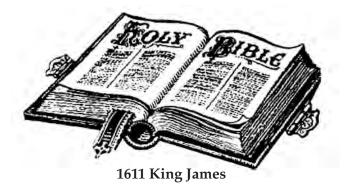
### Fifty-Sixth Annual Session

of the

### Northern New Salem Association of Old Regular Baptist of Jesus Christ



In Session Assembled With the Little Rebecca Church August 2, 3, 4, 2013

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

We are saddened by the loss of our beloved Elders, Brothers, and Sisters since our last gathering. Yet, we have that sweet assurance that some glorious day in God's own good time he will gather his redeemed in that glorious land called Heaven. There we will live in his presence forever.

Our deepest sympathy is extended to the Pleasant View Church in the passing of the late Elder Hayes Chaffins and to the Little Edna Church in the passing of Elder Elmer Edwards. Our lives have been enriched by knowing these brethren.

Humbly Yours, Clerk Brother Newsome Assistant Clerk Brother Sartin

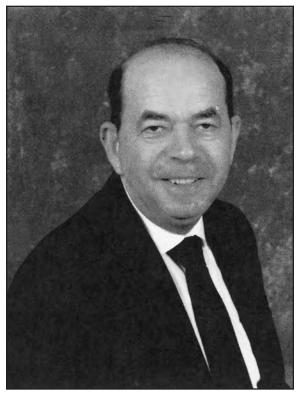
"The sunshine of God's love is so warm and pleasant."

**Brother Newsome** 



Officers (Left to Right): Elder Wayne Sartin, Assistant Clerk; Elder Hilliard Newsome, Clerk; Elder Buddy W. Carty, Moderator; Elder Ray Hamiliton, Assistant Moderator

### **Deceased Elders Since Our 2012 Setting**



Elder Hayes Maynard Chaffins Pleasant View



Elder Elmer Edwards Little Edna

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**Note:** Obituaries are to be typed and double spaced, a \$20.00 charge applies for pictures.

### 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 worldy 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 dismission 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-Sixth Annual Session of the Northern New Salem Association of Old Regular Baptist The Church of Jesus Christ August 2, 3, 4, 2013

### **Friday Session**

The Association began by assembling at the pavilion provided by the Little Rebecca Church where the preaching of the morning began. The warm sunshine was ushered in bringing a gentle breeze, causing the branches on the trees to sway to and fro. You could hear the pleasing greetings exchanged by the humble pilgrims that had traveled from far and near to attend this, the Fifty-sixth Annual Session of this grand old association.

Alternate Elder Phillip Beverly approached the stand in a humble way and was soon blessed with the power from on high to deliver a message of a God that found him in trouble and delivered him from a dead state to a lively hope in Christ Jesus. Elder Phillip preached of his experience and a God that lead him through a travel to come to the glorious grace of God.

Having been chosen by the delegates of our 2012 session to preach the Introductory Sermon for this year, Elder Lowell Mullins approached the stand trembling with tears in his eyes and his humble weakness was soon replaced by the power of the living God. Elder Lowell preached of Abram and how that God gave him the new name of Abraham after he had lead him out of Ur into the land of Canaan. He continued to preach of that city that Abraham was searching for whose builder and maker was God. The crowd soon gave way to shouts of joy and singing. It was evident that God was shining his marvelous light on the Northern New Salem Association one more time.

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) Leonard Hamilton-New Salem; (2) David Lester-Old Friendship; (3) Randy Combs-Old Indian Bottom; (4) Thomas Dials-Sardis; (5) Arnold Atkins-New Salem.

After gathering in the house and one of Zion's songs was sung, Elder Reuben Lycans-Old Indian Bottom Association was called on to make remarks and Elder Estil Hamilton-Union Association led in prayer.

Our beloved Moderator, Elder Buddy W. Carty, announced that the 56th Annual Session of the Northern New Salem Association was now in working order.

### Friday, August 2, 2013

- 1. The Moderator called for the letters from the churches that compose the Northern New Salem Association to be handed into the Clerk. The letter from the Little Rebecca Church was read by the Clerk. A motion was made by Elder Doug McCarty, seconded by Brother Hansel Brown, to receive the letters, seat the delegates and refer all queries and requests to the Committee on Arrangements.
- 2. The Northern New Salem Association of Old Regular Baptist faith organized by electing the following officers to serve the next year. The following Elders were appointed to take

the vote: Willis Tolliver-Philadelphia, Murl Caudill-Old Indian Bottom and Teddy Honaker-New Salem. At this time, Elder Dennis Elkins announced that he wished to resign from his position of Assistant Clerk of the Association. He stated that he no longer felt the call to serve. A motion was made by Brother James Hall, seconded by Elder Steve Sloan, to accept Brother Dennis's resignation.

### Officers elected:

Moderator	Elder Buddy W. Carty
Assistant Moderator	Elder Ray Hamilton
Clerk	Elder Hillard Newsome
Assistant Clerk	Elder Wayne Sartin

(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: Chuck Hall, Hobart Hamilton, and Roger Hicks.

Elder Doug McCarty made a motion, seconded by Elder Hargis Tuttle to receive the report of the committee appointed and discharge them of their duties.

- 3. By a motion made by Elder Jerry Caskey, seconded by Elder Conley Daniels, the Moderator was authorized to make all temporary appointments.
- 4. By a motion made by Brother James Hall, seconded by Elder Hargis Tuttle, reading of the Constitution and the Articles of Faith was omitted. The Rules of Decorum were read by the Assistant Clerk, Elder Wayne Sartin.
- 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: Ernest Hamilton, Preston Lewis, Clyde P. Lewis, Chuck Hall, Deffort Thornsberry, Homer Isaac, Squire Hamilton, Leonard Hamilton, Teddy Honaker, James Waddles, Hershel Slone, Roger Hicks, Johnny Thornsberry, Earl Dean Newsome, George Skaggs, Talmadge Hicks, Ted Burke, John Paul Hamilton, Jeff Reed, Glen Frasure, Don Vanderpool. Letter in the hands of Brother Ernest Hamilton. A motion was made by Elder Doug McCarty, seconded by Elder Danny Carty 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, Estil Hamilton, Gary Sanders, Andy Fields, James Barney, and Jeff Dillon. Letter in the hands of Elder Estil Hamilton. A motion was made by Elder Lowell Mullins, seconded 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: Willis Tolliver, Gary Adkins, Ted Parker, Bob Taylor, Ira Adkins Jr., Rob Adkins, Luther Ramey, Wayne Caudill Jr. Blevins, and Gary Blevins. Letter in the hands of Brother Bob Taylor. A motion was made by Elder Dennis Elkins, seconded by Brother Hansel Brown 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, Stony Blackburn, Richard Staton, Marion Duncan, and Ivan Neal Thornsberry. Letter in the hands of Elder Richard Staton. A motion was made by Elder Lowell Mullins,

- seconded by Elder Hargis Tuttle 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: George Thomason, David Lester, Edgar Baker Jr., Roger Baker, Steve Baker, Gary D. Justus, Dewey Matney, Philip Estep, Junior Coleman, Philip Hagerman, James Stacy, Danny Justus, and Arthur Short. Letter in the hands of Elder Junior Coleman. A motion was made by Elder Ralph Caudill, seconded by Brother Hansel Brown to receive the letter and seat the delegates with us in council by the right hand of fellowship.

### Letter of Condolence to Our Sister the Northern New Salem Association

We, your Sister, the Old Friendship Association, wish to extend to you our prayers and deepest sympathy in the loss of your beloved Elders, Brothers and Sisters since your last meeting.

Our prayers are that we will meet each other in Heaven where we can all praise and thank our Savior for all He has done for us.

May Comfort and Peace Abide, Elder Arthur D. Short, Clerk Brother Edgar Baker, Jr., Assistant Clerk

- (f) **Old Indian Bottom** Represented by the following delegates: Randy Combs, Aaron Whitaker, Jr., Haston Whitaker, Murl Caudill, Reuben Lycans, Wendell Lycans. Letter in the hands of Elder Aaron Whitaker. A motion was made by Elder Conley Daniels, seconded by Brother James Wagner 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—Elders: (1) Murl Caudill-Old Indian Bottom; (2) Chucky Hall-New Salem. Saturday morning—Elders: (1) Aaron Whitaker-Old Indian Bottom; (2) John Paul Hamilton-New Salem; (3) Stony Blackburn-Sardis; (4) Danny Belcher-Union Association; (5) Danny Justus-Old Friendship; (6) Gary Blevins-Philadelphia Association.
- 8. Called for transient ministers and members of our same faith and order and the following responded: Elder Billy Miller.
- 9. A motion was made by Elder Doug McCarty, seconded by Brother Jimmy Sowards 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. The Committee on Arrangements is to meet back at the house at 2:00 P.M. Friday afternoon.
  - (a) Elder Doug McCarty made a motion, seconded by Elder Larry Newsome that we, the Northern New Salem Association, adjourn until 9:00 A.M. Saturday morning, August 3, 2013.
  - (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: Elder Murl Caudill-Old Indian Bottom, prayer by same and closed by Elder Chuck Hall-New Salem Association.

### Saturday, August 3, 2013

Having met pursuant to adjournment this, the second day of three of the Northern New Salem Association. As the sanctuary of the little Rebecca Church began to fill to capacity, soon one could hear inspiring songs being sung by this grand old fellowship.

Services for the morning were introduced by Elder Danny Belcher of the Union Association. Brother Danny was soon blessed to preach that Love must abound and in order to have that love you must be obedient to the Spirit of God. Brother Danny was blessed to hold a humble prayer.

- 1. Called the roll of delegates and marked the absentees.
- 2. The Bill of Arrangements was read by the Clerk. A motion was made by Elder Doug McCarty, seconded by Elder Jerry Caskey to receive the Bill of Arrangements and discharge the committee.
- 3. The Circular Letter written by Elder Ray Hamilton for our 2013 session was read. A motion was made by Elder Jerry Caskey, seconded by Elder Scott Hamilton to receive the letter and have it printed in our 2013 minutes.
- 4. The Finance Committee appointed Friday, Item 2(a), consisting of Elders: Chucky Hall-New Salem Association, Elder Roger Hicks-New Salem Association, and Elder Hobart Hamilton-Sardis Association, reported as follows:

2013 Church contributions	\$6,320.00
2013 Money for pictures	480.00
Other contributions	1,177.00
Total money received for 2013	\$7,977.00

A motion was made by Elder Doug McCarty, seconded by Elder Lowell Mullins 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

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A.	Balance as of August 1, 2012	\$13,733.50
	2012 Church contributions	6,380.00
	2012 Picture money	700.00
	Other contributions	1,323.00
	Total money on hand as of August 5, 2012	22,136.50
	Expenses for 2013	
В.	Printer's Fee	\$7,163.00
	Secretary's Fee	200.00
	Postage, UPS Freight	809.58
	Bank Service Fee	192.00
	Printing of Church Letters	18.54
	Total Expenses for 2012	\$8,383.12
	Total of A	\$22,136.50
	Less Total of B	8,383.12
	Balance	13,753.38
	Includes Interest Earned	(22.36)
	Balance August 2, 2013	\$13,753.38
	Plus money received for 2013	7,977.00
	Total money on hand August 4, 2013	\$21,730.38

- 6. Elder Doug McCarty made a motion, seconded by Elder Lowell Mullins to receive the Treasurer's Report. By the same motion, Elder Hillard Newsome was appointed recording secretary. He is to have 2,400 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 Scott Hamilton made a motion, seconded by Elder Don Mullins 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 Brothers appointed to take the vote for who is to preach the Introductory Sermon: Estill Hamilton-Union; Clyde Lewis-New Salem; Roger Hicks-New Salem; and who is to write the Circular Letter: Tommy Dials-Sardis; Haston Whitaker-Old Indian Bottom Association; Richard Staton-Sardis for 2014.
  - The following ministers were chosen to preach Saturday evening and Sunday Morning: Saturday Evening: to be selected by the Moderator and Assistant Moderator; Sunday morning: (1) Wayne Satin-Assistant Clerk, (2) Hillard Newsome-Clerk, (3) Ray Hamilton-Assistant Moderator, (4) Buddy W. Carty-Moderator.
  - By a vote of the delegates, **Elder Hargis Tuttle** was chosen to preach the **Introductory Sermon**, **Elder Don Mullins** to be his alternate, and **Elder Steve Sloan** to write the **Circular Letter** for our 57th Annual Session.
- 9. In compliance with Item #6 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 2013 and continuing the two following days. Delegates to attend: Duane Graves, Wayne Sartin, Hillard Newsome, Hank Forgey, Don Mullins, Larry Newsome, Conley Daniels, Daniel Newsome, Claude Hale, IV Hudson, Johnny Stumbo, Terry Hall, Scott Little, Buddy Carty, Ray Hamilton, Delmas Hall, and Danny Carty. 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 2013 and continuing the two following days. Delegates to attend: Wayne Sartin, Buddy Carty, Ray Hamilton, Hillard Newsome, and Scott Little. Elder Hilliard Newsome to carry the letter.
  - (c) **Philadelphia** When convened with the South Fork Church at the Association Building, at 522 5th Avenue, Worthington, KY. Beginning on Friday before the second Saturday in August 2013 and continuing the two following days. Delegates to attend: Steven Miller, Mike Fortner, Billy Miller, Duane Graves, Nathaniel Caudill, Buddy Carty, Ray Hamilton, Hank Forgey, Claude Hale, Dennis Elkins, Malcolm Branham, Don Mullins, Ralph Caudill, Scott Little, Delmas Hall, and Walt Evans. Letter in the hands of Elder Don Mullins.
  - (d) **Sardis** When convened with the host church, the Pilgrim's Home Church and cohost churches: Apple Orchard, Little Tavie and Pilgrims Rest at the permanent build-

