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Annual Session**  
of the  
**Northern New Salem Association  
of Old Regular Baptist  
of Jesus Christ**



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**In Session Assembled with  
the Rose of Sharon Church  
August 5 through August 7, 2016**

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



**Elder Raymond Stapleton**



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**Elder Albert Osborne**

“A good name is better than precious ointment; and the day of death than the day of one’s birth.” *Ecclesiastes 7:1*

We shall miss your fellowship here on Earth but we look forward to that day when we shall meet again in that land that has no end, where is all is peace, joy, and love.

Your humble servants,  
Brother Newsome - Clerk  
Brother Sartin - Assistant Clerk



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

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**Note: Obituaries are to be typed and double spaced, a \$20.00 charge applies for pictures. Please, if you want your picture returned by mail, include a self addressed stamped envelope. Also, be sure that the name of the deceased is applied on the back of the picture. However, if you wish you may email the picture and obituary to Elder Wayne Sartin at [waynesartin@gmail.com](mailto:waynesartin@gmail.com). You would still need to send the \$20 payment.**

**Thank you,  
Brother Newsome**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**PROCEEDINGS**  
Of The  
**Fifty-ninth Annual Session of the**  
**Northern New Salem Association of Old Regular Baptist**  
**The Church of Jesus Christ**  
**August 5 through August 7, 2016**

**Friday Session**

The Fifty-ninth Annual Session of the Northern New Salem Association began with sweet songs of Zion that rang out into the open air of the pavilion of the Rose of Sharon Church. On every side there were brothers and sisters welcoming each other to the start of Association season. You could hear kind salutations but more importantly, you could feel that love that flows from breast to breast among the children of God.

Our beloved Moderator, Elder Buddy Carty, welcomed the crowd and called on the Alternate, Elder Steve Slone, to introduce the services. Brother Steve was soon blessed to preach that we must look to God and not man. He told of a friend that will never leave you and never forsake you. As he began to preach about letting love flow among the brethren, you could feel a cool breeze pass through, as though God wished to let us know that he was pleased to send his spirit among us. Brother Steve soon called for a song and then was blessed to offer up a humble prayer that God might continue to bless our beloved Association.

Having been chosen by the delegates at our 2015 session to preach the Introductory Sermon for this year, Elder Sean Hicks, approached the stand in fear and trembling, reminding us that it is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of an all wise and merciful God. He told us how that it still takes God to preach the ever lasting Gospel. He was soon blessed to tell us that preaching of the Gospel is not done by the enticing words of men but it is the power of God unto salvation. Brother Sean preached that man must deny himself and take up his cross to follow after Jesus. He spoke of man's need to die dead to the love and lust of sin that he might be made alive in Jesus Christ. He concluded that the elder outward man must serve the younger inward man and then those two men would be kept by the power of God.

Those who were not delegates were asked to remain at the pavilion where the preaching would be conducted. The delegates were advised to assemble in the sanctuary of the Rose of Sharon Church where the business of the Association would begin. The following Elders were chosen to preach at the place arranged: Elders: (1) Danny Justus-Old Friendship; (2) Deffort Thornsberry-New Salem; (3) Estill Hamilton-Union; (4) Hobart Hamilton-Sardis; (5) Gary Adkins-Philadelphia; (6) Danny Adams-Union.

After gathering in the house and one of Zion's songs was sung, Elder Willis Tolliver was called on to make remarks and lead us in prayer.

Our beloved Moderator, Elder Buddy Carty, announced that the Fifty-ninth Annual Session of the Northern New Salem Association was now in working order.

**Friday, August 5, 2016**

1. The Moderator called for the letters from the churches that compose the Northern New Salem Association to be handed in to the Clerk.

The letter from the Rose of Sharon Church was read by the Clerk. A motion was made by Elder Doug McCarty, seconded by Elder Bill Blevins to receive the letters, seat the

delegates and refer all queries and requests to the Committee on Arrangements. Due to the illness of Elder Hillard Newsome, Elder John Elkins made a move to appoint Elder Scott Little to assist Elder Wayne Sartin with the duties of the clerk during our Association. The move was seconded by Elder Paul Dye. At this time, Elder Wayne Sartin read a letter written by Elder Hillard Newsome to the Northern New Salem Association since he was not able to attend this year. In the letter, Brother Hillard admonished the brethren on how to treat each other and how they should conduct themselves when gathered together to form this beautiful lady known as the Northern New Salem Association. He went on to say, "For these many years, your love and fellowship have been an unmeasurable joy. I rejoice that I have been blessed just to be one in your number. You have honored this old man by allowing me to serve as your clerk for 40 plus years. The time has been sweet and my traveling has been joyous."

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: Elder Teddy Honaker-New Salem, Elder Chucky Hall-New Salem, and Elder Tommy Dials-Sardis.

Officers elected:

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

- (a) Noted by the Association concerning our Finance Committee. It was moved and seconded that our Finance Committee be appointed at the same time of the election of officers, the Moderator appointed: Elder Roger Hicks-New Salem, Elder Earl Dean Yates-Union, and Elder Danny Belcher-Union. Elder John Elkins made a motion, seconded by Brother Hansel Brown to receive the report of the committee appointed and discharge them of their duties.
3. By a motion made by Elder Scott Hamilton, seconded by Elder Paul Dye, the Moderator was authorized to make all temporary appointments. **With this motion, the Association agreed that the right to make all temporary appointments will extend until the gathering of our next Association. Objections were called for and none responded.**
4. By a motion made by Elder Danny Carty, seconded by Elder Doug McCarty, the Articles of Faith were read by the Assistant Clerk and the reading of the Constitution and Rules of Decorum were omitted.
5. Called for legally organized churches of our same faith and order desiring to join our union and none responded.
6. Called for Associations of our same faith and order desiring to continue a Godly correspondence and the following responded by letter and delegate:
  - (a) **New Salem** — Represented by the following delegates: Preston Lewis, Chuck Hall, Deffort Thornsberry, Ted Burke, Glenn Frazier, Clyde Lewis, Talmadge Hicks, Roger Hicks, Arnold Adkins and Teddy Honaker. Letter in the hand of Brother Glenn Frazier. A motion was made by Elder Raymond Vanderpool and seconded by Brother Hansel Brown 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, Estill Hamilton, Earl Dean Yates, Jerry Caskey, Bill Elkins, Paul Hall, Jeff Little, Eddie Lane, Palmer Hamilton, Bradford Hamilton, Clayton Farmer, Bobby Johnson, Danny Adams,

- Kenny Eliot, Gary Sanders, Gooble Burke, Lonzo Curry, and Edward Howell. Letter in the hand of Elder Palmer Hamilton. A motion was made by Elder Lowell Mullins and seconded by Elder Bill Blevins 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: Paul D. Moore, Ira Adkins Jr., Gary Adkins, Scott Adkins, Robert Adkins, Wayne Caudill, Bill Justice, Ferrell Howard, Willis Tolliver, Teddy Parker, Zach Stewart, and Jimmy Stewart. Letter in the hand of Elder Paul D. Moore. A motion was made by Elder Danny Carty and seconded by Elder Doug McCarty 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, Ron Hamilton, and Ivan Neal Thornsbury. Letter in the hand of Elder Stony Blackburn. A motion was made by Elder Bill Smith and seconded by Elder Raymond Vanderpool 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: Edgar Baker Jr., Roger Baker, Steve Baker, George Thomason, David Lester, Danny Hurley, Danny C. Justus, Andrew Ford, Dewey Matney, Alfred Matney, and James Stacy. Letter in the hand of Elder David Lester. A motion was made by Elder John Elkins and seconded by Elder Bill Blevins to receive the letter and seat the delegates with us in council by the right hand of fellowship.
  - (f) **Old Indian Bottom** — Represented by the following delegates: Wendell Lycans. A motion was made by Elder Dennis Elkins and seconded by Elder Paul Dye 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 Rose of Sharon 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) Chucky Hall-New Salem; (2) Danny Belcher.  
 Saturday morning — Elders (1) Paul Hall-Union; (2) Ira Adkins-Philadelphia; (3) Tommy Dials-Sardis; (4) David Lester-Old Friendship; (5) Roger Hicks-New Salem.
  8. Called for transient ministers and members of our same faith and order and the following responded: Elder Russell Hicks.
  9. A motion was made by Elder Raymond Vanderpool, seconded by Elder Bill Blevins 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 1:45 p.m. Friday afternoon.
    - (a) Elder Danny Carty made a motion, seconded by Elder Doug McCarty that we, the Northern New Salem Association, adjourn until 9:00 a.m. Saturday morning, August 6, 2016.
    - (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 Chuck Hall, prayer held by the same and closed by Elder Danny Belcher.

## Saturday, August 6, 2016

In accordance with having met pursuant to adjournment, this the second day of three of the Northern New Salem Association, the Association delegates and attendees reconvened at the Rose of Sharon Church.

As the sanctuary of the Rose of Sharon Church began to overflow, you could hear the beautiful sounds of hundreds of brothers and sisters joining in singing the old songs of Zion. The beauty hung in the air like a feather slowly making its way to the ground, as the melody made its way into our hearts.

Services for the morning were introduced by Elder Danny Adams of the Union Association. Brother Danny was soon endued from that power on high and you could feel the groan of the brethren as they longed to be set free from these earthly temples. Soon you could hear shouts of joy and praises ringing out to the King of Kings. A song was called for and then a humble prayer was offered by Elder Richard Staton-Sardis Association.

1. Called the roll of delegates and marked the absentees.
2. The Bill of Arrangements was read by the Assistant Clerk. A motion was made by Elder Dennis Elkins and seconded by Elder Lowell Mullins to receive the Bill of Arrangements and discharge the committee.
3. The Circular Letter, written by Elder Scott Little, for our 2016 session was read. A motion was made by Elder Wayne Sartin and seconded by Brother James Wagner to receive the letter and have it printed in our 2016 minutes. Objections were called for and none responded.
4. The Finance Committee appointed Friday, Item 2 (a), consisting of Elder Danny Belcher-Union, Elder Earl Dean Yates-Union, and Elder Roger Hicks-New Salem, reported as follows:
 

2016 Church contributions . . . . .	\$5,170.00
2016 Money for pictures . . . . .	600.00
Other contributions . . . . .	<u>50.00</u>
<b>Total money received for 2016 . . . . .</b>	<b>\$5,820.00</b>

5. The Moderator called for Treasurer, Elder Wayne Sartin, to give his report as follows:

### Treasurer's Report

A. Balance as of August 1, 2015 . . . . .	<u>\$15,011.87</u>
2015 Church contributions . . . . .	\$5,460.00
2015 Picture money . . . . .	\$380.00
Other contributions . . . . .	<u>\$1,180.00</u>
<b>Total money on hand as of August 2, 2015 . . . . .</b>	<b>\$22,031.87</b>

### Expenses for 2015

B. Printer's fee . . . . .	\$5,478.00
Secretary's fee . . . . .	\$200.00
Postage, UPS Freight . . . . .	\$877.06
Supplies . . . . .	\$00.00
Other . . . . .	\$00.00
<b>Total Expenses for 2015 . . . . .</b>	<b>\$6,555.06</b>
Total of A . . . . .	\$22,031.87
Less Total of B . . . . .	\$6,555.06
<b>Balance . . . . .</b>	<b>\$15,476.81</b>
Plus Interest Earned . . . . .	\$1.40

<b>Balance August 4, 2016.</b> . . . . .	<b>\$15,478.21</b>
Plus money received for 2016 . . . . .	\$5,820.00
<b>Total money on hand August 7, 2016</b> . . . . .	<b>\$21,298.21</b>

Note: Money sent by Sister Churches of the Northern New Salem Association to the Rose of Sharon Church in helping host the 2016 session. . . . . **\$9,800.00**  
Also, thanks to the camper village for a donation of . . . . . **\$25.00**

6. Elder Lowell Mullins made a motion, seconded by Elder Billy Miller to receive the Treasurer’s Report.
7. Elder John Elkins made a motion and the motion was seconded by Brother Hansel Brown that Elder Wayne Sartin be appointed recording secretary. He is to have 2,575 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.
8. The Brothers appointed to take the vote for who is to preach the Introductory Sermon: Gary Adkins-Philadelphia; Elder Deffort Thornsberry-New Salem; Elder Danny Belcher-Union; and who is to write the Circular Letter: Elder Stony Blackburn-Sardis; Elder Clyde Lewis-New Salem; Elder Richard Staton-Sardis for 2017.

The following ministers were chosen to preach Saturday evening and Sunday morning:  
Saturday evening: (1) Elder Andy Fields-Northern New Salem, (2) Elder William B. Holbrook-Northern New Salem, (3) Brother Patrick Deel-Northern New Salem, and (4) Elder Bill Blevins-Northern New Salem

Sunday morning: (1) Elder Wayne Sartin-Assistant Clerk, (2) Elder Richard Staton-Sardis, (3) Elder Buddy Carty-Moderator, (4) Elder Ray Hamilton-Assistant Moderator

By a vote of the delegates, **Elder Greg Sowards** was chosen to preach the **Introductory Sermon**, **Elder Mike Fortner** to be his alternate, and **Elder Joseph Akers** to write the **Circular Letter** for our 60th Annual Session.

9. In compliance with Item 9 of Friday’s work, we the Northern New Salem Association agreed to correspond by letter and delegate with the following Associations:
  - (a) **New Salem** — When convened with the host churches, to be held at the Association Building, Minnie, Floyd County, Kentucky. Beginning on Friday before the fourth Saturday in September 2016 and continuing the two following days. Delegates to attend: Hillard Newsome, Scott Little, Wayne Sartin, Buddy Carty, Scott Hamilton, Glenn Slone, Faris Tuttle, Raymond Vanderpool, Johnny Stumbo, John Elkins, Danny Carty, IV Hudson. Letter in the hand of Elder Hillard Newsome.
  - (b) **Union** — When convened with the host churches. To be held at the Association Building, Ashcamp, Pike County, Kentucky. Beginning on Friday before the third Saturday in September 2016 and continuing the two following days. Delegates to attend: John M. Elkins, Scott Little, Wayne Sartin, Buddy Carty, and Scott Hamilton. Elder John Elkins is to carry the letter.
  - (c) **Philadelphia** — When convened with the South Fork Church at the Association Building, at 522 5th Avenue, Worthington, Kentucky. Beginning on Friday before the second Saturday in August 2016 and continuing the two following days. Delegates to attend: Billy Miller, Scott Little, Wayne Sartin, Buddy Carty, Scott Hamilton, Glenn Slone, Faris Tuttle, Adam Moore, Ralph Caudill, Walt Evans, Steve Miller, John Elkins, IV Hudson, Larry Newsome, Nate Caudill, and Danny Carty. Letter is in the hand of Elder Billy Miller.

- (d) **Sardis** — When convened with the host church and cohosting churches at the permanent Association building, Varney, Kentucky, beginning on Friday before the second Saturday in September 2016 and the two following days. Delegates to attend: John Elkins, Wayne Sartin, Buddy Carty, Faris Tuttle, Glen Slone, Wilburn Nichols, Scott Hamilton, and Scott Little. Letter is in the hand of Elder Wayne Sartin.
  - (e) **Old Friendship** — When convened with the Little Zion Church, location of Panther, State of WV beginning on Friday before the fourth Saturday in August 2016 and continuing the two following days. Delegates to attend: Billy Miller, John Elkins, Hillard Newsome, Wayne Sartin, Buddy Carty, Scott Hamilton, Glen Slone, Faris Tuttle, Denny Tuttle, Chester Tuttle, Ralph Caudill and Scott Little. Letter in the hand of Elder Faris Tuttle.
  - (f) **Old Indian Bottom** — When convened with the Doty Creek and Little Home Churches at the Association building at the Mallet Fork Church, Pinetop, Kentucky, beginning on Friday before the first Saturday in September 2016 and continuing the two following days. Delegates to attend: Buddy Carty, IV Hudson, Scott Hamilton, and Scott Little. Letter is in the hand of Brother IV Hudson.
10. Note the requests from the Little Angel Church and the Little Rebecca Church that we consider moving our Association to a rotation between the two most central locations. They feel that by moving to a biannual hosting at Little Angel and Little Rebecca, the Association would be able to better manage funds and we would get more support from our corresponding Associations. After much discussion, a motion was made by Elder Scott Hamilton and seconded by Elder Ralph Caudill that we deny the proposal and instead continue the current rotation of four churches. Objection was called for and none responded.
  11. Note the request from the Morning Star Church that they would like to have included in the minutes a special Thanksgiving Dinner on the third Sunday of November 2016, which would be November 20, 2016. Motion made by Elder Doug McCarty and seconded by Elder Paul Dye to grant their request. No objections were noted.
  12. The request to host the 2017 Association from the Little Rebecca was read. A motion was made by Elder Ralph Caudill, seconded by Elder Hargis Tuttle to grant the request of the Little Rebecca Church the honor of hosting and the Mt. Olive, Eternal Rose, Family of Love, and the Little Pilgrim's Home Churches to cohost the 2017 setting of this blessed old Association.
  13. Elder Dennis Elkins made a motion, seconded by Brother Hansel Brown to forego the reading of the current minutes.
  14. A motion was made by Elder Danny Carty, seconded by Elder Don Mullins to adjourn to the place and time mentioned in Item 12 of Saturday's work in the current minutes.
- The 59th Session was closed out by Elder Danny Hurley of the Friendship Association. He was carried out on high and soon the whole church was rejoicing and praising God, giving one more witness that God was pleased with the work done at our Association. Brother Danny then closed out in a humble prayer.

