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



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**In Session Assembled with
The Little Angel Church
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**Introductory Sermon for 2025 Elder Stephen Slone
Alternate- Elder Ishmael Hall**

Circular Letter- Elder Jason Hagerman

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Thank you,
Brother Sartin

Reprinted Items

Reprinted Items from the 1964, 1965, 1970, 1980, 1982, and 2003 Minutes of the Northern New Salem

- I. 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.
- II. 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.
- III. 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.
- IV. 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.)
- V. Year 1982-Item 13: Moved and second to grant the requests from Antioch, Family of Love, Little Ruth, and Little Rebecca Churches. Concerning omitting item number 13, page 10, year 1967 of the Northern New Salem Association minutes, and adopt item number 17, page 4 of the 1970 minutes of our mother the New Salem Association, which reads as follows: Not to use any man with two living women, (or whose wife has two living men) to preach in the bounds of the Northern New Salem Association and the Moderators to adhere to this advice. An objection was made to this move. A vote was taken, 42 voted in favor of the motion, 21 against, motion carried, request granted.

- VI. 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
66th Annual Session
of the Northern
New Salem Association of Old Regular Baptist
Church of Jesus Christ
August 4-6, 2024

Friday, August 2, 2024

It was a cloudy, breezy morning as the brothers and sisters began to gather in to the pavilion of the Little Angel Church. After several minutes of hugs, handshakes, and deep embraces the brethren called for a song. **Elder Theodore Slone** of the New Salem association began to line *Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah*. As the voices of the brothers and sisters began to join in this song of Zion you could feel the joy from the congregation. After a few more songs, our beloved moderator **Elder Ray Hamilton** came to the stand to welcome everyone to this our 66th Association.

Alternate, **Elder Zachariah Collins** was called on to introduce the services. **Elder Zachariah Collins** came to the stand in a humble way. He was soon blessed to preach of Jesus being the light that shines in a dark place. You could see the tears as he preached of a grandmother that advised him not to turn away the Lord when he calls. From that message, he was soon blessed to preach of his experience and the need to preach repentance. Having been chosen by the delegates at our 2023 session to preach the Introductory Sermon for this year **Elder William B. Holbrook** approached the stand rejoicing and stating that he could not be nervous because he was in the presence of God's people. He was soon blessed to preach of a God that can heal the blind and raise the dead. His closing remarks were that he was looking forward to the day he could see God with his own eyes and in that day, he would truly be satisfied.

Those who were not delegates were asked to remain at the pavilion where the preaching would be conducted. The delegates were advised to assemble in the sanctuary of the Little Angel Church where the business of the Association would begin. The following Elders were chosen to preach at the place arranged:

Elders:

- (1) Estill Hamilton- *Union Association*;
- (2) Brian Adams- *New Salem Association*.
- (3) Danny Justice- *Old Friendship Association*;
- (4) Gary Blevins- *Philadelphia Association*; and
- (5) Danny Adams- *Union Association*.

After gathering in the house and singing one of Zion's songs, **Elder Theodore Slone- New Salem Association** was called on to make remarks and Elder James Tackett- *New Salem Association* led in prayer.

Our beloved Moderator, **Elder Ray Hamilton**, announced that the 66th Annual Session of the Northern New Salem Association was now ready to begin the work of the Association.

- a) The Assistant Moderator called for the letters from the churches that compose the Northern New Salem Association to be handed to the Clerk. The letter from the Little Angel Church was read by the Clerk. A motion was made by **Brother Raymond Henderson**, second by

Elder Steven Miller to receive the letters, seat the delegates, and refer all queries and requests to the Committee on Arrangements

- b) The moderator then called on the Assistant Clerk, **Elder Wayne Sartin** to read the letter of resignation from the Clerk, Elder Hillard Newsome. A motion was made by **Elder Danny Carty** and seconded by **Brother Jimmy Sowards** to accept the resignation and to Name Elder Hillard Newsome Honorary Clerk of Northern New Salem Association for the remainder of his life. (See page 32 for a printing of the letter)
- c) The Northern New Salem Association of Old Regular Baptist faith organized by electing the following officers to serve the next year. The following Brothers were appointed to take the vote: **Elder Jimmy Dale Sanders** Union Association, **Elder Tommy Dials** Sardis Association, and **Elder Roger Hicks** New Salem Association

Officers elected:

Moderator:	Elder Ray Hamilton
Assistant Moderator:	Elder Scott Hamilton
Clerk:	Elder Wayne Sartin
Assistant Clerk:	Elder Scott Little

- i. 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 Chucky Hall**- *New Salem Association*, **Elder Richard Staton**- *Sardis Association*, and **Elder Teddy Honaker**- *New Salem Association*. **Elder Bill Smith** made a motion, second by **Elder Ishmael Hall Jr.** to receive the report of the committee appointed and discharge them of their duties.
- c) By a motion made by **Elder William B. Holbrook**, second by **Elder Daniel Newsome**, the Moderator was authorized to make all temporary appointments. Elder Ray Hamilton then appointed **Elder Jason Hagerman** as the Second Assistant Clerk of the Northern New Salem Association.
- d) Brother Moderator called on the clerks to read the Constitution, Rules of Decorum, and the Articles of Faith. (In compliance with Item 10, Saturday's work 2022 NNSA)
- e) Called for legally organized churches of our same faith and order desiring to join our union, and none responded.
- f) Called for Associations of our same faith and order desiring to continue a Godly correspondence, and the following responded by letter and delegate:
 - i. New Salem-- Represented by the following delegates: Brian Adams, Randy Combs, Eric Lawson, John Cremeans, Abe Howell, Dan Samons, Gordon Boyd, Bobby Hamilton, Kenneth Johnson, Jimmy Dye, Chuck Hall, Theodore Slone, Deffort

Thornsberry, James Tackett, Tony Roberts, Teddy Honaker, Ray Moore, Tommy Bentley, and Roger Hicks. Letter in the hand of Elder James Tackett. A motion was made by **Elder Larry Newsome** and second by **Brother James Wagner** to receive the letter and seat the delegates with us in council by the right hand of fellowship.

- ii. Union--Represented by the following delegates: Dennis Elkins, Jeffrey Little, Estill Hamilton, Barry Lucas, Bobby Johnson, Jimmy Dale Sanders, Jeff Dillon, Danny Adams, Mike Justice, and Alger Newsome. Letter in the hand of Elder Mike Justice. A motion was made by **Brother Rodney Slone** and second by **Brother Raymond Henderson** to receive the letter and seat the delegates with us in council by the right hand of fellowship.
- iii. Philadelphia--Represented by the following delegates: Robert Adkins, Dallas Bledsoe Jr., Gary Adkins, Gary Adkins Jr., Gary Blevins, Homer Ruggles, Lowell Adkins, Darrell Kidd, Skeeter Pridemore, Wayne Caudill, Nate Caudill, Lee Blevins Jr., John Elkins, Paul D. Moore, Preston Lewis, and Scott Adkins. Letter in the hand of Brother Gary Adkins Jr. A motion was made by **Elder Ishmael Hall Jr.** and second by **Brother Jimmy Sowards** to receive the letter and seat the delegates with us in council by the right hand of fellowship.
- iv. Sardis--Represented by the following delegates: Hobart Hamilton, Thomas J. Dials, Richard Staton, Marion Duncan, Alvin Thornbury, Leonard Napier, Butler Fletcher, Buster Hall, Arthur Mathis, Richie Hale, and Sam Frye. Letter in the hand of Elder Richard Staton. A motion was made by **Brother Jack Dials** and second by **Elder Danny Carty** to receive the letter and seat the delegates with us in council by the right hand of fellowship.
- v. Old Friendship -- Represented by the following delegates: Gary Estep, Edgar Baker Jr., Larry Mullins, David Lester, Roger Baker, Allen Hunt, Tarzan Justus, Austin Mullins, Cody Justus, Danny C. Justus, and Andrew Ford. Letter in the hand of Brother Edgar Baker Jr. A motion was made by **Elder Andy Fields** and second by **Elder William B. Holbrook** to receive the letter and seat the delegates with us in council by the right hand of fellowship.
- vi. Old Indian Bottom-- Represented by the following delegates: Jeff Lewis, Aaron Whitaker Jr., Delmer Jones, Luke Haynes, Nick Plowman, Kevin Blevins, Denver Bacic, Travis Lewis, and Robbie Cordle. Letter in the hand of Brother Robbie Cordle. A motion was made by **Elder Sean Hicks** and second by **Brother Ralph Manuel** to receive the letter and seat the delegates with us in council by the right hand of fellowship.

The Moderator appointed a committee consisting of the delegates from the Little Angel Church together with one delegate from each of the other churches, to arrange the ministers for Friday evening and Saturday morning, who reported as follows:

Friday evening -- (1) Brother John Cremeans-New Salem Association (2) Elder Deffort Thornsberry-New Salem; (3) Elder Mike Justice- Union.

Saturday morning – Elders (1) Elder Teddy Honaker-New Salem; (2) Elder Danny Adams- Union Association (3) Elder Barry Lucas -Union Association; (4) Elder Tommy Dials- Sardis Association; and (5) Elder Roger Hicks- New Salem Association.

- g) Called for transient ministers and members of our same faith and order and none responded.
- h) A motion was made by **Elder Steven Miller**, second by **Elder Larry Newsome** 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.
- i) Due to no requests other than to host the 2025 Association coming in, the Moderator advised the association that they should allow the clerks to prepare the Bill of Arrangements for Saturday.
 - a. **Brother Ralph Manual** made a motion, second by **Elder Ishmael Hall, Jr.** that we, the Northern New Salem Association, adjourn until 9:00 a.m. Saturday morning, August 3, 2024.

Saturday, August 3, 2024

Per having met pursuant to adjournment, the Association delegates and attendees reconvened at the Little Angel Church on the second day of three of the Northern New Salem Association.

As the sanctuary of the Little Angel Church began to fill, Elder Preston Lewis began to line “I Can Almost See Heaven From Here”. The sound of the brothers and sisters’ voices joined in that glorious song of Zion was truly music to the soul. You could feel the glorious spirit of God flow from breast to breast as the brothers continued to line “I Love My Savior God” and “Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah.

