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ASSOCIATION

OF
OLD REGULAR BAPTIST
CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST

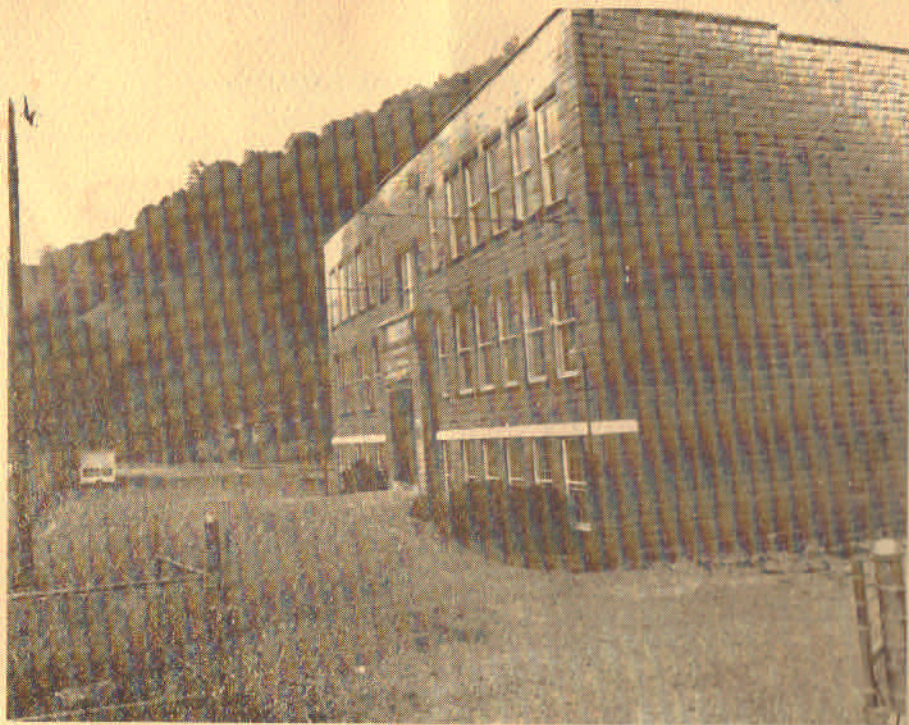


Held At The
INDIAN BOTTOM ASSOCIATION BUILDING
Sassafras, Knott County, Kentucky

September 2, 3 and 4, 1983

Hosted By:
Cedar Grove Church
Defeated Creek Church

Elder Elwood Cornett, Moderator (633-9269)
Elder Jim Fields, Assistant Moderator (633-0275)
Brother Glenn Hampton, Clerk (633-0357)
Elder Morris Shepherd, Assistant Clerk (251-3278)



Indian Bottom Association Building

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RESOLUTION IN MEMORY OF
ELDER CHARLIE GIBSON

Elder Charlie Gibson joined the church in 1942. Charlie preached for about forty years. He lived close to the Lord and went far and near to preach the gospel.

Bro. Charlie enjoyed his children going to church. I am sure if any of his children have repented, he would say to them, "Obey the Lord and put on the whole armor of God. Only in obedience are you blessed."

The Blair Branch Church has lost a faithful member. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him. Everyone can be with him again if they will repent of their sins and be born again.



RESOLUTION IN MEMORY OF
ELDER HERMAN CAUDILL

Herman Caudill joined the Old Regular Baptist Church in 1931 and lived an humble Christian life until death in 1983.

Herman was a faithful member and minister of the Old Regular Baptist Church. His work in and out of the church will live on for all who knew him.

Herman was faithful to his calling. He went far and near to console and comfort a broken heart. He always told the people that Jesus was the answer to their problems, to obey and have faith in Jesus.

The Mt. Olivet Church and the Old Regular Baptists will miss him.

Our next Association will be held in our permanent building at Sassafras, Knott County, Kentucky, just off Ky. 15.

DIRECTIONS TO THE INDIAN BOTTOM ASSOCIATION

1. From Hazard, Kentucky, go east on Ky. 15 to Sassafras (12 miles), then follow signs up Yellow Creek about ½ mile to Association.
2. From Hindman, Kentucky, leave Ky. 80 on Ky. 160 south about ten miles to Ky. 15; turn right, follow 15 about four miles to Sassafras; follow signs as in No. 1.
3. From Whitesburg, Kentucky, follow Ky. 15 west to Sassafras about twenty miles; follow signs as in No. 1.
4. Accommodations for campers will be provided for and available on the building parking lot.

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FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 1983
AND THE TWO FOLLOWING DAYS

The Indian Bottom Association, being in session, assembled at our Association Building at Sassafras, Knott County, Kentucky, September 2, 1983, and the two following days. Being hosted by the Cedar Grove and Defeated Creek Churches, the Association met in the congregational department of the Association Building for preaching services. After lifting our voices to our Lord and Master, Elder Jim Fields introduced the service and led in prayer.

After the introduction and prayer had been rendered, Elder Ellis Banks, who had been chosen by the delegates of the 1982 session of our Association to preach the Introductory Sermon of this 1983 session, came to the pulpit and preached a soul-inspiring sermon.

The delegates were dismissed from the congregation and asked to assemble in the Delegate Room. Then came forth Elder Elwood Cornett, our Moderator, who made a few remarks to the delegates and called upon Elder Burton Howard to come to the pulpit. Elder Howard rendered a warm, spiritual sermon. After a song, he humbly led in prayer.

The Association, now being assembled, was called to order by Elder Elwood Cornett, the Moderator, who called for the letters of our several churches that compose the Indian Bottom Association.

1. A motion was made, seconded, and passed with no objection to read the letter of the Cedar Grove Church. The letter was read by the clerk. By a move and second, with no objection, it was received along with all other church letters, as they were in regular form; the delegates were seated, and all requests and inquiries were referred to the Committee on Arrangements.