## **Sabbath Morning, August 7, 2016**

Having assembled ourselves for this third and final day of our blessed, old Association, we gathered once again to feel that sweet spirit. As the brothers and sisters gathered in, they rejoiced that God had allowed us to have a peaceful and spiritual gathering. The songs of Zion rang out in the sanctuary of the Rose of Sharon Church. The God of Heaven blessed us once again to close out the Association with the same spirit in which it began. Thank God!

The arrangements were as follows:

1. Elder Wayne Sartin-Northern New Salem Association
2. Elder Richard Staton-Sardis Association
3. Elder Buddy Carty-Northern New Salem Association
4. Elder Ray Hamilton-Northern New Salem Association
5. Dismissal and laying on of hands Elder William Holbrook-Northern New Salem Association

Brother Wayne and I aren't able to express to you, the Rose of Sharon Church, co-host churches (Little Ida, Mt. Olive, Morning Star, and Little Ellen), and all the friends, both young and old, who gave of their time and effort to care for this glorious old Association, our appreciation. Your love and caring helped to make this a true weekend of praise and fellowship.

To the little sub-division, known as camper's village, we salute you for your presence with us at this the 59th setting of our Association. We look forward to seeing you at the Little Rebecca Church for our 60th Annual Association. When gathered there we can once again praise the King of Kings and celebrate our fellowship. Thanks for the donation of \$25 to the Rose of Sharon Church.

Ever thankful,  
Brother Newsome - Clerk  
Brother Sartin - Assistant Clerk

### **Letter of Condolences to Our Sister The Northern New Salem Association From the 2016 Union Associations**

Dear Brothers, Sisters and Friends,

While this year has brought sorrows in the deaths of our members and yours, God has manifested great joy through His spirit and His promises. His grace and comfort has renewed us and our steps are stronger because of the witness of His love that continues to grow within His people. Do we not truly walk after the things of the spirit because we are of Christ, born a new creature, eternally kept by His spirit! God has promised, "I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you" (*John 14:18*). Thank you God for that wonderful comfort!

With Great Respect and Love,  
Elder Danny Belcher - Clerk  
Elder Barry Lucas - Assistant Clerk  
Brother Kevin Stanley - Second Assistant Clerk

## Letter of Condolences to Our Sister The Northern New Salem Association

We, your Sister the Old Friendship Association, wish to extend to you our deepest sympathy and prayers in the loss of your Elders, Brothers, and Sisters since your last meeting. May you find tranquility in knowing that friends of the Old Friendship Association share in the loss of your dearly departed. You have the knowledge that according to their works on earth, we will be together in that great homecoming day.

We will all be better satisfied when we get to that most sacred city, New Jerusalem. Our love and prayers are with you.

Elder Arthur D. Short - Clerk  
Brother Edgar Baker Jr. - Assistant Clerk

### 2016 Circular Letter

To the Living Church of the Most High God,

I, an unworthy prisoner of the gospel of Jesus Christ, send you salutations on the occurrence of the 59th session of the Northern New Salem Association. Through the personification of God, the Son, Jesus Christ, we have access to the supreme, divine nature of the Godhead. Not by our own means, but by His effectual workings. He works salvation in each of His children. The Father has overcome the world in us. Brothers and Sisters, guard against the winds of doctrine [**Eph. 4:14**] that would have others err in the faith. Be ye defenders of the faith. Think not higher of yourselves than you ought, for we are merely stewards. Through the daily instruction from the Holy Spirit, He guides us to understanding His inspired word, which He so requires of us. This is not to be confused and misguided by our own understanding. (Lord, let us not lean on our own understanding. [**Prov. 3:5**]) He has called us into His marvelous Kingdom to bear witness of the truth. We are caretakers of the mysteries in which we inherited by revelation. Let us lay no other foundation to that which has already been laid. The burden of the Lord has been appointed to me to open a discourse on a diverse and divisive issue circulating amongst you. Brethren, I implore you yet again, think not more highly of yourself than ye ought: The doctrine of Hope of salvation is superior to positive knowledge

Hope, as defined in the context of the early church, is the joyful and confident expectation of eternal salvation. A child of God rests in a lively hope. To the Romans, Brother Paul wrote, concerning hope, "*For we are saved by hope: but hope that is seen is not hope: for what a man seeth, why doth he yet hope for?*" [**Rom. 8:24**] Beyond the mere experiences and senses of mortal men, Hope arises; it surpasses all understanding [**Phil. 4:7**]. It cannot be obtained by pure reason or reckoned by man's own machinations. It is more than an axiomatic truth. Hope is the communion between the inward man and the Almighty. It binds the children of God together in Him. As Brother Peter transcribed, "*...be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear.*" [**1 Pet. 3:15**]. Our hope is the Lord Jesus Christ. Through the interworking of salvation the Father has imparted the Hope of Glory in our bosoms. Though this outward vessel will be buffeted about, the inward principal part remains steadfast. It is truly beyond our comprehension. Though confident, it never puffs up; though steadfast, it is meek. Hope remains resolute, while knowledge and comprehension may fade. Hope resonates in all of His children, radiating through every fiber of our being.

Knowledge is the apprehension by the mind on a particular topic. Knowledge is only as reliable as the relationship in which it is derived. The doctrine of positive knowledge, as identified by our forefathers, is the belief that one knows (personally) “beyond a doubt” that they are saved. At the core of this seemingly innocent statement, lie conflicts with well-established biblical principles and precepts. The possession of and the requirement to have such an awesome understanding elevates man to a lofty position. What is the purpose of the gospel if man knows at every point in his existence? The gospel enlightens us to the truth. We are not divine; we are totally depraved [**Rom. 7:18**], separated from our Creator. The God of Heaven is beyond our understanding, yet when we look to the cross, we are renewed. [**Col. 3:10**] Knowledge can be acquired through direct or indirect communication. The experience in which the knowledge of salvation is conveyed to the outward man is via an indirect form of communication. It is always inferred, such as the love we have for one another or another experience of grace. Inferential knowledge is not the same as direct knowledge of a point. The indirect communication gives us only a glimpse of the truth. This view of the truth is through a glass darkly. [**1 Cor. 13:12**] The principle part of man has direct communication with the Almighty. His knowledge of salvation is constant; it never waivers, yet we are not always in the spirit. By diminishing the salvation to something that can be contained in capacity of our mind, it diminishes Him and the unmerited favor that He bestowed unto each and every one of His children.

God is transcendental and transmudane. [**John 4:24**] The natural man is confined and mundane. God is distinctly different from the corporal outward man in every conceivable way. The Father is infinite; the outward man is finite in every imaginable way. His ways surpasses us in all possible ways. His movements are veiled, yet unveiled to His creation. His immanence is revealed to His children through the workings and moving of His Spirit. He must make Himself known unto us if we are to discern anything about Him [**1 Cor. 8:2**]. Knowledge originating from Him is complete, and beyond our natural grasp. [**Ps. 139:6**] Had it not been for the Son, who made himself of twain one new man [**Eph 2:15**], we would have had no access to the infinite. Christ is our bridge to the divine and the unending, (for He is God). Christ intercedes on our behalf that we may have access to the Father. Salvation, brought about by Christ, is intimately tied to the relationship we have with the Father. Realization of this relationship comes by revelation. Knowledge of Salvation derived from this relationship is perfect and complete; yet, it cannot be discerned by the natural man, it must be spiritually discerned. [**1 Cor. 2:14**] Forasmuch, as He subjected the one part in hope [**Rom. 8:20**], the other part is not subject to his laws. [**Rom. 8:7**] (How then can the mundane part receive the perfect part of the knowledge? Did not the Lord decree that Jacob have I loved, Esau have I hated? Apostle Paul acknowledged, “..in me (that is, in my flesh,) dwelleth no good thing: for to will is present with me; but how to perform that which is good I find not.” [**Rom. 7:18**])

Those to whom Christ has visited a second time [**Heb. 9:28**] are a paradox. We exist as a superposition of states between the infinite and the finite. A regenerated and converted man is the symbiotic synthesis of corruption and incorruption, incompleteness and completeness, temporal and eternal. He is a dichotomous entity. We have the capacity of pure knowledge through the communion and relationship with the Godhead through the inward man, and yet pure ignorance through doubt, anxieties and temptations of the outward man. (Yet God has a seal on us, despite these besetting sins. [**2 Cor. 1:22**]) The principle part has knowledge of God extracted through direct revelation, through the workings of His Son (equal in power and essence) to bridge the gap between the boundless and the bound. The inward man has

capacity to discern this spiritual knowledge. **[Phil. 2:5]** It is through the spirit which bears His image that communicates with Him in perfect harmony. He is renewed day by day **[2 Cor. 4:16, Isa. 40:31]** by this constant eternal relationship. That harmony does not appear to us as a constant and perfect knowledge for we live in the flesh (an incomplete creature). The resonation of His spirit with our regenerated one allows us the opportunity to experience the Hope of salvation. There are even times when this Hope can be manifested into perfect knowledge; however, it cannot be contained in our mortal bodies. **[2 Cor. 5:6]**

The outward man derives knowledge of salvation through works and experiences. (Not to be confused with a work of salvation, only Christ can work that out in you. These works and experiences are the fruit that gives evidence of the tree, but are not the tree itself. **[Matt. 7:18]**) This is a type of indirect knowledge. As Brother James stated, "...shew me thy faith without thy works, and I will shew thee my faith by my works." **[James 2:18]** The works Brother James were describing to the church lead to a temporal joy of salvation. There are even times in which we get to experience the infinite **[2 Cor. 5:1-5]**; but those times are limited. (*We walk by faith.* **[2 Cor. 5:6]**) Yet the Hope of Glory remains in us. **[2 Cor. 4:6]** This knowledge is not perfect; we lack the will to do all that the Father requires of us. **[Rom. 8:7]** We are slack in our duties. The joy of our salvation is variable by our obedience and our works. This is in direct contradistinction with the inward principle part whose portion of salvation (eternal) is constant and never variable.

Warfare exists when there is escalating conflict between nations due to one having what the other does not. (Did not God tell Rebekah that, *Two nations are in thy womb... ?* **[Gen. 25:23]**) The warfare in the flesh exists because there is conflict between these two states. One possesses the birthright, that the other desires and even sought it with tears **[Gal. 5:17, Heb. 12:17]**. This still remains true despite the fact *the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together.* **[Rom. 8:23]** The flesh and the spirit are contrary to each other, yet one is weaker than the other. **[Gen. 25:23]** If we maintained a perfect and positive knowledge of our salvation at all times, there would be no conflict and harmony would abound. Yet we understand that so long as we are housed in this mortal coil, we are still subject to the thorn in the flesh **[2 Cor. 12:7]** and this struggle.

The capacity of the natural man is limited. It can never be the house of the perfect knowledge of salvation. He is bound to what his senses can perceive and his mind can reason; however, the Kingdom of God is beyond the senses. **[Luke 17:20]** The selfsame finite capacity leads to not being able to worship God in the Fullness therein; remember *God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.* **[John 4:24]** Though the natural man knows what he experiences, he will always question and doubt. This is the very nature of the outward man.

The inward principle part has already been sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise. **[Eph. 1:13]** There is no variableness in him who communes with the Father. (*Jacob have I loved...*) The inward has already been made alive, forevermore.

If these contradictions did not exist, we would be exalted above measure. Yet the Father knows all things and we (oh, finite creatures that we are) know nothing as we ought to know it **[1 Cor. 8:2]**. As Brother Paul so elegantly stated, "...but if any man love God, the same is known of him." **[1 Cor. 8:2]** Hope remains when knowledge fails and fades; it has penetrated the lining of our being.

Our Brother Paul fought valiantly against Gnostics in the early years of the church. The Gnostics promoted that one must obtain salvation through secret knowledge, which was

only accessible by a few. This sect would boast in their so-called knowledge and attempt to denigrate those who lacked this knowledge causing sedition amongst the early church, forcing many to err in the faith. Positive knowledge is a modern descendent of Gnosticism, if only in part. Disastrous doctrinal consequences precipitate from this belief; therefore, brethren we must be steadfast. Wherefore, if we possessed the fullness of this perfect knowledge, would these vile bodies still require a change? Nay. The seed of corruption still resides in the flesh. **[Rom. 7:18]** Would we still require an advocate with Father to plead on our behalf in this present world? Why would we require such a wonderful gift if our fleshly mind housed this perfect knowledge? Yet, we do have an advocate with Father to whom we can confess our sins openly and freely. **[1 John 2:1]** If the outward man was the vessel to house such a perfect and complete knowledge of salvation, then why would he have to experience death? Yet, sin is condemned in the flesh and this body is dead because of it. **[Rom. 8:10]** What of those who die in a state of innocent infancy or of childlike understanding? Are they doomed by not knowing of their salvation? God forbid. They are saved by the same blood and unmerited favor! We have a just God. Therefore, an outward perfect and positive knowledge of salvation cannot be an essential aspect of eternal salvation.

Advocating a position of Hope in salvation does not deny all knowledge. Even our Brother John stated, "*...that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God.*" **[1 John 5:13]** This knowledge that our Brother spoke of was not one that could be reckoned, but rather perceived. Through the workings of the spirit, we grow daily in the Grace and the knowledge of the truth, which is Jesus Christ. **[2 Pet. 3:18]** Yet the natural man still cannot receive these things. As the Psalmist penned, "*...such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is high, I cannot attain unto it.*" **[Ps. 139:6]**

Instead of delighting in the superciliousness that ascends from positive knowledge, I would rather you come to know the fullness of the salvation that has been imparted unto you: both the eternal, which has been bestowed by the unmerited favor of Him that liveth and abideth forever channeling through faith, as well as, the temporal (common-time) salvation, in which we experience by our acts and works of obedience through the spirit. We ought to do these things with all love, joy, peace, long-suffering, meekness and temperance. **[Gal. 3:2]** We ought not to confuse the two. The latter is merely inferred evidence of the former. Let us not depart from the precepts that abide in us and continue the pattern that has been laid before us.

Elders, entreat the younger members as children; children, entreat the elders as fathers. The young Brothers have zeal about them, full of vim and vigor, being fledglings in the faith, it is easy for them to be entrapped by the devil. It is our duty to instruct them in the way they should go. Defend those who may be weaker than us, yet do not claim that I am strong and you are weak. It may come about that you may find yourselves in need, for Christ is our strength, and none are strong in comparison to him. We are living in an increasingly secular world whose minds are wicked. The world spitefully entreats us, without a cause, yet this is our expectation. We should band together to uplift one another for the cause of Christ. As Brother Paul wrote to the church at Ephesus, "*...we are fitly joined together*" **[Eph. 4:16]**; there is no bone of His bone out of place in His Kingdom. As every bone is joined together by every joint; likewise, it is through the instruction and behavior of elders that the posterior generations conform to the examples laid before them. Do not be slack in your duties to teach, for you were examined and ordained with the qualifications that you are apt to teach. **[1 Tim. 2:24]** Likewise, your behavior towards one another must be kind and just, as the Lord said, "*...inasmuch as ye have done it unto the least of these my brethren, ye did it unto me.*" **[Matt. 25:4]**.

As we have been pressed together in a kingdom that will never be destroyed, [Dan. 2:40] we have been endowed with gifts and talents. Neglect not to share your gift. For insomuch that this everlasting kingdom endures from generation to generation, our reasonable and expected duty is to instruct the younger Brothers and Sisters in the way they should go, [Prov. 22:6] so when they reach an older age in the Lord, they will not depart from the ways of our forefathers, who were inspired by the Father. They then will do the same unto the generation to come. Likewise, young Brothers and Sisters, obey and honor your parents in the Lord. [Eph. 6:2] Through these acts of obedience the increase to the church will channel through His children from the Father of light and Life, giving every joint its strength.

May peace and the love of God abound in you. Blessed be the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, who quickened our Lord and Savior from the dead. Through the blood of his Son, He has made an everlasting covenant with us. May his Grace and Spirit abide with you, my Brothers and Sisters, forever. Amen.

Humbly submitted by your most unworthy candidate,  
Elder Scott Little

## CONSTITUTION OF THE NORTHERN NEW SALEM ASSOCIATION WHEN ORGANIZED IN 1957

From a long series of experiences we, the Old Regular Baptist Church of Jesus Christ, being baptized upon a profession of faith in Christ are convinced of the necessity of a combination of Churches in order to perpetuate a union and communion among us and to keep the order and rules of an Association according to the following plan of government.

**ARTICLE 1.** The Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different Churches in our union and sent to represent them in the Association and, upon their producing Letters from their respective Churches certifying their appointment, they shall be entitled to a seat.

**ARTICLE 2.** In the letters shall be expressed their number in fellowship, those baptized, received by Letter, dismissed, excluded, and deceased since our last Association.

**ARTICLE 3.** The members thus chosen and convened shall have no power to lord anything over God's heritage nor shall they have any clerical power over the Churches nor shall they infringe on any of the internal rights of any Church in the union.

**ARTICLE 4.** The Association when convened shall be ruled by a regular and proper decorum.

**ARTICLE 5.** The Association shall have a Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk, and Assistant Clerk, each chosen separately by a majority vote of the delegates present.

**ARTICLE 6.** New Churches may be admitted into this union who shall petition by Letter and delegates and, if found upon examination to be orthodox and orderly, shall be received; and every Church in the union shall be entitled to a representative in the Association.

**ARTICLE 7.** Every query presented by the Church to the Association, being first debated in their own Churches, shall be taken up by the Association.

**ARTICLE 8.** Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association, except when withdrawn by the one who made it.

