neighborhood, and lastly saving up all the earned money from poorly cleaning their house. Although it was a bad job, they wanted me to feel good about something, or spoil me one. In either case, it

worked. They were amazing people, and they kept me going. I know that every time things get stressful or difficult in school, I'm doing it for them. Since I did such a poor job with my cleaning and being there just to be with them, I'm going to be the first grandchild to complete college. That's all that they both wanted. They may not be able to witness this themselves, but they will in some way. I know they'll be beside me through it all, in spirit and in my heart, mind, and soul. I feel like my grandma is watching over me. Because she is my guardian angel.

Written and read by, Emily Jo Phillips, granddaughter

HAROLD D. PRATER

With the help of the good Lord, I'll try to write the obituary of my beloved husband, father, grandpa, and great-grandpa. Harold D. Prater was born in Pike County, Kentucky, on February 28th, 1935. Making his stay on earth 74 years and 2 months. He was the son of the late Perry and Bessie Prater. He has two brothers deceased-Dennis Ray and James Gillian Prater and one stepsister Bobbie Jean Ramesy. He leaves behind two brothers to mourn his death. Luster and Lois Prater of McArthur, Ohio, Charles and Edith Prater of Akron, Ohio, and one sister, Bonnie Adkins of Greasy Creek, Kentucky. He leaves behind a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and one Aunt Brookie Layne to mourn his death.



Harold D. Prater

Harold and I were married in 1960, making us 48 wonderful years together. To this union four sons were born. Larry and Donna Prater of McArthur, Ohio, Danny and Carol Anne Prater of McArthur, Ohio, Keith and Ella Prater of Hamden, Ohio, Matt and Devon Prater of Hamden, Ohio. Six grandchildren whom he dearly loved; Larry Dean Prater, Jr., Sarah Nicole Prater, Shawn Christopher Prater, Grace Emily Prater, Payton Nicole Prater, Matthew Ryan Prater deceased at birth. One great-grandson whom he dearly loved so, Colton Ray Prater.

Harold joined the church in 1980 and was ordained as a Deacon in 1981. He loved and served the church well. He had a great love for everyone. We'll miss him dearly. He would take all of his Brothers and Sisters home with him after church for dinner, the ones that were able to go. This was his life for 29 years. Our lives will never be the same without him around. It is so lonesome for me, but I have the hope in me that I'll meet him again in heaven one day.

We realize our loss is heaven's gain. The Bible teaches, us we have no promise of tomorrow, so you must work while it is day. So I say to my children and loved ones who doesn't know Jesus please seek him while you have life and opportunity.

Bye for now, we'll meet you over on the other side.

Written by your broken-hearted wife and children

DAISY SPENCER

It is with much sadness and loving memories that we write the obituary of our dear mother, Daisy (Moore) Spencer, who went to be with the Lord on October 26, 1961.

She was born January 8, 1914 in Steelescreek, Kentucky to Nelson and Lily Moore. She was married to Russell Spencer.

To this union was born 12 children with one preceding her in death. Surviving are: J.C. (Dalphine) Spencer, Darvin (Ginny), Spencer of Morehead, Kentucky, Ova (Reba) Spencer of Melvin, Kentucky, Coletta (Ray) Bolen, Ann (Bob) Spradlin, Linda (Mike) Jones of McGuffey, Ohio, Betty (Chester) Tuttle, Muriel (Ron) Johnson of West Liberty, Kentucky,



Daisy Spencer

Ruth (Carl) Howard of The Villages, Florida, Gail (Dave) Sowers and Patti (Jeff) Henry of Willard, Ohio.

She was a member of Stone Coal Regular Baptist Church. Mom went home to be with the Lord at the young age of 47 years. She is still sadly missed by her 11 children, but is rejoicing with her Savior in Heaven. She and Dad would be so happy to know so many of their children have made the decision to follow Jesus and will see them again.

Written by Daisy and Russell's children

BROTHER ARTHUR AND SISTER MOLLIE STEPHENS

As I sit down to write it is my greatest desire and fondest hope that the Lord God of Heaven will smile down upon his unworthy servant once more and that He would bless me to write words that truly come from my heart. More importantly, words that will touch the hearts of all that will read them.

Once again you have bestowed upon me a great privilege to address your family in Memory of Brother Arthur and Sister Mollie, who I feel God has called home. Sister Mollie on September 2, 1994 and Brother Arthur on September 11, 1998.

It was a sad time for you kids but it was a precious time unto God. For it is written "Precious in the sight of God is the death of His Saints."

Live the way they did because they LOVED you. Most of all they LOVED the Lord that SAVED them.