2. The Association was then organized by choosing the following officers:

Elder Elwood Cornett, Moderator
Elder Jim Fields, Assistant Moderator
Bro. Glenn Hampton, Clerk
Elder Morris Shepherd, Assistant Clerk
Elder Jim Fields, Assistant Clerk

Due to Elder Jim Fields being elected Assistant Moderator, he resigned as Assistant Clerk. By a move and second with no objection, his resignation was accepted. By a move and second with no objection, it was decided that we have only one Assistant Clerk.

3. The Moderator called for newly constituted churches desiring to take up fellowship with us. Little Mary Church, Morehead, Kentucky, presented a letter. By a move and second with no objection, the letter was received, the delegates seated and the letter was referred to the Committee on Arrangements. Little Shepherd Church of Indianapolis, Indiana, presented a letter. By a move and second with no objection, the letter was received, the delegates seated, and the letter was referred to the Committee on Arrangements.

4. Churches of our same faith and order who desired fellowship were called for. None responded.

5. By a move and second with no objection, there was a reading of the Articles of Faith, the Constitution and the Rules of Decorum.

6. The Moderator called for corresponding associations of our same faith and order who desired to correspond with us. The following associations responded with letters, delegates and files of minutes.

A. New Salem: Arnold McKnight, Melvin Slone, Hiram Adkins, Woodrow Dye, Hobart Bates, Burton Howard, Bill Day, Coy Combs, Monroe Jones, Banner Manns, Estill Slone, Troy Hall, Lonnie West, Grover Adkins, Amos Newsome, Alonzo Allen, Edd Moore, Talt Hicks, Jack Sword, C.B. Smith, Ralph Howard, Roger Hicks, Hauley King.

B. Union: Herman West, John M. Mullins, Jesse L. Williamson, Fon Bowling, John C. Layne, Carson Wright, Lonnie E. Cantrell, Charles Wright, Howard Murphy Jr., Frank Newsome, Junior Damron, Ernest Young, Dallas Ramsey, N.A. England, Ival Coleman, Ferrell Ratliff, James Hall, Andy Bates, Dewey Sexton, Ernest Perrigan, Jack Sutgill, Paul McClanahan, Autie McClanahan, Bill Campbell, Burton Bentley, Arthur Dell, Lloyd Cable, Charlie Johnson, Harry Lester, Jimmy Dale Sanders, Delbert Sanders, Alfred V. Adams, Jerry Bentley, Perry Layne, Junior Willman, Marvin Kiser, Marshall Williamson, Allen Thacker.

C. Northern New Salem: Melvin Watts, Albert Osborne, Emmitt Tackett, Pete Hensley, Astor Eldridge, Troy Beverly, Elmer Adams, Donny Adams, Covis Tackett, Baxter Osborne, Carlos Little, Bill Ison, Roy Caudill, Ballard Brown, Holly Warns, C.W. Turner, Herman Thompson, Milton Dye.

7. The Moderator called for transient members and ministers and the following responded: Elder Manus Ison, Brother Estil Everage, Elder Euell Ratliff and Elder Toby Breeding.

8. By a move and second with no objection, the Moderator was directed to make all temporary appointments.

9. The Moderator appointed a Committee on Ministry composed of one delegate from each church, with the entire delegation from the Cedar Grove Church to arrange for preaching services for Friday afternoon and Saturday morning.

10. The Moderator appointed a Committee on Arrangements

which was to be the same as the Committee on Ministry, with the exception that the Cedar Grove Church should have only one delegate together with the Association Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk, Assistant Clerk, transients and the entire delegation from the corresponding associations to meet Friday afternoon at 2:30 p.m. to arrange the business for Saturday.

11. By a move and second with no objection, it was agreed to correspond with the following associations: New Salem, Union and Northern New Salem, and the clerk was directed to prepare letters to same.

12. The Committee on Ministry made the following report for preaching services:

Friday Afternoon: Elder Woodrow Dye and Elder Roy Caudill.

Saturday Morning: Elder Grover Adkins and Paul McClanahan

13. By a move and second with no objection, the Association adjourned until 9:00 a.m. Saturday morning.

The Committee on Arrangements met at 2:30 p.m. Friday afternoon in the Congregational Department of the Association Building. The session was introduced by Elder Arnold McKnight, who was well-blessed. Prayer was rendered by Elder Nelson Seals, after which the committee arranged the work for Saturday.

SATURDAY MORNING, SEPTEMBER 3, 1983

The Association met pursuant to adjournment. After praising our Lord and Savior in singing some beautiful hymns, Elder Elwood Cornett called on Elder Fon Bowling from the Union Association to introduce and Elder Carl Back to hold prayer.

1. The Assistant Clerk called the roll and noted the absentees.

2. The report of the Committee on Arrangements was given. The work was approved and the committee discharged by a move and second with no objection.

3. The ministers chosen to preach on the stand were excused to go to the Congregational Department of the Association Building.

4. The moderator appointed a Committee on Finance to wit: Brothers Johnny Walters, Crittie Stewart and Merle Smith, who reported a total sum of \$2,910.00 collected from the churches. By a move and second with no objection, the report was received and the committee discharged.

5. By a move and second with no objection the minutes of this session of the Association were ordered to be printed. The clerk was to be Secretary/Treasurer; he was to have 3,000 copies of the minutes printed; and he was to receive \$50.00 for his services.

6. By a move and second with no objection, the dates of the Union, Communion and Memorial Services are to be printed

in the minutes.

7. The Circular Letter was read by Elder Marcus Combs, who had been chosen by the 1982 session of the Association to prepare a letter for its approval. There was a move and second without objection to receive the letter and have it printed in the minutes.

8. A. The Committee on Ministry, being the same as on Friday, chose the following ministers to fill the stand on Sunday, to wit: Elders Baxter Osborne, Dallas Ramsey and Roger Hicks.

B. The Committee on Ministry chose Elder I.D. Back to preach the Introductory Sermon for the 1984 session of the Association and Elder Carl Back to be his alternate.