**ARTICLE 9.** The Association shall endeavor to furnish the churches with Minutes of the Association.

**ARTICLE 10.** We think it necessary that we should have an Association fund for defraying expenses of the same. We think it the duty of each Church in the union to contribute such sums as they think proper and send it by their delegates to the Association; and such sums be deposited in the hands of the Treasurer chosen by the Association who shall be accountable for the money paid him by the Association, and paid out according to the Association.

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

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

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

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

**ARTICLE 15.** The Association shall have the power for the general union of the Churches; to preserve inviolable a chain of communion among the Churches; to give Churches all necessary advice in matters of difficulty; to inquire into the cause of the Churches failing to represent them at any time in the Association; to appropriate money contributed by the Churches for the Association fund to any purpose they may think proper; to appoint any members, by their consent, to transact any business which they see necessary; and they shall have power to withdraw from any Church in the union which violates the rules of the Association or deviates from the orthodox principles of religion; and to admit any orderly Minister of our order to a seat with us. The Association shall have the right to adjourn themselves to any future time or place they may think most convenient to the Churches.

## **ARTICLES OF FAITH**

**ARTICLE 1.** We believe in only one true and living God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, and these three are one, equal in power, essence and glory.

Isaiah 45:5, 1st Cor. 8:6, 1st John 5:7

**ARTICLE 2.** We believe the scriptures of the Old and New Testaments of the 1611 Authorized King James version of the Bible are the written words of God, and the only rules of Faith and practice.

2nd Peter 1:21, 2nd Tim. 3:16

**ARTICLE 3.** We believe in the doctrine of election by grace. *“For by grace are ye saved through Faith.”*

Acts 15:11, Titus 2:11

**ARTICLE 4.** We believe in the doctrine of original sin, and of man's inability to recover himself from the fallen state he is in by nature, therefore a Savior is needed for redemption.

Gen. 3:6, Romans 5:12

**ARTICLE 5.** We believe that sinners are called to repentance, and believe in the gospel, and regeneration of the soul, sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise, and none such shall fall away and be lost.

Prov. 8:4, Matt. 9:13, Mark 2:17, 2nd Tim. 2:9, 1st Peter 1:23

**ARTICLE 6.** We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God, only by the imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ.

2nd Tim. 1:9, Luke 18:13-14, Acts 13:39

**ARTICLE 7.** We believe that baptism is the ordinance of God's church on Earth, and the mode is IMMERSION back foremost so as to cover all over.

Matt. 3:13-16, John 1:31-33, Romans 6-4, Eph. 4:5

**ARTICLE 8.** We believe that the Lord's Supper is the command of the Savior, and that by the use of unleavened bread and fruit of the vine and feet-washing should be kept up until His second coming, by His believers.

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

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

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

**ARTICLE 10.** We believe that no minister has a right to administer the ordinances and commands of the gospel, except such as are regular baptized, and that by immersion by a legal administrator of the gospel, and has come under the hands of a regular chosen presbytery of the church and ordained thereby.

Acts 13:2-3, Romans 1:6, Titus 1:5-9

**ARTICLE 11.** We believe that it is the duty of all church members to contribute money for defraying all reasonable expenses of the church, never forgetting the poor, according to their several abilities.

Acts 11:29, Romans 15:26, 1st Cor. 16:1-2

**ARTICLE 12.** We believe that every doctrine that goes to encourage, or indulge people in their sins, or cause them to settle down on anything short of saving faith in Christ for salvation, is erroneous, and such doctrine will be rejected by us.

Matt. 16:12, Acts 8:16-21, Romans 16:17-18, Eph. 4:14-15, Gal. 1:8-10

**ARTICLE 13.** We believe that the church of Christ is a congregation of faithful believers in Christ, who have obtained fellowship with the Lord and with one another, and have given themselves to the Lord, and have agreed to keep up a Godly discipline, according to the rules of the gospel.

Acts 2:42, 1st John 1:3

**ARTICLE 14.** We believe that Jesus Christ is the head of the church, and the government thereof is upon his shoulders.

Isaiah 9:6-7, Ch. 22:21-22, Luke 1:33

**ARTICLE 15.** We believe that a sanctioned marriage of God is between a man and a woman only. Also we believe in receiving members into our fellowship that follow the natural dating relationship that leads to holy matrimony between a man and a woman only; thereby, preserving the family unit of father, mother, and children.

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

**ARTICLE 16.** None of the articles shall be considered as to hold with particular election and reprobation, so as to make God partial directly, indirectly, or to injure any of the children of men; nor shall any of these articles be altered without legal notice, and free consent.

John 3:16, Heb. 2:9

## **RULES OF DECORUM**

**ARTICLE 1.** The Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.

**ARTICLE 2.** The Association shall have a moderator, an assistant moderator, clerk, and assistant clerk, each chosen separately by a majority vote of the delegates present.

**ARTICLE 3.** Only one member shall speak at a time, who shall rise from his seat and obtain consent from the Moderator when he is about to make his speech.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**2016**  
**DELEGATES TO THE**  
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**Church**

**Delegates**

Little Rebecca .....	Faris Tuttle, Marty Carty, Glen Slone
Maggie's Home .....	Joey Gilliam, Daniel Newsome, Don Mullins
Little Flock .....	Mike Fortner, Claude Hale, Chance Mullins
Little Ruth .....	Bill Smith, Raymond Vanderpool, Jimmy King
Little Edna .....	Denver Meade, Charles Hamilton, Stephen Slone
Little Ida .....	Gordon Akers, Ralph Caudill, Billy Miller
Little Flossie .....	Zachariah Collins, Sean Hicks, Morris Wicker
Little Zion .....	Joseph Akers, Joseph Havlik, Gerald Akers
Little Pilgrim's Home .....	Danny Hamilton, Eddie Wallen, Bill Hall
Mt. Olive .....	Charles Hagerman, Jason Hagerman, Justin Hagerman
Pleasant View .....	Larry Newsome, Kenneth Slone, Dennis Elkins
Little Family .....	Danny Carty, Earnie Tuttle, Walt Evans
Little Angel .....	Scott Little, Jack Dials, Wilburn Nichols
Antioch .....	IV Hudson, Johnny Stumbo, Wayne Sartin
Rose of Sharon .....	Otto Collins, Gayle Johnson, William B. Holbrook Jr.
Lily of the Valley .....	Scott Hamilton, Josh Hamilton, Scott Hamilton Jr.
Little Children's Home .....	James Wagner, Harvey Tuttle
Morning Star .....	Bill Blevins, Willis Little, Charles Blevins
Little Bethel .....	Paul Dye, Ike Spears
Family of Love .....	Delmas Hall, Patrick Deel
Little Melrose .....	Doug McCarty, John M. Elkins, Hansel Brown
Eternal Rose .....	Doug Slone, Elb Blair, Hargis Tuttle
Little Ellen .....	Lowell Mullins, Jimmy Sowards, Rudy Djordjevich
Cedars of Lebanon .....	Greg Sowards

# UNION and MEMORIAL MEETINGS AND MINISTERS CALLED FOR THE YEAR 2016-2017

## NOVEMBER, 2016

**LITTLE MELROSE** – *First in November (2016)*. Ray Hamilton, Buddy Carty, Thomas Dials, Paul D. Moore, Ira Adkins Jr., Willis Tolliver, Scott Hamilton, and Preston Lewis.

*Memorial* – *First in March*. Ivan Thornsberry, Paul Hall, Popeye Brown, Terry Fuller, James Barney, Richard Lowe, David Crigger, and Faris Tuttle.

## APRIL

**ANTIOCH** – *First in April*. Danny Justus, James Stacy, John Lewis, Preston Lewis, Danny Hurley, Barry Lucas, and Jimmy Stewart.

*Memorial* – *First in June*. Danny Carty, Hargis Tuttle, Faris Tuttle, Teddy Honaker, Ben Little, Johnny Thornsberry, Moderator, and Assistant Moderator.

**PLEASANT VIEW** – *First in April starts at 5:00 P.M. on Saturday*. Roger Hicks, Jeff Dillon, Wayne Sartin, Jason Hagerman, and Justin Hagerman.

*Memorial* – *First in June*. Ray Hamilton, Evan Hamilton, William Holbrook, Lowell Mullins, Stony Blackburn, Moderator, and Assistant Moderator.

**ETERNAL ROSE** – *Second in April*. Eddie Wallen, Danny Belcher, Billy Miller, and Bill Blevins.

*Memorial* – *Second in June*. Don Gibson, Faris Tuttle, and Home Brothers.

**ROSE OF SHARON** – *Second in April*. Ralph Slone Jr., Richard Staton, Hobart Hamilton, Doug McCarty, Mike Fortner, Greg Sowards, James Branham, and Willis Little.

*Memorial* – *Second in October (2016)*. Lowell Mullins, Charles Blevins, Bill Blevins, Estil Hamilton, Ray Hamilton, Larry Newsome, and William B. Holbrook.

## MAY

**CEDARS OF LEBANON** – *First in May*. Bobby Baker, Aaron Whitaker, Daniel Newsome, and Johnny Thornsberry.

*Memorial* – *First in October*. Kenny Newsome, Willis Tolliver, Mike Fortner, and Hank Forgey.

**LITTLE FLOSSIE** – *First in May*. Charles Edwards, John Lewis, Danny Hamilton, Garfield Thacker, and Patrick Deel.

*Memorial* – *First in October (2016)*. Ralph Cloud, Delmas Hall, Clyde Lewis, and Preston Lewis.

**LITTLE IDA** – *First in May*. Buddy Carty, Willis Tolliver, Gary Adkins, Barry Lucas, and Jeff Little.

*Memorial* – *First in April*. This is the 65th anniversary of the Little Ida Church. Danny Carty, Squire Hamilton, Scott Hamilton, Estill Hamilton, and Ray Hamilton.

**MAGGIE'S HOME** – *First in May*. Earl Dean Newsome, Joe Gibson, Faris Tuttle, Hargis Tuttle, and Justin Hagerman.

*Memorial* – *First in June*. Mike Fortner, Hank Forgey, Gary Young, Jerry Runyon, and Harrison Runyon.

**LITTLE RUTH** – *Second in May*. Zachariah Collins, Russell Hicks, Sean Hicks, Garfield Thacker, Daniel Newsome, and Clyde Lewis.

*Memorial* – *Second in July*. Danny Belcher, Raymond Vanderpool, Delmas Hall, Charles Edwards, and Morris Wicker.

**LITTLE ZION** – *Second in May*. Palmer Hamilton, Lonnie Staton, Paul Hall, Danny Runyon, Matthew Ison, and Mike Justice.

*Memorial* – *Second in July*. Hillard Newsome, Ray Hamilton, Justin Hagerman, Larry Newsome, Lowell Mullins, and Steve Miller.

**LILY OF THE VALLEY** – *Third in May*. Squire Hamilton, Estill Hamilton, Danny Belcher, Charles Hagerman, Justin Hagerman, Jason Hagerman, and Wayne Sartin.

*Memorial* – *Third in July*. Stephen Slone, Steven Miller, Larry Newsome, Joe Havlik, and Joseph Akers.

**LITTLE CHILDREN'S HOME** – *Third in May*. Thomas Van Zandt, Preston Lewis, Kenny Newsome, Johnny Thornsberry, and Scott Little (Little Angel).

*Memorial* – *Third in September (2016)*. Ira Adkins Jr., Bobby Baker, Paul D. Moore, Russell Hicks, and Deffort Thornsberry.

**LITTLE ELLEN** – *Third in May*. Ray Hamilton, Larry Newsome, Jeff Little, Scott Little (Little Angel), Patrick Deel, William Holbrook, and Andy Fields.

*Memorial* – *Third in October (2016)*. Joe Akers, Joe Havlik, Charles Hagerman, Jason Hagerman, and Justin Hagerman.

**MORNING STAR** – *Third in May*. Eddie Wallen, Doug McCarty, Andy Fields, William B. Holbrook, Joe Akers, and Joe Havlik.

*Memorial* – *Third in July*. Ray Hamilton, Hargis Tuttle, Jerry Caskey, Larry Newsome, Willis Little, and Bill Blevins.

## JUNE

**LITTLE BETHEL** – *First in June*. Philip Beverly, Andy Fields, Charles Blevins, Bill Blevins, Chuck Hall, William B. Holbrook, and Raymond Vanderpool.

*Memorial* – *First in September*. Hargis Tuttle, Ted Burke, Dennis Elkins, Delmas Hall, Willis Little, Earl Dean Yates, and Larry Dixon.

**LITTLE FAMILY** – *Second in June*. Gary Blevins, Paul Boggs, Jimmy Stewart, Scott Hamilton, Steven Miller, Russell Hicks, and Patrick Deel.

*Memorial* – *Second in October (2016)*. James Barney, Buddy Carty, Wayne Sartin, Hillard Newsome, Willis Tolliver, and Ira Adkins Jr.

**LITTLE PILGRIM'S HOME** – *Second in June*. Billy Miller, Larry Dixon, Charles Edwards, Estill Hamilton, Morris Wicker, and Zachariah Collins.

*Memorial* – *Second in August*. Russell Hicks, Scott Hamilton, Paul Dye, Sean Hicks, and Garfield Thacker.

**LITTLE REBECCA** – *Third in June*. Chester Cochran, Johnny Thornsberry, Arnold Adkins, Danny Belcher, and Andy Deel.

*Memorial* – *Third in August*. Deffort Thornsberry, Chuck Hall, Billy Miller, Ralph Caudill, and Steven Miller.

**FAMILY OF LOVE** – *Fourth in June*. Danny Belcher, Billy Miller, Gary Blevins, Northern Gayle Brown, Roger Hicks, Ralph Cloud, and Zachariah Collins.

*Memorial* – *Fourth in October (2016)*. Paul Boggs, Morris Wicker, Russell Hicks, Deffort Thornsberry, Darrell Kidd, and Buddy Carty.

**LITTLE EDNA** – *Fourth in June*. Billy Miller, Andy Fields, Sam Hamilton, Hillard Newsome, Wayne Sartin, and Scott Little (Little Angel).

*Memorial* – *Fourth in August*. Scott Hamilton, Larry Newsome, Dennis Elkins, Hobert Justice, Hargis Tuttle, and Alex Collier.

**MT. OLIVE** – *Fourth in June*. Danny Carty, Scott Little, Wayne Sartin, Hillard Newsome, Danny Belcher, Joe Havlik, Joe Akers, and Scott Hamilton.

*Memorial* – *Fourth in August*. Larry Newsome, Lowell Mullins, Estill Hamilton, Ray Hamilton, Charles Blevins, Buddy Carty, and Dennis Elkins.

## JULY

**LITTLE FLOCK** – *Third in July*. Scott Little (Little Angel), Gary Young, Jimmy Stewart, Zachariah Collins, Wayne Sartin, Hillard Newsome, and Scott Hamilton.

*Memorial* – *Third in June*. Ray Hamilton, Gary Blevins, Danny Carty, John Paul Hamilton, Gary Adkins, Justin Hagerman, and William B. Holbrook.

**LITTLE ANGEL** – *Fourth in July*. Tony Bentley, Lance Looney, Tommy Dials, Todd Dials, Richard Staton, and Hobart Hamilton.

*Memorial* – *Fourth in March*. Danny Adams, Buddy Carty, Larry Newsome, Hargis Tuttle, Charles Edwards, and Preston Lewis.

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## **SPECIAL MEMORIALS**

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**LITTLE REBECCA CHURCH** – First Sunday in August 2017 (Sunday of Association).  
**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, Kentucky on Saturday, April 29, 2017. Singing will start at 9:30 a.m. with preaching at 10:00 a.m. Any and all are welcome to attend. We especially look forward to the presence of Old Regular Baptist Ministers.

**MEMORIAL DAY MEETING ON CHAFFINS CEMETERY** – On Sunday Morning at 10 a.m. on Memorial Day Weekend 2017. Brothers called: Zach Collins, Clyde Lewis, John Lewis, Preston Lewis, and Ralph Cloud.

**PLEASANT VIEW CHURCH – MEMORIAL FOR ELDER CONLEY DANIELS** – First Sunday, October 2016. Elders called: Evan Hamilton, Larry Newsome, Donel Gibson, and Dennis Elkins.

**LITTLE ANGEL CHURCH – BROTHER BALLARD BROWN MEMORIAL** – On Sunday, April 30, 2017. Brothers called: Chucky Hall, Charles Edwards, Harrison Runyon, Bill Smith, and Danny Carty.

**LITTLE IDA CHURCH – 65<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY MEMORIAL MEETING** – The Memorial Meeting will be held the first Weekend in April 2017. Brothers called: Danny Carty, Squire Hamilton, Scott Hamilton, Estill Hamilton, and Ray Hamilton. All are welcome.

**MORNING STAR CHURCH – THANKSGIVING DINNER** – There will be a Thanksgiving Dinner held at the Morning Star Church on Sunday, November 20, 2016. Ministers called: Elder Bill Blevins, Elder Willis Little, Elder Mose Bentley, Elder Charles Blevins. All Old Regular Baptist Ministers, Brothers, Sisters, and friends are welcome to come and dine with us.