If you have ever wondered how much Mommy and Daddy truly loved you, then try to measure the hours they would spend praying to the God of their Salvation to watch over each of you or the many times they would ask the Lord to heal you when you were sick. The many times God has lifted danger out of your paths because Mommy and Daddy had found favor in His sight through their obedience. For once you understand this then you will understand why they denied themselves the worldly pleasures and upheld their belief unto the end.

This being in the memory of Brother Arthur and Sister Mollie, it is a time to reflect back and a time to cherish the fond memories that we shared while they were with us and yet it is also a time to ask, "Are we following the example which they left behind?"

Brother Arthur and Sister Mollie loved you children. They loved their friends, but most of all they loved the Lord and the Old Time Way. Though they grew weak and feeble in the end, they through the Love of Jesus, were a Pillar to all that truly knew them.

Some will say that they didn't have to live the way they did, but I declare that they chose to.

In closing let me remind you that all the words that could be written won't bring Mommy and Daddy back, but that which is written in the BIBLE, which Mommy and Daddy loved, will guide you to where they are. If you truly Believe.

May God always be with you, in Christ Jesus Our Lord, Elder Ray Vanderpool



**Brother Arthur and
Sister Mollie Stephens**

ELDER JAMES D. WATTS

It is with a sad and broken heart that I will try to write an obituary of my dad, Elder James D. Watts. Born on February 20, 1940 in the Watts Fork area of Garner, Kentucky in Knott County to the late Jerome and Hester (Combs) Watts, he passed from this life on August 3, 2008 at his home in Mt. Sterling, Kentucky, making his stay here on earth 68 years, 5 months and 14 days. Earlier in life, he met and married my mom, Aurita "Rita" (Slone) Watts, who preceded him in death, along with my younger sister, Mia Delane Watts. Five years after Mom's death, he met and married Anna Faye (Hall) Byrd, whom he leaves behind to mourn his passing.



Elder James D. Watts

I recall numerous times of him talking about how, back in 1961, in the upstairs bedroom of my grandparent's home in the mountains of Eastern Kentucky, he felt the Lord had forgiven him of his sins. He often told of how — due to his not being obedient to the Lord and joining the Little Family Old Regular Baptist Church in Jacksonburg, Ohio — he blamed himself for my early childhood illnesses, as well as the death of my baby sister. It was not until June 29, 1986 that he finally placed his light on the candlestick and, because of where we lived, joined the Rose of Sharon Old Regular Baptist Church in Lincoln Co., Kentucky. It wasn't long after that he felt the Lord had called him to the ministry, and he began making offerings. It was a few years later that, on the evening of Saturday, August 25, 1990, he was ordained. For those of you who knew him, you know what an humble and loving man he was, and how the love and sincerity he had for God was manifested throughout his preaching, while the love and devotion he had for the church was shown in his singing. Now he is singing a new song that only those who have already crossed the River of Jordan can sing, and those of us left behind can only hope one day to sing, and that song is "I Have Been Redeemed." Dad believed in the old-time ways and he never strayed from those ways. He told me countless times of all the sleepless nights he spent worrying, not only about the church, but more so, about the lost sinner men and women out in the world. I thank God that we had nearly seventeen years of walking together in the Lord. On June 13, 1992, after feeling that the Lord had showed him once again, Dad brought his letter to the Little Family Old Regular Baptist Church, where he served as the Assistant Moderator until his untimely death. He had also served years during that time as the Assistant Moderator of the Mt. Sterling Old Regular Baptist Church.

I would like everyone to know that I am at peace with his passing, and I'm grateful that on the Tuesday night before he left this world, the Lord gave me a vision that prepared me for what was to come. Numerous times after that, I tried to pick up the phone and call him, but something just kept getting in my way and stopping me from doing so. I think that it was God's way of letting me know that everything was all right and it was time for me to let go. But, I'm so thankful that I have a "work" family that I can confide in, and on the Thursday before his death, I shared that vision with them, and they have continued to be here for me. The worst thing of it all is just the "missing him" part, that makes it so difficult, but I know with all my heart, that our loss is Heaven's gain, and that he is resting in the arms of Jesus. So I say to you Dad, "Sleep on just a little while longer, for it won't be long until we will meet again, and our family will once more be together and will never part."

Dad also leaves behind to mourn his passing one son, Danny James Watts of Oakland, Kentucky; two stepsons, Charles Byrd and Roger (Melissa) Byrd of Mt. Sterling, Kentucky; four grandsons; Charles Daugherty-Watts and Albert Hayes, Jr. of Oakland, Kentucky; James Thomas "J.T." Byrd and Christopher Byrd of Mt. Sterling, Kentucky; four brothers: John Harlan Watts of Marine City, Ohio, Jerome Watts, Jr. of Battle Creek, Michigan, Chester (Girdell) Watts of Pippa

Passes, Kentucky, LeRoy (June) Watts of Wiley Fork, Kentucky; one sister: Beulah (Gillis) Sturgill of Hindman, Kentucky, and a host of family and friends.