C. The Committee on Ministry chose Elder Morris Shepherd to write a circular letter for approval next year.

9. By a move and second with no objection, obituaries are to be printed in the minutes with a fee of \$10.00 included for printing of pictures.

10. The assistant clerk gave the treasurer's report. By a move and second with no objection, the report was received. The report was as follows:

Balance on Hand, 9/4/82.....	\$2,018.91
Church Contributions	2,315.00
Pictures	290.00
Total in Treasury.....	\$4,623.91
Paid out for Printing Minutes	1,800.00
Safety Deposit Box	35.00
Minute Book	54.10
Clerk's Fee	50.00
Total Paid Out 1982-83.....	\$1,939.10
Balance on Hand, 9/3/83.....	\$2,684.81

11. Letters prepared to our corresponding Associations were read and approved by a move and second with no objection.

A. New Salem: To begin on Friday before the fourth Saturday in September, 1983, at Minnie, Floyd County, Kentucky, at their association building. Delegates to attend: Lester Short, Oliver Mullins, Lonnie Gregory, Bob Turner, Jr. Lusk, John Preece, Toby Breeding, Squire Watts, Green Perry, Ollie Mullins, Arnold Thacker, Alonzo Mosley Chillestene Gibson, Birtchell Mosley, Nelson Seals, McKinley McIntosh, I.D. Back, Euel Ratliff, Manus Ison, Agnon Back, Rodney Ison, Carl Chandler, Elmer Mullins, Elwood Cornett, Jim Fields, Morris Shepherd, Ivan Amburgey, Merle Smith and Clark Hays.

B. Union: To begin on Friday before the third Saturday in September, 1983, at the Hurricane Church, Wise, Wise County, Virginia. Delegates to attend: Jim Fields, Elwood Cornett, Morris Shepherd, Lester Short, Lonnie Gregory, Bob Turner, Gene Wilder, Jay McCool, Toby Breeding, John Preece, Ivan Amburgey, Rodney Ison, Squire Watts, L.P.

Sumpter, Euel Ratliff, Luther Ashley, I.D. Back, McKinley McIntosh, Nelson Seals, Manus Ison, Agnon Back and Merle Smith.

C. Northern New Salem- To begin on Friday before the first Saturday in August, 1984, at Little Angel Church, Columbus, Ohio. Delegates to attend: Nelson Seals, Jim Fields, Elwood Cornett, Morris Shepherd, Ivan Amburgey, Lonnie Gregory, Bob Turner, Joe Back, Donald Fields, Clyde Shepherd, Doug Gibson, Squire Watts, McKinley McIntosh, Tennis Sturgill and Merle Smith.

12. The ministers were called upon to make reports on their attendance at Union Meetings and Associations. They gave their reports and apologized for their failures. By a move and second with no objection, the same was received.

13. A motion was made and seconded with no objection for the clerk to prepare a Resolution of Appreciation for the service of Elder Carl Back as Assistant Moderator of the Indian Bottom Association. The resolution is as follows:

RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION

We, the delegates of the Indian Bottom Association, desire to express our appreciation to Elder Carl Back for his untiring time and effort he unselfishly gave for the cause and the upbuild of the Indian Bottom Association. Elder Carl Back has traveled many miles to help work out a peaceful solution to many church problems. He is a picture of humbleness and how a man ought to live. Surely his light has shined and is still shining for many. Brother Carl, we thank you for all you have done. May God bless you and be with you your remaining days.

14. The Committee on Council was called on to make its report. It reported its meeting with the Little Mary Church, which desired to be a part of the Indian Bottom Association. The report was received by a move and second, with no objection.

15. The letter from the Little Mary Church was read, along with some of the history of their origin. Our moderator, Elder Elwood Cornett advised our Association to receive the Little Mary Church into the Indian Bottom Association. The church had been under the watch-care of our Committee on Council. It was moved and seconded with no objection to receive the Little Mary Church and give them the right hand of fellowship, welcoming them into the Association.

16. The letter from the Little Shepherd Church and minutes of organization were read, and the Little Shepherd Church was received into the Association by a move and second with no objection, and the delegates were given the right hand of fellowship, welcoming them into the Association.

17. The request from the Reynolds Fork Church was read. The request was as follows:

August 20, 1983

To the 1983 session of the Indian Bottom Association:

We, the Reynolds Fork Old Regular Baptist Church, met in regular session August 20, 1983. A motion was made and seconded without any objection to send the following explanation of our membership total to the 1983 session of our Association:

The Reynolds Fork Church has completed an audit of its members and as a result of that audit we have determined that our actual membership total is 29. Please accept and publish the revised total.

Elder Nelson Seals, Moderator
Bro. Wiley Amburgey, Clerk

The request was granted by a move and second with no objection.

18. The request from the Bull Creek Church was read. The request was as follows:

3rd Saturday, July 16, 1983

We, the Bull Creek Church of Old Regular Baptist faith and order, met in regular session, and after seating the church in full love and fellowship, then proceeded to business. When the moderator called for new business, a move and second was made to send a request to the Indian Bottom Association, asking for Elder Truman Jent's name to be removed from the list of ordained ministers. Truman Jent was excluded from the Bull Creek Church on August 21, 1982.

Done and signed by the order of the church.

Elder Carl Back, Moderator
Brother Gary Caudill, Clerk

The request was granted by a move and second with no objection.

19. The request from the Blair Branch Church requesting to host the Association for 1984 and the request from Big Cowan Church requesting the same were read. The requests were as follows:

Saturday, July 16, 1983

To the Indian Bottom Association of Old Regular Baptists:
We, the Blair Branch Church, met at our regular meeting in July and were found in love and fellowship. It was moved and seconded that we send a letter requesting to host the 1984 session of our association.

Done and signed by order of the church.

Elder I.D. Back, Moderator
Bro. Steve Adams, Clerk

Saturday, July 23, 1983

We, the Big Cowan Church, met on the above date, being found in love and fellowship; it is the church's desire to co-host the Association in 1984 with our beloved sister, the Blair Branch Church. Hope you, the delegates of the Indian Bottom Association, will grant us this opportunity to serve you the next association.