# ORDAINED MINISTERS

## LITTLE REBECCA

Elder Buddy W. Carty	18 High School Ave., Shelby, OH 44875	419-342-4142
Elder Lon Beverly	45 Bell St., Plymouth, OH 44865	419-687-9501
Elder Phillip Beverly	4076 Bull Head Rd., Willard, OH 44890	567-224-2661
Elder Danny Carty	5346 St. Andrews Dr., Westerville, OH 43082	614-899-9815
Elder Faris Tuttle	505 St. Rt. 603, Shiloh, OH 44878	419-896-3569

## MAGGIE'S HOME

Elder Scotty Little	474 Diana St., Minford, OH 45653	740-250-8049
Elder Donald Mullins	36157 DePue Rd., Hamden, OH 45634	740-596-4946
Elder Daniel Newsome	35010 Buck Run Rd., Langsville, OH 45741	740-669-3408
Elder Johnny Newsome	60097 Locker Plt. Rd., McArthur, OH 45651	740-596-0447

## LITTLE FLOCK

Elder Hank Forgey	1443 Centerville Rd., Thurman, OH 45685	740-682-6533
Elder Mike Fortner	2476 Centerpoint Rd., Oak Hill, OH 45656	740-682-6236
Elder Greg Sowards	12942 St. Rt. 220, Waverly, OH 45690	740-289-4771

## LITTLE RUTH

Elder Don Lawson	204 2nd St., Box 47, Pleasantville, OH 43148	740-468-6100
Elder Bill Smith	11937 St. Rt. 736, Marysville, OH 43040	937-642-4106
Elder Bill Staton	1111 Twp. Rd. 208, Marengo, OH 43334	419-253-5906
Elder Raymond Vanderpool	34 Brooks Ct., Plymouth OH 44865	863-242-9487
Elder Amos Williams	150 Riley St., Newark, OH 43055	740-344-1073

## LITTLE EDNA

Elder Stephen Slone	4155 Butler Rd., Wakeman, OH 44889	440-574-1740
Elder Denver Meade	953 Warwick Dr., Sheffield Lake, OH 44054	440-949-6048
Elder Jesse Pack	6496 Crossview Rd., Seven Hills, OH 44131	216-236-6164

## 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 Ave., Brownstown, MI 48174	734-955-1347

**LITTLE FLOSSIE**

<b>Elder Zachariah Collins</b>	11021 17 Mile Rd., Marshall, MI 49068	269-245-6976
<b>Elder Larry Dixon</b>	8070 N. Angling Rd., Kendallville, IN 46755	260-347-8082
<b>Elder Russell Hicks</b>	11971 N. Angling Rd., Wolcottville, IN 46795	260-854-3649
<b>Elder Sean Hicks</b>	4114 North Sparta Lake Rd., Ligonier, IN 46767	260-221-1965
<b>Elder Harvey Tuttle</b>	10955 East RT 20, Lagrange, IN 46761	260-499-7997
<b>Elder Thomas N. VanZandt</b>	11346 Wildwood Dr., Marshall, MI 49068	269-781-8191
<b>Elder Morris Wicker</b>	5510 E. 1150 N., Wolcottville, IN 46795	260-318-2998

**LITTLE ZION**

<b>Elder Joseph R. Akers</b>	105 S. Walker, P.O. Box 427, Capac, MI 48014	810-395-1623
<b>Elder Terry Hall</b>	120 High Street, Apt. B, Wilmore, KY 40390	810-610-4089

**LITTLE PILGRIM'S HOME**

<b>Elder Danny C. Hamilton</b>	367 Twp. Rd. 1031, Nova, OH 44859	567-308-0017
<b>Elder Hobart Justice</b>	Avon Oaks Caring Community, Avon, OH 44011	440-522-0166
<b>Elder Eddie Wallen</b>	330 Railroad St., Rochester, OH 44090	440-647-3539

**MT. OLIVE**

<b>Elder Charles Hagerman</b>	830 Cedar St., Waterloo, IN 46793	260-318-1362
<b>Elder Jason Hagerman</b>	19966 County Rd. 146, New Paris, IN 46553	260-894-1885
<b>Elder Justin Hagerman</b>	4320 N. 750 W., Ligonier, IN 46767	260-348-8697

**PLEASANT VIEW**

<b>Elder Alex Collier</b>	961 Pepperwood Ln., Brunswick, OH 44212	330-273-3505
<b>Elder Donel D. Gibson</b>	222 Stonehedge Dr., Elyria, OH 44035	440-322-0299
<b>Elder Larry Newsome</b>	2216 Brownhelm Station Rd., Vermilion, OH 44089	440-967-5877

**LITTLE FAMILY - None**

**LITTLE ANGEL**

<b>Elder John Jude</b>	1609 Fallbrook Rd., Columbus, OH 43223	614-274-7122
<b>Elder Scott Little</b>	93 Stoneridge Dr., Chillicothe, OH 45601	740-804-6615

**ANTIOCH**

<b>Elder Karrel Addington</b>	501 Micawber, Louisville, KY 40245	502-254-5961
<b>Elder Hillard Newsome</b>	3520 Fincastle Rd., Louisville, KY 40213	502-452-1197
<b>Elder Wayne Sartin</b>	1613 South 4 <sup>th</sup> St., Louisville, KY 40208	502-645-2690

### **ROSE OF SHARON**

<b>Elder Ray Hamilton</b>	5040 Carelton-Rockwood Rd., S. Rockwood, MI 48179	734-783-5037
<b>Elder William B. Holbrook Jr.</b>	13388 Parkway Blvd., Carleton, MI 48117	734-654-6883
<b>Elder Andy Fields</b>	10103 Newburgh Hwy., Tecumseh, MI 49286	517-815-1933

### **LILY OF THE VALLEY**

<b>Elder Evan Hamilton</b>	5801 Washington Blvd., Ashtabula, OH 44004	440-992-9359
<b>Elder Sam Hamilton</b>	695 Breezewood Ln., Orwell, OH 44076	440-344-6246
<b>Elder Scott Hamilton</b>	4760 N. Ridge E., Geneva, OH 44041	440-415-5004
<b>Elder Junior Jent</b>	3120 Mill Rd., Dorset, OH 44032	440-293-5018

### **LITTLE CHILDREN'S HOME - None**

#### **MORNING STAR**

<b>Elder Mose Bentley</b>	25537 Baker St., Taylor, MI 48180	313-292-3247
<b>Elder Bill Blevins</b>	10702 Oak Lane #4203, Belleville, MI 48111	734-391-7297
<b>Elder Charles Blevins</b>	48469 Eastbridge Dr., Canton, MI 48188	989-413-7176
<b>Elder Willis Little</b>	4541 Grace, Wayne, MI 48184	734-728-4486

#### **LITTLE BETHEL**

<b>Elder Paul Dye</b>	Box 122, Tiro, OH 44887	419-347-5064
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#### **FAMILY OF LOVE**

<b>Elder Clifford Bradley</b>	18003 S H 231, Nevada, OH 44849	740-482-2972
<b>Elder James M. Curry</b>	PO Box 2506 , Marion, OH 43301	740-223-0102
<b>Elder Delmas Hall</b>	3951 Henry Rd. Lot 5, Plymouth, OH 44865	567-844-0945

#### **LITTLE MELROSE**

<b>Elder John M. Elkins</b>	2038 Allcorn Rd., Greenup, KY 41144	606-473-0324
<b>Elder Doug McCarty</b>	6803 Fern Creek Way, Keystone Hts., FL 32656	352-473-3424

#### **ETERNAL ROSE**

<b>Elder Joseph Gibson</b>	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**

<b>Elder Lowell Mullins</b>	1165 Oak Ridge Dr., Manteno, IL 60950	815-468-1532
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### **CEDARS OF LEBANON - None**

## CLERKS AND THEIR ADDRESSES

Church	Clerk	Address	City, State	Phone Number
Little Rebecca	Marty Carty	194 County Rd. 24	Ashley, OH 43003	(614) 579-4323
Maggie's Home	Joe Gilliam	19323 St. Rd. 160	Vinton, OH 45686	(740) 612-9302
Little Flock	Mike Fortner	2476 Centerpoint Rd.	Oak Hill, OH 45656	(740) 682-6236
Little Ruth	Jimmy King	2186 TWP Rd. 165	Cardington, OH 43315	(740) 833-5273
Little Edna	Billy Moore	5377 Bond Ave.	Lorain, OH 44055	(440) 654-3780
Little Ida	John Johnson	15649 Fordline St.	Southgate, MI 48195	(734) 246-0769
Little Flossie	Fred Jones	1602 Villa Ct.	North Manchester, IN 46962	(779) 225-2244
Little Zion	Gerald Akers	2311 Chestnut Ln.	Burton, MI 48519	(810) 444-6325
Little Pilgrim's Home	Ike Spears	2 E 2 <sup>nd</sup> St.	North Fairfield, OH 44855	(567) 805-4161
Mt. Olive	Justin Hagerman	4320 N 750 W	Ligonier, IN 46767	(260) 348-8697
Pleasant View	Steve Conley	11110 Humm Rd.	Berlin Hts., OH 44814	(567) 234-1000
Little Family	Gary Sanders	4411 Dana Dr.	Franklin, OH 45005	(937) 550-9402
Little Angel	James Finley	3996 Paradise Rd.	Sugar Grove, OH 43155	(740) 746-9621
Antioch	Melvin Adams Jr.	495 Overlook Rd.	Louisville, KY 40229	(502) 957-2417
Rose of Sharon	Gayle Johnson	14079 Village Ln.	Riverview, MI 48193	(734) 282-4567
Lily of the Valley	Scott Hamilton Jr.	5859 S. Wright St.	Kingsville, OH 44048	(440) 344-9721
Little Children's Home	James D. Wagner	17201 Stone Church Rd.	Laurel, IN 47024	(765) 698-2316
Morning Star	Charles Blevins	48469 Eastbridge Dr.	Canton, MI 48188	(989) 413-7176
Little Bethel	Ike Spears	2 E 2 <sup>nd</sup> St.	North Fairfield, OH 44855	(567) 805-4161
Family of Love	Patrick Deel	22500 Delaware County Line Rd.	Marysville, OH 43040	(937) 348-2350
Little Melrose	Hansel Brown	8598 SW 56 Avenue Rd.	Ocala, FL 34476	(352) 861-2722 cell: (352) 598-0983
Eternal Rose	Raymond Henderson	2600 Olivesburg Rd.	Mansfield, OH 44903	(419) 522-0405
Little Ellen	Jimmy Sowards	19166 Hyde Park Ct.	Woodhaven, MI 48183	(734) 775-7831
Cedars of Lebanon	Roy L. McClain	P.O. Box 353	Scottsburg, IN 47170	(812) 416-6222

# MODERATORS AND ASSISTANT MODERATORS

<b>Church</b>	<b>Moderator</b>	<b>Assistant Moderator</b>
Little Rebecca	Buddy W. Carty	Danny Carty
Maggie's Home	Donald Mullins	None
Little Flock	Hank Forgey	Mike Fortner
Little Ruth	Amos Williams	Don C. Lawson
Little Edna	Stephen Stone	Larry Newsome
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	Charles Hagerman	Jason Hagerman
Pleasant View	Larry Newsome	Dennis Elkins
Little Family	Danny Carty	Scott Little
Little Angel	Danny Carty	Bill Smith
Antioch	Hillard Newsome	Wayne Sartin (Honorary Assistant, Karrell Addington)
Rose of Sharon	Ray Hamilton	William B. Holbrook Jr.
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	None	Delmas Hall
Little Melrose	Doug McCarty	John M. Elkins
Eternal Rose	Hargis Tuttle	Joseph Gibson
Little Ellen	Lowell Mullins	None
Cedars of Lebanon	Greg Sowards	None

## CHURCH ADDRESSES

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

Church	Address	City	State/Zip Code
Little Rebecca	4982 Henry Road, Ph. 419-687-8838.	Plymouth	Ohio 44865
Maggie's Home	Benner Road	Hamden -Dundas	Ohio 45634
Little Flock	1900 Borland Road Rte. 1	Ray	Ohio 45672
Little Ruth	3521 County Road 217	Marengo	Ohio 43334
Little Edna	5160 Bond Avenue	Lorain	Ohio 44055
Little Ida	4060 Drennan Street	Ecorse	Michigan 48229
Little Flossie	159 W. Greenwood Drive	Lisbon-Kendallville.	Indiana 46755
Little Zion	63181 Romeo Plank Road	Romeo	Michigan 48096
Little Pilgrim's Home	1487 U.S. Route 224 East, Ph. 419-524-8514	Greenwich	Ohio 44837
Mt. Olive.	3635 S. 200 E.	Lagrange	Indiana 46761
Pleasant View	3589 Beat Road	Litchfield.	Ohio 44253
Little Family	4079 Sommersville/Jacksonburg	Middletown	Ohio 45042
Little Angel	5733 Saltzgaber Road, Ph. 614-492-0010	Groveport	Ohio 43125
Antioch	10817 Barricks Road	Louisville	Kentucky 40229
Rose of Sharon.	5665 Carleton-Rockwood Road, Ph. 313-379-4870	South Rockwood	Michigan 48179
Lily of the Valley	Route 534—600 Kiwanis Pk. Drive	Geneva	Ohio 44041
Little Children's Home.	18125 Stone Church Road	Laurel.	Indiana 47024
Morning Star	44441 Clay Road	Belleville	Michigan 48111
Little Bethel	State Route 228	Green Springs.	Ohio 44836
Family of Love	18061 S.R. 231 (Wyandotte).	Nevada	Ohio 44849
Little Melrose.	201 Pearl Street	Melrose	Florida 32666
Eternal Rose.	14061 Township Road 215	Lakeville	Ohio 44638
Little Ellen	IL 50, W. 115 <sup>th</sup> , Route on Lawler, Left 11200 S. Avon.	Alsip	Illinois 60803
Cedars of Lebanon	1015 Forrer Street	Middletown	Ohio 45042

**STATISTICAL  
TABLE**

**2016**

**CHURCHES**

	Received by Baptism	Received by Letter	Recommendation	Restored	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Total Membership	Meeting Time	Contributions	Communion Time
Little Rebecca	0	3	0	0	0	0	4	36	3-M	325.00	July
Maggie's Home	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	23	1-M	150.00	July
Little Flock	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	17	3-M	225.00	Aug
Little Ruth	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	15	2-M	150.00	June
Little Edna	2	0	0	0	0	1	1	17	4-M	225.00	July
Little Ida	0	2	0	0	0	1	2	32	1-M	300.00	June
Little Flossie	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	31	4:00 P.M. 1-E	275.00	June
Little Zion	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	12	2:30 P.M. 2-E	180.00	June
Little Pilgrim's Home	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	8	2-M	175.00	July
Mt. Olive	0	0	0	0	2	2	1	11	2:00 P.M. 4-E	200.00	July
Pleasant View	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	40	6:00 P.M. 1-E	250.00	May
Little Family	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	11	2:00 P.M. 2-E	200.00	July
Little Angel	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	33	4-M	350.00	Aug
Antioch	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	23	3:00 P.M. 1-E	435.00	Oct
Rose of Sharon	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	23	2-M	400.00	May
Lily of the Valley	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	21	6:00 P.M. 3-E	100.00	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	0	0	2	9	3-M	350.00	June
Little Bethel	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	1-M	75.00	July
Family of Love	0	0	0	0	3	1	0	10	2:00 P.M. 4-E	150.00	July
Little Melrose	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	8	2:00 P.M. 1-E	200.00	Jan
Eternal Rose	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	11	4:00 P.M. 2-E	100.00	Aug
Little Ellen	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	12	4:00 P.M. 3-E	100.00	June
Cedars of Lebanon	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	2:00 P.M. 1-E	30.00	June

2016 Church Contributions .....	<b>\$5,170.00</b>
2016 Money for Pictures .....	<b>600.00</b>
Other Contributions .....	<b>50.00</b>
	<b><u>\$5,820.00</u></b>

**Grand Total                    10    5    0    1    10    8    24    416**

M — Saturday morning services  
E — Saturday evening services

# OBITUARIES

## MEMBERS

### GRACIE THORNSBURY ADKINS

Gracie passed away Saturday, March 26, 2016. She was born on July 28, 1935 to Gilbert and Nellie (Case) Damron. On August 15, 1951, she married Ernest Thornsbery (Deceased July 2001). She married Buttler Adkins on November 15, 2003 who loved and cared for her until death.

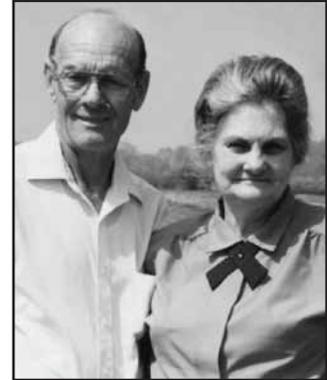
She was a mother of seven children: Ada (Rick) Tishma, Leilia (Ron) Smith, Ernie (Laura) Thornsbery, Karen (Rick) West, Craig (Deidre) Thornsbery, Steve (Kelly) Thornsbery, Todd (Jenny) Thornsbery; two step-children: Diane Hall and Edward Adkins; 13 grandchildren; and two step-grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; one step-great-grandchild, who all survive her. She is also survived by: one brother, Robert (Sue) Damron; one sister, Erma (Joe) Maygar.

She was preceded in death by two brothers: Beryl and John A. Damron; three sisters: Marie Hall, Nona Akers, Betty Joyce Damron.

She was a member of the Rose of Sharon Church in South Rockwood, Michigan where she and her husband, Ernest, served as deacons until her death. Mom loved going to church, her and dad were always singing church songs around the house. Every Sunday several of their church friends came to the house where she would cook southern food for everyone.

When she remarried she moved from Michigan to Kentucky and tried to come to Michigan to see her kids until she was unable to make the drive. So rest Mom with Jesus until we meet again.