I can not end this dedication in honor of my dad's memory without mentioning him leaving behind his very close and special friends, whom he loved and cared for just like his own natural brother and sister, and that is Brother Marvin and Sister Verna Mae Potter. Our lives will never be the same, but our cherished memories will never fade. May God bless you all.

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." John 3:16 - KJV

Written by his sad and broken-hearted son, and Brother in the Lord, Danny James Watts

SISTER IDA HAZEL WILLIAMS

Born July 4, 1916 and passed February 12, 2009.

With the help of the Lord, we will attempt to write the obituary of our dear mother. Mom was born in Ritchie County on July 4th, 1916, to parents Oliver and Leota Lamp.

Mom grew up on a farm in Hebron, just outside of St. Mary's, West Virginia. At the age 16 she met Clifford Williams and they married on October 11th, 1933. From this union came 6 children. Of the 6 children, 3 have preceded her in death, James Williams, Willie Williams and Raymond Williams. She is also preceded in death by her husband Clifford; daughter-in-law, Sister Wanda Williams and son-in-law, Reuben Erb and four grandchildren, Robert Elbert Williams, Willie Lee Williams, Steven Allen Williams and Tony Williams. Two great-grandchildren, Christine Erb and Nicole Williamson.



Sister Ida Hazel Williams

She is survived by her three children, Bertha Bailey, Wilma Erb and Robert Williams. She also leaves behind numerous grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

Mom had 9 brothers and 6 sisters who have all preceded her in death. Simmie, Alexander, Fred, Dewey, Ray, Noah, Pearl, Claude and Lester. Sisters: Daisy, Bertha, Fannie, Ida May and her beloved sister Iva Ethel whom she loved so much.

Our mother was a very simple lady! It didn't take fancy things to make her happy. She never had a beautiful home nor fancy clothes to wear; however, she had something a lot more precious. She had Jesus! Someday we will all be with her again, and she will be living in her brand new home, wearing a brand new beautiful gown. That's why she was never concerned about those things down here. She knew she would have them later.

Mom was a good wife and the best mother in the world to us children. She worked hard to keep our family together. Our Dad had to leave West Virginia to seek work in Ohio and Mom was left behind in the hills, all alone to care for us kids. Times were really hard. Mom worked a garden and washed our clothes on a washboard, but she never complained.

Mom's life was an open book for the entire world to see. She fed the hungry and given to the poor, even though she was poor herself, she never worried, always knowing the Lord would provide. Dad passed away on January 31st, 1975. Mom continued to live on the farm for a while until she fell and broke her back. The doctors told her she would never walk again. But our Mom showed them a thing or two, for she said with the help of the Lord, she would and did.

Mom moved around after that and all of us got to be with our little Angel for a space of time. Her final stay was with son, Bob. He took care of her so very well, never complaining about what he did for her.

Mom always had the Lord on her mind and in her heart. She was baptized in 1993 at the Baptist church in St. Mary's, West Virginia, but she never continued attending this church after that. She

then joined the True Vine Old Regular Baptist Church in Clinton, Ohio. On June 21st in 1998 she was baptized and was a faithful member until the end. Every member loved her so: she was called "Granny" by everyone.

Family and friends, if Granny could express anything to you, she would tell everyone to seek Jesus! Bring him into your heart and live your life for him so that some sweet day when all is said and done and the Lord comes to get his children, we will all go to Heaven together, never to part again. No more heartache, no more pain. She would say "Rejoice for me my family and friends." Cry for just a little while, for I have made it home.

Here is a small poem for our sweet Mother.

*Oh sweet Mother, how we love you so!
But now sweetheart, we must let you go.
On Angel's wings, you took your flight.
Up past the clouds, way out of sight.*

Jesus was waiting for you at that Heavenly gate, to say welcome in my dear little Saint.

Your trials are all over; your work here is done.

Now you will be with your Father, you will be with his Son.

We just knew that once you got there Mom, you'd never want to leave.

You would just want to spend your time with Jesus throughout eternity.

We would like to be where you have gone, and see what you have been shown.

We'd never know another tear, nor would we feel so all alone.

Mom, when our time is over, we'll meet you some sweet day.

Even though you're parted from us now, you're just a breath away.

You're up there with our Savior, secure in every way.

Mom, you will always be a part of our lives and remain forever in our hearts. Rest on, till we meet again.

Your children, Bob, Wilma and Bertha

OBITUARIES

FRIENDS OF THE N.N.S.A.