Done and signed by the order of the Big Cowan Church.

Elder Ellis Banks, Moderator
Bro. Estill "Ted" Everage, Clerk

The requests were granted by a move and second without any objection.

20. The moderator appointed the following people to serve on the Committee on Council for the following year:

Luther Combs, Luther Ashley, Curt Blevins, Joe Ison, Marcus Combs, Clifton Hampton, and I.D. Back as chairman.

21. The report of the treasurer of the Board of Trustees, Bro. Glenn Hampton, is as follows:

Balance on Hand, 9/4/82	\$1,531.02
Church Contributions	5,865.00
Odd W/E Services	974.00
Concession Stand & Other Contributions	1,201.45

Total in Treasury. 9,571.47

Paid Out:

Utilities	1,343.08
Insurance	986.74
Labor	378.00
Repair Materials	1,338.78
Food & Kitchen Supplies	3,101.25

Total Paid Out, 1982-83 7,147.85

Balance on Hand, 9/3/83. \$2,423.62

22. Elder Jim Fields resigned as trustee of the Indian Bottom Association. His resignation was received by a move and second with no objection, and Bro. Johnny Walters was selected to fill that vacancy by a move and second with no objection.

23. The practice of printing the names of liberated brethren in the minutes was brought to the attention of the Association. It was moved and seconded without any objection to not print the names of liberated brethren in the minutes.

24. It was moved and seconded for the clerks to write a resolution of appreciation to the Cedar Grove and Defeated Creek churches, expressing thanks for a great job of hosting this association.

25. It was moved and seconded to have the clerks write a resolution honoring the memory of our deceased elders. There was no objection filed. Also, there was a move and second with no objection to have one complete page each for Elder Herman Caudill and Elder Charlie Gibson.

26. The minutes were read and approved by a move and second with no objection.

27. It was moved and seconded to adjourn this session of the Association until we convene again in 1984.

Elder Ralph Howard closed this session of our beloved Association. He was exceptionally well blessed to preach, after which he led in a humble prayer.

Signed by:

Elder Elwood Cornett, Moderator
Elder Jim Fields, Assistant Moderator
Bro. Glenn Hampton, Clerk
Elder Morris Shepherd, Assistant Clerk

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 1983

Sunday morning a large and orderly crowd assembled in our Association Building. There were friendly greetings exchanged with each other. There were many beautiful songs of Zion sung with the Spirit of Christ. The Welcome was given by our beloved moderator, Elder Elwood Cornett.

Elder Elwood asked Elder Ralph Howard of the New Salem Association to open. He quoted from the Bible, "A prophet is not without honour, save in his own country and his own house. Muzzle not the ox which treadeth out the corn." Elder Ralph Howard preached, "Peace and love abounds where God is." There were shouts and praises to God. He preached a very warm, inspiring sermon. He also prayed a beautiful prayer.

Elder Roger Hicks of the New Salem Association came forth and sang a beautiful song, "Six Hours on the Cross." There were many tears shed and shouts and praises to our Lord and Savior. Elder Roger Hicks was well blessed and preached, "Behold, I Stand at the Door and Knock. Go ye into all the world and preach my gospel."

Elder Dallas Ramsey, from the Union Association, came forth and preached a soul-stirring sermon. His text was, "What is stronger than a lion? What is sweeter than honey?" Elder Ramsey was well blessed to expound the mysteries of the Bible.

Elder Baxter Osborne sang a beautiful song. Elder Baxter's text was, "Why is her health not recovered? The harvest is ripe. The harvest has come upon you." Elder Baxter, by the help of the Lord, preached a beautiful sermon, a sermon that surely men and women could easily understand. Brother Baxter extended the privilege, but none responded.

There was a lot of love shown by brothers and sisters as they sang a parting song. This brings the eighty-eighth annual session of our beloved association to an end.

RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION

The eighty-eighth session of the Indian Bottom Association was hosted by the Cedar Grove Church and the Defeated Creek Church. We, the delegates and officers, want to take this opportunity to say, "Thank you," for an excellent job (the hours of cooking, cleaning, serving, the friendly greetings and pleasant smiles you gave everyone). We feel sure God will bless you immensely for a job well done. These two churches' moderator should be, and we are sure that he is so thankful for members such as these. There must have been fifty or sixty members cleaning the building Wednesday night. It was so wonderful of you to do this.

We close this resolution with a prayer that God will bless you according to your needs. We say again, "thank you."

CIRCULAR LETTER, 1983

Dearly beloved brethren of the eighty-eighth session of the Indian Bottom Association, and delegates of our sister associations:

The year seems to have gone by so quickly. I have prayed almost daily that the Almighty God would give me a mind of what He would have me write about to be read to this great association. Many thoughts came to my mind during the year, but soon disappeared and were forgotten. After much earnest and continuous prayer, the Great God of Heaven and Earth put a thought in my mind that has stayed with me for weeks now. The thought He gave me is, "Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand in the evil day."

Jesus used many natural things to cause his disciples to understand spiritual things. Paul, having been a Roman soldier, understood perfectly well how important it was to put on the whole armor for protection from the enemy, and his weapons of warfare.

So Paul wrote by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit to the saints at Ephesus that they should put on the whole spiritual armour of God to be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

Paul warned the Ephesians and we should be warned that we are not to deceive ourselves into thinking that our enemy is weak, or that he is flesh and blood. We are not wrestling against human power, but against spiritual wickedness in high places. The written word of God does not leave us in the dark concerning the methods and weapons of his warfare. Some of his weapons are jealousy, hatred, lies, envy, strife. Some of his methods are to blind the minds of poor, lost souls and try to keep them from the Light of the World. He brags on God's workers, telling them how good they are, so they will become exalted in themselves. He also is a deceiver in all his works and ways.