Elder Hillard Newsome came to the stand to announce the arrangements for the morning. Services for the morning were introduced by Elder Kerry Ratliff of the New Salem Association. A song was called for and then a humble prayer was offered by Elder James Tackett of the New Salem Association.

1. Called the roll of delegates and marked the absentees.
2. The Clerk read the Bill of Arrangements. A motion was made by **Elder Phillip Beverly** and seconded by **Brother James Wagner** to receive the Bill of Arrangements and discharge the committee.
3. The Circular Letter written by **Elder Sean Hicks** for our 2024 session was read. A motion was made by **Elder Wayne Sartin** and seconded by **Elder Patrick Deel** to receive the letter and have it printed in our 2024 minutes. Objections were called for, and none responded. (Circular Letter on page 13)
4. The Finance Committee appointed Friday, Item 2(a), consisting of Elder Teddy Honaker – New Salem Association, Elder Chuck Hall- New Salem Association, and Elder Richard Staton- Sardis Association reported as follows:

2024 Church contributions	\$3,925.00
2024 money for pictures	\$120.00
Other contributions	\$100.00
Website Contribution	\$170.40
Total money received for 2023	\$4315.40

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

Treasure Report		
A	Balance as of August 1, 2023	\$12,412.30
	2023 Church Contributions	\$3,925.00
	2023 Picture Money	\$300.00
	Website Contriiions	\$170.40
	Other Contributions	\$0.00
	Total Money on hand as of August 7, 2023	\$16,807.70
Expenses for 2024		
B	Printer's fee	\$4,269.00
	Secretary's fee	\$0.00
	Postage, UPS	\$649.20
	Supplies	\$0.00
	Other	\$0.00
	Total Expenses for 2023	\$4,918.20
Summary for 2023		
C	Total of A	\$16,807.70
	Less Total of B	(\$4,918.20)
	Balance	\$11,889.50
Summary for 2024		
D	Total of C	\$11,889.50
	Interest Earned	\$0.11
	Money Received for 2024	\$3,925.00
	Total Money on hand as of August 5, 2024	\$15,814.61

Note: Money sent by Sister Churches of the Northern New Salem Association to the Pleasant View Church in helping host the 2024 session: \$9,400.00

Brother Ralph Manuel made a motion, seconded by **Brother Mathew Jones** to receive the Treasurer's Report.

6. **Elder Scott Little** made a motion, and **Elder Billy Miller** seconded the motion that Elder Wayne Sartin be appointed recording secretary. He is to have 1405 copies of the current minutes printed and distributed among the churches according to their contributions. The secretary is to receive \$0.00 for his services. The printer's fee is to appear on the front cover.
7. The brothers appointed to take the vote for who is to preach the Introductory Sermon: **Elder Estill Hamilton**-Union Association; **Elder David Lester** - Old Friendship Association; **Elder Danny Justus**, Old Friendship Association; and who is to write the Circular Letter: Elder Jeff Little, Union Association; **Elder Richard Staton**, Sardis Association, **Elder Chuck Hall**, New Salem Association for 2025.

Saturday evening services were cancelled so the brothers and sisters could rest.

The following ministers were chosen to preach on Sunday morning:

- (1) Elder Danny Carty -Northern New Salem (2) Elder Jason Hagerman- Northern New Salem Association, (3) Elder Scott Little- Northern New Salem Association, (4) Elder Wayne Sartin - Northern New Salem Association, (5) Elder Scott Hamilton- Northern New Salem Association, and (6) Elder Ray Hamilton- Northern New Salem Association.

By a vote of the delegates, **Elder Steven Slone** was chosen to preach the Introductory Sermon, **Elder Ishmael Hall** to be his alternate, and **Elder Jason Hagerman** to write the Circular Letter for our 67th Annual Session.

8. In compliance with Item 7 of Friday's work, we, the Northern New Salem Association, agreed to correspond by letter and delegate with the following associations:
 - (a) New Salem: When convened with the host churches, to be held at the Association Building, Minnie, Floyd County, KY. Beginning on Friday before the fourth Saturday in September 2024 and continuing the two following days. Delegates to attend: Wayne Sartin, Danny Carty, Scott Little, Jason Hagerman, Ishmael Hall Jr., Eugene Couch, Ray Hamilton, and Larry Newsome. Letter in the hand of Elder Jason Hagerman.
 - (b) Union: When convened with the host churches and cohost churches. To be held at the Association Building, Ashcamp, Pike County, KY. Beginning on Friday before the third Saturday in September 2024 and continuing the two following days. Delegates to attend: Wayne Sartin, Scott Little, Ray Hamilton, Scott Hamilton, Jason Hagerman, and Larry Newsome. Letter in the hand of Elder Scott Little.
 - (c) Philadelphia: When convened with the host church at the Association Building, at 522 5th Ave., Worthington, KY. Beginning on Friday before the second Saturday in August 2024 and continuing the two following days. Delegates to attend: Wayne Sartin, Jimmy King, Danny Carty, Scott Little, Patrick Deel, Matthew Jones, Eugene Couch, Ray Hamilton, and Phillip Beverly. Letter in the hand of Elder Danny Carty.
 - (d) Sardis: When convened with the host church and cohosting churches at the permanent association building, Varney, KY, beginning on Friday before the second Saturday in September, 2024 and the two following days. Delegates to attend: Wayne Sartin, Danny Carty, Jason Hagerman, Ray Hamilton, and Scott Hamilton. Letter is in the hand of Elder Wayne Sartin.

- (e) Old Friendship: When convened with the host church and co-host churches at the Pine Grove Church beginning on Friday before the fourth Saturday in August 2024 and continuing the two following days. Delegates to attend: Wayne Sartin, Adam Moore, Billy Miller, Ray Hamilton, and Scott Hamilton. Letter in the hand of Elder Scott Hamilton.
 - (f) Old Indian Bottom: When convened with the host church Doty Creek and co-host Terrell's Creek Church at the Association Building at the Old Indian Bottom Church, Cornettsville, KY beginning on Friday before the first Saturday in September, 2024 and continuing the two following days. Delegates to attend: Wayne Sartin, Patrick Deel, Ray Hamilton, and Scott Little. Letter in the hand of Elder Wayne Sartin.
9. The request to host the 2024 association from the Rose of Sharon Church was read. A motion was made by **Elder Larry Newsome** seconded by **Elder Phillip Beverly** to grant the request of the Rose of Sharon Church the honor of hosting and the Little Ida Church to co-host the 2024 setting of this blessed old association
10. **Elder Ishmael Hall Jr.** made a motion, seconded by **Brother James Wagner** to forego the reading of the current minutes.
11. A motion was made by **Elder Danny Carty** seconded by **Brother Ralph Manuel** to adjourn to the place and time mentioned in Item 15 of Saturday's work in the current minutes.

The 66th Session was closed out by Elder Kevin Blevins of the Old Indian Bottom Association. He came and spoke and then Elder David Lester closed out the association in a humble prayer.

Sabbath Morning, August 6, 2024

On this the final day of our 66th Annual association, you could feel the spirit flowing in the sanctuary of the Little Angel Church. Elder Danny Carty began lining "Oh Had I Some Secret Place" and you could feel the joy of the assembly as their voices began to blend into a song of praise. As the service continued, Elder Patrick Deel began to line, "Poor and Afflicted" and the spirit was truly flowing from breast to breast. Soon Elder Ray Hamilton came to the stand of the Little Angel Church to welcome everyone to the final day of our association. He then made the following arrangements:

1. Elder Danny Carty introduced the services and led in prayer
2. Elder Jason Hagerman
3. Elder Scott Little
4. Elder Wayne Sartin
5. Elder Scott Hamilton
6. Elder Ray Hamilton closed out the morning and expressed how blessed we were to have such a glorious association.

Note From the Clerks: We would like to thank the Little Angel church and all those who helped for providing a wonderful gathering. The food and fellowship will long be remembered. We look forward to

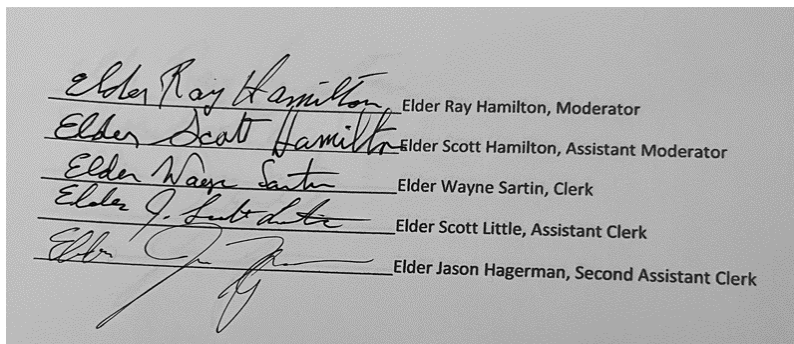
seeing you at the Rose of Sharon Church in 2025.

-The Clerks

Thank God we could come together and worship the King of kings one more time. *Amen.*

Matthew 18:20 *For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.*

Done and Signed by the Order of the Association:



Elder Ray Hamilton, Moderator
Elder Scott Hamilton, Assistant Moderator
Elder Wayne Sartin, Clerk
Elder Scott Little, Assistant Clerk
Elder Jason Hagerman, Second Assistant Clerk

Circular Letter 2024

Elder Shawn Hicks (Little Flossie Church)

Dear Brethren , Sisters and Friends that may compose the 2024 session of the Northern New Salem Association,

Being chosen to write the Circular Letter, I have felt much fear and littleness to even attempt it and know you've chosen the very least. After many prayers asking God to give me a letter to write I trust that it will have to come down from the "Father of Lights" where every good gift and every perfect gift cometh. As Apostle Paul wrote unto the Philippians , "*I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.*" Without His guidance there would be no benefit nor edification to the household of faith nor to the world of mankind.