NORELLA DEAN BURKE

Norella Dean Burke, age 72 of Woodhaven, Michigan passed away in her home on Thursday, March 5, 2009. She was born March 31, 1936 in Virgie, Kentucky to the late Delmar and Edna (Hudson) Burke. She is preceded in death by three brothers; Acy, Delmar, Jr. and Jerry Burke and two sisters; Nona Smith and Fronia Shelton.

She left Kentucky at a very young age and married and struggled for many years to raise her children. She often worked 2 to 3 jobs at a time to support her children. Our mom was very strict, but she was determined to raise us right. She was forced into early retirement due to illness.

She is survived by two children; Debbie (Mike) Ireland of Brownstown, Michigan and Bret (Dianna) Bozarth of Wayne, Michigan and three grandsons, Ryan, Brandon and Hunter; three sisters Shirley Johnson of Wellington, Kentucky; Jean Bredin and Judy O'Neal of Gulf Shores, Alabama and two brothers; Truman Burke of Tavares, Florida and Tony Burke of Bristolville, Ohio.

Norella's faith was with the Old Regular Baptist Church particularly with the "Rose of Sharon Church". She loved this little church and it's members. They were part of her extended family.

We have many memories of our mom and will always remember the sound of her laughter. She will be greatly missed by all.

Written by her loving family

PHYLLIS JOAN DAMERON

Phyllis was born in Jenkins, Kentucky on December 12, 1939. Daughter of Virgil and Mary Kinney of Shelbyville, Kentucky. She departed this life on May 1, 2009 at Kindred Hospital in Sycamore, Illinois, making her stay on earth 69 years, 4 months, 19 days.

On December 22, 1956 in Flint, Michigan she married Berton Dameron to this union with three children Karen, Gary and Kimberly and two grandchildren. Phyllis worked for Duraco Products in Streamwood, Illinois for 25 yrs.

Phyllis was preceded in death by her father and mother also one brother Bobby Kinney and one sister Marybeth Adkins.

She leaves to mourn her husband Berton Dameron, daughters Karen Dameron of Hanover Park, Illinois, Kimberly Dameron of Streamwood, Illinois, son Gary Dameron of Streamwood, Illinois, one sister Sharon Hampton of Belvidere, Illinois, two brothers Ronnie Kinney of Tennessee, Roger Kinney of Phoenix, Arizona, and grandchildren Danny and Andy.

My wife is at rest now and not in pain.

Hope to meet you in heaven.

Written by husband, Bert Dameron



Phyllis Joan Dameron

MINNIE (YATES) WICKER GRIFFEY

It is with great sadness that we will attempt to write this obituary of Minnie Griffey. The magnitude of our loss could never be expressed in mere words...our aching hearts tell our story. Minnie was born in Wheelwright, Kentucky on March 25, 1936, the daughter of Gradis and Edda (Berry) Yates. She departed this life on May 5, 2009, making her stay on earth 73 years, 1 month, 11 days. On October 9, 1953, she married Frank Wicker. He preceded her in death on May 5, 1988. To this union were born five children; Rick Wicker (Wabash, Indiana), Dennis (deceased), Lena (Tim) Huelsenbeck (Avilla, Indiana), Sandra (deceased) and Ken (Florida). On September 9, 1989, she married Moses Griffey who survives. They were blessed to share many happy times together.

They were devoted to one another in times of sickness and health, joy and sorrow. Also left to mourn her loss are Moses' two children; James (Tammy) Griffey of North Manchester, Indiana, and Pam (Tim) Nance of Laketon, Indiana; nine grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. She is also survived by two brothers; Morris (Mary) Wicker of Wolcottville, Indiana and Jerry (Carolyn) Wicker of Mousie, Kentucky, and one sister; Peggy Wicker of Kendallville, Indiana. Three brothers and three sisters preceded her in death. Though two families were brought together by the marriage of Moses and Minnie, they made sure from the beginning that we were all one family. There was never "yours or mine". It was always "our" family. One of the granddaughters often wondered how one person could have so much love for others. She realizes that the Lord filled mom up and she passed His love onto everyone around her. She so loved her children and grandchildren and she made sure they knew it. Although, she never joined the church, she loved going, and loved the Old Regular Baptist way. She never wavered in her beliefs—she let all of us know where we stood. The past few years she suffered great pain and afflictions. She told Moses



Minnie (Yates) Wicker Griffey

she was ready to go be with Jesus. The night before she passed away, such a peace came over her and the feeling to all of us with her was that the angels were hovering around her bed, ready to take her home. We miss so much of her kind and loving ways, her spirited nature and gentle touch, but this world with all of it's troubles and sorrow, pain and sickness is a place we would never want to call her back to. We feel that our loss is Heaven's gain.