- ing, Varney, KY. Beginning on Friday before the second Saturday in September 2013 and the two following days. Delegates to attend: Mike Fortner, Wayne Sartin, Buddy Carty, Ray Hamilton, Hilliard Newsome, Dennis Elkins, Hank Forgey, Claude Hale, and Jimmy Sowards. Letter in the hands of Elder Wayne Sartin.
- (e) **Old Friendship** When convened with the Little Zion Church, located at Panther, State of WV. Beginning on Friday before the fourth Saturday in August 2013 and continuing the two following days. Delegates to attend: Billy Miller, Wayne Sartin, Buddy Carty, Ray Hamilton, and Hillard Newsome. Letter in the hands of Elder Billy Miller
- (f) Old Indian Bottom When convened with the Doty Creek and Little Home Churches at the Association Building at the Mallet Fork Church, Pinetop, KY. Beginning on Friday before the first Saturday in September 2013 and continuing the two following days. Delegates to attend: Morris Wicker, Buddy Carty, Ray Hamilton, and IV Hudson. Letter in the hands of Brother IV Hudson.
- 10. Note the request from the True Vine Church requesting that we remove Terry Ratliff from the list or ordained elders. A motion was made by Elder Larry Newsome, seconded by Elder Hargis Tuttle to grant the request.
- 11. Note the request from the True Vine Church requesting that we grant their request to be dismissed from the Northern New Salem Association due to not being satisfied and therefore they would be free to submit their letter to the Union Association. A motion was made by Elder Jerry Caskey to grant the dismission letter to the True Vine Church, seconded by Elder Paul Dye.
- 12. Note the requests from the Mt. Olive Church requesting that we move the Saturday meeting time from 9:30 AM to 2 PM. A motion was made by Brother Ralph Manuel, seconded by Brother Jimmy Sowards to grant their request.
- 13. Note the requests from the Little Ruth Church and the Little Flossie Church requesting that we adopt a resolution to no longer allow the preaching of bretheren with two living wives nor to ordain men with two living wives. The association issued the following response: In answer to the Little Flossie and Little Ruth Churches queries regarding preachers having two living wives, we advise that the churches adhere to the council given by the 1967 Northern New Salem Association advisory council to which we reference Item# 13. Be it further advised, that the Northern New Salem Association will not tolerate the starting of any man that is double married to preach from this day on. (This decision is the will of the majority and shall be strictly obeyed.) signed by the Clerk. A motion was made by Elder Scott Hamilton, seconded by Elder Paul Dye.
- 14. Note the request from the Little Melrose Church to move their Memorial meeting from May of each year to March of each year. Request granted.
- 15. The request to host the 2014 association from the Pleasant View Church was read. A motion was made by Elder Conley Daniels, seconded by Brother James Wagner to grant the request of the Pleasant View Church the honor of hosting the 2014 setting of this blessed Old Association.
- 16. A motion was made by Elder Dennis Elkins, seconded by Elder Conley Daniels to forego the reading of the current minutes.
- 17. A motion was made by Elder Hargis Tuttle, seconded by Elder Conley Daniels to adjourn to the place and time mentioned in Item #15 of Saturday's work in the current minutes.

The 56th Session was closed with an humble and uplifting prayer and Dismission by Elder Raymond Stapleton of the Northern New Salem Association.

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

Moderator

Ass't. Moderator

Ass't. Moderator

Clerk

Clerk

Ass't Clerk

### Sabbath Morning, August 4, 2013

Gathering in the sanctuary of the Little Rebecca Church on this the third and final day of this blessed old Association were the faithful believers of this old time way. Everywhere you could hear the pleasing sound of the music made by the congregation singing the old time hymn of Zion.

The arrangements were as follows,

- 1. Elder Hank Forgey-Northern New Salem Association
- 2. Elder Hillard Newsome-Northern New Salem Association
- 3. Elder Wayne Sartin-Northern New Salem Association
- 4. Elder Ray Hamilton-Northern New Salem Association
- 5. Elder Buddy Carty-Northern New Salem Association

Services then went to the water where Brother Glenn Slone was baptized by Elder Faris Tuttle, Elder Phillip Beverly, and Elder Lon Beverly. Brother Glenn offered his hand to the Little Rebecca Church and was taken in by a move and a second. The services were closed with a warm prayer from Elder John Elkins. What a glorious way to end our 56th annual association.

We, Brother Wayne and I, are unable to find the words to expresss to you; the Little Rebecca Church, sister churches, friends both young and old, our thanks and gratitude for your kindness and hard work you gave during our association.

The food was of the highest quality, delicious, wholesome, and good, served with scoops of love. May God's blessings be with you in all your tomorrows.

Everlasting Love, Brother Newsome- Clerk Brother Sartin-Assiatant Clerk

### 2013 Circular Letter

Good Morning: Bothers and Sisters of the Northern New Salem Association, our correspondents, and all of our friends and followers of Old Regular Baptists. I love you, but God loves you more than I do. I was chosen last year to write a circular letter for our 2013 Session. I guess the time has arrived for me to get started, I have prayed very much about this task and have asked my Brothers and Sisters for their prayers. I thank all who have uttered a prayer for me in this undertaking. I wrote a circular letter for our 1980 Session, I feel that God directed me in the writing of that letter and I trust that he will direct me in this one.

At this time, I am going to include that letter, in this one.

"Dear Brothers and Sisters of the Northern New Salem Association: Having been chosen last year to prepare a circular letter for your inspection, I approach this as a worthy challenge. I have spent much time in prayer and meditation about this undertaking. I hope to be led by God to stir up your pure minds and help you to consider some things which you may have passed over lightly. Brothers, I have thought of many subjects which I felt would be good and acceptable to this association, but I could not settle on them. My mind and heart would always come back to our young children and young friends. I am very much concerned about their welfare and their souls. Satan has so many ways in which to entice our children into doing the wrong things, and I am afraid sometimes we give up, without much of a fight. I believe that we could do more to help our young people resist the devil.

Brothers, we as Old Regular Baptists, cannot live in a vacuum as we sometimes would choose to do. We might as well face the fact, that we live in a changing world. We are no longer part of the world; We are touched by things that happen in the world, and the world is touched and hopefully changed by our lives. I realize that God is the same yesterday, today and forever and changes not. We pride ourselves on the fact that we don't change, but is it fact? Or is it fiction? That we don't change? Brothers and Sisters, I contend that we have and do change, and it is not necessarily bad to change.

Even in the twenty-one years that I have been in the church I have seen many changes and expect to see many more in the next twenty-one years if God permits me to live that long. I can remember when it was almost unheard of for a brother to wear a short sleeved shirt to church. Especially if the brother was a minister, but now it is a very common occurrence. I remember when it was rare to see carpet on the floors of our churches, now it is very common. In the not too distant past, it was uncommon for a minister to have a TV in their home. Now it is very acceptable to visit our preaching brethern and see an expensive TV sitting in the corner. The list of changes is almost endless. Now let us assume that one of our ministers comes to one of our churches that has carpet on the floor, he drove an expensive car to church and he owns a television set. He is also wearing a short sleeve shirt. I ask you, has his preaching lost any of it's sweetness because he is preaching on a carpeted floor and wearing a short sleeved shirt? I think not. I give these examples to show that Old Regular Baptists can change, do change, and on occasion, should change. And these changes are not necessarily evil. Now I want to go back to our young people and some of their difficulties. Several years ago it was common for the head of the house to work long hours to provide for his family. It was also common for the children each evening after school and on the weekends, as well as the summer, to help in raising a crop, or in some other way, help to keep food on the table. During this time, the children had a very limited amount of spare time in which to get into trouble. Now in many places, especially in and around our larger cities, it is fairly common for both parents to work outside the home leaving the youngsters turned loose on the streets with the devil has their playmate. You may wonder why I bring this up; God willing, I will be able to show you why it was brought up. I believe it is time for us to put aside some of our prejudices and bend our stiff necks for the love and well being of our youth of today. I am going to raise a few questions, I am not going to attempt to give you the answers to these questions. But, hopefully each one that hears this letter, and if it is printed in our minutes, each one that reads it will consider them carefully, honestly and prayerfully.

- 1. Are we, as the Old Regular Baptist Church, accepting the responsibility which God gave us in directing our youth?
- 2. Does our responsibility begin at 9:00 A.M. Sunday morning and end at 12 noon? God forbid! I contend that it is a never ending responsibility.
- 3. Are we, as a church, doing anything at all to draw our young people away from the satanic practices and gatherings and into our churches?

- 4. Are we, as Old Regular Baptists, being fair with our children and their friends or are we giving them the impression that we don't need them, and worst yet, that we don't want them?
- 5. Are we, as a church and an Association, doing enough to teach our young people about the dangers and sorrows of drug usage and associating with drug users; of the loose sexual codes and the terrible personal price for them, as well as for us as parents that may have to be paid; possibly for the rest of their lives, just for a few stolen moments of worldly pleasure?
- 6. Are we, as Old Regular Baptists, doing enough to show our young people the great joy there is in serving a true and living God? Or are we trying not to overly influence them? I think that it is high time that we, as a church and an Association, use all the resources at our command to influence them away from Satan and toward Jesus Christ our Saviour.
- 7. Is there anything that we, as the church an Association, can do to occupy some of their wasted time and direct it in a more constructive manner, or are we afraid to face up to our responsibilities? And are we willingly turning our responsibilities for shaping the lives of our young people, over to Satan and that without a fight? Do we tell ourselves that there is nothing we can do and hope that we can convince ourselves of that fact, so we can live with the guilt that comes when we see young lives wasted?

Brothers and Sisters, there are many more questions that I could raise, but I hope that you can recognize the seriousness of this matter. I want these questions considered from the church's and Association's standpoint, and not as individual parents. I hope that as parents, we are already doing all we can with our own children. But what about our neighbor's children? As individual churches and Associations, can we with an honest heart say that we are doing all in our power to accept our responsibilities in these matters? If we can, I will apologize for raising them. But if some of us have to answer in the negative, I would hope that we will come down on our knees and beg God for some leadership and guidance in this matter. And then take some appropriate action.

Our children are one of the greatest natural joys that we have here on earth. And they are the church of tomorrow, so why don't we help them as much as possible now! If our children get into difficulties with the laws of our land or in an accident, we as parents will spend all that we have and can obtain to ease their suffering. So why not do all in our power to prevent them from becoming thieves, robbers, liars, prostitutes, drug addicts, drug dealers, and all other evil subjects. Why wait until the damage is done before we act? Even God in His Holy Bible says: "Seek me in the days of thy youth while I am near and may be found." We should encourage our young people to come to our churches and feel that they have a right to be there. I feel sometimes we give our young people the impression that we are better than they, this should not be. Because at one time we were all young and following after Satan and his ways. But by our obedience and prayer to God, He heard our cries and by His grace saved us. He established our goings, and put a new song in our mouth, and great joy in our hearts. We should show our young people that this is the greatest prize on earth, and it is within their reach if they will strive sincerely.

Our lives should shine and show forth our love not only for each other, but for all mankind, especially for young people. The children of God are the greatest people on earth and we should also be the happiest people on earth. Let us be caught counting our blessings instead of complaining so much. Give God the thanks, honor and glory for all things. Let us teach God's way as we go through life. As the Bible says, "Cease to do evil and learn to do good." Let us be more willing to help our young people cease doing evil and learn to do good.

Some of you might feel that I have forgotten the church but I assure you, I haven't. But the church is a group of true believers and are already children of God. I am speaking of the ones that have been born again. So why should we worry so much about God's people? I feel that we would accomplish more and would be better workmen for God if we spent more time trying to get the world to repent and less time complaining about minor things that are not essential to the plan of salvation. Brothers and Sisters, I believe that Old Regular Baptists are the most wonderful people on earth, but at the same time we should realize that we are not perfect in all things. I don't believe that children of God go back into the world, but we can err.

I realize this letter is getting a little lengthy, but I feel that I could write much more at this time. Let everything that has breath praise the Lord. I thank my God that I am His and He is mine and when this life is over, I am going Home to die no more.

In conclusion, Brothers and Sisters, let me beg each and everyone of you to show mercy toward each other. Don't dim your light but let your lives shine forth with God's love. May each of us as a church be willing to do battle with the Devil for the control of our young people's lives. And remember our young people in this saying: As a twig is bent, so grows the tree. May God help us to be able and willing to sacrifice our own feelings for the welfare of God's church, the Old Regular Baptist. Let us not be ashamed to stand before the whole world and to declare that we have had that spiritual birth, and are on our way to Heaven.

I hope this letter meets the high standards of God's people, but if not, reject it. I will still love you with God's Eternal Love, and I will still feel that the Lord of all Glory led my mind in this undertaking. Praise the Lord now and forever!!! Fare Ye Well.

Your Brother in Christ, Elder Ray Hamilton

There are many other things that we should consider. I believe that our priorities should be God first, church second, family third, everything else later. The Bible says after you have done all, count yourself as unprofitable servants. We shouldn't esteem ourselves too highly. We should esteem our Brothers above ourselves.

The following information is taken from our 1980 minutes: the year that my letter was printed. At that time there was 8 corresponding Associations, 215 churches with 11,997 members. We baptized 647 members and 279 members died. Which means that for every 10 members that died, we baptized 23 members. In our 2012 minutes there was 7 Associations, 197 churches with 4,228 members. We baptized 107 members and 177 members died; which means for every 10 members that died, we baptize 6.3 members. In 1980 the average age of the members of The Rose of Sharon Church was 47.4 years. In 2012 the average age of the members of The Rose of Sharon Church was 69.6. I think that members of the other churches aged approximately the same.

Brothers and Sisters, I believe that we should be very concerned about the rate of decline. The way that our country is going is also a great concern; the laws are allowing same sex marriages and at the same time making it illegal to speak the name of Jesus Christ in many of the federal, state and local gatherings. Christmas has become the holiday season because it might offend someone. Are we trying to stop this abuse or are trying to stop each other? Brothers and Sisters, I believe that we have to adjust her thinking and our actions if we are interested in surviving as a viable church long term. In the 33 years between my letters our membership has gone down 64.8% or 1.963% each year. If this rate of decline stays the same for the next 33 years, in 2045 our numbers of members will be 1,487. Is this what we are trying to accomplish?

I want to commend the Assistant Moderator of the New Salem Association: Brother Roger Hicks, for the efforts that he has made in working in his community in trying to help slow the rate of increase of drug addiction. I believe that is one of the worst practices that the Devil can get our children and grandchildren involved in. We should set up programs in our churches and Associations to help our young people be involved with something other than the devil. I think that we could teach them how to run a simple electric line and wire a light switch, how to solder a copper pipe, how to balance a checkbook, how to sew a button on a shirt, how to cook a simple meal, how to clean a room, how to sing a song, the list is endless in what we could do to help them. And in doing this, we could let them see the love of God in us. I believe that God would be pleased with this and would help us if we will ask him in faith believing. Doing this will not change us in the way that we worship God and conduct our services, but it could change the way our young people view us, and in turn their willingness to come to church and learn of God's great love for them.