"Thus saith the LORD, Stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls." **Jeremiah 6:16.** Brethren, I can never be thankful enough on this side of eternal heaven that God was longsuffering to me and blessed me to live long enough to answer the call of repentance and beg for true old time salvation and be born again by His holy and divine Spirit. *"For godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation not to be repented of..."* **2 Corinthians 7:10.** Only then did I find rest for my soul. The Scripture says , *"There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God."* **Hebrews 4:9.**

It's been a good old path and way to walk in this earthly part of the kingdom of heaven as an Old Regular Baptist. It was by the sweet mercies of God's grace that I found rest for my soul, as all will that will come unto God through Christ Jesus with a broken heart and contrite spirit and take the measure of Faith that He dealt to every man, and to deny themselves and take up their cross, and follow Him through a travel of repentance from nature unto grace. Only after, by the fear of God through faith, and His help in departing from evil, did I clean up, and cleansed my hands of sins unto death. I laid down everything and finally even my life at the end. After that complete surrender, I fully believed with my whole heart, soul ,mind and strength that my soul was borne again. After that experience, I have never been the same man

since. *"Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me. For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it."* Matthew 16:24,25. *"He brought me up also out of an horrible pit, out of the miry clay, and set my feet upon a rock, and established my goings."* **Psalms 40:2.**

I am so thankful that I can say for myself; *"And he said, Blessed be the LORD God of my master Abraham, who hath not left destitute my master of his mercy and his truth: I being in the way, the LORD led me to the house of my master's brethren."* **Genesis 24:27.** Come World, and ask and seek to stand in the old paths where is the good way and walk therein and see what I have seen and felt.....because I truly love Her and this old time Baptist way. I love Her walk, Her talk, Her looks, Her sound, Her orders, Her precepts, and Her orthodox practices. She is part of the one true church of the living God. As one of the seven angels said *"Come hither, I will shew thee the bride, the Lamb's wife."* **Revelations 21:9.** I am thankful that I saw Her light as a sinner man, when I was trampling down the mercies of God and not answering the great call to repent because I loved darkness rather than light. I was as those that did not answer the call, *"Hearken to the sound of the trumpet. But they said, We will not hearken."* **Jeremiah 6:17.** But I am sure thankful for the watchmen that was set over Her, that lived the life in front of me, by God's keeping power through faith. The kingdom of God within Her could not be hidden, but Her good fruits of righteousness shown forth as a very great light in the world of darkness. Because, we that have been converted, *"have also a more sure word of prophecy,"* and are *"kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time."* **2 Peter 1:19 & 1 Peter 1:5.** *"The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple."* **Psalms 19:7.**

Yes Brethren, we all understand we cannot look down inside of anyone's heart and soul and see who's received that white stone with a new name written. *"And when he was demanded of the Pharisees, when the kingdom of God should come, he answered them and said, The kingdom of God cometh not with observation: Neither shall they say, Lo here! or, lo there! for, behold, the kingdom of God is within you."* **Luke 17:20,21.** But thanks be to "The God of All Glory", that as a sinner I saw the light of Her and felt and tasted the crumbs that rolled back to me from Mother Jerusalem's table when the Church was lifted up and blessed to worship Him in spirit and in truth. *"Ye are the light of the world. A city set on an hill cannot be hid."* **Matthew 5:14.** That light and love by the Spirit of God was what drew me when I was in trouble on account of my sins and repenting. *"Yea, I have loved thee with an everlasting love: therefore with lovingkindness have I drawn thee."* **Jeremiah 31:3.** That love was something I felt, and the truth was the only thing I was interested in hearing, and that's what is going to draw the next sin sick soul under conviction. I saw the old church, and She looked good to me. I saw She walked differently, talked differently and looked different than the world did; and therefore She bore witness to what God was teaching me right down into the depths of my heart and soul.

"Remove not the ancient landmark, which thy fathers have set." **Proverbs 22:28** *"Repent; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will fight against them with the sword of my mouth. He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the hidden manna, and will give him a white stone, and in the stone a new name written, which no man knoweth saving he that receiveth it."* **Revelations 2:16,17.** Brethren we must all repent daily for our shortcomings and mistakes because, *"Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God."* **Hebrews 12: 1,2.** I am afraid brethren we have become too lax and ease in Zion, not striving as we should to keep this old time way as clean and orderly and orthodox as we could. We know and understand that this outward man and the natural church isn't perfect, but we must strive to be, even though we understand that the outward and natural part can never be perfect until "The Lord" comes and changes this natural body unto a spiritual body; a body like His most glorious

body. Let's by the help of almighty God walk in this old time way as God intends. Some say we cannot judge, but Brethren, we must judge with a righteous judgment and we must judge the fruits of all because Apostle Paul warned us, "For I know this, that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock." **Acts 20:29** "For what have I to do to judge them also that are without? do not ye judge them that are within? But them that are without God judgeth." **1 Corinthians 5:12,13.** "Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves. Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles? Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit. A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit. Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire. Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them." **Matthew 7:15-20.** "Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ; As obedient children, not fashioning yourselves according to the former lusts in your ignorance: But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation; Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy." **1 Peter 1 :13-16.**

So Brethren, let's stand in the old way where God has put us, and desire with our whole heart to work the works of righteousness of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. He being our example in all things , "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever." **Hebrews 13:8.** "Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ; Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works." **Titus 2:13,14.** Therefore, my beloved Brethren, as an old time song we sing says, "We're marching on the good old way", let us march! And more importantly as Scripture states, "I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus." **Philippians 3:14.**

Written by your unworthy brother in Christ Jesus,
Elder Sean Hicks

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 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. We also 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

CONSTITUTION OF THE NORTHERN NEW SALEM ASSOCIATION

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

ARTICLE III. 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 IV. The Association when convened shall be ruled by a regular and proper decorum.

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

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

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

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

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

ARTICLE XIV. 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 XV. 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.

RULES OF DECORUM

1. The Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.
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.
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.
4. The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted in his speech by anyone except the Moderator until he is through.
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.
6. No person shall abruptly absent himself from the Association without leave of the Association.
7. No person shall speak more than three times on any subject without leave of the Association.
8. No person shall have the liberty of laughing during the sitting of the same nor whisper in time of public speech.
9. No member of the Association shall address another in any other term of appellation than that of "Brother".
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.
11. The names of the members of the Association shall be enrolled by the Clerk and called as often as the Moderator requires.
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.
13. Any member who shall willingly and knowingly violate any of the decorum shall be reprovved by the Association as they think proper.

2024 DELEGATES
to the
NORTHERN NEW SALEM ASSOCIATION

Church	Delegates
Little Rebecca	Nick Hansen, Gary Beverly, and Phillip Beverly
Maggie's Home	Danny Prater, Mike Newsome, and Daniel Newsome
Little Flock	Chance Mullins, Kenny Holley, and Greg Sowards
Little Ruth	Jimmy King
Little Edna	Steve Slone, Kenneth Slone, and Steve Conley
Little Ida	Billy Miller, Steven Miller, and Adam Moore
Little Flossie	Sean Hicks, Larry Dixon, and Matthew Jones
Little Pilgrim's Home	Eddie Wallen and Ike Spears
Mt. Olive	Jeremy Hagerman, Jesse Hicks, and Enoch Hagerman
Pleasant View	Larry Newsome, Frank Fortner, and Rodney Slone
Little Family	Earnie Tuttle, Gary Sanders, and Danny Carty
Little Angel	Bill Smith, Scott Little, and Jack Dials
Antioch	Eugene Couch, Melvin Adams Jr., and Wayne Sartin
Rose of Sharon	William B. Holbrook, Ishmael Hall Jr., and Ralph Manuel
Lilly of the Valley	Scott Hamilton Jr., Sam Hamilton, and Dave McCracken
Little Children's Home	Harvey Tuttle and James Wagner
Family of Love	Patrick Deel, Gary Williams, and Wendal Lycans
Little Melrose	Andy Fields
Eternal Rose	Raymond Henderson, Doug Slone, and Joe Gibson
Little Ellen	Rudy Djordjevich, Jimmy Sowards, and Jason Hagerman

UNION and MEMORIAL MEETINGS CALLED FOR THE YEAR 2024-2025

Listed by the Month of the Union Meeting

NOVEMBER 2024

LITTLE MELROSE -- First in November (2024). Glen Slone, Richard Staton, Ray Hamilton, Danny Carty, Scott Little, Terry Fuller, James Barney and Richard Lowe.

Memorial- First in March (2025). John Elkins, Paul D. Moore, Scott Adkins, James Barney, Richard Lowe, Terry Fuller and Moderator Doug McCarty.

March

MT. OLIVE -- Fourth in March. Joe Havlik, Wayne Sartin, Hillard Newsome, Dennis Elkins, Lowell Mullins, Nick Hansen and Joe Gilliam.

Memorial- Fourth in October. Ray Hamilton, Lowell Mullins, Larry Newsome, Jerry Hall, Estill Hamilton, Glen Slone, Phillip Beverly and Deffort Thornsberry.

APRIL

ANTIOCH -- First in April. Todd Dials, Matthew Jude, John Lewis, Preston Lewis and Jeff Lewis.

Memorial- First in June. Kerry Ratliff, Danny Carty, Scott Little and Ben Little.

PLEASANT VIEW -- First in April. Roger Hicks, Jeff Dillon, Glen Slone, Joe Gibson and Ishmael Hall.

Memorial- First in June. Scott Hamilton, Ray Hamilton, Stoney Blackburn, Danny Adams, Moderator and Assistant Moderator.

ETERNAL ROSE -- Second in April. Danny Prater, Daniel Newsome, Joe Gilliam, Phillip Beverly, Steve Slone and Nick Hansen.

Memorial- Second in June. Glen Slone, Dennis Elkins, Larry Newsome and home Brothers.

ROSE OF SHARON -- Second in April. Richard Staton, Hobart Hamilton, Ralph Slone jr, Mike Fortner, Adam Moore and Charles Blevins.

Memorial- Second in October (2024). Ray Hamilton, Lowell Mullins, Larry Newsome, Estill Hamilton, Nate Caudill, Danny Carty and Danny Adams.