Written by her grieving and broken-hearted husband and daughter

LARRY "RED" HAMILTON

Larry was born on March 6, 1955 to Elder Squire Hamilton and Menda Hamilton. Larry left this life on April 22, 2009 at 54 yrs old and was preceded in death by his mother Menda Hamilton; two sons Larry Hamilton, Jr. and Mathew Paul Hamilton; one brother: Squire Hamilton, Jr. and one sister Joann Hamilton. Left to mourn his death is his dad Elder Squire Hamilton; stepmother Laura Mae Hamilton; two sons: Samuel Hamilton of Orwell, Ohio and Daniel Hamilton of Dayton, Ohio. Two daughters: Angel Bryant of Dayton, Ohio and Tammy Hamilton of Pikeville, Kentucky; two brothers: Elder Scott Hamilton of Geneva, Ohio and Joseph Hamilton of Pikeville, Kentucky; two sisters: Jean Moore of Mousie, Kentucky and Jeannette McCracken of Ashtabula, Ohio and 12 grandchildren.



Larry "Red" Hamilton

Red ran a furniture store in Kentucky and also ran a pawn shop in Ohio. Where Larry made many friends. He attended the Old Regular Baptist Church. Larry was very kind and gentle hearted. He loved to play and joke with all his friends and family. He will be sadly missed by all that love him.

Written by his brother, Elder Scott Hamilton

SAMMY MAYNARD

It is with a sad and heavy heart that I write of the passing of my loving father, Sammy Maynard. He left this world on Tuesday, December 2, 2008. He was born May 1, 1944 in Naughtatuck West Virginia to Cecil and Fannie Maynard who preceded him in death. Also preceding him in death were twin grandsons Timothy Ryan and Thomas Nicholas Maynard and 2 nephews Todd Grindstaff and David Davis.

On June 7, 1963 he married his high school sweetheart, Sue Graham and to this union were born 4 children, Sammy Maynard, Jr. of Coalton, Ohio, Christine Wheeler of Wilkesville, Ohio, Scott Maynard (Nickie) of Chillicothe, Ohio and Rachael Strickland (Doug) of Wellston, Ohio. Dad also leaves behind 7 grandchildren, Kayla and Kayci Butts, Marissa Maynard, Austin, Aley and Brayden Maynard and Meagan Strickland, and 4 stepgrandsons, Justin and Travis Price, Daniel and Dakota Wheeler.



Sammy Maynard

He is survived by 2 brothers, Richard of Wilkesville, Ohio and Cecil, Jr. of Minford, Ohio, 4 sisters Shelba and Julie of Racine, Ohio, Catherine of Minford, Ohio and Kay of Albany, Ohio.

Dad was a dedicated husband and father for 45 years till the day of his passing. He was employed by Koppers Industries for 3 years and was an avid outdoorsman who loved hunting, fishing, and sports. He was a kind and generous man always ready and willing to help a friend, neighbor, or a stranger in need. After his death, in talking with friends we discovered that he had

done many good deeds for Little Flock and Little Pearl Church. That was my dad, always giving but not asking or needing recognition!

He was loved and respected and now sadly missed by all who knew him. Dad was the kind of man who felt truly blessed just to wake up in the morning and live another day. He always said "It's a beautiful day to be alive!". Although the day he passed was the saddest of our lives, we are comforted in knowing that he wasn't alone when he died. He had been deer hunting and was recounting the details of the day with his good friend, cousin and neighbor, Elder Kenny Newsome. For that we are truly grateful.

Written with love that will last a lifetime,
daughter Chris Wheeler, loving wife, Sister Sue Maynard and family

SHIRLEY FAYE MOORE

Shirley Faye Moore went to be with the Lord on April 25, 2009. She was born on January 7, 1955 to James Stephens and the late Clara Stephens of Willard, Ohio. At the age of 14, Shirley married Troy L. Moore on August 30, 1969. Troy and Shirley were married for 39 years and were blessed with two daughters, Shannon Moore 31 and Rebecca Collins 25, both of Jackson, Ohio. She had three grandchildren, Brent Matthew Tomblin age 7, Blake Mattison Tomblin age 6, Jordan Michael Collins age 4, that she lived for and loved with all of her heart. Shirley had been in nursing for over 30 years and cared for many, many people. She was a member of Paul's Chapel Church of Jackson, Ohio. She has been a very faithful and dedicated member since 2001. Shirley mentioned very recently before her death that she desired a talk with her best friend and aunt, ImaJean "Opal Jean" Baker. The two talked day and night and Shirley stayed by Jean's side up until the day of her death back in November of 2008. Shirley has since missed the conversations and time she had with Opal Jean and she longed to have another. Two days before Shirley's death, she looked at her daughter, Rebecca, and pointed toward heaven as she shook her head, knowing that she had a place waiting for her on the other side. She also had recently mentioned that if there was a chance that she didn't make it through this, she would have her wings. We believe that her work was done here on earth, and she had done all the Lord had her to do. The love that she had for her family, friends, Brothers, and Sisters of the church can not be replaced nor will never be forgotten. If she could talk to us today, she would tell us how beautiful heaven really is and that we have the chance to see and be with her again. Shirley will be sadly missed by all...