If we depend upon our strength, our ability, our own weapons of warfare, we will be defeated before we begin. We of our own-selves are no match for Satan and his wicked kingdom. For the Bible says, "Let him that thinketh he standeth, take heed lest he fall." When you get your eyes off Jesus, and think in yourself that you alone are able to overcome the world, the flesh, and the devil, you are in for defeat and a great disappointment. There is only one way that we can overcome the wicked one, and that is in the Lord Jesus Christ. As it is written in the Book of Revelations, "And they have overcome him by the blood of the Lamb."

When a lost one is born again of the Spirit, he is born into God's holy family. He is born a little baby, and grows, being fed the sincere milk of the Word. He grows into a child and eventually into a young man. Then comes the time to become a soldier and fight in God's army. Before he goes on the battle front, he is advised to put on the whole armor of God.

We should never lay the duties of a soldier on Christian babies

or young children in Christ. They should be given the opportunity to grow in the knowledge and grace of God first. They could get badly wounded and may take years to recover.

A soldier must have all the armor on if he is to be successful in the day of battle. If there is one little detail that we think we can handle in the flesh, we are open to defeat. In order to be strong in the Lord, we must put on the whole armor of God.

First he has instructed us to put on the "girdle of truth." The soldier's girdle was the band or belt that held his tunic or coat together, and also the sheath for his sword. It would be made of cloth, leather or some natural material. Our spiritual girdle is made of Truth. As the record of God says, "Ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free." Also Jesus said, "I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life." So, Jesus is the Girdle of Truth that we are to be girdled about with.

Second, he said to have on the "breastplate of righteousness." This part of the armor protected the vital organs such as the heart and lungs. It was usually made of a good, strong metal that would be hard to penetrate by the enemies' weapons. God's breastplate that we are to wear is made of Righteousness. As the record of God says, "Christ is made unto us wisdom, righteousness, sanctification and redemption"; also, "He who knew no sin was made sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him." So Jesus is our Breastplate of Righteousness, that we are to put on.

Third is "having your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace." The Roman soldier's shoes protected his feet, but also had hob-nails in the bottom so that he could move quickly without slipping. The word "preparation" is to be prepared, or always ready. We should always be shod with the shoes of preparation in order to move quickly to make peace. The Bible states that Jesus is the Prince of Peace. Jesus said, "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you; not as the world giveth, give I unto you." So Jesus is our Gospel of Peace.

Brethren, we need to be working for peace in every way possible. The time of our journey here is short and not one second can afford to be wasted on things that are not a profit or an upbuild to the church. We need to be praying continuously for peace, working for peace and practicing the things that are for the making of peace within the church. There will never be a peace treaty made between us and our archenemy, the devil, but the peace to be made is in our own camp.

Next is the "shield of faith." The Roman's shield was long enough and wide enough to hide completely behind. The shield would stop the darts that were dipped in pitch and set fire, and cast at the soldier. So, our faith is in Jesus Christ, and Jesus Christ is our Shield of Faith. Jesus is high enough and wide enough to stop *all* the fiery darts that Satan can cast at us. Above all, make sure you have your shield of faith, "for without faith it is impossible to please God."

A soldier is also to take the "helmet of salvation." A soldier

needs a helmet to protect the head. A wound to the head could be fatal. The very best of metals were used for this important piece of armor.

Since Paul was writing to soldiers in God's army, he wasn't talking about salvation as in a new birth, but keeping in mind that salvation is of the Lord. There is salvation in none other but our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. So, we must keep on the helmet of salvation if we are to stand in the battle.

A soldier must also take the "sword of the spirit," which is the word of God. All the pieces are for protection, this is the only offensive piece mentioned. This sword is of the spirit, and is to be kept in hand at all times. As the book of Hebrews says, "For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discernor of the thoughts and intents of the heart." This Sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, is sufficient enough to put the enemy into flight. As the Bible plainly states, the "word" is none other than our Lord, Jesus Christ. So, Brethren, it is desperately important that every soldier have on the whole armor of God so he will be able to stand in the evil day.

So, Brethren, in my closing remarks, I should like to say, we have to do battle with an enemy who will never make peace with us, nor can we ever make any peace treaty with him. This is a battle to the death, for there is no discharge from this warfare. We must hold the banner of Jesus Christ high, right up to the river of death. We must fight and conquer inch by inch and foot by foot until we land safe on Canaan's happy shore. Then we can lay our armor down, and Jesus will put on our golden crown. We will put away our weapons of war and take our palm branches in our hands in the land of eternal peace, joy and happiness, and never have to suffer the agony and pains of war anymore. We'll be glad to say some sweet day, as Paul did, "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, and not to me only, but unto all them also that love His appearing."

As the old song says that we sing, "Bold soldiers on you all I call, even though we are but a few."

So march on, Brethren, and as our dear Brothers in Jesus have fallen asleep and gone on to their reward, we will soon lay down our armor and enter our long sought-after Home on High.

Your humble brother in the Lord Jesus Christ,
Elder Marcus Combs

UNION, COMMUNION AND MEMORIAL MEETINGS

March 1984

LITTLE ZION: Union meeting fourth Saturday and Sunday in March. Ministers called: John Preece, Lewis Craft, Bill Halcomb, Chester Gibson and Clark Hays. Communion: fourth Sunday in July. Memorial: fourth Sunday in July. Jim Fields, Bill Moore, Dwight Amburgey, Lewis Craft and Carson Cornett.

April 1984

ROSE OF SHARON: Union meeting second Saturday and Sunday in April. Ministers called: Ivan Amburgey, Virgil Combs, Curl Dixon, Jimmy Hall, Ermil Ison and Bill Halcomb. Communion: Second Sunday in June. Memorial: second Sunday in July.

NORTHERN NEW HOME: Union meeting fourth Saturday and Sunday in April. Ministers called: Ivan Amburgey, Gene Greer, Alonzo Mosley, Larry Hankins, Ronald Scott, Marcus Combs, Jasper Fields, I.D. Back, Bob Haney, Clay Wilson, Tennis Sturgill, Keith Slone, Stoney Blackburn, Dwight Amburgey, Fess Blair, Clark Hays, Kirby Jent, John Preece and Lonnie Gregory. Memorial: fourth Sunday in June. Communion: fourth Sunday in August.