MAY

LITTLE FLOSSIE -- First in May. Jeff Lewis, John Lewis, Ralph Cloud, Kerry Ratliff, Nate Caudill and Kevin Blevins.

Memorial- First in October (2024). Clyde Lewis, Preston Lewis, Gary Adkins, Darrell Kidd and Gary Blevins.

LITTLE IDA -- First in May. Ishmael Hall Jr., Patrick Deel, William B. Holbrook, Nick Hansen and Danny Carty.

Memorial- First in April. Bill Blevins, Charles Blevins, Estill Hamilton, Ray Hamilton, Zach Collins, Moderator and Assistant Moderator.

MAGGIE'S HOME -- First in May. Justin Hagerman, Hargis Tuttle, Phillip Beverly, Glen Slone and Joe Gibson.

Memorial- First in June. Gary Young, Greg Sowards, Hank Forgey, Mike Fortner and Jerry Runyon.

LITTLE RUTH -- Second in May. Sean Hicks, Mathew Isom, Clyde Lewis, Gary Blevins and Leonard Napier.

Memorial- Second in July. Zach Collins, Jeff Lewis, Larry Dixon and Zach Stewart.

LILY OF THE VALLEY -- Third in May. Wayne Sartin, Danny Adams, Charles Hagerman, Joe Gibson and Nate Caudill.

Memorial- Third in July. Joe Akers, Joe Havlik, Squire Hamilton, Larry Newsome and Steve Slone.

LITTLE CHILDREN'S HOME -- Third in May. Clyde Lewis, John Lewis, Jonny Thornsberry, Buster Hall and Deffort Thornsberry.

Memorial- Third in September (2024). Gary Adkins, Bobby Baker, Zach Collins, Kevin Blevins and Scott Adkins.

LITTLE ELLEN -- Third in May. Ray Hamilton, Larry Newsome, Justin Hagerman, and Jesse Hicks.

Memorial- Third in October (2024). Joe Akers, Joe Havlik, Moderator and Assistant Moderator.

JUNE

LITTLE FAMILY -- Second in June. Gary Blevins, Jimmy Stewart, Paul Boggs, Kevin Blevins, Harvey Tuttle and Larry Dixon.

Memorial- Second in October (2024). Jimmy Dale Sanders, Robbie Osborne, Wayne Sartin and Bobby Baker.

LITTLE PILGRIM'S HOME -- Second in June. Larry Dixon, Billy Miller, Phillip Beverly, Larry Newsome and Nick Hansen.

Memorial- Second in August. Sean Hicks, Steve Slone, Steve Miller and Zach Collins.

LITTLE REBECCA -- Third in June. Nate Caudill, Zach Stewart, Zach Collins, Preston Lewis, Danny Adams and Wayne Sartin.

Memorial- Third in August. Ray Hamilton, Joe Gibson, Deffort Thornsberry, Paul Moore and home Brothers.

FAMILY OF LOVE -- Fourth in June. John Lewis, Billy Miller, Daniel Newsome, Mathew Isom, Cody Jones and Phillip Beverly.

Memorial- Fourth in October (2024). Darrell Kidd, Paul Boggs, Gary Blevins and Sean Hicks.

LITTLE EDNA -- Fourth in June. Eddie Wallen, Wayne Sartin, Hargis Tuttle, Evan Hamilton and Scott Little.

Memorial- Fourth in August. Dennis Elkins, Scott Hamilton, Joe Gibson, Glen Slone, Nick Hansen, Moderator and Assistant Moderator.

JULY

LITTLE FLOCK -- Third in July. Wayne Sartin, Scott Hamilton, Joe Gibson, Daniel Newsome, Gary Young

and Bill Smith.

Memorial- Third in June. Ray Hamilton, Gary Blevins, Buster Hall, Joe Gilliam and Hobart Hamilton.

LITTLE ANGEL -- Fourth in July. Ray Hamilton, Wayne Sartin, Richard Staton, and Hobart Hamilton.

Memorial- Fourth in March. Robbie Osborne, Larry Newsome, Tommy Dials, Jason Hagerman and Hargis Tuttle.

SPECIAL MEMORIALS

Tuttle Memorial- We, the descendants of the Tuttle Family wish to invite everyone to meet with us for the Tuttle Memorial on Sizemore Mountain near Wayland, KY on Saturday, May 31, 2025. Singing will start at 9:30 am with preaching at 10:00 AM. Any and all are welcome to attend. We especially look forward to the presence of Old Regular Baptist Ministers.

Chaffins Memorial- May 25, 2025, 10:00 AM Chaffins Cemetery Four Mile, KY. The family would like everyone to know that the memorial is for all families and their loved ones. All are welcome. Elders Called: Elders Ralph Cloud, Clyde Lewis, John Lewis, and Preston Lewis. Directions to the cemetery: From Garrett, KY take route 550 towards Mousie. Once you reach the coal trussell at Four Mile take the left up to the cemetery.

ORDAINED MINISTERS

LITTLE REBECCA

Elder Lon Beverly	Barbara Jane Lane Apartment 178 Willard, OH 44890	419-951-6499
Elder Phillip Beverly	4076 Bull Head Rd., Willard, OH 44890	567-224-2661
Elder Danny Carty	5346 St. Andrews Dr., Westerville, OH 43082	614-949-4889
Elder Glen Slone	4030 State Rt. 598 Crestline, OH 44825	419-564-3582
Elder Nick Hansen	1430 County Road 1475 Ashland, OH 44805	502-500-4587

MAGGIE'S HOME

Elder Donald Mullins	6157 DePue Rd., Hamden, OH 45634	740-596-4946
Elder Daniel Newsome	35010 Buckrun Rd., Langsville, OH 45741	740-988-7512
Elder Danny Prater	61147 Locker Plant Rd. McArthur, OH 45651	740-577-4459
Elder Joe Gilliam	19323 State 160 Vinton, OH 45686	740-612-9302

LITTLE FLOCK

Elder Hank Forgey	1443 Centerville Rd., Thurman, OH 45685	740-710-6167
Elder Mike Fortner	2476 Centerpoint Rd., Oak Hill, OH 45656	614-296-6658
Elder Greg Sowards	12942 St. Rt. 220, Waverly, OH 45690	740-289-4771

LITTLE RUTH

Elder Don Lawson	204 <u>2nd</u> St., Box 47, Pleasantville, OH 43148	740-468-6100
Elder Bill Staton	Woodside Village Care Center, Mt. Gilead, OH 43338	419-947-2015

LITTLE EDNA

Elder Stephen Slone	1311 Jobey Tr. Geneva, OH 44041	440-574-1740
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LITTLE IDA

Elder Ralph Caudill	1594 Wilson St., Lincoln Park, MI 48146	313-381-3710
Elder Billy Miller	672 Cora St., Wyandotte, MI 48192	734-283-0208
Elder Steven Miller	19363 Buck St., Brownstown, MI 48174	734-955-1347
Elder Adam Moore	5375 Barbara Ave., Trenton, MI 48183	502-612-3410

LITTLE FLOSSIE

Elder Zachariah Collins	201 South Jackson Street Auburn, IN 46706 PO BOX 952	419-439-2610
Elder Larry Dixon	1342 Knoll Crest Dr. Kendallville, IN 47655	260-347-8082
Elder Sean Hicks	4114 North Sparta Lake Rd., Ligonier, IN 46767	260-221-1965
Elder Harvey Tuttle	10995 East Rt. 20, Lagrange, IN 46761	260-499-7997
Elder Morris Wicker	5510 E. 1150 N., Wolcottville, IN 46795	260-318-2998

LITTLE PILGRIM'S HOME

Elder Eddie Wallen	330 Railroad St., Rochester, OH 44090	440-647-3539
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MT. OLIVE

Elder Jason Hagerman	19950 CR. 146, New Paris, IN 46553	260-894-1885
Elder Justin Hagerman	1907 Lincolnway South Ligonier, IN 46767	260-215-2272

PLEASANT VIEW

Elder Larry Newsome	2216 Brownhelm Station Rd., Vermilion, OH 44089	440-574-9390
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LITTLE FAMILY

None

LITTLE ANGEL

Elder Scott Little	13409 Appleton Terrace, Pickerington, OH 43147	740-804-6615
Elder Bill Smith	11937 St. Rt. 736, Marysville, OH 43040	937-642-4106

ANTIOCH

Elder Hillard Newsome	10708 Marceitta Ct. Louisville, KY 40291	502-424-0411
Elder Wayne Sartin	1613 South 4 th St., Louisville, KY 40208	502-645-2690
Elder Terry Hall	120 High Street Apt. A Wilmore, KY 40390	859-552-5155

ROSE OF SHARON

Elder Ray Hamilton	5040 Carlton-S. Rockwood Rd., S. Rockwood, MI 48179	734-250-1416
Elder William B. Holbrook, Jr.	13388 Parkway Blvd, Carleton, MI 48117	734-654-6883
Elder Andy Fields	414 SE 72 nd Street Starke, FL 32091	517-215-0097
Elder Willis Little	4541 Grace St., Wayne, MI 48184	734-728-4486
Elder Ishmael Hall	1327 Heritage Ct. Grass Lake, MI 99240	606-548-0254

LILY OF THE VALLEY

Elder Evan Hamilton	5801 Washington Blvd, Ashtabula, OH 44048	440-992-9359
Elder Scott Hamilton	4760 N. Ridge E., Geneva, OH 44041	440-466-7053
Elder Sam Hamilton	238 Linden St. Jefferson, OH 44047	440-344-6246

LITTLE CHILDREN'S HOME

None

FAMILY OF LOVE

Elder Patrick Deel	1202 Old Pond Dr. Marion, OH 43302	937-209-1865
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LITTLE MELROSE

Elder Doug McCarty	6803 Fern Creek Way, Key Stone Hts., FL 32656	352-473-3424
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ETERNAL ROSE

Elder Joseph Gibson	1838 Lyons Rd., Willard, OH 44890	419-706-2321
Elder Hargis Tuttle	4494 Butler Rd., Wakeman, OH 44889	440-839-5113