Brothers when we affect someone's life it doesn't just affect them, it will affect them and others for generations. If you do me wrong, I will forgive you especially if you ask me to forgive you, but my children and my grandchildren may not understand and may not be able to do the same, and that will affect the way that they look at Old Regular Baptist people and churches. I believe that we stand before God as individuals and each one will give an account of deeds done in the body.

Brothers, I am sorry if I upset you by pointing out the situations that we are in, but they should be addressed as soon as possible. Again, I tell you that I love you, I would like to keep writing now but I realize that I have to stop. Let us all strive to serve God the very best that we understand and resist the Devil with all our hearts. Praise God now and forever. After you have done all count yourself as an unprofitable servant. I remain your unworthy servant in Christ.

Elder Ray Hamilton

### 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 reproved by the Association as they think proper.

### 2013 DELEGATES TO THE NORTHERN NEW SALEM ASSOCIATION

**Church** Delegates

Little Rebecca	Marty Carty, Malcolm Branham, Frank Holt
Maggie's Home	Don Mullins, Claude Hale, Daniel Newsome
	Hank Forgey, Mike Fortner, Duane Graves
	Don Lawson, Jimmy King, Raymond Stapleton
Little Edna	Jay Samons, Jerry Caskey, Denver Meade
Little Ida	Ralph Caudill, Nathaniel Caudill, Steven Miller
Little Flossie	Russell Hicks, Thomas Vanzant, Morris Wicker
Little Zion	Joseph Akers, Gerald Akers, Alger Newsome
Little Pilgrim's Home	Steve Slone, Eddie Walden, James Hall
Mt. Olive	. Elbert Hagerman, Justin Hagerman, Mose Griffey
Pleasant View	Larry Newsome, Conley Daniels, Bill Hill
Little Family	Earnie Tuttle, Walt Evans, Danny Carty
Little Angel	James Finley, Scott Little, Jaime Tickle
Antioch	I.V. Hudson, Milfred Prater, Johnny Stumbo
	. Otto Collins, William B. Holbrook, Ralph Manuel
Lily of the Valley	Scott Hamilton, Rocky Newsome, Jeff Fish
	Aaron Whitaker, James Wagner, Harvey Tuttle
	Bill Blevins, Charles Blevins, Willis Little
Little Bethel	
	Delmas Hall, Patrick Deel, James Curry
	Dennis Elkins, Kenneth Slone, James Coleman
	Hansel Brown, John M. Elkins, Doug McCarty
	Hargis Tuttle, Douglas Slone, Richard Tish
Little Ellen	Lowell Mullins, Jimmy Sowards, Rudy Djordjevich
Cedars of Lebanon	Greg Sowards, Roy L. McClain, Bill Tong

### UNION MEETINGS AND MINISTERS CALLED FOR THE YEAR 2013-2014

### **NOVEMBER - 2013**

**LITTLE MELROSE** - First in November (2013). Ray Hamilton, Buddy W. Carty, Scott Hamilton, Squire C. Hamilton, Willis Tolliver, Preston Lewis, Tommy Dials, Klinon Newsome..

### **APRIL**

**ANTIOCH** - First in April. Danny Hurley, Danny Justus, James Stacey, Omery Chuck Hall, Billy Miller, Barry Lucas, Ben Little, Scott Hamilton, Rueben Lycans.

**PLEASANT VIEW** - First in April starts at 5:00 P.M. on Saturday. Roger Hicks, Justin Hagerman, Teddy Honaker, Jason Hagerman, Jeff Dillon.

ETERNAL ROSE - Second in April. Bill Blevins, Alex Collier, Danny Belcher, Jim Curry. ROSE OF SHARON - Second in April. Eddie Wallen, Richard Staton, Hobart Hamilton, Doug McCarty, James Branham, Elisha Branham, Greg Sowards, Mike Fortner, Charles Blevins.

### **MAY**

**CEDARS OF LEBANON** - First in May. Buddy W. Carty, James Barney, Danny Carty, Ray Hamilton, Aaron Whitaker.

**LITTLE FLOSSIE** - First in May. Danny Belcher, Danny Hamilton, Raymond Stapleton, Don Lawson.

**LITTLE IDA** - First in May. Buddy W. Carty, Willis Tolliver, Gary Adkins, Mike Ramsey, Jeff Little.

**MAGGIE'S HOME** - First in May. Faris Tuttle, Joseph Gibson, Eddie Wallen, Gary Young.

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

**LITTLE ZION** - Second in May. Brad Hamilton, Terry Curry, Jason Hagerman, Justin Hagerman, Bill Blevins, Zack Collins.

**LILY OF THE VALLEY** - Third in May. Squire C. Hamilton, Estill Hamilton, Billy Miller, Eddie Wallen, Theodore Slone, Thomas N. VanZandt.

**LITTLE CHILDREN'S HOME** - Third in May. Ray Hamilton, Thomas N. VanZandt, Wayne Sartin, Kenny Newsome, Johnny Thornsberry.

**LITTLE ELLEN** - Third in May. Ray Hamilton, Larry Newsome, Elbert Hagerman, William B. Holbrook, Jr., Jeff Little, Scott Little (Little Angel), Andy Fields.

**MORNING STAR** - Third in May. Eddie Wallen, Doug McCarty, Elbert Hagerman, Joe Akers, Danny Hamilton, William B. Holbrook, Jr., Andy Fields.

### JUNE

**LITTLE BETHEL** - First in June. Faris Tuttle, Bill Blevins, William B. Holbrook, Jr., Buddy Carty, Elbert Hagerman, Ray Hamilton.

**LITTLE FAMILY** - Second in June. Phillip Beverly, Gary Blevins, Jimmy Stewart, Scott Hamilton, Paul Boggs, Steven Miller.

**LITTLE PILGRIM'S HOME** - Second in June. Elbert Hagerman, Billy Miller, Larry Dixon, Charles Edwards, William B. Holbrook, Jr., Estill Hamilton.

**LITTLE REBECCA** - Third in June. Willis Tolliver, Danny Belcher, John M. Elkins, Ira Adkins, Teddy Honaker.

**FAMILY OF LOVE** - Fourth in June. Saturday 2 P.M. Danny Belcher, Billy Miller, Gary Blevins, Northern Gayle Brown.

**LITTLE EDNA** - Fourth in June. Jason Hagerman, Wayne Sartin, Gordon Akers, Danny Belcher.

MT. OLIVE - Fourth in June. Eddie Wallen, Danny Hamilton, Billy Miller, Phillip Beverly, Ray Hamilton, Buddy W. Carty, Danny Belcher, Scott Little (Little Angel).

### **JULY**

**LITTLE FLOCK** - Third in July. Gary Young, John Paul Hamilton, Hillard Newsome, Wayne Sartin, Scott Little, Leonard Hamilton, Earl Dean Newsome.

**LITTLE ANGEL** - Fourth in July. Danny Belcher, Richard Staton, Scott Hamilton, Hobart Hamilton, Don Lawson, Greg Sowards.

TRUE VINE - Third in July. Danny Belcher, Lloyd Brown, Wayne Sartin, Todd Tackett.

### **MEMORIAL MEETINGS**

**LITTLE REBECCA** - Third in August. Chuck Hall, Deffort (Honeybun) Thornsberry, Billy Miller, Ralph Caudill. Phillip Beverly.

**MAGGIE'S HOME** - First in June. Squire C. Hamilton, Harrison Runyon, Jerry Runyon, Earl Dean Newsome.

**LITTLE FLOCK** - Third in June. Ray Hamilton, Danny Carty, Gary Adkins, Gary Blevins, Bill Blevins, Jimmy Amos, Billy Miller.

**LITTLE RUTH** - Second in July. Danny Belcher, Lloyd Ray, Raymond Stapleton, Delmas Hall.

**LITTLE EDNA** - Fourth in August. Scott Hamilton, Larry Newsome, Dennis Elkins, Alex Collier.

**LITTLE IDA** - First in April. Danny Carty, Estill Hamilton, Scott Hamilton, Eddie Wallen, Moderator, Assistant Moderator.

**LITTLE FLOSSIE** - First in October (2013). Randy Combs, Preston Lewis, Delmas Hall, Clyde Lewis.

**LITTLE ZION** - Second in July. Charles Blevins, Eddie Slone, Ralph Slone, Jr., Larry Newsome, Steven Miller, Dennis Elkins.

**LITTLE PILGRIM'S HOME** - Second in August. Scott Hamilton, Evan Hamilton, Hobert Justice, Sean Hicks, Russell Hicks, Danny Carty.

MT. OLIVE - Fourth in August. Estill Hamilton, Willis Little, Larry Newsome, Lowell Mullins.

**PLEASANT VIEW** - First in June. Ray Hamilton, Evan Hamilton, Bill Blevins, Lowell Mullins, Moderator and Assistant Moderator.

**LITTLE FAMILY** - Second in October (2013). Buddy W. Carty, Willis Tolliver, Ira Adkins, Jr., Scott Little, Danny Carty.

**LITTLE ANGEL** - Fourth in March. Hillard Newsome, Wayne Sartin, Larry Newsome, Hargis Tuttle, Dennis Elkins, Northern Gayle Brown.

**ANTIOCH** - First in June. Hargis Tuttle, Teddy Honaker, James Tackett (Enterprise), Faris Tuttle, Raymond Gayheart, Danny Belcher, Gary Blevins.

**ROSE OF SHARON** - Second in October (2013). Leonard Hamilton, Scott Hamilton, Lowell Mullins, Ray Hamilton, Willis Little, Andy Fields.

**LILY OF THE VALLEY** - Third in July. Danny Belcher, Stephen Slone, Hargis Tuttle, Steven Miller, Omery Chuck Hall.

**LITTLE CHILDREN'S HOME** - Third in September (2013). Curtis Seagraves, Greg Sowards, Ira Adkins, Jr., Bobby Baker, Deffort Thornsberry.

**MORNING STAR** - Third in July. Ray Hamilton, Hargis Tuttle, Larry Newsome, Jerry Caskey, Bill Blevins, Willis Little.

**LITTLE BETHEL** - First in September (2014). Phillip Beverly, Delmas Hall, Danny Hamilton, Willis Little, Dennis Elkins, Hargis Tuttle.

**FAMILY OF LOVE** - Fourth in October (2013). Paul Boggs, Morris Wicker, Russell Hicks, Ray Hamilton, Deffort Thornsberry, Darrell Kidd, Wayne Sartin.

**LITTLE MELROSE** - First in March. Eddie Wallen, James Barney, Danny Carty, Terry Fuller, Glen Dixon, Paul D. Moore, Darrell Kidd, Lowell Mullins, Lloyd (Popeye) Brown.

**ETERNAL ROSE** - Second in June. Joseph Gibson, Raymond Gayheart, Hargis Tuttle, Farris Tuttle.

**LITTLE ELLEN** - Third in October (2013). Joe Havlik, Joseph Akers, Arthur Short, Justin Hagerman, Jason Hagerman, Charles Hagerman.

**CEDARS OF LEBANON** - First in October (2014). Johnny Thornsberry, Willis Tolliver, Hank Forgey, Ira Adkins, Jr., Scott Little (Little Angel).

**TRUE VINE** - Garfield Thacker, Roger Justice, Justin Hagerman, Jason Hagerman.

### **SPECIAL MEMORIALS**

**PLEASANT VIEW** - First Sunday in August, 2014 (Sunday of Association). A memorial of all deceased members of the Northern New Salem Association.

**TUTTLE MEMORIAL** - We, the descendants of the Tuttle family wish to invite everyone to meet with us for the Tuttle Memorial on Sizemore Mountain near Wayland, KY, on Saturday, May 31, 2014. Singing will start at 9:30 A.M. with preaching at 10:00. Any and all are welcome to attend. We especially look forward to the presence of Old Regular Baptist Ministers.

**LITTLE ANGEL SPECIAL MEMORIAL FOR BROTHER BALLARD BROWN** - Fourth Sunday in June, 2014. Ministers called: Danny Carty, Charles Edwards, Omery Chuck Hall, Hillard Newsome.

LITTLE ANGEL SPECIAL MEMORIAL FOR THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF THE LITTLE ANGEL CHURCH - Fourth Sunday in May, 2014. All Old Regular Baptist Ministers are invited, along with Brothers, Sisters, and friends to celebrate our 50th Anniversary.

**CHAFFINS CEMETERY** - Memorial Weekend, Sunday, May 25, 2014 at 10:30 A.M. Ministers called: Clyde Lewis, Preston Lewis, John Lewis. All Welcome.

**LITTLE PILGRIM'S HOME** - There will be a memorial for Sister Mary Wallen on Sunday, February 9, 2014. All Old Regular Baptist Ministers are welcome.

MARCUM MEMORIAL - Sunday, June 29, 2013. Location: Wilkesville, OH near the intersection of 160 and County Road 8 (Newsome Road). About 3 miles from the intersection. Ministers called: Russell Hicks, Sean Hicks, Greg Sowards, Harrison Runyon, Lloyd Ray, Chester Cochran.