Written by her daughter,  
Karen West



Gracie Thornsbery Adkins

### LANDIS BEVERLY

May 13, 1935 - August 23, 2015

With a grieving and heavy heart, I have prayed and begged that God would grant the words to this obituary that will illustrate the life of our loved one who is now peacefully at rest. He was a husband, a companion, a father, a grandpa, a brother, among others, but most importantly he was our beloved friend. How do you sum up a man's life in a few brief paragraphs who had such an immeasurable impact in so many people's lives? He was everything to our family and we will forever dwell with broken hearts and a void in our lives. I pray that the Lord be pleased with my offering to leave these remaining words regarding the life of my Brother and fellow Soldier in Christ, my mentor, my Grandfather, my light and my friend.

Landis Beverly, age 80, was born on May 13, 1935 in Floyd County, Kentucky to the late Clennon and Bessie (Slone) Beverly. He was the eldest of 12 children (seven boys and five girls): Naviona (the late, Neal) Jordon of Plymouth, Ohio; Lon (Dottie) Beverly of Plymouth, Ohio; Vanda (the late, George) Haymond of Shiloh, Ohio; Donnie (the late, Pat) Beverly of Plymouth, Ohio; Carl Beverly of Plymouth, Ohio; Willa (the late, Mel) Rachel of Mansfield, Ohio; Dick (Sue) Beverly of Plymouth, Ohio; Lois (the late, Jack) Ball of Mansfield, Ohio; Jim (Jeannie) Beverly of Mansfield, Ohio; Phyllis Fidler of Mansfield, Ohio; and Phillip (Veronica) Beverly of Willard, Ohio.



Landis Beverly

He is survived by his loving wife, Annetta (Vanderpool) Beverly, whom he married on May 17, 1957, celebrating 58 wonderful years of marriage. He is also survived by his five children: Bobby Lynn Beverly of Norwalk, Ohio; Gary Gene (Lake) Beverly of New Haven, Ohio; Debra Jane (the late, Jimmie) Vanderpool of Willard, Ohio; Darlene (Steve) Kerby of Greenwich, Ohio; Tammy Renee (Dan) Papai of Wellington, Ohio; 16 grandchildren; 24 great-grandchildren and 2 expected. In addition to his parents, Landis is preceded in death by a son-in-law, Jimmie Vanderpool and a granddaughter, Amber Beverly.

Landis was raised in the head of Steele's Creek in Floyd County, Kentucky and after the Wayland Coal Mines closed down his mother and father were forced to move the family to Ohio in search of work. Over the course of his working years he held jobs that consisted of assembly, welding, fabrication, production, tow motor and metal finishing, the longest duration of employment was at Standard Tube in Shelby, Ohio (24 years) and eventually retiring for the last time at Bill Fletcher and Sons in Plymouth, Ohio at the age of 64 years old. For anyone who knew him they would agree that he was a hard worker and enjoyed providing for his family.

I am sure he would request that I skip talking about the places that he worked and tell you of the events in his life that he would want for you to know more about him and remember him by. He found his beautiful wife, Annetta, in Ohio and often told of the story that immediately after setting eyes upon her for the first time that he knew she was going to be his wife. Annetta and Landis married on May 17, 1957 and they lived out their lives together as they promised one another when they shared their vows so many years ago. They were always there for one another, devoted and steady companions. When one wept or rejoiced the other shared. When you encountered one you could see the other nearby, each half united to form one. They were best friends who honored one another, remaining faithful, loving caring and serving one another with joy and humility. They left a great example of what marriage ordained by God should represent.

He would want me to tell you about his undying love for his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren and the special relationship he had with all of them. He was proud of each one of them and everyone he encountered heard about his love for his family and what they meant to him. So many times we witnessed his sacrifice for his family and loved ones and he was never short of lending a helping hand, often times going without, just to give to others. All the years of his life were dedicated to his family and friends's well being to do what he could to lighten and help bear their burdens.

The other event in his life that meant the most and one that he would want to be remembered by was his love for, relationship with, the serving of his true and living God and loving Savior, Jesus Christ. He was rooted in the old time way and belonged to the Little Rebecca Church of the Old Regular Baptist in Plymouth, Ohio and served her faithfully for 48 years as a member and 35 years as a deacon. He was also a borrowed deacon at Little Bethel, Pilgrim's Home and Family of Love Churches. The Little Rebecca Church was his home and his life and he enjoyed attending and cooking for the church, singing, rejoicing in the Lord, hearing the Word of God preached by the Spirit and most importantly he loved to share the truth and precious love of his merciful God. You could feel the love in his hugs and his handshake, for those of you who know what I am talking about. He was a light to many and truly walked with the Lord every day, striving to live as Christ in every manner. He desired a home in Heaven and made the necessary preparation with a merciful and graceful God. He has prayed his last prayer and his work on this earth has ended, he now is peacefully at rest awaiting that morning of all mornings when he will enter his Eternal Home to praise and glorify the God he so greatly loved.

To say that he will be missed is an understatement, there will forever remain a void in our homes and our hearts. We are going to miss his company, smiling face and laughter, his singing,

stories and dreams, sense of humor and quick wit, advise and counsel, our conversations on the phone or on the swing, our walks, giving thanks during family gatherings, his prayers and encouragement, his inspiration, his gift of laying on of the hands during sickness, his heartfelt love and assurance that he would always be there for us when we needed him and most of all we will miss the precious memories of the time that God blessed us to be with him. He was described as the rock of our family and the common thread that stitched us together. He truly was our strength and someone we leaned on a great deal to help us journey through this life.

There is a part of our life that is now laid to rest with him but his memory, his love and all that he has taught us will remain with us as long as we live. The only way possible to cope with this devastating loss is to lean on the Lord and one another for that is what grandpa would want us to do.

It will be hard to let him go, but we have the promise that we can go where he is going if we have the same desire and prepare as he did when he chose the good part. Several years ago for a class I had to interview someone inspirational to me so I chose grandpa. My last question for him was, what is one memorable thing he would like for his family to know and remember him by and he left this statement, "I wish that they could to see into my heart and see how much love I have for them and my wish is for them to fall out with sin and come to Jesus so we could all go home together." He always left us with these words "if it's the Lord's will" and if it's the Lord's will we will see him again.

What a blessing and an honor to have known the man that he was!

Written with love and a broken heart by his grandson and Brother in the Lord,  
Nick Hansen, and the help of his children and grandchildren.

### **BERTHA E. CALHOUN**

February 21, 1935 - March 1, 2016

Bertha, age 81, of Belleville, Michigan died Tuesday, March 1, 2016, at Saline Evangelical Home in Saline, Michigan. She was born February 21, 1935 in Floyd County, Kentucky, the daughter of Sol and Annie (Osborne) Tackett. On July 17, 1977, she married Buddy W. Calhoun and he survives. Bertha retired from General Motors where she was employed for many years. She was a member of Morning Star Old Regular Baptist Church in Belleville, Michigan. She will always be remembered as a loving wife, step-mother, step-grandmother and a beautiful sister. Survivors besides her loving husband, Buddy; her step-daughter, Patty Sanders; two step-grandsons: David and Phillip Sanders; four step-great-grandchildren; two sisters: Mary Navarre and Margie Burke; many nieces and nephews and lots of friends. Bertha loved cooking, gardening, crocheting and spending time with family. She and Buddy did a lot of traveling and sightseeing together. She also loved being with church family. She was a beautiful person, inside and out. She was also preceded in death by her parents, Sol and Annie; five brothers: James, Clarence, Sol Jr., Earl, and Bob; and two sisters: Catherine and Mae. She will forever be in our hearts and greatly missed by all, Buddy will be lost without her... I myself cherished her.



**Bertha E. Calhoun**

Written by her loving sister,  
Mary Navarre

## PHYLLIS KAY CANTRELL

Phyllis was born March 13, 1962 at Dr. Hambrick's office in Wellston, Ohio, to the late Lenoris Mullins Baker and Bobby L. Baker. Phyllis finally found rest under the alter of God on March 28, 2015, after winning her long battle with cancer.

Yes, we, her family say winning, not losing, as cancer can no longer take away anything from her. Phyllis was a fighter, of all fighters. She was determined to stay here with her family as long as possible and no doubt pushed on when it would have been easier to give up. Phyllis should be an inspiration to us all. She demonstrated an unmovable faith in God and never questioned His will, despite her long suffering. She was a light to her family and all those who knew her. When facing down death, Phyllis was concerned with preparing her family for her leaving, and she did, as best she could. She has left us all with wonderful last words, moments and memories we will never forget. Phyllis was a good and faithful servant and we believe God confirmed this upon her last dying breath, as her last words were "My Mommy". God sent Phyllis a vision of Sister Lenoris to help her cross over Jordon. We believe that's why she had such a beautiful smile upon her face after her passing, a smile we hadn't seen for awhile.



Phyllis Kay Cantrell

Phyllis has left behind her loving family: Franklin Cantrell (husband of 36 years); daughters: Sandra Cantrell of McArthur and Kayla Cantrell of Hamden; grandchildren: Brandon Cantrell, Adam Caudill, Callie Caudill, Landon Cantrell, Koleton Rhodes and Layton Rhodes; great-grandchildren: Colton Cantrell, Aiden Cantrell and Maddox Cantrell; brother, John Baker (Linda) of Glenroy; as well as several aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. Besides her parents, Phyllis was preceded in death by her sister, Diana Lynn Ficek.

Phyllis would want her family and friends to not mourn for her leaving, but to rejoice for what she has gained. Although, we, her family miss her terribly, we wouldn't bring her back to this world of pain and suffering, even if we could.

Well done, thou good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of the Lord.

Written by her family

## RUTH COTTON

Ruth Cotton, age 89, of Lake Station, Indiana went home to be with the Lord on April 24, 2015. She was born May 20, 1925 in Carter County, Kentucky to her parents Valentine and Leoma Jones. Ruth was married to the late Elder Frank Cotton.

Ruth is survived by one son, Thomas (Karna) Cotton; and two daughters: Marcella Kitchen and Patricia Joseph. Also 25 grandchildren and numerous great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by: her parents, Valentine and Leoma Jones; her husband, Elder Frank Cotton; all of her brothers and sisters; her daughter, Frances Leyha; son, James Cotton; and grandson, Jeff Kitchen.



Ruth Cotton

Ruth was a member of the Little Ellen Old Regular Baptist Church in Alsip, Illinois. She was faithful to attend church as long as she was able. Ruth's most joyous time was when her children and grandchildren would come to visit her. She also loved her church family. She will be missed by her family, church family, and friends.

Written by her daughters, Marcella Kitchen and Patricia Joseph

## ELDER CONLEY DANIELS

Elder Conley Daniels passed away at Fairview Hospital on September 2, 2015 at the age of 83, after a short illness. He was born October 21, 1931, to the late Elizabeth and Sterling Daniels of Floyd County, Kentucky.

He was a loving husband of 66 years to Loraine (Hall) Daniels and the father of three daughters, who survive: Wanda (Larry) Long of Grafton, Ohio; Vicki (Ron) Bullock of Cleveland, Ohio; and Lynn (David) Ceasar of Highland Hts., Ohio. He was the loving Grandfather of five: Teresa, Dawn, Cindi, Rick and Kelsey; and the Great-Grandfather of eight: Zach, Cody,



Elder Conley Daniels

Mikayla, Rick Jr., Matthew, Kaitlyn, Zoe and Gage. He is also survived by one very special friend, John the fireman. Dad had five siblings all but one sister preceded him in death.

Dad joined the Old Regular Baptist Church in 1968 and was baptized by his father-in-law, the late Elders Jerry Hall and Mitchell Chaffins. Dad was ordained as a minister at the Lily of the Valley Old Regular Baptist Church on April 10, 1976 where he served as the Assistant Moderator for many years. After that, he brought his membership home to Pleasant View Old Regular Baptist Church in Litchfield, Ohio.

Dad and Mom moved to Ohio in 1955 where he got a job working at General Motors in Parma. After his retirement from General Motors, Dad started tinkering with small engines. So he started repairing lawn movers and weed eaters from his backyard with the help of his son-in-law, Larry. After doing the repairs Dad and his friends spent many hours under his apple tree just talking (his favorite subject the Bible), BUT at 12:30, Mom would have his lunch ready. After lunch most importantly a nap would follow.

Poppy, to his grandchildren and great-grandchildren, whom he loved dearly, would travel to watch them play soccer, baseball or to parades to watch one of them play the trumpet in the high school marching band. They all loved their Poppy and miss him very much.

Written by your broken-hearted daughter,  
Wanda Daniels

Poppy was a wonderful, very intelligent man. He was most definitely the greatest man in my life. I'm not sure where I'd be without him telling me all the time to finish school and to go to college. If it wasn't for him, I wouldn't be going to college right now. Day in and day out, I think of him and wish he could be here for many things, graduation, weddings, the birth of his first great-great-grandbaby. I know no matter what, he is here with us. He's still here standing by all of our sides through thick and thin. I love you so much Poppy and I miss you so much more. Please continue watching over all of us and helping us through the tough times.

Your great-granddaughter

## MAGDLINE GAYHEART

It is with broken hearts we will try to write an obituary for our dear mother (Granny) Magdline Gayheart. She was born in Knott County, Kentucky on February 20, 1941 to the late Hagger and Mable (Watts) Wicker. She went to be with the Lord on April 5, 2016. She was a member of Eternal Rose Church and a homemaker, married to our Dad (Papaw) for fifty-seven years. She was raised with a large family. Living brothers and sisters include: Dewey Wicker, Eddie Wicker, Shelby Jean Niper, Mable Dorse Dye, Mary Slone and Shirley Triplett. Deceased brothers and sisters: Kelly Wicker, Coley Wicker and Phyllis Triplett. Her children are: Randy Gayheart, Terry Gayheart, Allen Gayheart, Wendall Gayheart and Stacy Bair. She also considered two of her grandchildren as her own, Stephanie Edmonds and Jeremy Gayheart. She had a total of ten grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.



Magdline Gayheart

I have many memories of my Mom. She loved her children and grandchildren very much. She was such a good cook and had a big and forgiving heart. She was ready to go home to be with the Lord. She was tired, no more worries, Mom, and no more pain. I would like Stephanie Edmonds, her other daughter, to write some memories of her Granny.

Granny was a caring and loving person. Everyone that got the chance to know her has said that she touched their hearts in one way or another. She loved her church, family and friends unconditionally. She had hobbies that I enjoyed doing with her like going to sales and finding antiques. It was always such fun spending the day together going from sale to sale looking for just the right piece to take home. I still do this every now and then but it's just not the same without her. She will be forever missed.

Written by daughters,  
Stacy Gayheart Bair and Stephanie Gayheart Edmonds

## JAMES G. HALL

It is with a heavy heart and loving memories that we write this obituary of James G. Hall. A resident of Ontario, Ohio, he passed away at his residence on April 9, 2016. Born in Raven, Kentucky on January 9, 1940, he was the son of the late Ishmael and Effie (Mullins) Hall.

James G. and Beatrice Burke were united in marriage June 18, 1960. To this union was born three children: James, Trudy and Ervin. He retired from the steel mill following 34 years of service. He was also a member of Little Pilgrims Home Church. He enjoyed fishing when his health allowed, and he had a love of guitars in his younger days. He, at one point, had his own dark room that he would develop his photography in.



James G. Hall

He was a loving grandfather to: Amber, Sean, Joshua and Gordon; and a great-grandfather to: Brooklyn, Bradley, Kaydence and Donovan James, who is due in July.

James is survived by: Beatrice, James R. (Robin) and Trudy; siblings: Jacqualene (Jerald) Hicks of Jerome, Michigan; Denver (Linda) Hall; Ishmael Jr. (Brenda) Hall, both of Morehead Kentucky; Geneva (Kenneth) Hall, of Cynthiana, Kentucky; and Clifford (Connie) Hall of Topmost, Kentucky. He is also survived by: brother-in-law, Virgil Mullins Jr. of Topmost, Kentucky; and sisters-in-law: Leona Hall of LaGrange, Indiana; and Marsha Hall of Topmost, Kentucky. He is also survived by numerous nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, he is preceded in death by: a son, Ervin M. Hall; seven brothers and sisters: Mable Doris Hall, Charles Leon, and Rodney Hall, Norma Jean (Don) Koenig, Rosalee Mullins and Millie Binion; a son-in-law, James Hanners; and a niece, April Dean.

In the words of my Mother:

I will miss him dearly. He was my loving companion for almost 56 years. He loved his kids, grandkids and great-grandkids. On every vacation, we enjoyed being with family and friends. Sleep on my dear husband. One day we will meet again and never part. Love and miss you.

Written by your loving wife and family

From Trudy: You were a great man, Daddy. Your children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren looked up to you. We all love you and will hold all our wonderful and many memories in our hearts forever.

Love you always, your baby girl

I remember when Daddy first got dementia. He couldn't remember which family members had past on. When he first went in the hospital, he would ask questions about them. We would have to tell him if they were deceased or living. He would lay and cry because he couldn't remember things. He told me once that he hoped he didn't forget the Lord. I told him he just might, but the Lord would not forget him.

One day I was sitting by his bed and we started talking about Ervin. He said to me, "Son, where is Ervin? I thought he would be here by now. " I couldn't lie to Dad and I told him, "Daddy, Ervin passed away." He started crying and said, "I hope he got what he needed before he died." I told him he did. I told him about visions Ervin had before he passed away and how he had shortness of breath and he wanted someone to hold his hands. Mommy was on one side and, I think, Joshua on the other. Erv started talking and said, "What are we doing by this river? And look at all those white horses in that pasture!" Then Mommy heard the most wonderful thing of all. He said, "I'm walking on water!" I also told Daddy about when we were taking him to the cemetery and got stopped at the railroad crossing. Ervin loved trains. The train came roaring down the track with the horn blowing. It was as if the world was honoring him one last time. We both started crying. It had to be more than coincidence.