LITTLE ELLEN

Elder Charles Hagerman	830 Cedar Street, Waterloo, IN 46793	260-318-1362
Elder Lowell Mullins	1165 Oak Ridge Dr., Manteno, IL 60950	815-468-1532

CLERKS and THEIR ADDRESSES

Church	Clerk	Address	City, State Zip	Phone Number
Little Rebecca	Nick Hansen	1430 County Rd 1475	Ashland, OH 44805	(502) 500-4587
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.	(614) 296-6658
Little Ruth	Jimmy King	2186 TWP Rd 165	Cardington, OH 43315.	(740) 833-5273
Little Edna	Steve Conley	11110 Humm Rd	Berlin Hts., OH 44814	(419) 370-1220
Little Ida	John Johnson	15649 Fordline St.	Southgate, MI 48195	(734) 246-0769
Little Flossie	Matthew Jones	5042 W 500 S	Wabash, IN 46992	(260) 330-9759
Little Pilgrim's Home	Ike Spears	2E 2 nd St	North Fairfield, OH 44855	(419) 577-7057
Mt. Olive	Jeremy Hagerman	4302 N 750 W.	Ligonier, IN 46767	(260) 894-0227
Pleasant View	Steve Conley	11110 Humm Rd.	Berlin Hts., OH 44814	(419) 370-1220
Little Family	Gary Sanders	4411 Dana Dr	Franklin, OH 45005	(937) 550-9402
Little Angel	Jack Dials	1451 Pineland Ct	Columbus, OH 43223	(614) 595-3388
Antioch	Melvin Adams, Jr.	301 Arrow Head Lane	Shepherdsville, KY 40165	(502) 777-2171

Rose of Sharon	William B Holbrook	13388 Parkway Blvd	Carleton, MI 48117	(734) 654-6883
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
Family of Love	Jimmy King	2186 TWP Rd 165	Cardington, OH 43315	(740) 833-5273
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	12659 Stoneridge Lane Apt. 104	South Rockwood, MI 48179	(734) 775-7831

Church Moderators and Assistant Moderators

Church	Moderator	Assistant Moderator
Little Rebecca	Danny Carty	Phillip Beverly
Maggie's Home	Donald Mullins	Daniel Newsome
Little Flock	Hank Forgey	Mike Fortner
Little Ruth	Don Lawson	Patrick Deel
Little Edna	Stephen Slone	Larry Newsome
Little Ida	Ralph Caudill	Billy Miller
Little Flossie	Sean Hicks	Zach Collins
Little Pilgrim's Home	Eddie Wallen	(None)
Mt. Olive	Justin Hagerman	Jason Hagerman
Pleasant View	Larry Newsome	Dennis Elkins
Little Family	Danny Carty	Bill Smith
Little Angel	Danny Carty	Bill Smith
Antioch	Hillard Newsome	Wayne Sartin
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
Family of Love	Patrick Deel	(None)
Little Melrose	Doug McCarty	Andy Fields
Eternal Rose	Hargis Tuttle	Joseph Gibson
Little Ellen	Lowell Mullins	Jason Hagerman

CHURCH ADDRESSES

(911 Addresses for Churches)

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 Rd. Rte 1	Ray, Ohio 45672
Little Ruth	3521 County Rd.	Marengo, Ohio 43334
Little Edna	5160 Bond Avenue	Lorain, Ohio 44055
Little Ida	4060 Drennan Street	Ecorse, Michigan 48229
Little Flossie	159 W. Greenwood. Dr	Kendallville, Indiana 46755
Little Pilgrim's Home	1487 U.S. Rt. 224 East, Ph. 419-524-8514	Greenwich, Ohio 44837
Mt. Olive	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 Rd. Ph. 313-379-4870	South Rockwood, Michigan 48179
Lily of the Valley	Route 534 – 600 Kiwanis Pk. Dr	Geneva Ohio 44041
Little Children's Home	18125 Stone Church Rd.	Laurel, Indiana 47024
Family of Love	18061 S.R. 231 (Wyandotte)	Nevada, Ohio 44849
Little Melrose	201 Pearl St.	Melrose, Florida 32666
Eternal Rose	14061 Township Rd. 215	Lakeville, Ohio 44638
Little Ellen	IL 50, W. 115 th , Rt. On Lawler, Left 11200 S. Avon	Alsip, Illinois 60803

2024 Statistical Table

2024	Received by Baptism	Received by Letter	Recommendation	Restored	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Total Membership	Meeting Time		Communion Time	Contributions
Little Rebecca	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	21	(-)	3-MO	July	\$ 325
Maggie's Home	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	19	(-)	1-M	July	75
Little Flock	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	14	(-)	3-MO	Aug	250
Little Ruth	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	(-)	2-M	June	25
Little Edna	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	(-)	4-M	July	100
Little Ida	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	21	(-)	1-M	June	150
Little Flossie	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	25	4:00 P.M.	1-EO	June	275
Little Pilgrim's Home	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	7	(-)	2-M	July	50
Mt. Olive	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	13	4:00 P.M.	4-E	April	450
Pleasant View	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	25	(-)	1-M	May	250
Little Family	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	6	2:00 P.M.	2-EO	July	300
Little Angel	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	16	(-)	4-MO	Aug	100
Antioch	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	(-)	1-M	Oct	425
Rose Of Sharon	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	22	(-)	2-M	May	400
Lily of the Valley	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	18	(-)	3-M	June	200
Little Children's Home	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	2:00 P.M.	3-E	July	225
Family of Love	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	2:00 P.M.	4-E	July	50
Little Melrose	0	1	0	0	2	0	1	5	(-)	1-E	Jan	100
Eternal Rose	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	4:00 P.M.	2-E	Aug	75
Little Ellen	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	4:00 P.M.	3-E	June	100
Grand Total	6	2	1	1	5	1	11	265	<div><div>2023 Church Contributions</div><div>\$ 3,925</div></div> <div><div>2023 Money for Pictures</div><div>120</div></div> <div><div>Other Contributions</div><div>100</div></div> <div><div>Grand Total for Contributions</div><div>\$ 4,145</div></div>			
				(-): Meeting Time is 9:30 A.M.								
				M: Saturday morning services								
				E: Saturday evening services								
				O: Odd Sunday								

Letter to the Northern New Salem Association

Elder Hillard Newsome (Antioch)

My Christian greetings to the officers and delegates of the Northern New Salem Association, when convened with the Little Angel Church, Columbus, Ohio, on the first Friday in August of 2024. It is with a sorrowful heart that I write to you asking to not consider me as being elected as your clerk for another year.

Due to my age of 90 years and declining health, it is time for me to put my paper and pin upon the shelf, only to collect dust. The position I have held for 48 years, that being the position of serving you as your clerk, has left me with so many precious memories. Yes, it has been a blessing serving you and being a member of your body.

You have shown me respect and honor by allowing me to serve you all these many years. The joy and happiness I have experienced by serving you has humbled this old man, causing me to feel loved. I admonish you to show love and respect to each other. And above all strive to keep good order among the Brotherhood. All to the glory and honor of God our Heavenly Father.

I may never again be able to address you in person. I can truthfully say, my love for you is endless. With tear dimmed eyes and a humble heart, I will say farewell, until we are blessed to meet over in the glory land, where parting shall never come and the weary shall be at rest.

I loved you yesterday, I love you today, and I will love you in all my tomorrows, with a love God gave to me over 70 years ago. God bless you and this old church. Her beauty is untold and I love her heavenly ways.

I will miss you and thank you from the bottom of the heart for allowing me to serve this church association.

In Christ Love, respectfully yours,

Brother Hillard Newsome

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Bro. Hillard Newsome

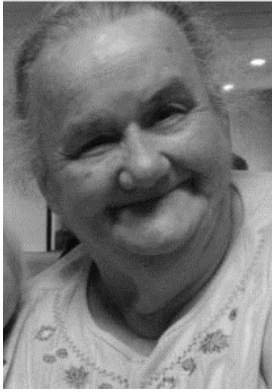
*It was early morning, near the dawn of day,
Trying to count my blessings; as I began to pray.
Suddenly I heard a noise, a knock at my door,
Standing there a little man, I'd never seen before.
His clothes were ragged, tattered and torn,
His face wrinkled, his hair wind-blown.
The shoes on his feet showed signs of wear,
Yet he was so humble, as I talked to him there.
We talked a little while there at the door,
I could tell by his attire that he was poor.*

*I invited him in to set for a restful spell.
This wanderer had many stories to tell.
He says, I'm a wayfaring stranger, have no home,
To and fro in this big world, often I roam ...
I have no friends or family to love me,
Yet I'm somebody, just an old man you see.
I'm just a weary traveler, can't work any more,
Now I'm a drifter, going from door to door.
I'm not asking for much, just a little grub to eat,
Perhaps a pair of socks for my cold feet.
Kind sir, come to my table, there's food to eat,
Clean, warm, woolly socks for your cold feet.
Thanking me for the kindness I'd shown,
He says I'm not a hobo, but I must be going on.*

Obituaries Members

Sister Edna L. Branham

March 15, 1945-October 15, 2022



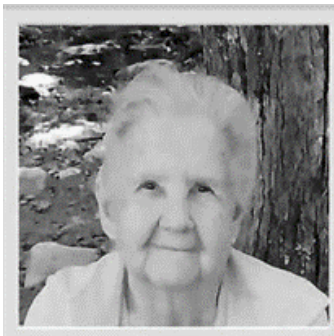
Edna L. Branham, age 77, of Willard, Ohio passed away Saturday, October 15, 2022 at the Willows at Willard in Willard, Ohio. She was born March 15, 1945 in Martin, Kentucky to the late Claude and Mary (Vanderpool) Mosley. She was a member of the Old Regular Baptist Church, since 1971. Edna loved attending the activities at the Willows at Willard where she lived and loved spending time with her friends there, and who loved her. She also enjoyed puzzles.