### **ORDAINED MINISTERS**

### LITTLE REBECCA

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	MAGGIE'S HOME			
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Elder Donald Mullins	36157 DePue Rd., Hamden, OH 45634	740-596-4946		
Elder Daniel Newsome	35010 Buckrun Rd., Longsville, OH 45741	740-669-3408		
Elder Johnny Newsome Elder Albert Osborne	60097 Locker Plt. Rd., McArthur, OH 45651 42651 St. Rt. 160, Wilkesville, OH 45695	740-596-0447 740-669-4002		
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	LITTLE FLOCK			
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Elder Mike Fortner	2476 Centerpoint Rd., Oak Hill, OH 45656	740-682-6236		
Elder Greg Sowards	12942 St. Rt. 220, Waverly, OH 45690	740-289-4771		
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Elder Denver Meade	953 Warwick Dr., Sheffield Lake, OH 44054	440-949-6048		
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LITTLE IDA				
Elder Gordon Akers	735 Elmdale Ln., Almont, MI 48003	810-798-3834		
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 Russell Hicks 11 Elder Sean Hicks 4114 Elder Harvey Tuttle Elder Thomas N. VanZandt Elder Morris Wicker  Elder Joseph R. Akers 10	2070 N. Angling Rd., Kendallville, IN 46755 2971 N. Angling Rd., Wolcottville, IN 46795 2 North Sparta Lake Rd., Ligonier, IN 46767 955 South 900 East, Lagrange, IN 46761 11346 Wildwood Dr., Marshall, MI 49068 5510 E. 1150 N., Wolcottville, IN 46795 LITTLE ZION	260-347-8082 260-854-3649 260-221-1965 260-499-7997 269-781-8191 260-318-2998 810-395-1623 810-610-4089		
Elder Terry Hall	352 Apple Blossom Dr., Ottisville, MI 48463	010-010-4009		
Elder Danny C. Hamilton Elder Stephen Slone Elder Eddie Wallen	LITTLE PILGRIM'S HOME  367 Twp. Rd. 1031, Nova, OH 44849 4155 Butler Rd., Wakeman, OH 44889 330 Railroad St., Rochester, OH 44090	567-308-0017 440-574-1740 440-647-3539		
	MT. OLIVE			
Elder Elbert Hagerman	P.O. Box 213, Angola, IN 46703	260-665-1882		
	PLEASANT VIEW			
Elder Conley Daniels Elder Donel D. Gibson	261 Pepperwood Ln., Brunswick, OH 44212 3624 W. 114th St., Cleveland, OH 44111 222 Stonehedge Dr., Elyria, OH 44035 Brownhelm Station Rd., Vermilion, OH 44089	330-273-3505 216-251-0709 440-322-0299 440-967-5877		
	LITTLE FAMILY - None			
	LIEUT E ANGEL			
Eldor John Judo	LITTLE ANGEL  1600 Fellbrook Pd. Columbus, OH 42222	614-274-7122		
Elder John Jude Elder Scott Little	1609 Fallbrook Rd., Columbus, OH 43223 93 Stoneridge Dr., Chillicothe, OH 45601	740-804-4881		
Elder Karrel Addington Elder Hillard Newsome Elder Wayne Sartin	ANTIOCH 501 Micawber, Louisville, KY 40245 3520 Fincastle Rd., Louisville, KY 40213 1613 South 4th St., Louisville, KY 40208	502-254-5961 502-452-1197 502-645-2690		
ROSE OF SHARON				
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	5801 Washington Blvd., Ashtabula, OH 44004	440-992-9359
<b>Elder Scott Hamilton</b>	4760 N. Ridge E., Geneva, OH 44041	440-466-7053
<b>Elder Junior Jent</b>	3120 Mill Rd., Dorset, OH 44032	440-293-5018
<b>Elder Sam Hamilton</b>	695 Breezewood Ln., Orwell, OH 44076	440-344-6246

### LITTLE CHILDREN'S HOME - None

### **MORNING STAR**

Elder Mose Bentley	237 Packett Fork, Beaver, KY 41604	606-587-3590
Elder Bill Blevins	11022 Oak Ln., Apt. 9106, Belleville, MI 48111	734-697-0935
<b>Elder Charles Blevins</b>	14502 S. State Rd., Perry, MI 48872	989-413-7176
<b>Elder Willis Little</b>	4541 Grace, Wayne, MI 48184	734-728-4486
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### LITTLE BETHEL

DOX 122, 1110, O11 4400/	Elder Paul Dye	Box 122, Tiro, OH 44887 419-347-5064
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### **FAMILY OF LOVE**

Elder Clifford Bradley	18003 S H 231, Nevada, OH 44849	740-482-2972
Elder Buddy W. Carty	18 High School Ave., Shelby, OH 44875	419-342-4142
Elder James M. Curry	3421 Dunbar Rd., Prospect, OH 43342	740-223-0102
Elder Delmas Hall	3951 Henry Rd. Lot 5, Plymouth, OH 44865	567-844-0945

### LITTLE MELROSE

Elder John M. Elkins	2038 Allcorn Rd., Greenup, KY 41144	606-473-0324
<b>Elder Doug McCarty</b>	P.O. Box 2018, Keystone Heights, FL 32656	352-473-3424

### **ETERNAL ROSE**

Elder Raymond Gayheart	14061 Twp. Rd. 215, Lakeville, OH 44638	330-378-9008
Elder Joseph Gibson	1838 Lyons Rd., Willard, OH 44890	419-933-7820
<b>Elder Hargis Tuttle</b>	4494 Butler Rd., Wakeman, OH 44889	440-839-5113

### LITTLE ELLEN

**Elder Lowell Mullins** 1165 Oak Ridge Dr., Manteno, IL 60950 815-468-1532

### **CEDARS OF LEBANON - None**

### **TRUE VINE**

Elder Dennis Elkins 2263 Pontius St. N.E., Hartville, OH 44632 330-807-8532

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Church	Little Rebecca

### MODERATORS AND ASSISTANT MODERATORS

Church	Moderator	Assistant Moderator
Little Rebecca	. Buddy W. Carty	Danny Carty
Maggie's Home	. Donald Mullins	Mike Fortner
Little Flock	. Hank Forgey	Mike Fortner
Little Ruth	. Amos Williams	Don C. Lawson
Little Edna	. Hobert Justice	Denver Meade
Little Ida	. Ralph Caudill	Billy Miller
Little Flossie	. Russell Hicks	Morris Wicker
Little Zion	Joseph R. Akers	Joseph Havlik
Little Pilgrim's Home	. Danny C. Hamilton	Eddie Wallen
Mt. Olive	. Elbert Hagerman	
Pleasant View	. Larry Newsome	Alex Collier
Little Family	. Danny Carty	Scott Little
Little Angel	. Danny Carty	Bill Smith
Antioch	. Hillard Newsome	Karrel Addington
Rose of Sharon	. Ray Hamilton	
Lily of the Valley	Scott Hamilton	Evan Hamilton
Little Children's Home	. Aaron Whitaker, Jr	Harvey Tuttle
Morning Star	. Bill Blevins	Willis Little
Little Bethel	. Paul Dye	Eddie Wallen
Family of Love	. Buddy W. Carty	Delmas Hall
Little Melrose	. Doug McCarty	John M. Elkins
Eternal Rose	. Hargis Tuttle	Raymond Gayheart
Little Ellen	. Lowell Mullins	None
Cedars of Lebanon	. Greg Sowards	None
True Vine	. Dennis Elkins	Alex Collier

### CHURCH ADDRESSES

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STATISTICAL TABLE 2013	Received by Baptism	Received by Letter	Recommendation	Restored	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Total Membership	Meeting Time	Contributions	Communion Time
CHURCHES	~	~	~	~	Д	Ш		Т	2	0	0
Little Rebecca	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	35	2:00 P.M. 3-E	325.00	July
Maggie's Home	0	1	0	0	0	1	2	29	1-M	150.00	July
Little Flock	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	16	3-M	300.00	Aug
Little Ruth	0	2	0	0	2	0	1	18	2-M	150.00	June
Little Edna	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	20	4-M	150.00	July
Little Ida	0	1	0	0	0	0	3	38	1-M	375.00	June
Little Flossie	3	0	0	0	1	0	1	30	4:00 P.M. 1-E	350.00	June
Little Zion	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	14	2:30 P.M. 2-E	120.00	June
Little Pilgrim's Home	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	10	2-M	175.00	July
Mt. Olive	2	2	0	0	2	1	1	16	2:00 P.M. 4-E	200.00	July
Pleasant View	1	2	0	0	7	1	5	47	6:00 P.M. 1-E	500.00	May
Little Family	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	13	2:00 P.M. 2-E	200.00	July
Little Angel	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	36	4-M	350.00	Aug
Antioch	1	0	0	0	2	1	1	23	3:00 P.M. 1-E	500.00	Oct
Rose of Sharon	0	2	0	0	0	0	1	25	2-M	475.00	May
Lily of the Valley	3	0	0	0	0	4	1	21	6:00 P.M. 3-E	125.00	June
Little Children's Home	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	2:00 P.M. 3-E	225.00	July
Morning Star	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	13	3-M	350.00	June
Little Bethel	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	7	1-M	125.00	July
Family of Love	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	16	2:00 P.M. 4-E	250.00	July
True Vine	0	2	0	0	0	4	0	8	3-M	350.00	Aug
Little Melrose	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	2:00 P.M. 1-E	300.00	Jan
Eternal Rose	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	17	4:00 P.M. 2-E	125.00	May
Little Ellen	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	4:00 P.M. 3-E	100.00	June
Cedars of Lebanon	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	2:00 P.M. 1-E	50.00	June
2013 Church Contributions       \$6,320.00         2013 Money for Pictures       480.00         Other Contributions       1,177.00         \$7,977.00											

Grand Total 10 19 0 1 17 15 26 481

M — Saturday morning services

E — Saturday evening services

### OBITUARIES MEMBERS

### NADINE CASTLE

Nadine Castle left this world, a Child of God, on December 30, 2012, and although my heart is lonely and I am not worthy, I will attempt to write an obituary for my loving wife.

Nadine was born May 30, 1942 from the union of Oma and Richard Griffith in Stone Coal, Kentucky, a Child of God.

She married Elbert Castle and from their union of forty-nine years a son, Jeffery Castle, and daughter, Diana Castle, are left to mourn their loss. All reside at their home in Mason, Michigan.

Nadine joined the Regular Baptist Church, Mount Olive in 1981. She was a faithful member until her health failed and even through her memory failing as well, she kept praising the Lord.

I could fill a book with good things to say about her, as those who knew her can attest. But for now, we will remember:



**Nadine Castle** 

"The house is a little darker now, her smile lit the room.

God picked another flower on that day. Rest on dear, until that Glorious Day."

A special thank you to family and friends who were so helpful when needed most. May God bless you always.

Written by her lonely and sadden husband, Elbert Castle

### LEONA CAUDILL

Isaiah 61:10 - I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my soul shall be joyful in my God; for he hath clothed me with the garments of salvation, he hath covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decketh himself with ornaments, and as a bride adorneth herself with her jewels.

Mom wrote many an obituary for those passing, and she often would say that she was having trouble writing one. There would be several edits before she would come up with the right words on paper. I would question her as to why it was so difficult often thinking how hard could it be, but as I sit to write one for her, I now realize what she went through. How can I put on paper words that can describe a life that was so beautiful? She deserves the best, and I hope I can do it justice.



Leona Caudill

Mom was born to the late Clay and Ina (Back) King on June 9, 1928, Blacky, (Letcher County) Kentucky and departed this life in the early morning hours of March 23, 2013, making her stay here on God's footstool 84 years, 9 months, and 14 days. Mom had been in Wyandotte Hospital for many days, and Brenda was blessed to be there with her when the Lord ushered Mom to her heavenly home. She was preceded in death by her mother, father, and baby brother, John Carson King.

Mom leaves to mourn her significant loss her loving husband of 64 years, Ralph; 3 children: Brenda (Billy) Miller, Randy (Debbie) Caudill, and Karen Markham; 5 grandchildren: Steven (Amy Marie) Miller, Amy Miller, Rebecca Caudill, Nathanial Caudill, and Cortney Markham; and a host of extended family and friends. Her presence will be so missed by so many.

On August 20, 1948, Mom and Dad were married in Letcher County, Kentucky. They had a beautiful marriage, and where you would see one, the other would not be far behind. They truly were an example of what a marriage should be, and often would advise young couples that Dad would marry about the secret to a long lasting relationship. She was a model wife to Dad in his ministry for many years and supported him any way she could.

Mom saw her need for a savior in 1962, and at a Saturday night meeting on March 23, joined the Little Ida Church and was baptized on March 24, 1962, where she remained a faithful member until her death. It is ironic that God took her home the same day she joined the church 51 years ago. She had been unable to attend church since the latter part of September 2012, but she talked often of the church and always wanted to know how the service was when Dad returned on Sunday.

"For I was hungered, and you gave me meat; I was thirsty, and you gave me drink; I was a stranger, and ye took me in ." In her 51 years in the church, Mom fulfilled this scripture so many times. She never saw a stranger, her table was never empty, and her cupboards never bare. When you walked in to the house, you'd be asked if she could fix something to eat. She enjoyed being a caregiver and administered to so many over the years, both saint and sinner. She would spend those memories over and over with us. Her and Dad were blessed to be part of so many people's lives.

A few days before she left us, we were preparing to take her home for her final days, something that she had requested. Billy went to the house and made ready for her homecoming. But there was One that was preparing a much better place for her. His angels were getting her mansion ready for her to spend eternity. And when it was suitable for her to move in, that blessed angel was sent to bring her home. I know she is there now, no doubt smiling and enjoying the richness of Heaven. She is free of any affliction and knows no pain. I know she is praising God as she often did here on earth.

To the grandchildren - your grandmother loved you so much. After you all had been at the hospital just shortly before she passed, she said to me "Karen, did you see all those children come see me?" It pleased her beyond words. You made her so happy that day. She loved to see her children all together where she could enjoy their company and conversation. Oftentimes when we would all be together, I would look over at Mom, and she would just be sitting there listening, smiling to herself. She loved being surrounded by the family. I hope that someday we all will meet again on that golden shore. She would want that more than anything. We love you so much Mom and miss you greatly. You were so much strength to us.

Written for the family by her most unworthy daughter, Karen

### **ELDER HAYES MAYNARD CHAFFINS**

Elder Hayes Maynard Chaffins was born to Grace Ellen Chaffins and William Nelson Chaffins, on July 4th, 1932, a day of celebration. He was raised in Sizemore, Kentucky in a large, loving family with bothers Mitchell, Orville, and Enon and sisters Norcie, Laura, and Verna May. He also grew up among many cousins, aunts and uncles living in the same hollow.

Brother Hayes joined the U.S. Army at the age of 18, trained at Ft. Eustis, VA and served in the Korean War until June 9, 1954, after which he received an Honorable Discharge. After he returned home he attended vocational school and learned his trade of auto body repair. He eventually owned his own auto body repair shop and later branched out into used car sales, where his friendly and persuasive nature was a great asset.



Elder Hayes Maynard Chaffins

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Brother Hayes met his sister Verna May's good friend, Pauline Nickles, and fell in love. Brother Hayes and Pauline were married August 18th, 1962 and moved to Ohio to start their life together. They were blessed with two children Kevin and Marsha. He gave them a safe and loving home and was very proud of them both. He was also a great Papaw to his grandchildren. Brother Hayes and Pauline celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary at a party with his many friends a few months before his death an occasion which brought him great joy.

Brother Hayes gave his life to God and joined the Pleasant View Old Regular Baptist Church August 3, 1968. He loved this church and was ordained as a minister October 4, 1980. He spent many hours ministering the sick and downtrodden. He wanted to share his faith with others, and often invited people to come to church with him. "YOU MAKE THIS CHURCH LOOK GOOD", he told visitors with a smile. Brother Hayes loved to read the bible and studying the scriptures became his great passion in life.