Shirley Faye Moore (on left)

Written by her daughter, Rebecca Collins

*God saw she was tired,
A cure was not meant 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 love her dearly,
We would not make her stay.
A golden heart stopped beating.
Hard-working hands laid to rest.
God broke our hearts to prove to us,
That He only takes the best.*

-Author Unknown

JOHN MULLINS

With many sweet memories and a lonely and sad heart, I will try to write the obituary of our precious daddy and loving husband, John Mullins, Jr. Daddy was born December 26, 1926 to John and Janie Mullins of Lionel, Kentucky. Making his stay here on earth 82 years. Daddy was married to Vesta Baker on October 14, 1950. Born unto them were 4 children, a son Mikeal Mullins of Jackson, Ohio, 3 daughters, Tresa, whom died at birth, Kathie Toth, St. Petersburg, Florida, and Sharon Dillon, Rock Hill, South Carolina. 4 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren. He served in the U.S. Army. He worked for the Railroad and later worked at Esso Ramtite Brick Yard when he became disabled. He had numerous surgeries on his lungs, as well as treatments and a multitude of hospital and doctor visits. Dad bore his illness with courage and strength. I never heard him complain about anything. God blessed him, his family and friends, allowing him to live over 40 years longer than doctors anticipated. Besides his spiritual love for the church, Daddy also had a natural love for his family. Daddy was a wonderful husband and loving father, always putting God first. Daddy loved his wife and children. He would put his family before his own needs. Daddy loved little children. He embraced his life, and loved making other people laugh. Shinning his light so bright and being thankful for what God had blessed him with. His life was a light to all of us. Dad was a simple man and loved the old time ways and stood firm in what he believed in. Daddy loved his Old Regular Baptist family and loved them to visit with him. He looked forward to going to Church and as long as he could drive he would go. As he got sicker, and had the strength, he would ride to church with other Brothers and Sisters and looked forward to it. His Old Regular Brothers and Sisters were always there for him. I do not know what he and my mother would have done if it had not been for his brother and sisters, Charles and Sue, Kenny and Tina, Raymond and Jaree, Floyd and Pam and Mary and Johnny Thornberry and many other Church members for being there for him and his family, they were always eager to take him to the doctor, hospital, among many other things and stood faithfully with him and his family. We thank them for all their love and prayers. Daddy was in a coma for five days, his eyes were closed and he struggled to breath towards the end. He had his wife and children holding on to him that morning he died, but before the Lord come to take him we were able to tell him how much we loved him. His eyes opened, we took our hands off of him to let him go. When the Lord's angel came for him the most beautiful sunrise appeared. Mommy has the Lord to lean on in her lonely hours and her faith in God is what is carrying her, although we miss him we know he is in a better place and awaits his family to join him.



John Mullins

Written by his loving wife, Sister Vesta Mullins and broken-hearted daughter, Sharon Dillon

LARRY DOUGLAS ROBINSON

Larry Douglas Robinson was born August 9, 1950 in Pikeville, Kentucky, to Irene (Kinney) Robinson and the late Leonard Robinson. He departed this life on October 17, 2007 at the Select Hospital located at the Akron City Hospital in Akron, Ohio, making his stay here on earth 57 years, 2 months and 8 days. His soul is now at rest in paradise where all is peace, joy and happiness.

Larry never saw the light of day in this world, never saw his Mother's face and was never able to express himself to let his Mother know when something was hurting him, or when someone had been mean to him. But now God has opened his eyes to view the most glorious beauties of eternal glory and loosed his tongue to sing with the



Larry Douglas Robinson

angels. Although Larry was mentally retarded and was blind from birth, he attended the Southern Workshop of Weaver Industries. Larry was blessed to be born into a family that loved him and cared for him. He enjoyed so very much the love of his family who hugged him and kissed him so frequently. God blessed him to hear their voices and to feel their love. He enjoyed the simple things like rocking in a chair, eating his meals, and riding in a car. Brother Leonard, Sister Irene and their children took special care of Larry at home all through his life, making many personal sacrifices, to make sure that Larry was kept clean and comfortable. Never complaining, Sister Irene bathed him, shaved him, brushed his teeth, diapered him, dressed him and fed him for 57 years. So many times, she was saddened by the marks that showed someone at the workshop had hurt him but Larry could not say what had happened and when she'd call the workshop, they would say some other retarded child had hit him. Larry won't ever have to go through that anymore. Now, all is pleasure, peace and joy.