She is survived by two sisters-in-law, Hazel (John) Elkins of Greenup, KY and Addie (Bob) Langley of Willard and two brothers-in-law, Donald (Linda) Branham of Plymouth and Ronnie (Gracie) Branham of Shelby. She is also survived by many nieces, nephews and cousins.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Carlos Branham, parents, Claude and Mary Mosley brother, Buddy Boy Mosley and sister, Barbara Sue Gayheart.

Sister Norma Jean Beverly Mullins Davis

December 15, 1933-November 18, 2023



Norma Jean Beverly Mullins Davis was Born on December 15th 1933 the eldest Daughter of the late (Lola And Polie Beverly).She Graduated 1950 in Dorton Kentucky. She was a loving fan of UK Basketball, and a avid traveler. Her goal was to visit all 50 states, she only had 3 to go. She kept busy with puzzles in the winter and reading lots of books. She loved seeing her brothers and sister every Sunday at Church. She loved spending time with her family.

She was one of nine children: Redith Burke { Milford, deceased }, Iris Smallwood, Doris Tackett { Mark deceased }, Glen Beverly (Barb - deceased), Tommy Beverly Preceded in death (Jenny), Blane Beverly (Judy), Ginger

Robinson (Kenneth), Keith Beverly (Preceded in death).

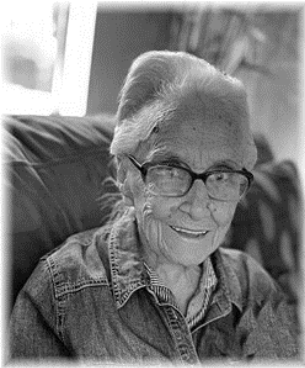
Norma Married Malvie Mullins in June 1953. Malvie proceeded her in death December 12th, 1975. Their Union produced 3 Children :Janice (Harry- deceased) Stewart of River Rouge, Michigan Vickie (Gary) Middleton of Livonia Michigan., Ralph David Mullins of Trenton, Illinois. Five Grandchftdren, whtch one preceded her in death. (Matthew Stewart) Micheal Stewart, Amy (John } Trubak Chris (Sarah) Mullins Logan Muttins Five Great Grandchildren: Heather, Parker, Piper, Evan, Gracie, and Jackson 2 Great Great Grandchildren: Warren and Olivia

Then she married Married Robert Davis in 1981, Acquiring 3 Stepchildren in this union. Robert Davis Jr. (Judy) Vickie Haack (Tommy) Micheal Davis (Angel) And a host of Step Grandchildren and Great Grandchildren.

She has many Nieces, Nephew, and friends. She will be missed by all. Norma and Robert were Baptized in Old Regular Baptist Faith in October 1987. Robert preceded in death in 2001.

Sister Lena Mae Fields

July 7, 1934-April 2, 2024



Lena Mae Fields, 89 years, of Louisville, Kentucky passed away on Tuesday April 2, 2024. She was born on July 7, 1934 in Letcher County, Kentucky to Charlie and Liza Ross. She was a devoted wife to Lovell Fields and mother to Margaret Dunsmore, both of whom proceeded her in death. She is survived by her son Terry (Diane) Fields, Granddaughters Dianna (Ely) Sanneman, and Jillia (James) Clark. Great grandchildren Jocelyn, Liam & Meadow. Along with a host of family, friends along with Old Regular Brother and Sisters.

Sister Lena Mae was a homemaker with an avid love for gardening, outdoors, camping and shopping at Macy's and Goodwill. Sister Lena Mae was a devoted member of the Little Family Church, Jacksonburg, Ohio, and attended faithfully

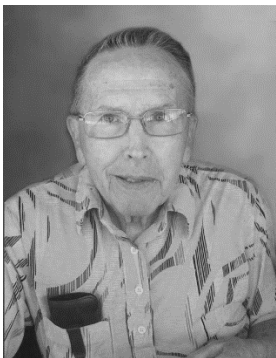
until her health prevented her from traveling.

We enjoyed many trips to Little Family Church through the years. She is greatly missed by all.

Sister Diana Caudill

Brother James Finley

July 20, 1933 - July 26, 2024



James Curtis Finley, age 91 of Dingess, WV and Sugar Grove, OH, was called home to the Lord on July 26, 2024.

He was born on July 20, 1933 to the late Charles and Ersie (Tackett) Finley in Dingess, WV.

James is survived by his daughter Beth Finley, son Scott Finley, and brothers Bill and Bernerd Finley. Along with his parents, he is preceded in death by son Tim Finley, former wife Joyce Finley, and siblings Homer, George, Leonard, Ralph, Saul, Bill, Margaret, and Virginia.

He was a faithful member of the Little Angel Church and served as clerk for many years. His absence at our little church is felt.

Sister Eva Glo Patterson

November 4, 1934-Janurary 16, 2024

Psalms 17:15 "As for me, I will behold thy face in righteousness: I shall be satisfied, when r awake, with thy likeness."



In the early morning hours of January 16, 2024, God saw a dear lonely mother who had grown tired and physically suffering daily and then sent an angel to carry her soul to safely rest in His care. Sister Eva Glo Patterson departed this life in that early morning at the age of 89 years old. She was born on November 4, 1934, the youngest child of the late Willard and Martha Damron Tackett. Fourteen siblings preceded her in death to wit: Emer Wick Tackett, Ermon Tackett, Tackett, Troy Tackett, James Tackett, Amos Tackett, Thomas Crit Tackett, Hiram Tivis Tackett, wim Tavis Tackett, Alna Tackett, Mahala Tackett, Mome Glades Boone, Nellie Little, Necia Gould, and Helen Batson. Eva's mother Martha preceded her in death while Eva was just a young girl. Eva leaves behind many nieces, nephews and a host of friends.

Eva married the love of her life, Willam "Pat" Patterson, on August 10, 1957 at the Little Ida Old Regular Baptist Church in Ecorse, Michigan. They enjoyed 63 years together and lived so happy in their little Lincoln Park home. Several years into their life together, they both realized that they needed a Savior to save their souls from sin and they both repented and received that sweet salvation. They both wanted a home with the Little Ida Church and they joined and were baptized the same day on November 13, 1986. Their joy in life became richer in the pleasures of the Lord and in being part of the church. Eva loved to cook and help with the many church dinners, and helping to take care of the church's

needs. She was always willing to help with any wedding or baby showers when needed. When Brother Pat became ill and could not attend church, she was always by his side attending to his needs. After his passing, Eva became so alone and her health also began to decline. In her last days when we visited her, she just wanted the Lord to take her home where she felt that Pat had gone to rest. She always loved to have us visit and hold prayer for her. She and Pat were a light to many people and were certainly faithful members of the church until God called them home.

Though their little neat home in Lincoln Park holds a new family inside of it now, it will always be Pat and Eva's house to me when I drive by it so often. There's a mansion prepared for them in Heaven awaiting that glad morning when all the saints of God will enter into that beautiful eternal land. How sweet her rest is now where no pain nor sorrow can touch her again.

Written by one who loved her dearly,
Sister Debbie Caudill

Brother Joe Tackett
December 16, 1924-December 29, 2023



It is with a humble heart that I attempt to write the obituary for our dear brother. Brother Joe Tackett was born December 16, 1924, in Pikeville, Kentucky to Sheridan and Sarah (Hall) Tackett and left this life on December 29, 2023, making his stay on earth 99 years. On April 11, 1946, he married Anna Mae Stephens in Drift, Kentucky. She preceded him in death on September 11, 2017. Left to mourn his passing are three daughters, Joan (Buford) Shepherd of Sparta, Tennessee, Mary Rafferty, and Sarah "Deb" (Steve) Faulkner both of Corunna, Indiana. Three sons, Denver (Beverly) Tackett of Avilla, Indiana, Clyde Tackett of Corunna, Indiana and Michael (Traci Vangorden) Tackett of Bronson, Michigan. Twelve grandchildren and numerous great grandchildren and great great grandchildren, a sister and two brothers.

Brother Joe served his country honorably, serving in the US Army during World War II as a paratrooper. While living in Kentucky, Brother Joe worked in the coal mines. He later in life moved to Indiana where he worked at Newnam Foundry in Kendallville, retiring after 40 years.

Brother Joe was baptized into the Little Flossie Church of the Old Regular Baptist on September 5, 1976, by Elder Rayful Griffith and Elder Earl Lawson. Brother Joe was always at church until his later years when he became too sick and feeble to attend. He would tell all to visit him as he loved the church and her members.

Brother Joe enjoyed fishing, mushroom hunting, and gardening but most of all he loved his church family and his natural family. Brother Joe is missed by so many and left a light and many small stones behind as a witness to the life he lived. I know Brother Joe would want all his family to seek the greatest gift ever given to mankind that was his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Written by your brother in Christ- Brother Mathew Jones

Sister Phyllis Manuel

September 18, 1942-December 28, 2023



It is with a broken heart that I try to write an obituary for our dear mother, Phyllis Manuel. At age 81, Phyllis passed away at 12:12 AM on Thursday, December 28, 2023 at Blossom Nursing and Rehabilitation Home in Willard, Ohio. She was born on September 18, 1942 in Soft Shell, Kentucky to the late Elmo and Grace (Owens) Slone. She gave her life to Jesus at the age of 16 and joined Ball's Fork Old Regular Baptist Church in Soft Shell, Kentucky. Later when Ball's Fork Church was dissolved, she became a dedicated member of Little Rebecca Old Regular Baptist Church in Plymouth, Ohio. She was a faithful member of the Old Regular Baptist Church for a total of 65 years.

Phyllis loved her cats, sewing, crocheting, reading, and spending time with her family.

Most of all, she truly enjoyed going to church from start to finish. Also, I remember her being so extremely happy when daddy and mom attended all seven Associations in one year! Mommy would almost daily sing the old songs of Zion. The word Zion has multiple meanings in the Bible; including a place of worship, a city of refuge, and a place for God's followers to live and serve him. It's also used as a title for Jerusalem, appearing 152 times in the Bible. Thus, I believe there is power behind the old songs when sung giving God all the Glory and Praise in Faith believing. Many times, mommy would whole heartedly sing the old song Little Bessie to me over the phone when I had one of my sick migraines. After hearing a few lines of that song, the migraine would simply disappear and I was able to sleep or enjoy the rest of my day! Mommy and I would give God praises for restoring my health. I believe that my mommy walked that straight, narrow path with God, Jesus, and the Holy Ghost guiding her every step in life.