If you had the pleasure of knowing Brother Hayes Chaffins, you know that he was a special man. He loved to talk and joke and make people smile. He told us all that we were his favorite, but the truth is he was ours.

His story is not complete without a mention of Kentucky Wildcats basketball and Cincinnati Reds baseball. His other joy was his grandchildren, Cole, Callie, Elana, Emilea, Hannah, Kenzie, Ryder and step-grandson Sidney. He had so much love for them and had the pleasure of watching them grow up. Brother Hayes Maynard Chaffins lived a full, faithful and loving life. He was a beloved son, husband, father and brother in Christ. He passed away from complications of a stroke at the age of 80, October 7, 2012. His passing has left a massive hole in our lives. We miss him everyday in so many ways. We are only comforted by the knowledge that he is with God watching over us.

Written with love by his daughter, Marsha Zingas

### FRANK M COLEMAN

It is with a broken but thankful heart that we write the obituary of a gentleman. Our father, Frank M Coleman was born November 22, 1922 on Wolfpit, in Pike County, Kentucky to Lanta Coleman and Myra Thacker. He was the eldest of eight children which included Austin, Bradley, Lanta Jr. (Tater), Clinton, John Estil (Mike), Jack and Laura (Sister). Of these, he is survived by Bradley only. He was called to his heavenly home prepared by his Savior and Friend on Monday morning, October 29, 2012 making his contribution to this world a total of 89 years, 11 months and 7 days. He passed peacefully and willingly after months of being cared for by our sister Lesia and her husband Joe Damron. The whole family is grateful to God for them and the love and care they gave, especially Joe who loved him as a true son.



Frank M Coleman

Dad married Mom, Letha Anderson on May 23, 1942. Shortly after, Dad's grandmother, Sally Coleman, passed away leaving young twin boys. Frank M and Letha would take Thomas Albert into their home. He was always one of their sons and loved and treated as such. In return he also loved and respected them as father and mother. Tom preceded Dad in death by almost one year. Four children were also born into the union; Nolan (Patricia Coleman), Rolan (Sharon May), Rocky (Rhonda Coleman) and the apple of their eye Lesia (Joe Damron).

As we boys were growing up, we would ask what the "M" was for in his name and with characteristic humor we would always get a different answer such as Maxwell House, Meriweather or Meriwell. We grew up, never really knowing. Some say he had to add the initial to prevent confusion in the mines with all the other Frank Colemans working along side him.

Dad served in the army in World War II and his eldest son, Nolan, would follow in his example in Vietnam.

We grew up with Dad as a daily example to us of loyalty to country, service to all mankind, a strong sense of responsibility to care for a preserve the family and of a strong committed work ethic. Dad earned our respect and admiration and we requested and respected his advice. More often than not, we followed his advice and even now, the decisions we are making in life are flavored with his seasoning.

Frank M was a strong man, in physique and character and we have all heard from his friends and family and know from our own experience that he never spoke ill of anyone and was always willing to give that second chance.

He was also a generous compassionate man who gave freely of his time, earthly possessions or hard earned money.

He began his work in the coal mines loading coal into cars pulled by mules and later retired from Republic Steel in the late 1970's after along hard career with many injuries including a broken back.

The story is told by Brother Jimmy Dale Sanders of the time he visited with Dad in the hospital after an accident and asked Dad how it was with him and the Lord. Dad's response was typical of him. He simply stated "Well it ain't too good right now". That may well have begun his journey with the salvation offered by a gracious merciful Father. Dad was saved in the Old Regular Church and was baptized by Delbert Sanders and Orbin May on January 26, 1980. That was the beginning of Dad carrying on a long heritage of service in the Old Regular Church. He was a deacon in the Samaria Church at Wolfpit and was faithful in attendance at all Old Regular meetings within a good driving distance. He always enjoyed being with his Brothers and Sisters in the Lord, worshipping and fellow shipping. He was faithful to serve in any way in the church from manual labor to listing prayer requests until he could no longer push his tired broken body into submission. His body would never have rusted as with old inactive equipment for he kept it moving and simply wore it out.

Dad was preceded in death by our Mother. Dad and our sister Lesia cared lovingly, compassionately and willing for our mother as she was battling cancer. They were with her when she lost the earthly battle on August 19, 1998 in the same home Dad would later be at peace to die in.

After over 50 years of having a daily partner and companion, Dad missed Mom terribly and was dissatified and lonely. In God's mercy and provision the lonely hours were filled when Frank M and Marie Coleman Thacker married on February 14, 1999. Marie is left to grieve his loss.

Frank M was a loving Papaw to Randy Coleman, Steve Coleman, Mark Coleman, Gregory Todd Coleman, who preceded his Papaw and Mamaw in death, Rolan Jr Coleman, Emily Rebecca Coleman Commander, Patience Kathleen Coleman Newman, Joseph Eric Damron and Amber Denise Damron Adkins. He was also "Papaw" to all other little ones he met. To Kayleigh and Ally, he is and will always be their Papaw.

Frank M's friends, brothers and sisters in the Lord and his acquaintances will miss him. His family will surely miss him but with God's help, his legacy will live on in his family.

Obituary contributions by the children of Frank M and Letha Coleman

### **ELDER ELMER EDWARDS**

My sister and I were blessed by two parent that God gave us and it was with a heavy heart that we lost both of them only 4 months apart last year. Our dad's health took a turn for the worse in early March when he was told he had a serious illness and probably would not have long to live. Dad was looking forward to celebrating his 62nd anniversary when the Lord called our Mom, Eva Faye home on April 30th. Shortly before Mom went home to be with the Lord; Dad was teasing her about how lucky she was to be married to such a good looking guy like him. I will never forget how she rolled her eyes when he said that. It was wonderful that they were able to have their last time together be so good with all the health problems they both were suffering with. Dad always did have a great sense of humor even when things were bad. His granddaughter,



**Elder Elmer Edwards** 

Kimberly, would tell him how cute he was and he would reply "I know it and I can't help it." His sense of humor helped to lighten the load for all of us.

His great joy was being in the church. To serve God and the church in any way he could brought him the greatest pleasure. Dad was probably one of the most humble people I have ever known. He was an ordained minister and clerk of Little Edna Church. No job was ever to small for dad. You could always tell it brought him so much joy to keep the supplies bought up for the lunch room and he always liked to check that the church building was in good repair. If anything needed done he always tried to get it fixed and fixed well; we would sometimes joke and call him Inspector Gadget. Our family and the church both suffered a great loss on September 4, 2012 when he went to his home in Heaven.

The love of our parents will be with us always. We miss them

Written by his two daughters, Cathy and Deborah

### CLAUDIE HALE

With much sadness, we gather to write the obituary of our kind loving mother, Claudie Hale. She was born August 30, 1923 in Kentucky and departed January 1, 2013 at her home surrounded by her family. She married John B Hale on August 23, 1941 in Pikeville, Kentucky. He preceded her in death March 21, 1998. Also preceding her in death was a grandson, Ronnie A Hale; a very special daughter-in-law, Susie Hale; four sisters: Norma Pinson, Doris Williamson, Jettie Jewell and Nadene Williamson; and one brother, Donnie Williamson. Her brother, Issac Williamson died the month after she passed.

She is survived by three sons: Claude (Martha) Hale, Langsville, Ohio, William (Patricia) Hale St. Amant Louisiana, John Elliott (Jane) Hale, Jackson, Ohio, Karen Hale-Elliott, Wilkesville, Ohio and Katrena Hale, North Redington Beach, Florida.



Claudie Hale

Also surviving are fifteen grandchildren, twenty three great-grandchildren, and one great-great grandchild: one brother, two sisters, and one sister-in-law: Lonnie Williamson, Lena (Billy) Webb of Varney Kentucky, Lucille (Wade) Bostic Charleston, South Carolina and Billie Joyce Williamson (wife of Isaac). And a host of nieces and nephews.

Mom was baptized on the fourth Sunday in August of 1947. She had her membership with the Maggie's Home Church Old Regular Baptist, Dundas Ohio. She and Dad loved the church and the members. All of us children were raised with the Old Regular Baptist as family.

Mom loved life, her family, and the church. I found a note she had written to one of the grand-children in 1992. She had written "I love my children and grandchildren so much I might fail to see very little bad in them. I wish all of you could know how much I love you. The sound of any of your names makes us proud." Those sentences were so accurate. She loved her family and church family and friends so very much. Mom was a light to all who knew her, offering the best wisdom and guidance. She was an example for all of us. During the last days, she spoke much of the Lord and loved ones that had passed on. We are going to miss her so much but we know she has gone home with the Lord.

#### **CHARLES WILLIAM HALL**

It is with much sadness and broken hearts, full of loving memories, and with the Help of our Lord we will attempt to write the obituary of Charles William Hall, our Dearly beloved husband, dad, father in law, brother and grandfather.

Charles was born Sept. 20 1941 to Effie and Ishmael Hall at Topmost, Ky Both parents preceded him in death. He was also preceded in death by one brother Leon Hall and one sister Mable Doris Hall. Charles went home to be with Jesus March 17, 2012 making his stay here on Earth 70 years 5 months 17 days.

Charles married Leona Scott Jan 25 1962 they had a loving 50 years 1 month 17 days together. He left to mourn his passing, his heart broken wife Leona, two sons Charles and Tim and two daughter in laws, five brothers, five sisters, eight Grandchildren and one great-granddaughter.



Charles William Hall

Charles worked at General Motors for 26 years in Wayne Michigan. Charles was a hardworking man and took pride in providing for his family. He also loved to restore cars from the frame up with the help of his loving wife and two sons. He had a heart attack and had three bypass surgeries but he had suffered with his lungs for 10 years and died with lung cancer that was discovered three days before he died.

God forgave Charles of his sins and he became a member of the Little Flossie Old Regular Baptist Church on March 5, 2005 and was a faithful member until his death. We believe he is resting in paradise just waiting for that beautiful morning. Remember children and grandchildren you all can see dad, grandpa again if you would like to, Jesus made a way for us all, but you have to repent and get Jesus in your lives and in your hearts just trust in Jesus and never stop praying. Honey you will never be forgotten, you will always be in my heart and forever on my mind.

Written by his broken hearted wife, Sister Leona Hall and Family

#### DARRELL HALL

Darrell was born on June 20, 1938 in Gauly (Dry Creek), Kentucky to Ivadell and Dennis Hall. He had nine siblings. He was proceeded in death by siblings: Ivandale, Emma Jean, James Ray, Leroy, Clive and his parents, Dennis and Ivadell. He is survived by his wife of 52 years, Vivian (Johnson) Hall, his daughters, Beverly and her husband, Jeffery Norris; Bonnie and her husband, William Gordon; his son, Darrell Alan and his grandchildren; William, Ryan, Matthew, Megan, Brittany, and Owen. He also leaves behind numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, and his surviving siblings; brothers, Dexter, Cledith and his wife, Joanne; Gary and his wife, Marlene; his sisters, Laura and her husband, Jim Taylor; and Lavern and her husband, John Caudill. His Aunt Della Hoover is also left to mourn.



Darrell Hall

Darrell came to Ohio in 1959 to find work at the Ford Company. He worked at Ford for 29 years before retiring due to a failing heart 1988. On July 1989 he had a heart transplant at the Cleveland Clinic.

He joined the Old Regular Baptist church in June of 1989. He was member at Pleasant View in Litchfield before moving to Little Pilgrim Home in Ruggles, OH, where he was a deacon.

Dad enjoyed his garden, being with his family, his grandchildren, reading the Bible, and spending time at the church house with his brothers and sisters in Christ.

Shortly after his death, his neighbor, Aaron and his wife came to pay their respects. Aaron told mom (Vivian) a story about how when he left for work in the morning, he could see Darrell in his retreat room. He knew Darrell was reading his Bible, and it would make him feel better for the rest of the day. He related that he knew "Darrell was that of kind of person. He fought the hard battle against cancer but he has now 'Gone away with a Friend.'"

Brother Darrell Hall's memorial will be held on May 11th, 2014 at the Little Pilgrim's Home Church with the Brothers of the church and whoever that come to visit.

Written by his wife, Vivian & his children

#### **ELDER EARL HILL**

It is with a sad and broken heart that we will try and write the obituary of our beloved father and husband, Brother Earl Hill.

Brother Earl was born September 11, 1938 in Dickenson County, VA to Draten and Roma (Deel) Hill.

He is survived by his loving wife Eliza Kathleen (Lester) Hill, to whom would have been wed for 55 years come this August 30, 2013.

Also survived by three daughters Barbara Laws, Nancy Roma Czyz (Husband, Edward Czyz) and Evelyn Bernice Mooney (Husband, Colin Mooney). Eight Grandchildren and eight Great-Grandchildren.

Bro. Earl was proceeded in death by his parents Draten and Roma (Deel) Hill and multiple brothers and sisters.

Elder Earl Hill Earl retired from General Motors Warren plant after 28 years of ser-

vice. Followed by becoming associate Pastor of Old Regular Baptist Church of Ypsilanti.

His Daddy and Mommy were devoted to their savior and church, he went until he just wasn't able to go like he wanted to.

He loved to read his bible and sing his songs. He loved all of his children and grandchildren very much.

He was a strong man in what he believed in and would let anyone know how he felt.

Our children and grandchildren miss him so much. I can see it in their faces and hear them talking about there Dad and Papaw. There is no way I can explain the loss in our life. It is so hard to go on, but I know God is willing and able to guide me through all the lonely days and nights I have to endure, but he will make a way just like he promised. Pray that I will be able to accept God's will in my life.

God Bless all that can read this. May God be with you.

Written by his broken hearted Wife and family.

#### THURMAN E. JONES

May 14, 1935 - August 27, 2012

Thurman E. Jones, 77 of Greenwich, died peacefully August 27, 2012 at his home surrounded by family and friends after a short illness. Born May 14, 1935, in Jacobs, KY, to the Allie and Zadie Jones. Thurman lived most of his life in Greenwich.

He served in the United States Air Force. Thurman worked at Akron Standard Mold for many years. He was a member of the Little Rebecca Old Regular Baptist Church and was a devoted husband, father and grandfather.