Sometimes Dad would lie in pain and he would call on the Lord to help him. After awhile, he would have a peacefulness come over his face. Dad would often praise the Lord, thanking him for letting him come home from the hospital one more time. As far as I was concerned it was a miracle every time, because I was sure he wouldn't come home.

Just before his death, he had a vision and it made him so happy. He told Mom the Lord was coming to take him home soon. Mom asked him how he knew. He said, "I was shown where he was taking me. It was beautiful!!!" Then my eyes were open wide. I remembered from a longtime ago that the Lord said believe and trust in me and I will never forsake you or leave you. I realized that the Lord was with him the whole time, from the start, to the end of his illness. I wanted to honor father, brother, and the most precious one of all, Jesus. Thank you, Lord.

Written by James R. Hall

## SISTER WANDA LEE HALL

It is with a humble and broken heart that I will try to write the obituary of my precious Mom, Wanda Lee (Allen) Hall. Mom was born September 4th, 1934 to the late Edd and Mallie Allen and passed away May 5th, 2016 at my home where she lived.

Mom married the late Harlos Hall on April 30th, 1951. To this union was born four children: Vanessa (Wayne) Martin of Amherst; Sabrina (David) Burnett of Elyria; Tim (Maryl) Hall of N. Ridgeville; and Eldon Hall, who preceded her in death in 2006. She is survived by one sister, Bonnie Shearer of Columbus; one granddaughter, Melissa Martin; seven step-grandchildren: Dave, Lora, Lynne, Jimmie, Tessa, Michelle and Amanda; six great-grandchildren: Colton, Natalie, Lillian, Thomas, MacKenzie and Jacob. Jacob has spent the last four summers helping to take care of his Granny while he was out of school.

Mom was a member of the Pleasant View Old Regular Baptist Church. She was baptized in 1968 by Elders Jerry Hall and Mitchell Chaffins. She enjoyed going to church as long as she was able.

Mom had a special place in her heart for her granddaughter, Melissa Martin, who was her pride and joy. All she talked about for the last week was being able to see her graduate from college on May 7th. Due to her ailing health, she was not going to be able to attend, so we made plans for her to be able to watch it on the computer. Vanessa had told Mom she would have a much better seat watching it on the computer than they would have being there in person. I feel she now had the best seat in the house.

I was blessed over 10 years ago to marry a special person, Maryl, who with an open heart, has cared for my Mom the past 10 years since the passing of my brother. The last month as Mom began to decline, Mom would tell Maryl, "I do not know what I would do without you." Mom made her promise that she would not let them take her to a nursing home or the hospital and that she wanted to be at home. Maryl kept her promise, and on the morning of May 5th around 11 a.m., Mom passed quietly sitting in her chair. Maryl didn't see them, but the angels were gathered around her to take her home.

A special thanks to my Aunt Lydia who would pick Mom up twice a month and take her to the Pleasant View and Little Edna Churches, and to my Aunt Lorraine (Sissy) whom would talk to her on the phone every morning. Mom will be greatly missed by friends and family, the same. She knew no strangers. There is an empty place in our home now. It is only bye for now, until we meet again.



Sister Wanda Lee Hall

With a broken heart, I love you,  
Your son, Tim

## BUREDA (GREATHOUSE) HICKS

Who can find a virtuous woman? Her price is far above rubies. She perceiveth that her merchandise is good: her candle goeth not out by night. She riseth also while it is yet night, and giveth meat to her household, and a portion to her maidens. She seeketh wool, and flax, and worketh willingly with her hands. Give her the fruit of her hands and let her own works praise her in the gates. Favor is deceitful, and beauty is vain: but a woman that feareth the Lord, she shall be praised. These are just a few verses from Proverbs 31 that mirror image our Mother.



Bureda (Greathouse) Hicks

Bureda Bentley (Greathouse) Hicks exchanged her earthly home for her most glorious home in Heaven one sweet morning in the cool of the day on November 30th, 2015. Mom was sleeping so peaceful and just slipped away as if God was ever so gentle with her. She was adored by the staff who cared for her and always received compliments of how pleasant she was. They told of how she prayed for her children constantly and towards the end of how amazing it was that she was so at peace.

Oh the sweet memories that she leaves us! Memories of the weekends at home when almost all of the 15 children, spouses and grandchildren came in for our family gatherings. Seems like breakfast was just cooked and dinner was started at the same time. The kids played around the old home place while Barb and I were so lucky to get to wash the dishes. Christmases were always the best. How Mom and Dad managed to have such abundant wonderful toys for all of us children were a mystery to me before I grew up. Later I learned that my brother, Clarence, sent money to the little humble coal mining home place of Stampers Branch. In that little Hollow, Mom was held in high esteem for being a good woman and would still be remembered as just that. Memories of Mom working so hard in the garden, in the heat of the day, not allowing us kids in HER garden because we might knock a bloom off a vine which meant a bean was lost. Oh but we got to participate in breaking bushels of beans while she made us laugh and think it was fun. Memories of two stories she told about when their family was young: Mom and Dad were living on a meager coal miner's salary and while doing the best they could, things were still lean at times. Her sister came to visit, and meaning well, she told of all that she was getting her children for Christmas. Mom said to her "God owns the cattle on a thousand hills. If I just have food on the table for my children, then I will be happy". She said God blessed her to shout praises to His name. I can imagine our Aunt was amazed at the power in Mom's humbleness and God's true blessings. Another time in their life she told me of was, when she only had enough gravy to feed the children. She didn't eat so that they may have enough to eat. We had happy times and sad times just as every family experiences. However, we had Mom to pray for us, love us, and protect us. She used to say, "If anyone bothers one of my little ones, I will be like a hen and flog them". Each of us has our own special memories of Mom and her strong will to survive whatever came before her. She would say "God gave me life and I love it"!

Mom was born on August 22nd, 1918 to Sally DeRossett-Bentley, and James Bentley. She married our Dad, Archie Greathouse, and together were blessed to raise a family of 15 children and had one who was stillborn, Joseph. Surviving sons are: Archie, Jimmy, Richard, Forrest, Eddie, and Jerome. Surviving daughters are: Barb Furr, Gert Elliott and Sally Edwards. Deceased sons are: Bobby, Clarence, Johnny, Joseph and Tommy. Deceased daughters are: Beatrice Thornsberry and Debra Cooper. She had four sons and two sons-in-law serve in the military. Three of them served in the Vietnam War, while one was killed in the line of duty.

Mom was married again after Dad's death to Able Tuttle and after his death to Monroe Hicks. She loved both of them and enjoyed the life she lived with each one in the church.

To her faithful son-in-law, Benny, and granddaughter's husband, Bill, you will never know which one she liked the best! To Archie's family, know that she loved each of you but Rocky really was her favorite. To Bob's family, know that she loved to talk about what a beautiful baby Bob was. To Clarence's family, know that she took credit for all the dimples. To Johnny's family, she will be forever famous for her shuck beans, on Christmas Eve, which were made especially for you. To Richard's family, know that she thought your Dad was such a great business man. To Jimmy, she never stopped saying your name. To Tommy's family, know that she thought your Dad was a wonderful singer. To Eddie, know how she admired that you always cooked Sunday dinners for your family. To Jerome, know that you probably got your love of pickled corn from Mom. To Forrest, know that she always thought you were the innocent one. Now for the girls, she made all our dresses from scratch, without a pattern, and they were absolutely beautiful! For the longest time Beatrice and Mom were more like sisters than Mother and Daughter. Barb was the helper in time of sickness and my co-cleaning lady for Mom. I was privileged to walk with Mom for 40 years in the church. Not long before she passed she told me that she was going away and I would have to carry on. I remember being afraid to have to pick up the torch and go on without Mom because I felt unworthy to follow in her footsteps. To Debbie's family, know that Mom loved her unconditionally. Debbie moved in with Mom and gave her many years of companionship. Sally was named after Mom's Mother. She was and always will be the baby of the family. Mom would always say, "I am so proud of my family"! One of her last requests was, "Make sure you put my family's picture on display at my funeral". Yes, she was still being Mom and still telling us what to do.

Mom was baptized when she was a very young woman by Elder Hawk Moore and Elder Wayne Harold. She joined the Old Regular Baptist Church at Steels Creek, Kentucky, until moving her membership to the Little Rebecca Church in Plymouth, Ohio during the 1970's. Mom never swayed from her love of the Lord. She didn't care who knew she was a praying woman and one who sought the love and blessings of God. Her faith was made of steel, her love of God was never ending, and her life was a testimony of how a Child of God survives in an unfriendly world. How fortunate we were to have had such a strong saintly Mother, Grandmother and Great-Grandmother! We would all do well to follow in her footsteps.

Yes, her price is far above rubies for who could ever fill her place in our hearts?

With Precious Memories of our Mother,  
Daughter, Gert Elliott

### GROVER HOLBROOK

On January 28, 2016, our father, Grover Holbrook, went to be with the Lord. Born November 5, 1926 in Jacks Creek, Kentucky to Cleve and Mary (Adams) Holbrook. He was the youngest of eleven. All of his brothers and sisters have gone on to be with the Lord.

He is survived by, the Love of his Life, his wife of 67 years, Wanda (Belcher) Holbrook. To this union they had three children: Linda (deceased), Phyllis and Terry. Four grandchildren of who called him Poppy: Fawn, Jeremy, Stephanie and Crystal. Dad loved his family but one of his greatest joys the last six years were his seven great-grandchildren that he called his babies. There was a special bond he had with each one. Our loss is Heaven's gain.

Dad was the finest example of a Christian. He never spoke bad about anyone, never gossiped, worked hard all his life without complaining, didn't argue or raise his voice. But most of all he loved the Lord and loved his church, Little Ida. He joined the church in 1964 and served as a deacon since 1965.



Grover Holbrook

He will be missed by all that knew and loved him. The one thing that Dad wanted to share with everyone was his love for the Lord. He wanted everyone to have the love of Jesus and peace in their heart that he had. Dad called me to sit by his side so that he could share a dream he had and write it down as he felt the Lord gave him to share. Sis, put this in my obituary for everyone to read. Lord knows I will never have these words spoke again calling me "Sis". I miss our talks and our walks together. Till we meet again.

Written by his loving Wife and family

### **The Message from Grover's Dream**

I woke up one morning with this on my mind...

I'd rather have Jesus down in my soul

I'd rather have Jesus than a house of gold

The house of gold will melt away

But the Love of Jesus will never fade away

The Love of Jesus will take you to Heaven

To a mansion he built for you and me

I can take Jesus by his nail scarred hand and

Walk down the streets of gold

I'd rather have Jesus than a house of gold

So lost world get ready to go

Jesus is knocking at your door

Open up your Heart and let Jesus come in

He will take you to that Mansion he

Built for you.

*This is my prayer for you*

*Grover Holbrook*

*John 14:1-3*

### **TONDALA HUDDLESTON**

With a sad and broken heart I'll try to write an obituary of a precious mother, a blessed wife and friend, Tondala Huddleston. She was a constant source of strength and inspiration. Even in her weakest moments, the strength of her faith was made manifest. Tonda was born on November 5th, 1949 and entered her eternal rest on February 6th, 2016. Making her stay here only 66 short years. She was born of Elder Covis and Sister Ruth Tackett. Tonda was blessed with one son, Jeff Tackett and one daughter, Vanessa Johnson. She leaves behind in this troubled world, her husband of 41 years, Albert Huddleston; her son, Jeff (Sue) Tackett; and her daughter, Vanessa (Gayle) Johnson. She also leaves five grandchildren: Justin (Erin) Camilleri, Kyle Camilleri, Carolyn Tackett, Brandi Tackett and Bradley Williamson; as well as, five great-grandchildren: Jay, Jordyn, Riley, Gabby and Desiree. Also a host of friends. She is preceded in death by her parents, Elder Covis and Ruth Tackett and one grandson, Jeffrey Williamson.



**Tondala Huddleston**

As years passed she realized there was a void, something missing in her life. She sought and found Grace in the eyes of the Lord. Tonda came forth and gave her hand to the Morning Star Church and was baptized in April 1979 where she remained a loyal and faithful member until her passing.

The scripture says, "Who can find a virtuous woman? For her price is far above rubies." Tonda lived her faith. She bore her affliction with much patience. Through all her sufferings she never complained. She took every day, every setback in stride always holding firm to the hand of her Savior. As it is written, "The eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous, and his ears are open unto their cry." Her walk rang louder than any words that could ever be spoken. She fought a good fight, she has finished her course, and she kept the faith. Hence forth there is a crown laid up for her. In the early morning hours of Saturday, February 6th the angels slipped unnoticed into her room gathered her robe around her and gently conveyed her spirit home. Mom was not only a wonderful mother but an amazing woman, a beautiful lady, inside and out, a Christian whose light shined so bright. She was a best friend but always a mom first. In our eyes there was no one better and we were so very blessed to of had her as our mom.

I sat by her that night holding her hand praying God's mercy be upon her not to suffer anymore if that be His will. When I raised my head and looked at her, the steady way she had been breathing for many hours began to slow. I saw a vision above her. She was wearing a long flowing white gown and she had long brown wavy hair that looked like it did before sickness and medication had caused her to loose so much of it. She looked at me while floating upwards towards Heaven. She never spoke but I know that look was simply saying "I'm going home now" and within a few short minutes she just stopped breathing. Part of you will remain with us always. You can rest for now beneath the alter of God waiting for that glamorous day.

Thank you for the stones you piled up along the way. Thank you for the love and kindness you gave your family, your Brothers and Sisters in Christ and your dear friends. There are no words to describe how deeply you are missed. Sleep for now. It is never goodbye, just see you later.

Written by her broken-hearted daughter, Vanessa Johnson,  
and her Brother in Christ, Elder Danny Adams

### **BERTHA J. HYLTON**

With loving memories, we write this obituary celebrating the life of Bertha Hylton with the help of the good Lord. Bertha, or Mamall as we called her, was called home to be with the Lord on May 30, 2013, surrounded by her loved ones at the time of her passing. While we rejoice in her being called up to be with the Lord, our hearts are filled with sadness as we cherish her memory.

Bertha was born on March 15, 1935 in Pikeville, Kentucky, the daughter of Ellis Damron and Clittie Jean Newsome. Besides her parents, Bertha was preceded in death by her son, George E. Hylton; and her sister, Molly Henry. Bertha will always be lovingly remembered by her husband, George, whom she married June 19, 1953. She was a kind homemaker, who lovingly cared for her three children, and who later enjoyed spending time with her five grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren.



**Bertha J. Hylton**

She always lived her life for the Lord and at the age of 38 years old, she joined the Old Regular Baptist Church on October 14, 1973. She was baptized by Elder Ivan J. Ambgery and Elder Jessie Pack at the Lily of the Valley Church of Geneva, Ohio. She followed in the footsteps of her Husband, George Hylton, who at age 41, was baptized on August 15, 1971 by Elder Chester Newsome and Elder Willie Cantrell at the Lily of the Valley Church. Bertha loved her Brothers and Sisters of the church dearly and served beside them for nearly 40 years. We fondly remember playing games together and always "cutting up" while celebrating birthdays and holidays together, which is something we will sadly miss. To Bertha's family and friends

who wish to see her again, she would want you to know you must be born again, for to accept Jesus Christ as your personal Savior is the only way to ensure the Kingdom of Heaven. Mamall always loved the Twenty-Third Psalm: "The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: He leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake... Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: For thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over... Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: And I will dwell in the House of the Lord forever."

Lovingly prepared by her grandson and Brother in Christ,  
Michael J. Witt Jr. and her Granddaughter, Belinda J. Witt

### CARL GENE JOSEPH

Carl Gene Joseph, age 74, went home to be with the Lord on June 14, 2016. At the Community Hospital in Munster, Indiana, after a brief illness with his loving family by his side. Carl Gene was born on June 6, 1942 to Luther and Sadie Joseph. He married the love of his life, Patricia (Cotton) Joseph, on July 26, 1982.

Carl Gene was preceded in death by his parents, Luther and Sadie Joseph; siblings: Eugene, Edith and Ronnie. He is survived by his loving wife of 33 years, Patricia (Cotton) Joseph; his children: Tammy (Dan) Feess, Dorothy Barbour, Rudy (Nicole) Djordjevich, David (Trina) Joseph, Maria (John) Casey, Helen Bowling, Danny (Crystal) Djordevich, and Mark Joseph. 20 grandchildren, six great-grandchildren; brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Joseph.

Carl Gene was a member of the Little Ellen Old Regular Baptist Church in Alsip, Illinois. He really enjoyed going to church and visiting the sister churches. He was an automobile parts driver at Broadway Auto in Gary, Indiana.

Carl Gene will be deeply missed by his loving family, church family and precious friends.

Written by The Family



Carl Gene Joseph

### ED H. MCGLOTHLIN

April 13, 1927 - December 30, 2015

Ed H. McGlothlin, 88, of Vermilion, Ohio, died Wednesday, December 30, 2015 at Kingston of Vermilion after a lengthy illness.

He was born April 13, 1927, in Grundy, Virginia and had been a Vermilion resident for the past 53 years moving from Virginia.

He was a Veteran of the US Army, serving in Germany during WWII.

Ed worked for Ford Motor Company as an assembler, retiring in 1991. After he retired from Ford, Ed worked at Giant Eagle in Vermilion for 15 years.