She is survived by 3 children, Wilma "Jean" Gaardsmoe of Shiloh, Paul (Kendra) Manuel of Shiloh, and Willard Manuel Jr. of Shiloh; 6 grandchildren, Tim (Ashley) Kay, Sarah (Caleb) McKenzie, and Robert Lee Manuel, Kaylee Paige, Jason and Brandon Manuel; 5 great-grandchildren, Rylie Belle, Zoe Rowen, Emmett Lawrence, Evelyn Rose, and Leo Michael Thomas; a brother, Luther Slone of Shiloh; a sister, Judy Thornsberry of Shelby and numerous nieces, nephews and friends.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Willard Manuel who passed away in 2018 and a son-in-law, Charles Hamilton Gaardsmoe in 2014.

Elder Danny Carty and Elder Phillip Beverly officiated during the three days of her services. Funeral service was held on Thursday, January 4, 2024 at 11:00 AM by Little Rebecca Old Regular Baptist Church in Plymouth, Ohio. Mommy was laid to rest next to her husband; Willard Manuel, at Mt. Hope Cemetery in Shiloh, Ohio.

The Dash Poem by Linda Ellis

I read of a man who stood to speak at the funeral of a friend. He referred to the dates on the tombstone from the beginning to the end.

He noted first came the date of the birth and spoke the following date with tears. But he said what mattered most of all was the dash between the years.

For that dash represents all the time that they spent life on Earth. And now only those who loved them know what that little line is worth.

For it matters not how much we own, the cars, the house, the cash. What matters is how we live and love, and how we spend our dash.

So, think about this long and hard. Are there things you'd like to change. For you never know how much time is left that can still be rearranged.

If we could just slow down enough to consider what's true and real, and always try to understand the way other people feel.

Be less quick to anger and show appreciation more, and love the people in our lives like we've never loved before.

If we treat each other with respect and more often wear a smile, remembering that this special dash might only last a little while.

So, when your eulogy is being read with your life's actions to rehash, would you be proud of the things they say about how you spent your dash?

Written by her Daughter and Sister in Christ, Jeannie (Manuel) Gaardsmoe

MARJORIE SLONE GIBSON

August 22, 1930- August 11, 2024



Named simply Marjorie, she was born on August 22, 1930, to Jonas and Nora [Boleyn] Slone at Raven [Caney Fork], KY, the second generation of four generations born in that house. Her six siblings: Lula, Ruth, stillborn twin boys, 3-year-old Raymond, and Jonas "Lawrence" Slone Jr. have all passed away and are buried on the family cemetery. Lawrence's wife, Geraldine [Holbrooks] Slone, plus loving nieces, nephews, and cousins are the only remaining family.

As a teenager, Marjorie was responsible for helping to improve the road past her birthplace through a letter-writing campaign to The Honorable Carl D. Perkins, Democrat for the 7th congressional district of Kentucky for 35 years. He was well-acquainted with her family since he frequently was a dinner guest

at their home.

She and Omer Edwin Slone eloped on August 5, 1946, and were married 53 years until he passed away on Dec. 15, 1999. They had 2 children: Douglas Edmund Slone of New Port Richey, FL who passed away October 28, 2023, and Belinda Gayle Slone Elliott of Elyria. Doug gave her 2 grandchildren in his marriage to Judy Cool: Kimberly Lynn Slone of Alaska and Kelly Rae Slone Haddock of Colorado. Belinda gave Marjorie one grandson in her marriage to Basil Elliott: Chad [married to Lisa McKee] and 2 great grandchildren: Tyler and Ashley.

She married Donel Gibson on June 22, 2002, who brought 6 "bonus" children to their marriage: Brenda [Feldon] Ruggles, Gerald [Valerie], Allen [Sonja], twins Joe [Sandy] and Mark [Rita], and Donnie [Diana] plus many beautiful grandchildren and great grandchildren. No "bonus family" could have treated her better, even after Don passed away on November 18, 2019.

When Don and Marjorie moved into the condo community where all his outside work was done for him, Don insisted that Marjorie have help with her inside work so he hired a cleaning lady and took all his dress shirts to the cleaners. When they got married, Chad's son Tyler was only about 3 years old, and he nicknamed him "New Don." Don was generous and patient with Marjorie, and he often winked at Belinda and said, "Let the little girl dance," when Marjorie was testing his patience! Don treated her better than he needed to, and he treated Doug and Belinda and their families like his own children and grandchildren. Don was especially kind and generous to Belinda during a difficult time in her life.

Marjorie also leaves behind many church friends and extended family who lovingly called her Sister Marge, Mom, Aunt Marjorie, and Grandma. I believe she was the oldest member of Pleasant View Church, both in age, spiritual birth, and membership. Since she was the "matriarch" of the church, everyone gave her love, respect and honor for it. She and Omer traveled widely, visiting churches and association meetings in Michigan, Indiana, and Kentucky.

Marjorie attended high school at Wayland, KY through 11th grade until 1945. She had skipped two elementary grades. She was a lifelong learner who loved to read. She read mostly inspirational and religious materials. She wanted to be a nutritionist, and studied everything she could to live a healthier life. She called herself a "paper person" because she loved to write letters and send cards. She remembered more birthdays than anyone! The best gifts you could have given her were postage stamps and stationery.

Marjorie became a believer in Jesus Christ on July 8, 1952, at age 22. Later she went back to KY to the Caney Fork Church to be baptized where her family had attended for several generations. Since 1953, she and Dad had lived in Ohio, so she moved her membership to the only church in northern Ohio at the time: Little Rebecca Church in Plymouth, OH, and then closer to home to Pleasant View Church in Litchfield, OH, where she served with Omer when he was ordained as deacon in 1981 and later serving with Don as a supportive elder's wife. She was present when the Northern New Salem Association was established, and present to see many new churches added to the group.

She read everything she could get her hands on to help her grow in the grace of God, and when she could not go to church, she watched her favorite TV preachers. Marjorie and Omer both disagreed with many man-made rules, practices, and traditions of their church, but they made a conscious decision to "go along to get along" with the friends they loved. She believed there should be childcare for babies and preschoolers, and that school-age children should be taught Bible stories rather than expected to sit still and be quiet for hours when even adults cannot do so. She especially believed that there should be Bible teaching and not just preaching. She often said, "How else will they know the Word of God if they don't read it themselves or hear it clearly taught?"

Marjorie worked hard to be a good church member, friend, sister, cousin, aunt, wife, mother, and grandma. She was a lifelong homemaker. She did occasional jobs to supplement their income, and for a brief time, she even worked in Bono's, Doug's pizza shop in LaGrange. She learned to do embroidery and machine sewing; Belinda remembers several pretty dresses she made for her. She canned vegetables from their garden every year, and kept their house immaculate. She had learned to be resourceful and frugal when she was a young wife and mother, utilizing inexpensive things around the house. She used to cut out pictures from magazines and put them in cheap frames for wall décor. In addition, Marjorie wrote a special interest column for the Mountain Eagle newspaper in KY for many years.

Her love language was giving gifts so she tried hard to give exactly what she thought others needed or liked. And that meant she loved receiving gifts, especially knick-knacks. She never forgot who gave her each item, and she could go through her house and tell you who gave it, when and why. She was known for remembering birthdays with a card!

She always liked to wear pretty clothes and jewelry, and she wanted her house to be decorated for every season and holiday, especially Christmas. Her tree was decorated with extreme care in blue and white, and it was always stunning. She insisted on leaving her snowmen on display until spring arrived. Before she moved into the condo community with all its strict rules, she loved tending her beautiful flower gardens.

She and Omer were CornerStone Academy's cleaning crew and adopted grandparents, and on Appalachian Day, she came as Minnie Pearl down to the last detail. To Omer's utter frustration, she stayed in character all day. The kids loved it, especially the complete country breakfast Marjorie and Belinda cooked for the whole school.

She especially loved the ladies in her weekly "Lunch Bunch" – Cousin Ollie Terry, Granny Lizzie Collins, and Aunt Hazel Maynard. She was well-known in the community, and everywhere Belinda went – to the pharmacy, the dry cleaners, the grocery store, or their favorite restaurants – she was asked, "How's your mother?" When she answered that Mom wasn't doing well, there were tears, the offer of prayers, and even an offer of her favorite homemade food.

She loved playing tricks on people on April Fool's Day, particularly on her father-in-law Elmer Slone. Once she was ready to be discharged from hospital and Omer was at work. She called her father-in-law, but he refused to go because it was April Fool's Day! She also had a cute sense of humor about ordinary things.

She adored her grandchildren and great grandchildren, and she made everyone think they were her special favorites. Truth is they were ALL her favorites! If she discovered you liked something, you would get it ... often. Chad used to say, "Grandma has sugar in her hands. That's what made her food taste so good!" And no other hands were as tender and comforting!

Marjorie Slone Gibson was a loved, blessed and highly favored child of God. She had many spiritual gifts, such as being a prayer warrior, an exhorter and encourager, a leader, a teacher, a helper, and a generous giver. She exemplified all nine of the fruit of the spirit mentioned in Galatians 5:22-23. As a believer since age 22, clearly she had grown in grace, but not because she sat in church two or three times a month. She grew because she made the effort, seven days a week, to study the Word of God. She could have stayed a spiritually ignorant baby, but she always wanted to have a closer walk with God and, more than anything, to share her faith with others, believers and unbelievers alike. She often quoted Jesus's words, "By my loving kindness have I drawn thee."

In April 2024, she asked to say a few words at the end of the church service. She thanked everyone for their loving visits, calls, delicious food, cards and gifts they had sent. She said "farewell until we meet again in the resurrection," urged everyone to love each other, not to judge, and she especially instructed non-believers to quickly respond to Jesus's offer of the gift of eternal life, by grace through faith.