Survived by his wife of 54 years Dorise; daughter, Belinda (Frank) Mareno of Silver Spring, MD; grandchildren, Megan Mareno of Circleville and Frank Mareno III of Pickerington. Siblings, Corinne (Alfred) Oney



Thurman E. Jones

of Greenwich, C.L. Jones of Greenwich, Robert Jones of New Haven and Olray (Renita) Jones of Norwalk. Preceded in death by siblings, Donald, Emmit, Ruth Jones, Imogene Wright and infant brother, Danny.

My Daddy

Today I share with our family and friends my Dad's Christian testimony. As I believe he would want the good news of his journey home with our Father in Heaven to be told. My Daddy was not raised going to church. I believe his mother may have shared the Lord with him, but it was not until he married the daughter of Elder Willie Collins, did he really find out what it was to know the Lord. The love and peace that only God can offer.

My Grandfather died while my mother was pregnant with me. A man I will meet one day in person. But I can walk into any old Regular Baptist Church and mention his name, and I am welcomed with open arms because I am his grandchild. And hear of the many stories of how he touched the lives of many. I believe my Dad is also leaving a legacy. He was not a wealthy man, a materialistic man, a preacher, or even an educated man. But that's exactly the type of person God uses. Through the power changing blood of Jesus Christ. My Dad touched many lives, and many will remember his name and tell of the stories of how he touched others also. These stories will be told as examples for us to follow.

My Dad struggled with sin the majority of his adult life. I remember many times Dad praying and crying out to the Lord for forgiveness and to help him turn away from his sinful nature. But the answers didn't come. God had more work to do with him. My Dad had to learn what repentance meant, to have a humble heart to depend on Christ for his very life, not for this earthy life but for the life eternal.

Even after mom gave her life to the Lord, my Dad still struggled, but little by little, God was chipping away at all my Dad's earthly sin and pain. God was softening that hard heart. He saw the change in my mom. He started to remember the Old Regular Baptist ways. He started to draw closer. My Dad became a new man on that day that he surrendered.

Jesus Christ used my Dad as his hands and feet on this earth. My Dad was there for many of my aunts, uncles and friends as they battled their own illnesses. Taking them to their appointments, doing odds and ends. My Dad never expected anything in return.

And then there is that beautiful garden he set out every year. Why, such a big garden for two people? Because it wasn't just for them. It gave him joy to see others enjoy his harvest. He would tell anyone to come and get whatever they wanted. But then he would instead take them. Mom would say during the summer she barely saw him. He'd be busy morning until night. Not only did he tend his own garden but helped others do theirs.

Most people from town saw my Dad walk to town every day, rain, snow, ice. He had to have his walk, even if we were getting ready to go somewhere, we had to wait for him. I believe this was his daily walk and talk with the Lord. I'm going to try to follow your example and get my walk in every day. He did this daily walk until chemotherapy brought him down.

The Lord changed my Dad's life. He would want that for everyone here today too.

From John Chapter 14 verses 1-3 "Let not your heart be troubled; ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so. I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you. I will come again, and receive you onto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also."

And from John Chapter 5 verse 24 "verily, Verily, I say unto you. He that hearth my word and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life."

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you Amen.

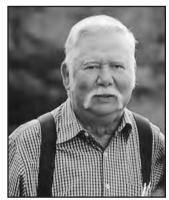
Miss you Daddy, Your Daughter, Belinda

#### **ERNEST E MARTIN**

As we write this obituary, words still cannot express the sense of loss we continue to feel with the passing of our beloved Husband, Dad, and Popaw. Not a day goes by that he is not thought of lovingly, or we do not expect to look around and catch a glimpse of him. We know the pain in our hearts will eventually ease, but our memories we will forever hold close and treasure always.

Ernest E Martin, age 71, passed away Tuesday, February 5, 2013 after a brief illness. He was born February 7, 1941, in Knott County, Kentucky, to the late Berlin and Marie (Slone) Martin.

Dad was a kind loving family man who lived his life for his family and friends. How blessed we all are to have had him for our Dad, Popaw, brother, uncle and good friend. He had a heart of gold and



**Ernest E Martin** 

kindly extended a helping hand to those in need without being asked. In his last days his main concern was not of himself, but was of spending what time he could with his babies. His babies were his grandchildren, who he loved with all his heart, and they still blow him kisses, carry his picture around, and look to the sky to see Popaw riding a bird's wings or shining with the stars in the night. He could often be found sitting in his chair outside his house, watching the cars go by so he could wave at friends and they in turn watched for him to be there. We often would ask, "who was that?" when we didn't recognize someone, and he would just as often reply, "I don't know, but they always wave at me". He was loved and respected by all who knew him and his passing will leave a void in many hearts. His humble manner, easy smile and contagious sense of humor will be remembered and missed.

On June 6, 1964, he married the love of his life, Nella Faye (Osborne) Martin and shortly after, settled here in Ohio, becoming a lifelong resident of Plymouth. He was a member of Family of Love Old Regular Baptist Church since May 17, 1986. He was clerk with the church for years. He also loved to visit other churches. He worked at Mayflower in Norwalk, Ohio for 37 1/2 years, retiring in 2003. He especially enjoyed working in his garden and sharing it's rewards with family and friends. In recent years he had began working at various farmer's markets in the area to help distribute produce where it was needed, and enjoyed talking with acquaintances there. He was one person, that no matter where he went, he found someone he knew and could talk to.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by two daughters, Ginger McKenzie (Don Spencer), and Libby Martin-Potts (Bill), both of Plymouth; four grandchildren, Jenni (Jeff) Tackett, Jacob (Meagan) Martin, Jayden and Jansen Potts, all of Plymonth; six great-grandchildren, Jovi, Jaci, Jerci, and Jax Earnest Tackett, and Presley and Charlie Martin also of Plymouth. He is survived by four brothers, Harold Ray Martin of Tennessee, William (Gwen) Martin, Larry Martin, and Matt (Sharon) Martin all of Kentucky; four sisters, Berleen (Jack) Bowser of Fairborn, Ohio, Sandy (Harles) Gibson of Plymouth, Jewell (Kenny) Blair, Karen (Jim) Jones of Kentucky; four sisters-in-law, Phyllis Burgette and Jeanetta Osborne of Willard, Ohio, Sharon Sanders and Carolyn Sue Prather both of Kentucky; a brother-in-law, Dannie Osborne of Ironton, Ohio; many nieces and nephews, close family and friends.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by two sisters, Geraldine and Beverly Martin; two brothers, Eddie and Ronnie Martin; a sister-in-law, Nancy Osborne; mother and father-in-law, Charles and Socie Osbourne; two brother-in-laws, Jimie Osborne and Ronald Burgette.

Before his passing, Dad told everybody he was "going home". He would clap his hands joyously as he would say it, and no smile could be brighter than the one on his face. We take great comfort in knowing that Heaven has gained one of it's greatest Angels. He was our Guardian Angel while here, and nothing has changed, he will always be our Guardian Angel, laughing as we laugh, finding joy in our accomplishments, and comforting us as we cry. Dad the tears will continue to fall from time to time as we think of you. Just know we will always love and miss you, and we thank God for sharing you with us and allowing the time we had with you.

Written by your loving family, Nella Faye; Ginger and family; Libby and family

#### CLAUDE MEADE

Claude Meade was born October 5, 1934 in Deane, Letcher County, KY to his parents William Oscar Meade and Delia (Hall) Meade. Claude grew up in Eastern Kentucky and met the love of his life, Christine Hall at their Uncle and Aunt's house when Claude was teaching her ride a horse. They were married on November 28, 1959, at Clintwood, VA. Searching for better job opportunities, they moved to Cleveland, Ohio shortly after they married and remained there except for a couple of years until his death in December14, 2012 at the Parma Community Hospital in Parma, Ohio.

Through thick and thin, Claude and Christine remained together for 53 years. To this union was born, two sons, Mike and Steve (Jamie), who survive. Also surviving, are 5 grandchildren; Matthew, Miranda, Haley,



Claude Meade

Riley and Aiden. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his 4 brothers; Herbert (Rosa), Hatler, James Arthur (Ruby) and Coleman Ray Meade (Janice).

Claude worked at Republic Steel as a machine operator for 18 years until they went out of business. He then worked for SK Wellman as a machine operator until he was no longer able. He also did a lot of landscape work. He enjoyed hunting, playing ball and playing music and could play the guitar, banjo and mandolin. He once took a paling from a fence and some chicken wire and made himself a guitar.

He felt like that Jesus forgave him of his sins and joined the Pleasant View Old Regular Baptist Church in Litchfield, Ohio, on Good Friday evening, April 2, 1999. He was baptized on Sunday May 2, 1999 by Elders Hayes Chaffins and Larry Newsome and Brother Marvin Sturgill. Brother Claude loved to attend church and enjoyed good singing and preaching.

In April of 2000, Brother Claude suffered a massive stroke which left him totally paralyzed on his left side. He was never able to live at home after that due to the severe damage left by the stroke. His loving wife, Christine, stood faithfully by him for the nearly 13 years Brother Claude lived in the nursing home. She visited him at least twice a day, and sometimes more, taking care of him like he was a baby. For many years, she cooked his food, bathed him, fought all of his battles, insisted on good care for him and watched over him. As time passed, Brother Claude's health declined even further as he suffered with circulation problems in his legs. In stages, first toes, then feet, then the legs had to be removed to above his knees. Brother Claude continued to praise God and hold up the name of Jesus. He always wanted everyone to sing for him and offer prayer when we visited him. Most of the time, you could get him to sing his favorite song, "I Am a Little Traveler". He knew the whole song by heart and loved to sing it. You could see that sheepish, boyhood smile on his face despite the pain that he suffered constantly. He never lost his desire to live and to talk about the Lord.

Rather suddenly, although his health had been very poor and he had experienced many life threatening, major health issues, he got sick on Thursday night with what seemed to be a virus of some type. After a rough night, Thursday, and continuing on Friday, he was taken to the Emergency Room at Parma Community General Hospital about 4:30 p.m. Shortly after being admitted, around 10:00 p.m. God called Brother Claude home. His many years of suffering were over and he got to go to Paradise where all of us long to go. While we believe with our whole heart, that Brother Claude is resting in total peace, love, joy and happiness, his family is left to mourn his loss. May God's loving and comforting arms hold you and guide you and help you to understand that your loss is sweet Heaven's gain. Brother Claude's desire and more importantly, God's desire, is that all of his family and friends would close in with the offered mercies of Jesus Christ, repent and be born again so you can dwell with Brother Claude forever with Jesus.

Written by his loving Brother in Christ, Elder Dennis Elkins

We only have so much time here on Earth. We may never know if things we just said to our friends or our family might be the last time we ever speak to them. I always knew that my Grandpa's time was limited. I always knew there would come a day in my life where he would pass, but this is something I always tried to ignore. I wanted to believe my Grandpa would be here to see the day I graduate, or maybe even come to my wedding. I didn't know that "someday" would occur so soon. He was always thinking of my siblings and me. I remember how much he wanted to take us to get ice cream just like we were little. Or all the times he would ask my Grandma to make sure we had a good meal to fill our bellies. I have so many memories of how loving and caring my Grandpa was. Although very tough, stubborn and outspoken, he always had a soft spot for his grandchildren. One thing I am certain of is that my Grandpa loved us all very much and although he might be too tough to admit it, he would thank us all for visiting him and giving him our love. He would thank my amazing Grandma for always being with him and loving him no matter what. I would like to thank everyone here in honor of Claude Meade, and everyone here in support of my family. I know that my Grandpa would have appreciated all of this and would have been very grateful. I would just like to say I am very grateful and blessed to have the family I do have even as dysfunctional as it may be. I hope to live my life to the fullest just like Grandpa did. I hope to take advantage of the time I have now because I will never know what tomorrow will bring.

> Eulogy written of my Grandfather by, Miranda Meade

#### LEONA MITCHELL

December 20, 1923 to July 24, 2013

"I shall grow old, but I will never lose life's zest, because the road I am on, the last turn will be the best."

With much sadness I will try, with the help of our Lord, to write the obituary of this truly loving, affectionate woman whom has touched so many lives. Born 12-20-1923 to the late Francis Bud and Darkie Elliott in Dony, Ky. Leona was from a large family of 22 siblings; with which all preceded her death except her brother Francis Jr. Elliott from McDowell, Ky; and three sisters; Oma Moore from Taylor, MI, Lucy Schmittou from Lincoln Park, MI and Hazel (John) Nickols of Florida.

On April 26, 1946 Leona married her best friend, the love of her life, John Wm. Mitchell. To this union four children were born and are



Leona Mitchell

now left to mourn her loss: Onus (Leslie), Rodney (Tammy), Jennifer (Lynn) Chernesky (Joe), of Michigan and Priscilla Antonini (Sam) of Arizona; Also left to mourn are her grandchildren Robin, Brian (Kristie), Angela (Danny), Lisa (Jeremy), Aaron (Katia), Jimmy (Fabrianna) John (Jackie) and great-grandchildren Kyle, Daniel, Krista, Kayleigh, Cassie, Calynn, Nate and infant baby of Jimmy and Fabrianna due in 3 weeks. Mamaw already knows about your precious baby Jimmy, she was so happy for you and very proud of you too. Be thankful for the gift of love that God is about to bless the two of you with. A true blessing it is.

On December 30, 1962 Leona gave her life to Jesus. Her prayers to our good and righteous savior to forgive her of her sins, and to come into her life, happened at last! She was baptized and joined the Little Ida Old Regular Baptist Church. On that day Jesus put a light on her candlestick that would never go out. She was very proud to let you know who's side she is on and how she did let her light shine.

On March 29, 2006, Leona lost her husband John after a fight with cancer. It was so hard for her to let him go; but she knew he was getting tired and with Jesus is where he wanted to be. Leona had a lot of pain and suffering over his loss, but she knew she was never alone and one day they would be together again. Her faith got stronger as she got closer home.

She is now resting at the alter of our God with John Wm. and her granddaughter Cindy, and all her loved ones that went on before her.

Come Thursday when you can no longer go spend the day with Mom or Mamaw, remember the ones who prayed for you, whom listened to you when you needed an understanding ear; and who comforts you with that loving hand, like no one else could do.

Loved ones treasure your memories you have of Mom and Dad, Mamaw and Papaw, sister, brother or friend. For when you look at your life the greatest, happiest memories are with your family.

May God Bless You All, I Love You! Karen

#### LOIS PRATER

Lois Prater, 83, of McArthur, passed away Monday, April 22, 2013 at Holzer Medical Center in Jackson. She was born January 24, 1930 in Pike County, Kentucky, daughter of the late Jesse and Polly Coleman. Lois was married to Luster Prater, who survives.