He was a member of Little Edna Old Regular Baptist Church, Lorain, Ohio, Ely Lodge #424, and Local Union #425.

He enjoyed vegetable gardening, fishing, and hunting. He was very social and enjoyed being around people. He also enjoyed volunteering at the Food Pantry in Elyria.

He is survived by his wife of 67 years, Myrtle McGlothlin (nee Deel); sons: Ronnie E. (Jean) McGlothlin and Tommy C. McGlothlin, both of Vermilion; three grandchildren, seven



Ed H. McGlothlin

great-grandchildren; sister, Nellie Street of Grundy, Virginia; half-brother, Frank McGlothlin of Grundy, Virginia; and half-sister, Edie Ruth Justice of Grundy, Virginia.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Howard and Jenny (nee Looney) McGlothlin; his step-mother, Pearl (nee Dales) McGlothlin; and several brothers and sisters.

His funeral was Tuesday, January 5, 2016 at the Riddle Funeral Home in Vermilion from 2 to 3 p.m. with Elder Larry Newsome officiating. Graveside services followed at 3:30 p.m. at Maple Grove Cemetery. Military honors were performed by the Vermilion Veterans Council.

May God bless and comfort the McGlothlin family. They are in our thoughts and prayers.

This tribute was prepared by,  
his family and Elder Larry and Patsy Newsome

### **ALBERT JACKSON OSBORNE**

Albert Jackson Osborne, 85, of Wilkesville, Ohio passed away Sunday, July 3, 2016 at Cabell Huntington Hospital in Huntington, West Virginia. He was born July 15, 1930 in Wales, Kentucky, son of the late Oscar and Sophronia Gilliam Osborne. Albert was married to Mary Bradford Osborne for 68 years, who survives. He is also survived by three sons: Alan, Christopher and Matthew; as well as grandchildren: Adam and Dalton; and great-grandchild, Alaina. In addition to his parents, Albert was preceded in death by his brother, Oscar Eugene Osborne.



Albert Jackson Osborne

Albert was a retired Journeyman Electrician, who built the family's first television. He ran a T.V. repair shop for 30 years, and he also worked at Vernays for 30 years in Yellow Springs, Ohio. He was a Marine Veteran of the Korean Conflict. Albert was an Ordained Minister in the Old Regular Baptist Church, and at the time of his death he was Assistant Moderator at Maggie's Home Old Regular Baptist Church in Dundas, Ohio where he served faithfully for many years. Even in failing health he rarely ever missed going to church. Albert was a man who never quit on anything he started. He will be very much missed by those who knew and loved him, especially his beloved wife, Mary.

Written by his broken-hearted wife and Sister in Christ,  
Mary Osborne

### **GENEVA PARRIGAN**

Geneva Parrigan, age 81, of Plymouth, Ohio passed away on Friday, February 19, 2016 at her home. Born in the small town of McDowell, in Floyd County, Kentucky to Jim and Esta Mae (Moore) Blanton on July 20th, 1934. Our wonderful loving mother finally was granted her wish when God took her to Heaven to be with our Father and her precious husband, Leon Parrigan, who passed away nine years ago.



Geneva Parrigan

Mom and Dad were definitely "sole mates" who were married at very young tender ages but had a wonderful life together for 56 and ½ years before Dad went to be with God in his Heavenly Home. Mom was so lonely and lost without Dad and prayed often to go be with him. She finally was granted her wish. With her four daughters surrounding her bed, holding her hands and telling her how much they loved her, Mom slipped into Jesus's arms and was peacefully taken to be reunited with her loving husband in Heaven. When Mom ascended into Heaven she had a smile on her face.

Mom was a devout Christian and brought up her children in a religious home. She was a member of the Little Rebecca Church for more than fifty years. She was steadfast in her religion and never changed with the times. Mom and Dad always took us to church on Sunday. They believed that no matter how far their children strayed, they would always come back to God and practice what they were taught in their childhood and they were right.

Leaving to mourn our mother were five living children: Kathy (Tim) Kilgore in Willard; Deborah Bowling in Mansfield; Patricia (Harold) Greer in Indiana; Dona (Edward) Wolfgang and Terry Leon Parrigan in Plymouth. She had ten living grandchildren: Billy J. Collins Jr. in Ashland; Carrie Greer in Indiana; Jamie Wolfgang in Plymouth; Sara and Chad Bowling in Mansfield; Krystal Parrigan in New York; Terry Leon Parrigan Jr. in Georgia; Brandon (Brandy) Parrigan in Plymouth; Kayla Stephens in Florida; and her little princess, Vanessa Parrigan in Shelby. She also had six great-grandchildren with one more due in September and six great-great-grandchildren; four sisters and one brother: Jim (Kaye) Blanton in Circleville; JoAnn (Wayne) Rausch in Dublin; Lori (Danny) Slone in Shelby; Carol Green in Texas; Juanita (Bill) Hoover in Amanda; two brothers-in-law: Ralph Burns in Circleville and Samuel Parrigan in Shelby; numerous nieces and nephews and many relatives and friends stretched across the land.

In addition to her loving husband, Leon, mom was preceded in death by a twin son, Timothy Lee Parrigan of Plymouth; one granddaughter, Gennifer Collins of Willard; one grandson, Bradley Scott Collins of Mansfield; one great-grandson, Joshua Collins of Attica; one sister, Bethel Burns of Circleville; two sisters-in-law, Beulah Combs and Goldie Parrigan of Shelby; two brothers-in-law, David Greene of Texas and Paul Smallwood of Circleville.

In addition to serving God, mom liked to sew, crochet, quilt and cook. No one ever left mom's house hungry. Her hospitality skills were perfect and I'm sure she will be missed by many.

Thank God for Heartland Hospice and the nurses and aide that helped with mom the last few weeks she was here on earth. The service they provided was excellent and they were always just a phone call away.

My parents were the best, most loving parents. My sister, Debbie, and I used to stay all night with mom and dad and dad would sing old hymns to us and explain different scriptures in the Bible.

I worked third shift at the local hospital being a Registered Nurse in the Emergency Room. My dad would call me at 7:45 am to come over for breakfast. He would call my other sisters and my two brothers and tell us mom was fixing biscuits and gravy so we'd better hurry. I do believe that mom and dad would've let all their children move back home if we would. I hope my children love me as much as I loved my parents.

With Love in the Lord,  
Kathy Kilgore

## LUSTER PRATER

Luster Prater, 85, of McArthur, Ohio, passed away Sunday August 2, 2015 at Clinton Memorial Hospital in Wilmington, Ohio. He was born September 30, 1929 in Pikeville, Kentucky, son of the late Perry and Bessie Robinson Prater. Luster was married to the late Lois Coleman Prater. He retired from Austin Powder Company in McArthur and was a member of the Maggie's Home Church in Dundas, Ohio. Luster was a man firm in his faith and love. He never feared, never complained, he was strong and kind, smiling at everyone to the end. He never knew a stranger. With open arms and a smile on his face, he greeted everyone and made them feel like family. He was focused on the one thing that really matters in life, relationships. Luster brought joy to those around him and he leaves behind a remarkable legacy.



Luster Prater

Luster is survived by his sons: Ron (Jody) Prater of Mobile, Alabama and Randall (Nola Young) Prater of McArthur; daughters: Sharon (Gary) Kersey of Wilmington, Ohio and Lucy (Greg) Peck of Rogers, Arkansas; several grandchildren and several great-grandchildren. In addition to his parents and wife, he was preceded in death by his daughters: Karen Prater and Brenda Prater Paige; sister, Bonnie Adkins and brothers: Charles E. and Harold D. Prater.

Written by his children

## ELDER RAYMOND STAPLETON

With a very sad heart I will try to write the obituary of Brother Raymond Stapleton, who passed away Monday, May 23, 2016 at his home. He was born August 14, 1950 in Logan, West Virginia and was preceded in death by his parents, Damon and Evelyn Stapleton. He married the "Love of his Life", Jessie Jaree Maynard, on September 15, 1967 and to this union they were blessed with one very devoted daughter (Jacquelin).



Elder Raymond Stapleton

Raymond was a retired coal miner. He worked for Southern Ohio Coal Company for 28 years. He loved to farm and raised cattle until his cancer finally made him unable to do so. Brother Raymond was a member of the Little Ruth Old Regular Baptist Church in Morengo, Ohio. He joined on June 16, 1974 at the Little Flock Church in Ray, Ohio. In August of 1984, he was ordained as an Old Regular Baptist Minister.

Survived by: his daughter, Jacquelin (Doug) Roberge of Vinton, Ohio; Grandchildren: Andrew (Julie) Davis of Wellston, Ohio; Jessica (Andrew) Mulhern of McArthur, Ohio; Deven (John) Kramer of Laurelville, Ohio; Great-grandchildren: Baylee Davis, Michael Hunter Mulhern, Weston Mulhern, Cameron Kramer; Sisters: Sharon (Kelly) Spencer of Dayton, Ohio; Kathy Back of Rio Grande, Ohio; Judy (Doug) Bird of Wellston, Ohio; Mother-in-law, Lucy Maynard of Vinton, Ohio; Sisters-in-law: Edith (Don) Doles and Jo (Tony) Adkins both of Vinton, Ohio.

In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by his father-in-law, Jesse Maynard; sister-in-law, Barbara Stiffler; and brother-in-law, George Speakman.

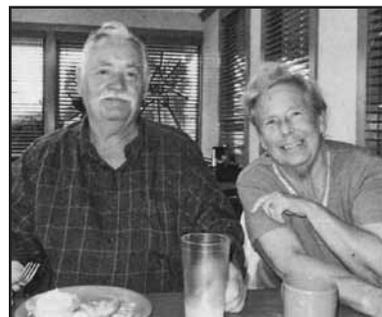
Brother Raymond was such a kindhearted Brother. He was always there to lend a helping hand. He loved to go to church near or far. It really bothered him when his illness kept him from doing so. He bore his illness with great patience and humbleness. In our talks he told me numerous times how much he loved this old time way. He loved to talk about the Lord and His ways.

The church and our community has lost a great man. I believe with everything in me that he is in a better place where there is no pain or sorrow. He will be greatly missed by all that knew and loved him

Written by,  
Floyd Newsome

### **SISTER PHYLLIS SUE TRIPLETT**

I will try to write an obituary of my Sister in the Lord and my natural sister. Phyllis Sue (Wicker) Triplett was born in Floyd County, Kentucky to the late Hager and Mable (Watts) Wicker on March 24th, 1947 and left this earth to be with the Lord on June 14, 2015. Phyllis joined the Eternal Rose Church while it was being held in the home of Elder Raymond and Sister Magdline Gayheart.



**Sister Phyllis Sue Triplett**

Sister Phyllis traveled as often as possible until her health failed and she no longer was able to make the trip from Southern Ohio to Nashville, Ohio to attend church. Sister Phyllis will be missed by her husband, Brennon Triplett, who were wed for 50 years. Also her children: Bryan (Vicki) Triplett, Tammy (Triplett) Jeff Goebel, Brett (Angie) Triplett, and Nick Triplett. Her grandchildren, who she was Maw to: Chelsey Triplett; Logan and Lauren Goebel; Brandon and Ashley Triplett; also many nieces and nephews and their children. Sister Phyllis is also survived by siblings: Shirley (Bob) Triplett, Jean Nipper, Robert Dewey Wicker, Mary (Kenneth) Slone, Mable Doris (Cleveland) Dye, Edward Wicker; sister-in-law, Joyce Wicker.

Siblings that preceded Sister Phyllis in death were Coley Wicker, Kelly Wicker and his wife, Brenda. Six months after her death we lost another sister, Sister Magdline Gayheart. Rest on dear Sister your labor is done on this earth until we see you on the other side.

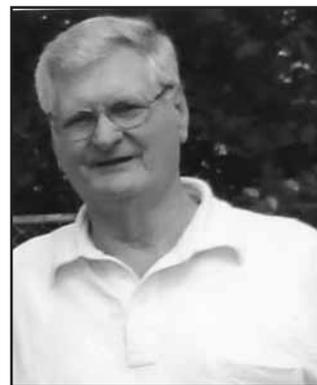
Written by your Sister,  
Mary Slone

### **OTIS L. TUTTLE**

Otis L. Tuttle, 79, of Bucyrus, Ohio, went to be with the Lord March 12, 2016. Otis was born May 18, 1936 to the late LC and Goldie Tuttle in Sizemore, Kentucky. Otis married Brenda Manuel August 15, 1959 leading them to 56 wonderful years.

Otis was preceded in death by his parents; brothers: Odell and Ronnie Tuttle; step-mother, Mabel Tuttle; and father and mother-in-law, Manor and Fannie Manuel. Otis graduated from McDowell High School in 1956.

Otis is survived by wife, Brenda Tuttle; sons: Ken (Anissa) Tuttle and Jeff (Dorothy Williams) Tuttle; brothers: Donald (Alice) Tuttle, Garnett (Loretta) Tuttle, and Gary Tuttle; sister, May Zada Hall; grandkids: Daniel (Michelle) Tuttle; Austin, Alex and Maggie Tuttle; great-granddaughter, Izzy Tuttle; as well as many nieces, nephews, brothers and sisters-in-law.



**Otis L. Tuttle**

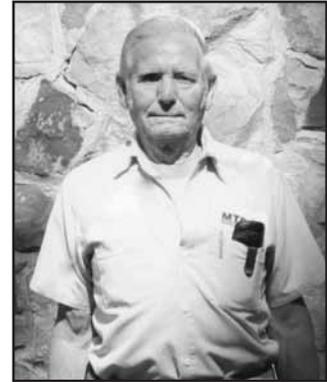
Otis had a passion for watching the Kentucky Wildcats. He also enjoyed spending as much time with the grandkids as he could. He would even take them on fishing trips with him, another favorite pastime of his. Otis also attended Little Rebecca Church in Plymouth, Ohio, having joined the church in April of 1968.

Written by, his loving wife, Brenda  
and sons, Jeff and Ken

## DONALD R. VANDERPOOL

As I sit down to write, it is with a prayer in my heart that the God of our Salvation would bare me up once again and that God would bless me on this sad day with comforting words to write this obituary of our beloved brother.

Donald R. Vanderpool, 87, of 34 Brooks Ct., Plymouth, Ohio went home to be with the Lord on Tuesday morning, December 15, 2015, at the Med Central Hospital, Mansfield, Ohio. He was born July 9th, 1928 in Floyd County, Kentucky to Newton and Ethel (Lawson) Vanderpool. He had lived in Plymouth most of his life. Don worked at Fate Root Heath Company until he was seriously injured in a truck accident which left him partially disabled. He was a World War II Veteran. He worked on the rescue squad and rode with the Huron County Sheriff's office.



Donald R. Vanderpool

He is survived by his four children: one son, Denny Vanderpool (Jayne); three daughters: Brenda Bailey (Donnie), Kimberly Vanderpool, and Cheryl Atkins (Danny). Don had eight grandchildren and fourteen great-grandchildren. He is also survived by three brothers: Roy, Ray and Larry; and three sisters: Ellaree, Sue and Joanne.

He was preceded in death by our parents, Newton and Ethel Lawson Vanderpool; three brothers: Bobby Jay, Billy and Jimmy. Don was a member of the Old Stone Coal Church of the Old Regular Baptist in Garrett, Floyd County, Kentucky.

We should not be saddened by our brothers passing but rather in knowing that the sting of death awaits each of us that remaineth here on earth, for I believe our brother received that which he prayed so hard for and though God called our brother home, Don left a light for all to see. Realizing no words can bring him back to you children, I can with words tell you that you can go to where I feel our Brother is resting. For God said I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. Jesus in the beginning through his love and mercy reached down and picked our brothers feet up out of the miry clay and set his feet on a rock, and in the end the Angels laid our brother in the arms of Jesus and Jesus laid our brother down in the Paradise of God to rest for a little while. Don't let the world tell you that all you have to do is believe and accept Jesus and that you'll be OK, for Satan believed and trembled. You must be born again through Christ Jesus our Lord if you ever want to see Heaven. Children as I close I want to beg you to examine your hearts to see if you are living a life that Jesus will accept or will you be one to hear the declaration Depart from me ye workers of iniquity, I never knew you in the pardon and remission of sin, the saddest words that will ever be spoken.

Written with a heart full of love,  
Elder Ray Vanderpool

## IRA WILLIAMS

Its with a heavy heart that I try to write an eulogy of my loving father, Ira Williams.

Dad was born September 11, 1924, to the late John and Draxie Hopkins Williams at Pikeville, Kentucky. My dad was the second oldest of fourteen children. Ten brothers and sisters who preceded him in death. There are three children remaining: Mary Ann Faye Keen; Sammy Jr. Williams; and Dock Edward Williams.

My father passed away Friday, May 8th, 2015 at Breaks, Virginia at the age of 91 and was buried at the Annie Young Cemetery, Shelbiana, Kentucky while the bagpipes played "Amazing Grace", and the DAV Chapter 104 performed Military Rites with a prayer and a 21 gun salute and the flag that was draped over the coffin was presented to me.



Ira Williams

Dad served in the US Army, a World War II Veteran, stationed in the Luzon Islands. He was wounded and suffered from malaria. He received several medals, including the Purple Heart.

My dad met and fell in love with Ruby Robinson, the daughter of Adam and Spicy Damron Robinson, of Greasy Creek, Kentucky. They were married on May 16th, 1945 in Pikeville, Kentucky. Ira and Ruby lived on Town Mountain Road in Pikeville, Kentucky in a log cabin, where I (Drucilla Williams Styles) was born. Times were hard and he had to move his family to Ohio to find work. He settled in Akron, Ohio. He found a job at Babcock & Wilcox Co., in Barberton, Ohio, where he worked for 20 years, 10 of those years was full time in construction. He later became an engineer and worked until 1984, when he retired the first time.