BLAIR BRANCH: Union Meeting third Saturday and Sunday in April. Ministers called: I.D. Back, Elwood Cornett, Ellis Banks, Ivan Amburgey, Jimmy Fields, John Preece and Squire Watts. Communion: third Sunday in July. Memorial: third Sunday in June. Ministers called: I.D. Back, Ivan Amburgey, Toby Breeding, Clarence Dixon, Danny Dixon, Ellis Adams and Agnon Back.

May 1984

POOR FORK: Union meeting first Saturday night and Sunday in May. Ministers called: Toby Breeding, Ellis Banks, Bill Moore, Fess Blair, Jim Fields, Charles Shepherd, John Preece, Danny Dixon, Ted Everage, Clarence Dixon. Communion: first Sunday in July. Memorial meeting: first Sunday in August. Ministers called: Elwood Cornett, Ivan Amburgey, Dwight Amburgey, Edward Sumpter, Squire Watts, Ellis Adams and Roger Gibson.

LYDIA: Union meeting: first Saturday and Sunday in May. Ivan J. Amburgey, Dwight Amburgey and John Preece. Communion meeting: first Sunday in June.

MT. OLIVET: Union meeting: first Saturday and Sunday in May. Ministers called: Ivan Amburgey, Jimmie Hall, Danny Dixon,

Clarence Dixon and John Preece. Communion meeting: first Sunday in August. Memorial meeting: first Sunday in July.

LITTLE DOVE: Union meeting second Saturday and Sunday in May. Ministers called: Baxter Osborne, Ermil Ison, Melvin Watts, Dallas Ramsey and Elwood Cornett. Communion: second Sunday in July. Memorial: second Sunday in June.

REYNOLDS FORK: Union meeting third Saturday and Sunday in May. Elwood Cornett, Jim Fields, Melvin Watts, Woodrow Dye, Jimmie Hall, Jimmy Dye and Roger Hicks. Communion: third in June. Memorial: third in July.

BULL CREEK: Union meeting third Saturday and Sunday in May. Ministers called: James Monroe Caudill, Junior Damron, Bill Halcomb, James Fields, Homer Smith, Wayne Caudill, Danny Dixon. Communion: third Sunday in August. Memorial: third Sunday in June; Melton Cemetery second Sunday in June.

CEDAR GROVE: Union meeting fourth Sunday in May. Ministers called: Dallas Ramsey, I.D. Back, Fess Blair, Grover Adkins, Jim Fields. Communion: fourth Sunday in August. Memorial: fourth Sunday in June.

June 1984

KINGDOM COME: Union meeting first Saturday and Sunday in June. Ministers called: Andy Bates, Ellis Adams, Homer Smith, Ollie Mullins, Arthur Jent, Wayne Caudill and moderator. Communion: first Sunday in July. Memorial: first Sunday in May. Ministers called: Andy Bates, Ellis Adams, Clarence Dixon.

HAPPY HOME: Union meeting first Saturday and Sunday in June. Ministers called: Heikiah Osborne, Berle Stevens, Dwight Amburgey, Alonzo Mosley, Elwood Cornett, Zee Holbrooks, Bill Moore, Carl Back, Ted Everage. Communion: first Saturday and Sunday in July. Memorial meeting: first Sunday in August. Ministers called: all of our same faith and order.

CLEAR FORK: Union meeting first Saturday and Sunday in June. Ministers called: Jimmy Fields, Ivan Amburgey, Toby Breeding, Ellis Banks, Green Fields and Charles Shepherd. Communion: first Sunday in July. Memorial: first Sunday in October.

NEW HOME: Union meeting second Sunday in June. Ministers called: Clarence Dixon, Elwood Cornett, Estill Everidge, Jimmy Hall, Carl Ray Tuttle, Roger Dale Hicks. Communion: second Sunday in July. Memorial: second Sunday in October. Ministers called: Clark Hays, Bill Moore, Toby Breeding, Milburn Slone, Lewis Craft and John Preece.

LITTLE SHEPHERD: Union meeting second Saturday and Sunday in June. Ministers called: Jim Fields, Toby Breeding, Ermil Ison and Danny Dixon. Memorial: second Saturday and Sunday in May. Ministers called: Elwood Cornett, Clyde Shepherd, Manus Ison and John Eldridge. Communion: second Sunday in July. All ordained ministers invited.

NEW BETHLEHEM: Union meeting third Saturday and Sunday in June. Ministers called: Edd Moore, Bill Moore, Danny Dixon, Clarence Dixon. Communion: third Sunday in August. Memorial: third Saturday and Sunday in September.

DIXON MEMORIAL: Union meeting fourth Saturday and Sunday in June. Ministers called: Clark Hays, Ellis Amburgey, Carl Back, Clive Jacobs, Henry Melton, Curl Dixon, Agnon Back, Virgil Combs. Communion: fourth Sunday in July. Memorial: fourth Sunday in May. Memorial meeting for deceased members fourth Sunday in September.

BIG COWAN: Union meeting fourth Saturday and Sunday in June. Ministers called: James Caudill, Dwight Amburgey, Jimmy Hall, Bill Moore and the moderator, Squire H. Watts. Communion: fourth Sunday in July. Memorial: fourth Saturday and Sunday in September. Ministers called: Jim Fields, Ellis Banks, Virgil Combs and Danny Dixon.

IVY POINT: Union meeting fourth Saturday and Sunday in June. Ministers called: Bill Halcomb, Jimmy Hall (Hemp Hill), J.C. Sparks, Bill Hall, Lewis Craft and Virgil Combs. Communion: fourth Saturday and Sunday in July. Memorial: fourth Saturday and Sunday in August. All of Old Regular Baptist faith and order are welcome.