On Sunday morning, August 11, 2024, only 11 days from her 94th birthday, God received her back to heaven where the Bible says, she is "asleep in Jesus." Rest in peace, Marjorie, and we will see you again real soon. Written with love,
Belinda

Friends

Rhonda Sue Bisceglia

June 20, 1964-March 14, 2024



Jesus said to her "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whosoever lives by believing in me will never die."

Rhonda Sue Bisceglia was born on June 20th, 1964 in Cleveland, Ohio to Kathryn Madolyn (Moody) and Harrison Henry Buckner. She was the middle child of 3 and the only daughter. She loved her brothers; they were inseparable even when life took them miles apart from each other. In school and throughout her entire life, Rhonda had a passion for art. She enjoyed painting, ceramics, drawing, and upcycling old furniture. She always told me her childhood dream was to be an art teacher. Her skill at painting went hand in hand when it came to her second hobby, making chocolates and baking cakes. Baking cakes and making chocolates for the holidays was what

she was known for, everyone loved Rhonda's chocolates. She really put her heart and soul into everything she made to make sure things were perfect.

In the 90's, when she met Tony (my dad), I remember her telling me it was love at first sight and the he had saved her. They met in Ohio but moved to PA when they had me, their first born daughter in 1993. We moved back to Ohio around 1996, to Lorain where they made a life for many years. In 1999 they were married and bought their first home together, it was around that time that Mom started her own cleaning business. She was cleaning for a company on the side but working late nights, and not being able to spend much time with her after school wasn't making her happy, so she decided to go out on her own and make her own way. She always told me how important it was for her to be home with, she wanted to raise me right.

In 2003 she gave birth to twins, while still running her cleaning business successfully. That business she kept running for 25 years, she was so proud of that. She was always the first one awake, making a pot of coffee, and planning her day. When it came to being a friend she was always there for anyone who needed it. Family was her number one priority and if you were a close friend she definitely considered you family. When she threw a party, she would spend the entire week before planning food, and chocolates, and making sure everything was spotless and perfect in the house. She was always the life of the party, her smile lit up the room and laugh was contagious.

Rhonda, my mom, was the perfect mom, the perfect wife, and the perfect friend. She was selfless and empathetic with a heart of gold, but feisty, and more stubborn than anyone I know. She touched many hearts in her lifetime with her kindness, and words cannot express the depth of how much her soul will be missed by so many people she left behind who loved her.

Rhonda is preceded in death by her father, Harrison Buckner and her brothers, Vincent Raymond Lester, Steven Buckner, and David Allen Buckner. She is survived by her husband Tony Bisceglia, mother, Kathryn Lester, and father Dott Lester.

Richard L. Maynard

September 21, 1946-June 11, 2024



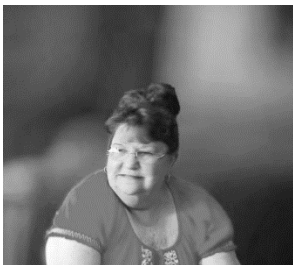
Richard L. Maynard, 77, Wilkesville, Ohio passed away Tuesday, June 11, 2024 at the Adena Medical Center, Chillicothe, Ohio. He was born in Naughtatuck, West Virginia on September 21, 1946 to the late Cecil and Fannie Marcum Maynard. Richard was a retired bus driver for the Vinton County Local Schools, former logger and a cross-tie buyer, employed by Koppers Industries.

Those left to cherish his memory are sons: Wayne (Connie Hagen) Maynard, Vinton, Ohio, C. J. (Stella) Maynard, Langsville, Ohio and Michael (Angela McGlone) Maynard, Vinton, Ohio; daughter, Shelby Seitz, Columbus, Ohio; thirteen grandchildren; brother, Cecil (Debbie) Maynard, Jr., Racine, Ohio; sisters: Shelba Wickline, Racine, Ohio, Catherine (Ron) Conkel, Minford, Julie Murphy, Racine, Ohio and Sandra Kay (Scott) Oberholzer, Albany, Ohio; as well as several nieces, nephews and extended family members.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a brother, Sammy Maynard.

Sandra J. "Sandy" Slone

September 5, 1945 - July 29, 2023



Sandra J. "Sandy" Slone, age 77, of Mansfield, went home to be with the Lord on Saturday morning, July 29, 2023. Her faith and relationship with our Lord sustained her as she endured many years of COPD with her husband, Douglas, by her side. He was blessed to care for her in their home, where she passed away.

Sandy was born September 5, 1945, in Lafferty, Ohio, to the late Arthur and Pauline (Lewis) Jackson. She was a 1962 graduate of Union High School in Flushing, Ohio. She worked outside the home for short periods at both Therm-O-Disc in Mansfield and the Shelby SalesBook Company in Shelby. However, Sandy's greatest joy was being a homemaker; she loved cooking and caring for her family. Her grandchildren and great-grandchildren were the delights of her life. If she was able, she cherished the times she got to attend and support Old Regular Baptist Church, and the friendships she developed with the members.

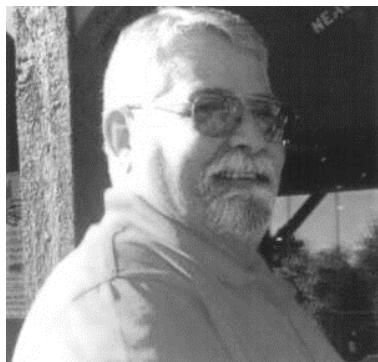
Washington Irving wrote, "There is a sacredness in tears. They are not the mark of weakness, but of power. They speak more eloquently than ten thousand tongues. They are the messengers of overwhelming grief, of deep contrition, and of unspeakable love." This "unspeakable love" gives comfort and courage to her husband of nearly fifty-seven years, Douglas M. Slone, whom she wed on November 26, 1966, daughter: Lora (Charlie) Kuhn of Shelby; grandchildren: Derrick (Morgan) Slone, Robert (Katelyn) Kuhn, Erick

(Amber) Slone, and Leesha (Kevin) Montgomery; great-grandchildren: Rilynn, Ellie, Matthew, Westin, Quinley, Raymond, Willow, Brantley, and Nilelynn; and numerous nieces, nephews, other relatives, and friends. Sandy is now at Home with their first-born child, Matthew D. Slone. In addition to Matthew and her parents, Sandy was preceded in death by her brothers: Bobby Jackson, Dale Jackson, William "Pal" Jackson, and Charlie Jackson; and sisters: Martha Arno and Mary Jendrusik.

"Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift" 2 Corinthians 9:15 KJV. As we journey into the days ahead, holding on to our memories, knowing some days will have challenges and sadness, every day will serve as a reminder to us of Sandy, one of God's unspeakable gifts of love.

Written by Beulah Pifer and Lora Kuhn, approved by Doug Slone

Carl J. Stevens, Sr.
March 20, 1950-February 17, 2024



Carl J. Stevens Sr., age 73, passed away on February 17, 2024 at his home surrounded by his family. He was born on March 20, 1950 to the late Clarence O. and Germaine G. (Steinmetz) Stevens. Carl was a mechanic and parts manager for various automotive stores in Willard. He enjoyed fishing, hunting, taking trips to Amish country and Michigan to find mushrooms with Ron (Mooseface to Dad) and Pat. He is known for his great sense of humor and story telling. If Dad wasn't teasing you then he didn't like you. He loved to attend his children and grandchildren's sporting events. His favorite time was the times he spent with his family. Most of all,

he was a very devoted husband, father, grandfather and great grandfather.

He is survived by his wife, Dianna F. (Vanderpool) Stevens, whom he married December 7, 1968; his children, Carl "Boog" Stevens Jr. (Laura Penwell), Shelley Roberts (William Hochrein), Nikki Stine, Chad (Christie) Stevens and Ryan (Markell) Stevens, all of Willard; grandchildren, Zach (Caytlyn), Melany, Emily, Hailey, Kaylie, Kendra, Zarian, Xavier, Scott, Max, Jayden and Jacob; great grandchild, Ryan (Pawpaw's best buddy); siblings, Robert (Cindy) Stevens, of Plymouth, Ohio; Ruth (Jim) Fetzer of Shelby, Ohio; and Carol Stevens of New Haven, Ohio; sister-in-law, Sue Stevens of Willard, Ohio; along with numerous nieces and nephews; brother-in-law Ronald (Pat) Vanderpool of North Fairfield and sister-in-law Linda Robinson of Willard, Ohio.

In addition to his parents, he is preceded in death by a brother Ronald Stevens and a sister Janet Stevens and numerous other family members.

Darren Keith White
June 1, 1966 ~ October 14, 2022 (age 56)



Darren Keith White (56) passed away peacefully in his sleep on October 14th. Calling hours will be held October 19th from 12-2pm with a service to immediately follow at Pleasant View Old Regular Baptist Church in Litchfield. A procession will make their way to the Sullivan Cemetery for his final resting place. Dinner and reception to follow at Free Will Baptist Church in Wellington.

He is survived by his wife, Tammy M. White, and three children, Michelle (Ryan) White, Rachel (Christian) Motter, and Darren White II. His mother, Eloise White, and brother, Dana (Tammy Lynn) White, also carry on his memory. He was "Papa" to five grandchildren whom he adored with the fullness of his heart: Zoe, Eleanor, Page, Efrem, and Harriet. He was preceded in death by a daughter, Treasure, and his father, Andrew.

Darren was a lifetime resident of Sullivan, Ohio, a graduate of Black River and owner of Whites Machining & Tool, Inc.

The miracle of Darren's life was his family, who loved him fiercely and whom he loved the same. His driving hope was to provide all he could for them. Darren had a brilliant mind for numbers and engineering and could solve any problem with mental math faster than another man could draw out his calculator. He loved science fiction, classic rock, and to make a quick-witted joke under his breath causing only the wallflower to laugh. A man of few words, but mostly wise ones, and a hard worker who believed in excellent craftsmanship. But his greatest passion was his grandchildren, who opened his heart wider than he knew was possible and taught him the meaning of laughter.

"The Lord is near the broken hearted and saves the crushed in spirit"

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