She retired from Austin Powder Company in July of 1994 and was a member of Maggie Home Church in Dundas.

Lois is survived by her sons, Ron (Jody) Prater of Mobile, Alabama and Randall (Teresa) Prater of McArthur; daughters, Sharon (Gary) Kersey of Wilmington, Ohio, Lucy (Greg) Peck of Rogers, Arkansas and Brenda Prater Paige of Kannapolis, North Carolina; several grandchildren; several great-grandchildren; brothers, Arther Coleman of McArthur, Marshall Coleman of McArthur, Terry Coleman of McArthur,



**Lois Prater** 

Odell Coleman of Rochester, Indiana, Chan Coleman of McArthur, Dean Coleman of Reynoldsburg, Roy Coleman of McArthur and Robert Coleman of Wellston and sisters, Christine Newsom of McArthur, Esther Coleman of Pike County, Kentucky, Minnie Prater of Haden, Charlene Peoples of McArthur, Lerlie Peoples of McArthur and Irene Williams of McArthur.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her daughter, Karen Prater; brothers, Jesse and Elmer Coleman; sisters, Madeline Ratliff and Hester Coleman and her stepmother, Pansy Coleman.

Loving Family

#### LEONA F. REYNOLDS

Leona F Reynolds, age 71, of Lorain passed away on Tuesday, December 18, 2012 at Mercy Regional Medical Center.

Born on April, 1941 in West Virginia to the late William and Lassie (nee Moore) Watson, Leona lived most of her adult life in Lorain.

For many years she worked at Lorain Printing and then later as a processor at Clovervale Foods for a number of years. She was a long time member of Pleasant View Old Regular Baptist Church in Litchfield, Ohio.

Leona enjoyed reading and spending time on the lake. She also took pleasure in traveling, camping and spending time with her family.

She is survived by her son, John (fiancée Cindy Veres) Williams, of Lorain; 5 Grandchildren, Mark Williams, Janelle Williams, Kassondra



Leona F. Reynolds

Secrist, Matt Williams, Jr., of Oh and James Watson, of PA; her sister, Ruth Carter, OH; and her step-sons, Frederick Reynolds and Charles Michael Reynolds, and step-daughter, Theresa Taylor, and their families.

Leona was preceded in death by her husband, Charles Reynolds; her son, James Randall Williams; her daughter, Geri Lynn Williams; her brothers, Elmer Ray Watson and Charles Watson; her sisters, Edna Louise Varney and Vada Gill. Sister Lea had a lot of sorrow in recent years, losing Charlie her husband, a month later her son Randy and more recently her daughter Geri Lynn. She is at rest now in the loving care of the Lord. We were so unprepared for her leaving us so soon. She is missed by her loving family and church family.

Lea was such a kind and loving person to all.

May God bless all of her family to get ready so they will be ready when the Lord calls.

In Christ,

Brother Larry and Sister Patsy Newsome

#### **HELEN MARIE TACKETT**

March 10, 1932-December 23, 2012

It is with a very heavy heart that I write this obituary for my mother, Helen Marie Tackett. To our family she was the rock of the family; the one we always went to with our problems, with our tears or fears, celebrations, and for the unconditional outpouring of love for all of her family.

Mom was born on March 10, 1932 to her coal miner father, Duran Tackett and her mother Emma Tackett in Weeksbury, Kentucky. She had 3 older brothers and sisters that all preceded her in death; Homer Tackett, Lorrraine Brown and Mabel McCown. She was followed by 6 more siblings; Herbert Tackett, Lonnie Tackett, Bobby Tackett, Loretta (Faye) Vance, Carol Taylor, and Linda Dennis, all of which she helped to care for and always seemed more like a second mother to. Lonnie joined her in Heaven 3 weeks after her death.



Helen Marie Tackett

On March 19, 1951, she married Wallace (Bob) Tackett from Melvin, Kentucky and they were blessed with 2 children, Sandra born on Sept. 14, 1953 and Debra, born July 5, 1955. The excitement and blessing of the first child quickly turned to heartache as Sandra passed this earth at only 5 months old on Feb. 9, 1954

Being from a coal mining town, my parents had to abandon their hometown in search of work and made their way to Detroit and the auto factories. I'm sure it was a sad day leaving behind all those little ones that she had helped raise. Her separation wasn't for long as each of them at some point in their life made their home with my Mom and she loved every minute of it. From Herbert to Linda, they all spent time at our house whether it was temporarily moving in while working or going to college, her home was always open just as was her heart. Being from a large family, she always wanted more children but was blessed with only 2.

Her extended family joy came home to her on March 30, 1965 when her younger sister gave birth to a beautiful daughter Sandra (named for my deceased sister). Even though Sandy was a niece, in her heart this was the grandchild she had been waiting for. Sandy held a special place in her heart throughout her life and was there with her at the end. Mom finally got a son on Sept. 14, 1974 when I married William (Bob) Hargreaves. More joy came forth when a new grandchild, Shawn Michael Hargreaves was born on March 29, 1977. This quickly turned to heartbreak when only 32 hours later he went home to Heaven. Thirteen months later, the joy of her life was born. Shane Robert Hargreaves was born on April 25, 1978 and become the one person she could never say no to. He always said, "Grandma is just like putty in my hands." She was further blessed on January 31, 1986 when 8 years after Shane another grandson entered this earth, Joshua Kyle Hargreaves. Her world was complete and these boys became the joy of her life.

She always said that being from a small Eastern Kentucky town, she had seen and done so much more with her life than she ever dreamed possible. She enjoyed so many friends, cooking, gardening and traveling. She loved to collect her angels and display them in her cabinets. She enjoyed cruising to the Caribbean, traveling to Florida, California, Arizona, Nashville and so many places she had never dreamed of seeing. She traveled the US watching her grandsons play baseball. She shared a love for the game of baseball with her family even visiting The Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, NY. She loved watching her Detroit Tigers.

She loved her church and her sisters and brothers at the Little Ida Church, in Ecorse, Michigan and was so hurt that during the last couple of years she wasn't able to attend as she so wanted to do. Her Parkinson's disease restricted her movements during the early morning hours. She became a member of the church at their union meeting the first Sunday of May, 2006. This was the same church that her mother had joined years before.

Our lives are filled with so many memories of her to hold onto. Her last trip was to her grand-sons in New York City where she was so excited to see the Statue of Liberty. This was also the turning point in her health. She had been diagnosed with Parkinson's disease about 12 years prior and the dementia began its pull on her at this time. The last couple of years became so hard for her and for us to watch her go through this. Her memory began to fade and we knew we were on borrowed time with her but so wasn't ready to give her up. We have to trust that God didn't want her to suffer any longer and took her to the promised land.

We were blessed to have her here on earth for almost 81 years. Even though we know that she is in a better place, there are large holes in our hearts that can't be filled. She was blessed with so much love surrounding her. My Dad was up night and day trying to keep her comfortable and sharing his love as they were celebrating over 61 years together. A favorite sister (almost like a daughter) Carol, rarely missed a day visiting and helping with her care. She was the rock for all of her family and really felt as if all of her nieces and nephews were more like grandchildren. Their equal love for her was shown by all of their attendance at her funeral. Almost all of them were either there for her funeral or had made special trips to share in her last birthday back in March.

On the evening of December 22, 2012 we knew our time with her was coming to an end. Mom passed from this earth just a few minutes past midnight on the morning of December 23, 2012. She had been called home for Christmas to be with the Lord. When Mom passed, she was surrounded by so many of her precious family, with her treasured grandson's holding one hand and me holding the other.

Mom, we love and miss you and you will be forever in our hearts.

Till we join you in Heaven, please take care of Sandy and Shawn.

Your loving daughter and husband, Debbie and Bob

#### MARY ELLEN (ADKINS) WALLEN

It is with sad and very broken hearts we will try to write the obituary for our dear loving mother, Mary Ellen (Adkins) Wallen.

Mom was called home to be with Jesus, with her family by her side, on Sunday February 10, 2013, at 6:50 pm. She had suffered a long time and wanted to go be with dad in Heaven.

Mom was born to the late Audie and Clara (Trimble) Adkins on September 11, 1928. She had 12 brothers and sisters. 6 are still living 3 brothers: Ira Adkins, Johnnie Adkins, and Clifford Adkins all of Kentucky. 3 sisters: Bernice Johnson of Dayton, Julie Johnson and Imogene McQuire of Kentucky. She was preceded in death by 3 sisters: Lizzie Rigsby, Martha Wolfenberger, Lina Adkins, and 3 brothers: Curtie Adkins, Evert Adkins, and Ernie Adkins.



Mary Ellen (Adkins) Wallen

Mom met and married Dad (Robert Wallen) on December 26, 1946. They were blessed to spend 65 years together before Dad passed away. To this union were born 6 children: Eddie (Alice) Wallen of Rochester, Bobby (Janice) Wallen of New London, Roxie (Danny) Hamilton of Nova, Sue (Jack) Prelipp of New London. She was preceded in death by 2 daughters: Diane Wallen and Joann Hunter. Mom had 13 grandchildren, 27 great-grandchildren, 4 great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by 1 great-granddaughter: Angel Wallace and 1 great-granddaughter: Kylie Dawson.

Mom joined the church July 8, 1967, at a home meeting at Bro. Frank Harvey's house. She was in the church for 46 years. Mom loved going to church, she loved her brothers and sisters. Mom enjoyed cooking and baking for church. She loved to have old time meetings, and her brothers and

sisters coming to visit. Mom loved traveling with Dad to the many churches during their time in church. It has been one of the greatest joys of my life to have been able to go to church with her, to be able to sit with her, and worship our GOD. She left her light hanging in the window. She was an Old Regular Baptist through and through.

Mom was a very caring and loving mother. We couldn't have asked for anything more. God blessed us to take care of her the last 13 and ½ months. We wouldn't take anything for the memories. Mom loved to see the children come to visit, she would always have a big smile on her beautiful face when she would see them, it made her day. Mom may have had Alzheimer's, but it did not change the fact that she loved her family. God blessed us to keep her with us and able to be able to enjoy her last days on earth.

Rest on Mom, we will be together again some sweet day. Love you Mom with all of our hearts. I want to thank Sue for helping take care of mom, all the weekends she would come and stay with Mom so we could go to church. If it hadn't been for her we couldn't go. I also want to thank my kids for all their help and support they have given me. I truly hope and pray GOD will bless them in the years to come.

Written by her broken hearted daughters, Roxie and Sue

#### **COLEY VERNON WICKER**

Today we said our last good byes to our beloved Father and loving Husband of 51 years.

Coley Vernon Wicker, age 77, resident of Willard, Ohio passed away on Tuesday, April 30th 2013 unexpectedly at Mercy Willard Hospital. Mr. Wicker was born on November 12th, 1935 in Mousie Kentucky, to the late Hagger and Mable (Watts) Wicker. He retired from the former Pioneer Balloon Company in Willard. He was a 50 year member of the Little Rebecca Old Regular Baptist Church in Plymouth, Ohio and enjoyed fishing, hunting, but most of all, God.

He is survived by his wife, Joyce (Slone) Wicker whom he married on November 4th, 1961; three daughters, Andrea (Tim) Oney of North Fairfield, Sharon (Glenn) Baugh of Willard, Renee (Eric) Barnett



Coley Vernon Wicker

of Willard; three sons, Vernon (Karen) Wicker of Willard, Matthew (Amy) Wicker of Indiana and Stephen (Sara Eicher) Wicker of Norwalk; 21 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren and 2 on the way; two brothers, Robert Dewey Wicker of Ray, Ohio and Edward Wicker of Florida; six sisters, Shelby Jean Nipper of Florence, KY, Maggie (Raymond) Gayheart of Nashville, Ohio, Phyllis (Brennan) Triplett of Ray, Ohio, Mary Alice (Kenneth) Slone of Wooster, Ohio and Mable Doris (Cleveland) Dye of McDowell, KY.

He is preceded in death by his parents, one Great-Grandchild, Keaton M. Ward and two brothers, Cody and Kelly Wicker.

# **OBITUARIES** FRIENDS OF THE N.N.S.A.

#### PEARL LIZA COLEMAN

With a broken heart I will try to write the obituary in loving memory of my sweet mother, Pearl Liza Coleman, 79, went home to be with the Lord on Saturday, November 17, 2012. Pearl was born on March 31, 1933 in Pikeville, KY, to Willie E. and Sally Ann (Thacker) Coleman. She married Orville Coleman on November 27, 1948 (Our Lord Blessed Them with 62 years of a loving marriage, before daddy passed on May 24, 2011) and now they are together again in their heavenly home with our Precious Lord and Savior. They made their home here on this earth in Norton, Ohio, where they shared their love with children and all who knew and loved them. Mom is truly missed by all of her children, her passing



Pearl Liza Coleman

here left a huge hole in our hearts, that only time and our Lord can heal, we love and miss her and daddy so much, our lives here have forever changed, but Praise God, one day we can unite with them again! Mom had such a gentle sweet spirit that always came shinning thru and all who knew her loved her and she loved them. Mom loved her Lord and Savior, she became a Christian several years ago, but was baptized at Liberty Freewill Baptist Church in February 2001, where she went to worship her Lord. Mom enjoyed listening to Gospel Music, (she would sing along) in fact she was singing songs with us for her Lord as she lay in passing, Oh what precious Memories. She would sing gospel and some sweet silly songs all the time at home when she was cleaning, cooking, or something. Mom also loved to crochet and made a lot of beautiful afghans. Mom really loved and enjoyed her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She was a blessing to us all! Mom was a wonderful loving wife and mother and we have so much to thank God for, so many precious memories.

Mom was preceded in death by her parents, loving husband (Orville), Grandson (Scotty), brothers: Lanta, Arnold, Opie, Charlie, Paul, Bill, John H., Albert (Tom), sisters: Alifair, Wanda Hylton, Mandy L. (Blue) Adkins and many brother and sister-in-laws that mom loved as her own. She is survived by her children: Justine Kinney, Marlene (Wayne) Adkins, Rickey (Barbara) Coleman, Larry Coleman, Sally (George) Popa; 15 grandchildren: Michelle, Crystal (Kenny), John, Jason, James, Matt (Tina), Brandy, Shelia (Terry), Christopher (Amanda), Rickey, Scotty, Andrew, Joey, Timothy, and Twyla; 21 great-grandchildren, 4 great-great-grandchildren, brother James D. (Chig) Coleman, and many sister and brother-in-laws, nieces, nephews, and friends.