Besides his devoted Mother, Larry leaves to mourn his loss 3 brothers: Kennis L. (wife Ethel); Timothy R. (wife Jennifer); and Troy L. (wife Bonijene) all of Akron, Ohio; and 2 sisters: Ida L. Rafferty (husband Azra "Jim") of Norton, Ohio; and Vickie J. Mosier (husband Rick) of Tipp City, Ohio. He also leaves to mourn many nieces, nephews, cousins and a great host of friends and loved ones. In addition to his Daddy, Leonard Robinson, his sister Mattie Ruth, who died in infancy, also preceded him in death.

Larry suffered a lot after they found that he had colon cancer 3 months ago, which had already spread to his liver. Tim continued to shave him, brush his teeth and clean him up, right to the end. The family visited him multiple times per day and continued to show him their love. But God saw that Larry's life here in this world was finished and called him home to everly be with Him. Larry, who never had a sin charged to his account here in this life, had enough inherited sin in his flesh to bring death. But where little is known, little is required. Larry was saved by the pure grace of Jesus Christ. To Larry's family and friends, James 4:14 says, *"Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin."* In order to go to Heaven to be with Jesus, repentance is required. You will have to come in faith believing in Jesus with your whole heart, soul, mind and strength and be born again by the spirit of God. So please, don't put off the most important decision of your lives. You don't know when death will come to you, but you do know that it will come. Seek Jesus while you have life and opportunity so you can spend eternity with Him. Today is the day of salvation.

Written by his Brother in Christ, Brother Dennis Elkins

DALE ROCKFIELD

On December 16th, 1930 Dale was born and just four days short of his 78th birthday God took him home. Dale and I had 35 wonderful years together. We went everywhere to churches before he got to sick to drive. The last 3 months of his life he was very sick and was in the hospital or nursing home. He didn't offer himself to the church but during a visit by Bro. Danny he told him he should have been baptized. He felt that God had saved his soul. Soon after that talk, God took him home to live with him.

During his life Dale was never one to criticize or belittle anyone. He was a mediator during strife, bringing peace in time of conflict between those he loved. He was light hearted making jokes and poking fun with others, bring laughter and joy into their lives.

In Mathew, chapter 11 the Lord Jesus said "whoever finds his life here will lose it, and he who loses his life for Him, will find it". Dale exemplified this throughout his life, never asking or thinking of himself. He was selfless in his giving and living. Even in the last few days he spent with us,



Dale Rockfield

he never complained, he looked out for the welfare of his bride to see she would be taken care of. He never asked much of life but put so much into it.

Sister Charlene, her family and those of us at Little Angel Church have lost a wonderful friend. Dale is greatly missed, but we feel on that sweet resurrection morning we will see him again.

Written by his wife Charlene, daughter Diane and brother Danny Carty

BILLY VANDERPOOL

With the help of the Lord with much love I will try to tell you about our beloved brother, Billy Vanderpool.

He was born the second of ten children to Elder Newton and Ethel Vanderpool on June 8, 1930. He left this world on May 13, 2009. He was preceded in death by Mom and Dad, one brother Bobby Jay, an infant son Charles, one grandson Randy and one great grandson Roger.

Left to mourn are 2 daughters: Judy and Linda; 3 sons David, Eddie, and Kenny. Ten grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren. He also leaves 3 sisters: Ellaree, Sue, and Joanne; 5 brothers: Don, Jim, Roy, Raymond, and Larry. Numerous nieces and nephews. Bill was a U.S. Army veteran having served and fought during the Korean War.



Billy Vanderpool

Bill had the sweetest personality. I don't think he ever met a stranger. It was easy for him to make friends. He was a loving person, but the sad part is that he wasted so many years. He had his little trailer that he called home and that is where he spent his time usually all alone. He loved to see us come and at times he would go out to eat with us. He and Don loved to go to Denny's for their grand slam breakfast.

I was blessed to spend Christmas with him. The first time in many years. He enjoyed the day so much. We didn't realize it would be our last. The memories we made with him will live on in our hearts.

God was good to him. He blessed him to live almost 79 years. None of us know what his last days were like. With all that was wrong with Bill we did not beg for him to get better but we begged the Lord to give him one more chance to beg. I know we don't know for anyone but our self but I begged the Lord to give us a glimmer of hope that he got that groan through. More than once God has turned my tears from sorrow to Joy. I can't help but believe that he got a groan through. I know the tears are falling because I know we won't see him sitting in his little home but my soul feels peace when I think about him.