TOLSON CREEK: Union meeting fourth Saturday and Sunday in June. Ministers called: Kirby Jent, Chester Gibson, Squire Watts, Virgil Combs, John Preece, Charles Shepherd. Communion: fourth Sunday in July. Memorial: fourth Saturday and Sunday in July. Ministers called: Bill Halcomb, Jim Fields, Lewis Lucas, Clark Hays and Agnon Back.

BIG CREEK: Union meeting: fourth Saturday and Sunday in June. Ministers: Ivan Amburgey, Toby Breeding, Clyde Shepherd, Jim Fields, Melvin Watts and John Preece. Communion: fourth Saturday and Sunday in July. Memorial: fourth Saturday and Sunday in August. Ministers: Elwood Cornett, Ellis Banks, I.D. Back, Melvin Watts and Clarence Dixon.

August 1984

DEFEATED CREEK: Union and communion meeting second Saturday and Sunday in August. Ministers called: I.D. Back,

Squire H. Watts, Agnon Back, Clarence Dixon and Danny Dixon. Memorial: second Sunday in July.

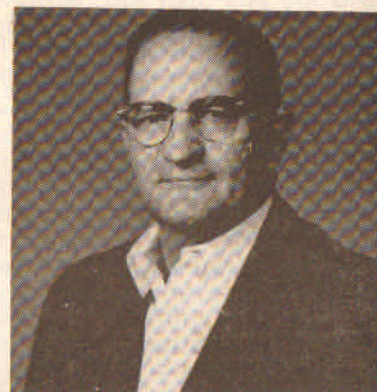
HURRICANE GAP: Union meeting third Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: Squire Watts, Danny Dixon, John Preece, Elwood Cornett, Bill Halcomb and Toby Breeding. Communion: third Sunday in August. Memorial: third Sunday in October. Ministers called: Ivan Amburgey, Ellis Banks, Morris Shepherd, Bill Moore, Jim Fields and Agnon Back.

September 1984

LITTLE MARY: Union meeting second Saturday night and Sunday in September. Ministers called: Elwood Cornett, Jim Fields, Frank Newsome, Alex Collier, Paul McClahahan. Communion: second Sunday in October. Ministers: I.D. Back, Karrel Ad-dington, Danny Adams, Jimmy Hall.

Obituaries

CHARLIE GIBSON



With much love in my heart and many loving memories, I will try to write an obituary of my precious and dear father.

Charlie Gibson was the son of the late Anderson and Cinda Gibson. Born July 15, 1906, he passed from this life October 24, 1982, being blessed to live 76 years, 3 months and 9 days.

In 1925 he loved and married Polly Sexton Gibson, who preceded him in death in 1962.

To this union were born nine children, four sons and five daughters: Chester, Lester and Joe Gibson of Red Fox, Ky., Douglas Gibson of Greenfield, Ind., Reba G. Dennis, Symolene G. Anderson and Shirley G. Walker of Canton, Oh., Norma J. Gibson and Christine G. Sexton of Greenfield, Ind.

Daddy was later married to Polly Ann Duncil Gibson. She was a good companion to him until his death. They had no children, but she had a son and daughter, Earl C. Duncil and Mercedes Adams. They also had one adopted daughter, Carolyn G. Beavers.

He professed a hope in Christ in 1939, joining the Old Regular Baptist Church at Little Daniel on September 12, 1942. He was baptized October 11, 1942. He had his membership at Little Daniel before going to Elizabeth at Mill Stone, Kentucky, where he was moderator. Later he took his membership to Blair Branch, where he belonged at his passing. He was an ordained minister and preached for about forty years.

Daddy traveled into surrounding states to preach the word of God, taking mother and us children with him. In 1961, when I was still living at home with Daddy and Mom, Mother kept a record of his meetings. He went to 194 meetings, that included thirty-two different churches, thirty-two funerals, and associa-

tions. Dad's main goal in life was serving God and always telling us children the beautiful things that Jesus had prepared for us all. He told us not to neglect so great a salvation, that one day his home would be our home. Daddy always loved his neighbors and visited with them often, always ready to go and be with the sick and shut-ins. Sometimes Daddy would get so happy after reading his Bible, he would shout and cry with joy through the house.

Besides his wife, children and stepchildren, he is survived by thirty-six grandchildren, four step-grandchildren, thirty-eight great-grandchildren, one half-sister, Loretta Sexton, and a host of relatives and friends. He was loved by all of us. We know our loss is Heaven's gain. He is no longer with us for our family reunions, but we look forward to the greatest reunion in Heaven.

Written by his daughter, who loved him very much,
Symoline Gibson Anderson

*We all loved him and admired him,
And will miss his friendly smile.
But our faith knows we have lost him
Only for a little while.
A million times we will need you,
And a million times we will cry.
If love could have saved you,
You never would have died.
But golden gates stood open,
He saw you needed rest.
God's garden must be beautiful,
For he always picks the best.*

HERMAN CAUDILL



I am honored but yet humbled to have been asked to have this part in this service. I am grateful for this opportunity, yet burdened by this task. It is with very mixed emotions that we say farewell to Herman -- husband, father, brother -- because in body we are sad, but in spirit we are rejoicing. His passing will leave a void which cannot be filled, but his memory will remain an inspiration for all who knew him.

Last Thursday afternoon at the Appalachian Regional Hospital here in Whitesburg, Jesus spoke and Herman answered. The beckon was, "Come home, it's supper time; join the other saints around the table." Herman enjoyed a long, good and fruitful life. Herman was born into the family of Silas and Martha Caudill

on Mill Branch, near Roxana, on April 24, 1901. At his death he was 81 years, 9 months and 23 days old. He married his young sweetheart, Essie Hampton, on January 24, 1924. To this union six children were born: Hubert, who resides with his wife, Betty, in Oak Ridge, Tennessee; Hazel, who resides with her husband, Wilgus Deaton, in Summerville, S.C.; Mary Grace, who resides with her husband, Arlie Howard, in Delaware, Ohio; Charles Lee, who died in September of 1954, while serving his country in the United States Air Force; and two babies who died in their infancy. Also surviving Herman are: his five grandsons; one granddaughter; two great-grandsons; three great-granddaughters; three brothers -- Herbert of Hamilton, Ohio, Lee of Louisville, Kentucky and Jim T. of Cincinnati, Ohio; four sisters -- Tina of Roxana, Tessie of Blackey, Dovie of Ritchie, and Mary of Part-ridge; and a host of other relatives, friends and neighbors. Our mother, our dad, and our brothers, Hargis and infant Howard, all predeceased Herman. We will all sadly miss him.