Mom was the best wife and mother (friend) that anyone could ever have. God richly blessed us all. She made a wonderful home for her husband and children, she gave us her love and taught us a lot thru the years. I thank God for the wonderful parents he gave us and the love they shared. We love and miss our precious mother and father so much, it seems like the pain will never dull. But, Praise God we do have the Promise of Another Day if we stay true and faithful to our Lord, oh what a reunion that will be! If we want to see mom and dad again we must get right with the Lord, there is no other way. Thank you God our Risen Savior, Lord Jesus, Thank you! Thank you God for Pearl, the lady she was, the wife she was and especially the mother she was and for the precious parents you gave us, the wonderful memories we have. So Blessed We Are!

Written in loving memory by daughter, Sally and all her children; Justine, Marlene, Rickey and Larry. We all love and miss you.

#### **HUBERT W. CONLEY**

Hubert W. Conley of Willard Ohio passed this life on Thursday, April 25, 2013 at the Ohio Veterans Home in Sandusky, Ohio, following an extended illness. Hubert was born August 17, 1928 in Knot County, Kentucky, to the late Robert and Virgie (Chaffins) Conley making his stay here on earth eighty-four years, eight months and four days. Hubert was a veteran of the United Stated Army serving in WWII and the Korean Conflict where he earned many medals which he displayed with pride. Upon his return home from the war he was employed with the B & O Railroad for thirty-nine years.

Hubert loved the "Little Rebecca Old Regular Baptist Church", where he attended and supported as long as he was able. Hubert liked to fish at the Willard Reservoir and tell everyone how to catch perch. He is survived by his loving wife Nora (Bolen) Conley, whom he married on



**Hubert W. Conley** 

February 19, 1956; two sons, Tim and Lauri Conley of Willard, Ohio and David and Kelly Conley of Germantown, Illinois and a handsome grandson, Camden Conley also of Germantown, Illinois; two brothers Irland Conley and Mont Conley. In addition to his parents, Hurbert was preceded in death by his brother, Elmer Conley and a sister, Girley Conley.

Funeral Service was held at the "Little Rebecca Church" on Monday, April 29, 2013 at 10:00 am with Elder Buddy Carty, Philip Beverly, Lon Beverly, officiating. Burial followed at Maple Grove Cemetery, New Haven, Ohio.

Written by an old friend, Fran King

#### STONEY DYE

Stoney was a great husband, son and most of all a wonderful Dad. He was raised right here in the hills of Eastern Kentucky. He attended McDowell High School.

That's where he met the love of his life, Christie Ousley Dye. Christie and Stoney were married for 23 years. Together they had 5 children: Lindsey Alexandra, Maleigha Kelsey, Stoney Dylan and Keeley Madison. A daughter Mikka Desirae who is spending time with her Daddy in Heaven.

Dad was born October 5, 1970. He is the son of Cheveland and Sis Mabel (Wicker) Dye of McDowell, KY, and let me say, God has Blessed us kids with the best Grandparents anyone could have had. Dad had 2 sisters, Aunt Pam and Aunt Shelia and Big B, His sister at Heart. Let's not forget his Brother's, Brothers'-in-Laws, Marty, Eric, Brian and Scott along with his Sister-in-Laws, Miranda Jo and Megan and Mother-in-Law Rita.



**Stoney Dye** 

Dad had a heart of gold and a sense of humor that could make your day. He Loved to go hunting, although I am not really sure when his last kill was, but most of all he loved to coach his Mustang Pee Wee Team. This is where he taught all his tricks out on the field, so he said.

Horse riding was another one of his passions and he shared this with his only son, Dylan. He said the best time he has had in his life was in the fall when he and Dylan went to the Knott County Trail Ride and they made the front page of the newspaper.

My Dad loved to make people laugh. Some things that stand out to me are jumping out to scare you or driving so fast you will be crying before you get to where you where going (not very funny).

He taught us to ride bikes, horses, and drive a car. Dad was full of life, especially when it came to teaching us how to do things that he enjoyed. We all have memories of Dad. Lindsey was learning to drive a standard and Dad took her out for a spin. Every time she tried to pull out it would quit on her. So Dad being a person of little patience said move over for a minute and let me show

you something. When she got out of the truck Dad locked the door and said you just walk home from here.

So when we remember our Dad we will remember all the fun times. His big smile and that he would do anything to help out. My Dad may be gone, but he will never be forgotten. We love and miss you Dad.

Your loving daughter, Kelsey

#### **LEROY MILLER**

Leroy Miller: June 25, 1937-November 25, 2011

Leroy Miller passed away November 25, 2011 following several years of illness. He was born June 25, 1937 in Lowmansville, Kentucky to Leander and Rebecca (Wells) Miller. He was preceded in death by his parents, three brothers, and a sister. He is survived by his wife of 53 years, Carol (Castle) Miller; one son, Roger Lee Miller; three grandchildren, Kyle, Kevin, and Heather; and daughter-in-law, Susan (Robinson) Miller. Also surviving are two sisters, Faye Moore of Louisa, Kentucky and Frances Vickers of Ocoee, Florida.

Leroy worked hard all of his life and was a very good provider for his family. He was always willing to lend a helping hand to others, whether a friend or stranger. He enjoyed going to the Old Regular Baptist Church and became good friends with many of the brothers and sisters. Some



Leroy Miller

special longtime friends to Leroy were Brother Ballard Brown, Brother Hiram Adkins, and Brother Paris Tackett. In more recent years, Brother Wilburn and Sister Brenda Nichols made many trips to visit Leroy in the hospital and to sit with me through the long hard hours of his surgeries. All of the kindness shown to us by the church members and friends was greatly appreciated. We will miss Leroy so very much and he will always be dear to my heart.

In Loving Memory, Carol Miller and family.

#### ROGER MILLER

Roger Miller: January 26, 2013

Roger Miller, son of Leroy and Carol Miller and grandson of Elder and Mrs. Kelly Castle, passed away suddenly on January 26, 2013 from a massive heart attack. He had just celebrated his 50th birthday. This was only fourteen months following the death of his dad, Leroy Miller. It was a terrible shock and tragedy for us, but God has helped us go on without them. Again, Bro. Danny Carty, Bro. Bill Smith, and the members of the Little Angel and Little Flock churches were there giving us love and support. Their kindness and help was greatly appreciated.

Roger brought much joy and happiness to our lives. He liked to have fun by laughing and joking and he liked working on his 1972 Chevelle car which he bought when he was just sixteen years old and kept for the rest of his life.



Roger Miller

Roger married Susan Robinson of Reese, Ohio, twenty-six years ago and to them were born three children; Kyle, Kevin, and Heather. He loved his family and got to enjoy the last days of his life out shopping with them.

Roger went to the Old Regular Baptist churches with us when he was young and he knew the plan of salvation. All we can say now is God is just and compassionate and both Leroy's and Roger's fate is in his hands. They are still missed, stilled loved, and still very dear in our hearts.

> In loving memory, Carol Miller (mother), Susan Miller (wife), Kyle, Kevin and Heather (children)

#### **CODY SMITH**

June 11, 1991-October 17, 2012

Cody Smith, 21, of Johnstown, Ohio, passed away October 17, 2012. He was born in Columbus, Ohio. Cody graduated from Northridge High School where he played several sports. Cody was an avid Kentucky Wildcat fan and shared his enthusiasm with his family and friends. Family includes, Cody's loving and caring parents, Bob and Patty Smith, sister and brother-in-law, Megan (Jon) Yoder, twin sister, Courtney Smith, Papaw Bill and Nannie Virgie Scalf, Grandpa Gene and Grandma Sara Smith, niece, Brooklyn Smith, nephew, Braden Yoder, Brighton Cody Yoder, Uncles and Aunts, Steve and Cheryl Scalf, Tommy and Renee Webb, Joe and Carol Smith, Mike and Jane Ermalovich, Chuck and Carol Foreman, Mitch Smith, Barb Barbour, Cousins Matt



**Cody Smith** 

Rohr, Jeremy (Nicole) Scalf, Kaley Webb Samantha Webb, Mackenzie Webb, 2nd cousin Jaxon and Ezra Scalf, and other numerous cousins. The funeral was on Tuesday, October 23, 2012, at the Vineyard Community Church, 10444 Crouse-Willison Road, Johnstown, Ohio. The Burial was in Bennington Chapel Cemetery, Centerburg, Ohio.

#### We Are Demanding The Pain We Feel

We are demanding the pain we feel,

Of our hearts breaking and tearing apart from the seams,

To somehow just be one heart rendering bad dream

Though as we awaken and realize it is not, We can remember the good times we had with him

And forget about the times we all fought, Therefore please cherish all the memories

And never forget his laugh, Because we all have a piece of them within us

And that is how the love they had, For everyone will forever last

We hope that you knew, How many people truly cared about you

And that in your passing you have taught us, That we should always stand tall

And that we have to try to make the best of it all,

Hopefully through this tragedy we all will wake up and see

That life can be short and taken from us so easily, You are missed by so many

We are all grateful for knowing you, And lucky to have been part of your lives

We know that Heaven's Gates, Have been opened up to you

The angel's have given you your wings, So that you all may watch over us

And push us so we may strive to do better things.

*Life is But A Stopping Place* 

I am praying for you, praying that God will give you some comfort. God's peace surpasses all understanding. When you have the realization of death, the realization of knowing you miss the person, having the blessed hope of being reunited will keep you going. A thousand years is like one day, one day is like a thousand years. On the other side there is no more pain, no more sorrow, no more problems, no more tears. To live is Christ, to die is gain, to be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord. I will miss you until we meet again. Our destination is a place far greater than we know.

The family wishes to express their sincere gratitude to all those who have supported us during this time of loss.

The Smith Family

#### **MAXINE VARNEY**

It is with a broken heart that I try to write this obituary of my Precious sister-in-law, Maxine (Mahon) Varney, of Reidsville, NC, formerly of Ragland, WV. She was born, June 4, 1954, at Williamson, WV, the daughter of the late Greenway and Georgia (Duty) Mahon. She was preceded in death by a granddaughter, Kylie Belcher, two brothers, Luther and Jackie Mahon, and her father and mother-in-law, Elder Willie and Parlee Varney.

She attended the Reidsville Freewill Baptist Church, and also loved The Eternal Rose Church in Lakeville, Ohio. She is survived by her loving husband, Clayburn Varney, daughter Regina (Chris) Belcher, and two grandson's the love of her life, Nathan and Zachary Belcher, brothers; Holland (Phylis) Mahon of Elon, NC, Paul Mahon of Sanford, NC



**Maxine Varney** 

Toney (Patti) Mahon and Teddy Mahon, both of Ragland, WV, David Mahon of Winterplace, FL; Special sister-in-laws, Lauria Hoye, Darlis Williams, and Jewel Mahon, and many nieces and nephews and friends. Maxine was a very special lady and was loved by all who knew her. She would tell Clayburn for the last two years or more, everyday, that when she passed away, she would be waiting for him on the other side. He took care of her so diligently, from the time they learned of the lung cancer. Special thanks to Elders Hargis Tuttle and Larry Newsome for showing her so much love by calling to check on her. Also special thanks to Elders Richard Stanton, Bobby Scott, David Crigger, Lacy Walters, and Hobart Hamilton, for taking care of the funeral.

Written by her two sister-in-laws, Mintie Gilman and Dolly Baisden, who were like sisters to her.

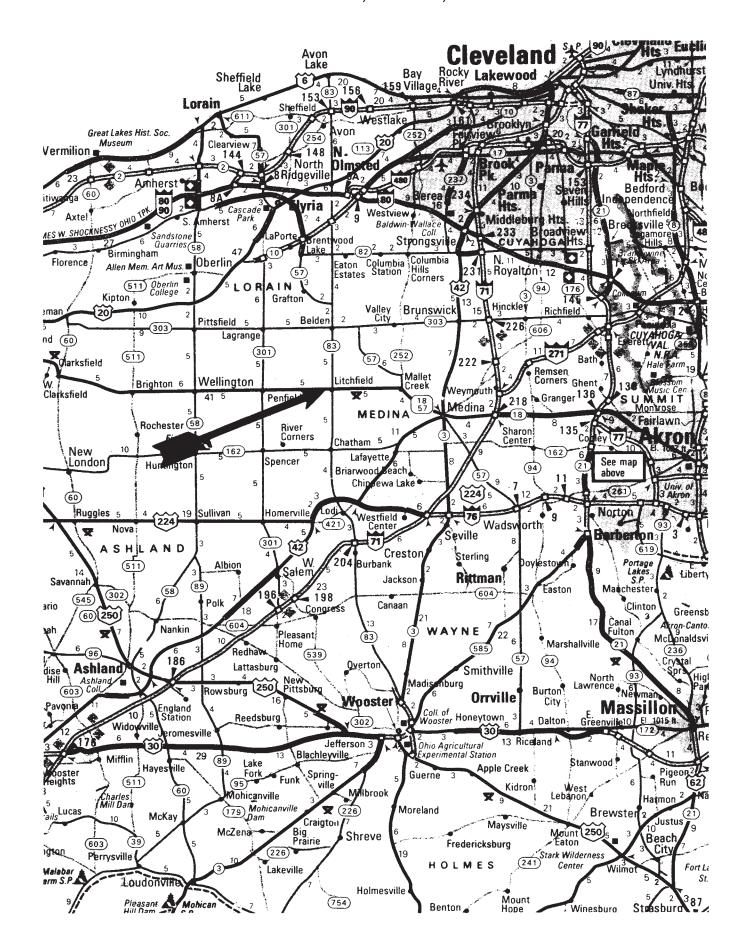
When our time comes that we must leave, and bid this world good bye, There's no room for sadness and no reasons to cry, For I'm gone to a place that God prepared for me, Its under his alter, and there I'll be free.
You can look at the old clay I'm leaving,
Laying there for you to see, But don't worry, I'm not there,
The angles took the real me, that night on my knees.
I'm gone to a place, that God prepared for me.
He said it's under his alter and there I'll be free.
I'll rest there for a season, till all his work is done,
Please make preparations to meet me.
Turn you life over to his Precious Son.

Written by Mintie G. Gilman

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# The Fifty-Seventh Annual Session will be held at Pleasant View Church 3589 Beat Road, Litchfield, Ohio



Elder Buddy W. Carty
Elder Ray Hamilton
Elder Hillard Newsome
Elder Wayne Sartin