My parents had been attending the Old Regular Baptists Churches in Ohio, and on November 14th, 1965, mother joined and was baptized at the Little Rebecca Church in Ohio, dad was so happy, he ran into the water and carried mother in his arms to the shore, he then went into the water shouting, as the Brothers grabbed his jacket and watch. I saw my mother baptized but everyone went running toward the water when dad went in and I didn't see him baptized, but I saw him coming out of the water where mother and everyone met him hugging and kissing him. I remember them singing and shouting with pure joy. It was heaven on earth that day.

In 1984, my grandfather Williams, called and wanted us to come and visit. Once there he asked daddy if we would move back home and help him. My dad said, his exact words were, "Son if I ever needed you, I need you now." For my grandmother had Alzheimer's and he wasn't able to care for her by himself anymore. My parents talked it over and decided, after 30 years in Ohio, to move back to Kentucky to help.

On August 1st, 1986 they moved their church membership letters from Little Rebecca, in Ohio, to Greasy Creek Old Regular Baptist Church where they remained until their deaths. He was ordained as a deacon at Greasy and also served as a borrowed member and deacon at other churches that needed him.

My dad was in the church for 49 ½ years and mother for almost 30 years. They celebrated their 50th year anniversary May 16, 1995. On July 13, 1995, at the age of 69, just 26 days shy of her 70th birthday a massive heart attack took her away from dad, after that dad did his best to be mother and father. I know they both were a shining light to me and they devoted their lives caring for me and for others. Even before their lives changes, people would come to them for help, or they would go to them to take food, money, clothes or to just say a kind word. They always had a smile for everyone.

I have wonderful memories of my father and mother and my hope is to be half as kind as they were. Their memories will help to guide my life and help fill my lonely hours and for that I thank God.

I hope to attend "God's reunion" with family and friends.

His loving daughter,  
Drucilla Williams Styles

It is an honor for me to be asked to say a few words about Brother Ira, although Drucilla has already said it better than I could. I can only endorse what has already been said. But I knew Brother Ira for many years, I cut his hair and went to the funeral home and gave his last haircut. In our conversations I learned of his great love for his God, his church, and his family, for we had many discussions about many things, I knew when the church had any problems, he hurt and often expressed his desire for peace and love for one another.

Brother Ira was a beacon and gave a light for anyone to see, he was like the lamp lighter, he spread light wherever he went. He often expressed how thankful he was that God had blessed him with health enough to live to be 91 years old.

Brother Ira wasn't only a friend to God and the church, he loved his animals, for I know that many a stray cat was fed at his motel, and when he would come to get a haircut he would always have to take Chip, (my dog) for a walk and bring him treats.

The Bible says that the sleep of a laboring man is sweet, thus I am sure that he is sleeping that sweet sleep until the Lord will ransom him from the grave to take him home to where the Angels sing.

Sleep well Brother, God knows where you are.

Written by,  
Brother Roby Raines

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

### **DINIAH TACKETT COMPTON**

With much sadness and prayer and the Lord to guide me, I will try to write the obituary of my beloved sister, Diniah Tackett Compton, for her son, Quentin Compton. I was to say I am really honored to have been asked to do this.

She was the daughter of Eli and Hilza Tackett, who preceded her in death, along with 22 brothers and sisters. Left to mourn her loss is her son, Danville Quentin, better known as Danny Compton; one brother, Eli Vernon Tackett, Standford, Kentucky; two sisters: Nova Bostic, Pikeville, Kentucky, and Delilah Akers, Pikeville, Kentucky. She was married to Johnny Compton, who preceded her in death also.

She resided in Ecorse, Michigan where she lived her life and made many friends. She was a sweet and loving person and everyone that knew her loved her. She never attached herself to the church but told some beautiful experiences that she had with the Lord. She told me about shaking hands with Jesus and getting on His train going to Heaven and the Gates were open and Angels were waiting to welcome her home. She told me many more good experiences but I would not have space to put them on paper, but I feel that Diniah is resting in Paradise waiting to get on that train with



Diniah Tackett Compton

our Lord and to see her son, Quentin, who I saw and heard him tell her, his mommy, I will meet you in Heaven. Baby, you will have to repent to be reborn again in order to keep your promise to your wonderful mother.

Sis, we miss you, and you will always live on in our hearts and our memories. May God bless us all to live the good life that we feel she did. We can all meet in Heaven where we won't have to part anymore.

May God bless and keep us all in love and peace until we all meet in Heaven with our Lord Jesus and we can praise Him forever.

Written by her sister, at the request of her son, Danville Quentin Compton,  
Delilah Akers

### KYLE STEPHEN FORGEY

January 26, 1984 - April 30, 2016

"To everyone who's lost someone they love  
Long before it was their time  
You feel like the days you had were not enough  
When you said goodbye  
And to all of the people with burdens and pains  
Keeping you back from your life  
You believe that there's nothing and there is no one  
Who can make it right  
There is hope for the helpless  
Rest for the weary  
Love for the broken heart  
There is grace and forgiveness  
Mercy and healing  
He'll meet you wherever you are  
Cry out to Jesus, Cry out to Jesus"

*Third Day*



Kyle Stephen Forgey

Kyle, my nephew, passed from this world on April 30, 2016. He was the son of Stephen (Gege) Forgey, and the grandson of Brother Hank and Sister Dallie Forgey, members of the Little Flock Church. Kyle was a competitive, outstanding athlete. He loved Michigan football and was an avid hunter. He was more at peace in the woods with his dad, than any place this earth could offer. He was kind and full of charm. Kyle struggled with many things in his life, but one aspect that never waivered was his love for his family. He gave the warmest hugs, and he always shared jokes with his cousins. The Kyle that I knew and loved will always remain in my heart. The world offers great sadness, but our memories of the ones we love stand strong forever.

With a broken heart,  
Dianna (Forgey) Eiring

## ELSIE HALE

July 20, 1932 - October 6, 2015

Elsie Hale, age 83, of Brown City, Michigan passed away after an extended illness Tuesday, October 6, 2015 in Lapeer. Elsie Maynard was born July 20, 1932 in Goody, Kentucky. She was the daughter of Ken and Beatrice Maynard. She grew up in Kentucky. Her family moved to Michigan. Elise married Lacy Hale on July 3, 1947. They lived in Warren and New Haven. Lacy died on July 11, 1993. She was married to Willis Homer on September 4, 2012. They have lived in Brown City for the last few years. Elsie was a homemaker.

Surviving are: her husband, Homer Willis of Brown City, Michigan; her daughter, Vanessa (Dean) Smiley of Lapeer; her sons: David (Sandra) Hale of Algonac, Michigan; and Larry (Vickie) Hale of Rochester Hills. Also surviving are her grandchildren: Jamie, Regina, Kimberly, David, Michael, Wendy, Brian and Lori. She was preceded in death by: a son, Edward Hale (age 2 years); her parents, Ken and Beatrice Maynard; brothers: Lloyd Maynard and Delmar Maynard.



Elsie Hale

## SYLVIA B. HICKS

February 25, 1926 - July 16, 2016

It is with great sadness and pride, that I will try to write an obituary worthy of our mother and with the Lord's help, I will. On February 25, 1926 in Knott County, Kentucky was born a daughter to the late Nathaniel and Rosie Bolen. Her dad ran and owned a general store in Rockport, Kentucky, close to Mousie and Hindman. She would help her daddy by helping out at the store as she was growing up.

On February 11, 1947, she married our father, the late Elder Joshua Hicks, of the Old Regular Baptist of Jesus Christ. He passed on July 18, 2001. Those who went to church knew our father therefore they knew our mother. She always would have something fixed to eat and a place to stay overnight.

Mother would always try to make it to church when she was able and always try and be there early to get a good seat and to listen to the singing. It always took a weight off my chest to hear the songs also. Mom raised eight of us together and she did good at that. We lost our sister, Bonnie, in 2008 to cancer. She passed away at the Pickering House. Mom lost her two brothers and one sister: June, Edison, and Ford Bolen of Jackson, Ohio. Her sister, Judy Thomas, is the lone one left, she will live at the home in Jackson.

When daddy passed, mommy started quilting. Every one of them was beautiful and there was a lot.

Her other children living are: Donald and Liz Hicks of Jackson, Ohio; Ronald and Theresa Hicks of Lancaster, Ohio; Connie and Russ Bennett of Amanda, Ohio; Paul and Sheila Hicks of Lancaster, Ohio; Sharon and Tim Binkly of Lancaster, Ohio; Scott Hicks and Robin Watkins of Columbus, Ohio; and Michael and Sherrie Hicks of Amanda, Ohio.

Our mother had 15 grandchildren and 40 great-grandchildren. Our mommy was a kind and gentle person and was always caring and good to people. Our mother went to the Pickering House on Monday, July 11, 2016. On Wednesday night, my wife, Sheila spent the night with mommy. On Thursday morning, I called off work to see mom. She said to me, "I'll be going home Saturday." My wife spent Friday night with mommy again. I got up Saturday morning and was five minutes away when my wife called me and told me, Mother had passed away. It



Sylvia B. Hicks

was exactly one year ago that Sheila lost her dad there. I can't say it enough that I'm very proud of her for being there and helping me take care of my mother for the last few years. She's just like my mother was, always there for you, no matter what.

Mom was right when she told me that she was going home on that Saturday, makes us all think, get it right, by doing right.

Our family would like to thank all of her friends, family, and our churches of the Old Regular Baptist for their prayers and friendship. I'll see you all at church.

Written by son,  
Paul Hicks

### **SHELBY JEAN JAGERSKI**

It is with a sad and broken heart, and with the help of the Lord that I will try to write an obituary of my dear sweet cousin, Shelby Jean Jagerski. Shelby was born September 16, 1938 in Pike County, Kentucky. After spending her early years in Kentucky, and graduating from Virgie High School, she moved to Columbus, Ohio to find her work. Needless to say she spent the rest of her life there. Shelby and I were very close; more like sisters than cousins. She moved in with me and we spent the last four years of her life together. We did everything and went everywhere together. She loved going to church, and we traveled to many different churches. The last year of her life her health was so bad it made it difficult for her to go anywhere. I would get up to get ready for church and she would say, "I wish I could go with you." She missed going so much. Shelby entered the hospital the last week of January 2016 and on February 7th the Lord called her home. Making her stay here on earth 77 years, 4 months, and 22 days.



Shelby Jean Jagerski

Preceding her in death was her parents, Wheeler (Alpha Jones) Moore; and her son, Dwayne Jagerski. Left to mourn her loss is: one son, Charles (Catrina) Jagerski of Columbus, Ohio; and one brother, Lowell (Emma Sue) Moore of Lexington, Kentucky; two grandsons; two granddaughters; and five great-granddaughters. Shelby will be sadly missed by all those who knew and loved her. I miss her so much, but I have hope that I will meet her again one day.

Written by her broken-hearted cousin,  
Sister Faye Stewart

### **NAVIONA (BEVERLY) JORDAN**

Naviona (Beverly) Jordan, age 78, resident of Plymouth, Ohio went home to be with the Lord, October 14, 2015 at Riverside Medical Center in Columbus, Ohio.

She was born on March 12, 1937 in Floyd County, Kentucky to the late Clenon and Bessie (Slone) Beverly. She worked at Midwest Industries in Willard for 18 years. Then she moved to Ocala, Florida and worked at the Brigadier Trailer Company for eight years, then moved back to Ohio to be with family.

Nay attended the Old Regular Baptist Church, where she loved to hear the singing and preaching of God's Word. Nay loved cooking for her family and friends. She was loved by many and will be missed.

She is survived by a daughter and son-in-law, Patricia (Thornsberry) and Russ Scriver; three grandchildren: Russell Kent (Charlene) Scriver, Daniel O'Neal Scriver, and Darron Jess (fiancé, Tiffany Ruffing) Scriver; two great-grandchildren: Seth Kent and Sierra



Naviona (Beverly) Jordan

Ann Scriver; six brothers: Lon, Donnie, Carrel, Ellis “Dick” Beverly all of Plymouth; Jim Beverly of Mansfield; and Phillip Beverly of Celeryville; four sisters: Vanda Haymond of Shiloh; Lois Ball, Willa Rachel, and Phyllis Fidler all of Mansfield.

In addition to her parents, Nay is preceded in death by her husband, Claudy O’Neal Jordan, and a brother, Landis Beverly.

God gives us each a gift of life  
To cherish from our birth.  
He gives us friends and those we love  
To share our days on Earth.  
He watches us with loving care  
And takes us by the hand,  
He blesses us with countless joys  
And guides the lives we’ve planned.  
Then, when our work on Earth is done,  
He calls us to His side,  
To live with Him in happiness  
Where peace and love abide.

### VANESSA LAWRENCE

In 1960 on July 11, Vanessa, was the third of seven children, born to Edgar and June Little.

Vanessa met and fell in love with Mike Lawrence at a young age and they were married March 3, 1984. The Lord blessed them with a son, Dylan, on March 26, 1996. She truly loved being Dylan’s mom. He was the apple of her eye. He was a wonderful surprise baby at the age of 36 for Vanessa. She was a constant cheerleader through his youth at the many soccer, football, and wrestling games and band meets. Truly he added the best years of her life. Then on March 25, 2016 the Angels came and ushered Vanessa to her new home in Glory at the age of 55.



Vanessa Lawrence

Her son, Dylan Lawrence, and his wife, Sadie, are the first of many loved ones who remain upon the earth, that will cherish their memories with Vanessa forever. Next are her sisters: Sherry (Gerald) Akers of Burton, Michigan; Patty (Terry) Hall of Wilmore, Kentucky; and Rebecca (Chris) Mills of Davison, Michigan. Her two brothers: Edgar Little of Homosassa, Florida; and John Joseph Little of Lansing, Michigan. Her mother-in-law, Arlene Lawrence; and three sisters-in-law. She also had a host of nieces and nephews, four of which she unofficially adopted as her grandchildren: Hanna, Abbianna, Summer, and Khloe. Lastly she had many friends and her closest was Diane Jackson.

Vanessa was preceded in death by her parents, Edgar and June Little; a sister, Madonna Sue Reddy; and brother-in-law, Robert Reddy; and her loving husband, Mike.

We now live in a world of good wishes and good thoughts for others, which can be great, but it’s few and far between when a person is an intentional doer. Someone who wishes you well and actually goes out of their way to make it so. Vanessa was one of these special few. It didn’t matter if it was inconvenient, or put her out financially, she was a constant blessing in so many lives. She loved the kids to the point where she would actually be late for an event just to make sure she had the perfect gift or dessert.

Vanessa was one of the most honest and generous people you would've ever met, both monetarily and with the giving of her time, effort, love, and support. She told you like it was, but then would pray with you or for you.

Vanessa was a shining example to many people, by showing how we should treat one another. She was accepting and non-judgmental and had the ability to see the good in everyone, even when others could not.

We will all miss her, but we are happy for her because she is resting in paradise with no more pain and sorrow. Here in this life she may of had shortness of breath but she is now singing, at the top of her lungs, praises to our Lord. So when your heart starts to ache because Vanessa is no longer with us, try to hold fast to those special memories that you shared with her. The laughs you shared, the trouble you got into or out of, of the things you did together.

Vanessa had a way of making everybody feel special. She did simple things like knowing your favorite candy bar or beverage and bringing it to you every time she saw you. These are the things that made Vanessa special and unique.

When Dylan was a young boy, Vanessa gave her heart to the Lord. If she could say one thing to those of us who remain, it wouldn't be, "good bye" but it would be, "so long for a little while."

### **CLARA MAE (TACKETT) WEISHUHN**

Clara was born May 18, 1945 in Floyd County, Kentucky. She was born to Sol and Annie (Osborne) Tackett. They moved to Belleville, Michigan when she was seven years old. Later in Clara's teenage years they moved back to Kentucky and lived a short time in Vanceburg, Kentucky. While living there Clara married Leslie Warren Weishuhn Sr. on December 30, 1963. Soon after the family moved back to Belleville, Michigan.

Clara loved to quilt, go camping, and spend time with her family, especially her grandchildren. Also she loved her flower and rose beds.

Clara was one of ten children born to Sol and Annie Tackett. She had five brothers and four sisters: James (Leona) Tackett; Clarence (Clara Mae) Tackett; Sol Jr. (Joyce) Tackett; Earl (Shirley) Tackett; and Bob (Betty) Tackett; and Katie (Conley) Calhoun; Bertha (Buddy) Calhoun; Margie (Ray) Burke; and Mary (Donald) Navarre.

Clara was a wonderful and loving Mother, Grandma and Mamaw. Clara and Leslie had three children: Pamela (Charles) Cole; Candace (Sam) Shoff; and Leslie Jr., who was killed August 6, 1973. She had five grandchildren: Leslie Cole, Robert (McKensey) Cole, Heather Cole, Bradley (Samantha) Shoff, and Buddy Shoff. She had five great-grandchildren and one step-great-grandchildren. Elizabeth Shoff, Isabella Cole, Gotham Cole, Victoria Shoff and Sydnee. Clara was preceded in death by: her Mother, Annie; Father, Sol; five brothers, one sister and one brother-in-law.

My Mother left me way too soon. You will always be in my heart.

Written by her loving daughter,  
Pamela Cole



Clara Mae (Tackett) Weishuhn





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