It is so dangerous to put it off till you are on your deathbed. Death is just a heartbeat away.

To the rest of the family who don't know God in the pardon and remission of sin. Now is the time to make ready while you have breath. Death has come to our family and it will come again. Don't give us the added grief of not knowing if you were ready. There is nothing in the world worth dying and going to Hell for. The torment will be forever. Satan paints a pretty picture but doesn't show you the lake of fire behind that pretty picture. Now while you have life make that choice to change your life. Tomorrow may not come for you. It is in your hands. God will not make you but He is standing with outstretched arms saying "Come unto me".

Heaven will be worth all the heartache. In that good land there will be no death to take our loved ones. No tears, no sorrow, and no pain. It will be Joy and Peace and that forevermore. You will never be sorry you chose the good part. Don't let the circle be broken.

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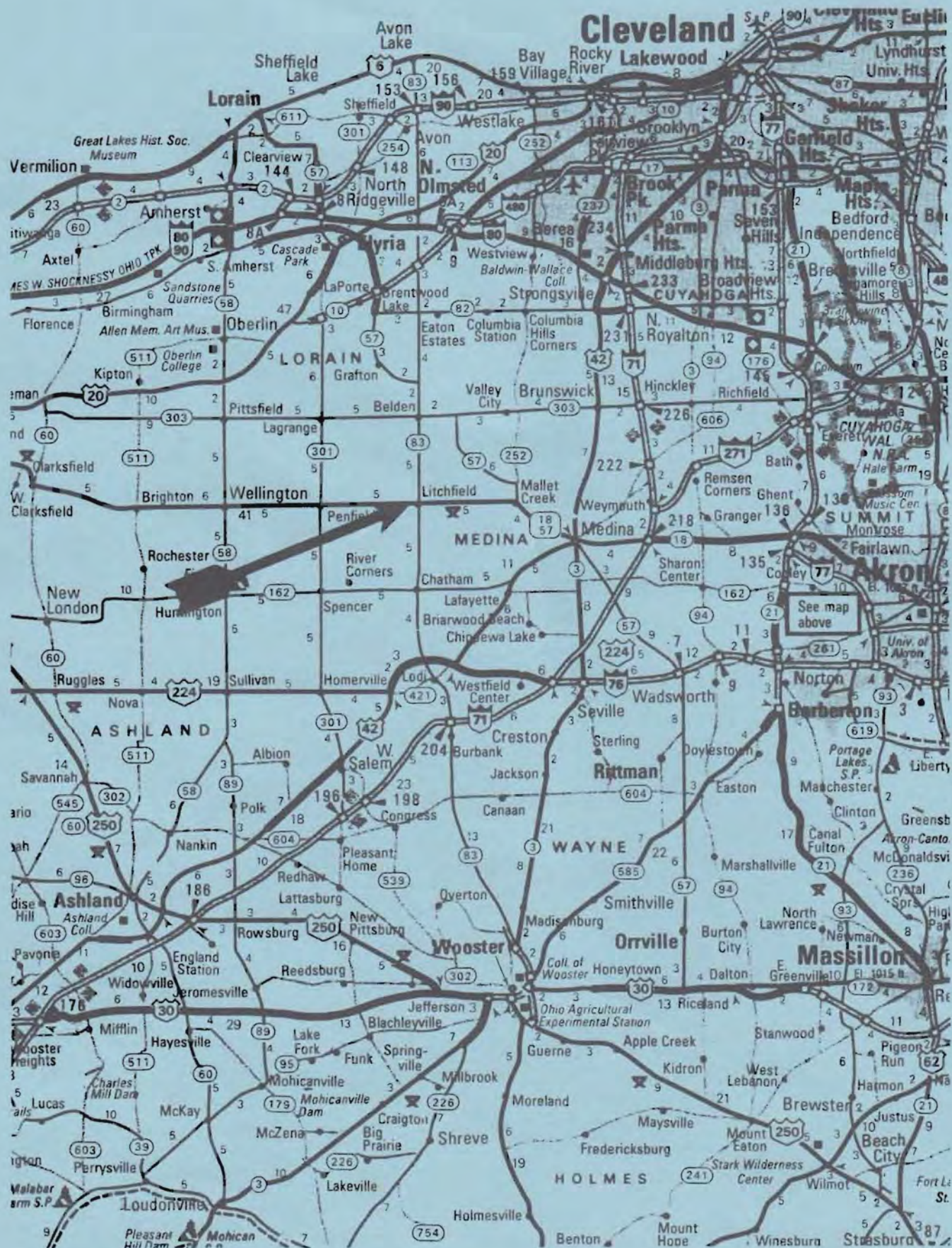


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