Early in his life Herman felt the conviction of the Holy Spirit and answered this call by joining the Old Regular Baptist Church during the Indian Bottom Association meeting at Jeff in the late summer of 1931. He entered the waters of baptism in Rock House Creek near the old Indian Bottom Church location. He later answered that higher call again and was ordained a minister of the gospel in this old church which he loved so well. Herman followed this calling, preaching the gospel far and wide, as long as his health permitted. Shirley June referred me to a passage of scripture in Matthew 12: 28-30, which she remembers Herman quoting more than any others. "Come unto me, all you that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart; and you shall find rest unto your soul. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light." That passage was special to him and surely he gained comfort from the truth in it. To near the very end of his journey here on earth Herman wanted to talk of the old church, the good singing and preaching he so enjoyed. Just a few days ago when Mary visited him at Jenkins, although he was weak and his voice was low, he asked her if she had heard young Jimmy Fields preach. Herman said he loved to hear him. He continued his praises for the old way and his love for the church.

Essie, Hubert, Hazel, Mary Grace -- we will all miss Herman so much, but we must remember that he has entered into a blessed promise, his spirit is set free at last, and as the holy scripture teaches us, although absent from the body, this old clay house that Hargis used to recite to us, he is present with Jesus in eternity. For comfort, I want to share a poem with you:

*He's only gone beyond the shadows to the realms of endless day
Only held in sweet communion where the tears have passed away.
He is blending with the angels in their chorus, 'round the Throne.
Now he'll never know more sorrow; he has a mansion all his own.
He has met the lovely Bridegroom and the ones who've gone before
And he would not journey earthward though he loves us as of yore.*

For his hands are filled with treasures and his soul is thrilled with grace.

Joy we cannot half imagine now reflects from his dear face.

O, so suddenly he left us for his mansion in the sky

In a twinkling he was raptured, he could scarcely say, "Goodbye"

But we'll meet him soon in Heaven in that land so bright and fair

And we'll say a glad good morning, nevermore to part up there.

While on earth he loved to hear it, a sweet hymn we now recall

'Though I cannot understand it, yet I know He knows it all.

'Tis a comfort as we sorrow, and the thorns our way oppose

That in Heaven grow the roses, all the rest - my father knows.

We shall journey on with patience, brave in Jesus's precious name

Till the day we meet in Heaven, and we're changed but still the same

And his memory will be blessed as this earth we sadly roam

And we'll live the more for Jesus, who has brought him safely home.

If I may, I want to reminisce a minute. My most vivid remembrances of Herman include some very enjoyable times. When I first remember, he was a grown man with a family, but he was always a close brother and friend, someone who was so easy to talk to. When I was a little boy attending my grandfather's funeral, I got a splinter in my foot and I remember how concerned Herman was until he removed it with a blade of a pocket knife. Then when Hubert, Jim T. and I were running around your house, Essie, on Mill Branch when I was very small, I fell and cut my face and again Herman was the doctor. I loved him so much and almost worshipped him. I remember how close he always was to Essie and you children, and how he loved you. I remember the Church services in your home and I'm certain that what I gained then and my listening to Herman's counsel, helped shape my life. I remember so vividly hearing Herman and Essie sing, "The Gospel ship has long been sailing, bound for Canaan's peaceful shore, etc." Those memories are so precious. When Herman's and Essie's son, Charles Lee, died and his body was shipped home from an Air Force Base in New Mexico, I came home from Texas for the funeral. Herman met me when I arrived and his sorrow, his sadness and his broken heart, was so in evidence. I remember well what he said to me, "Lee, you'll never know the hurt until you lose a son of your own." He and Essie loved Charles Lee so much. And then when Hargis died, Herman told me that he had lost his greatest supporter with Hargis's death. Herman felt close to all his family. I will never forget one time before I came to know the Lord, that Herbert and I took Herman for a drive up the Pine Mountain and we were discussing the church. I remarked that I felt I could never join the Baptist church, and, with his usual calmness, Herman just remarked that he loved the cause and his whole life was bent on this cause, the cause of Christ. Then, not too much later, I entered the waters of baptism with Herman and Jim T., my two brothers baptizing me. Memories, so precious.

I believe Herman is taking part in a homecoming in Heaven. With Mom and Dad, Hargis, Charles Lee and Herman and Essie's two babies already there, we have more reason every year to strive for that Heavenly reunion.

Herman was a man of deep conviction, a wise man and a man of much learning. He graduated from Eastern Kentucky State College (Eastern Kentucky University) and taught school until his retirement at age 70. He was a member of the Lions Club and other civic entities. Herman was so proud of his children and rejoiced at their every success.

I have another poem which I believe portrays Herman's striving in his high calling throughout his life.

I do not know what next may come across my pilgrim way

I do not know tomorrow's road, nor see beyond today.

But this I know -- my Savior knows the path I cannot see

And I can trust His wounded hand to guide and care for me.

I do not know what may befall, of sunshine or of rain

I do not know what may be mine, of pleasure or of pain

But this I know -- my Savior knows, and whatsoever it be

Still I can trust His love to give, what will be best for me

I do not know what may await or what the morrow brings

But with the glad salute of faith, I hail its opening wings

For this I know -- that in my Lord, shall all my needs be met

And I can trust the heart of Him, Who has not failed me yet.

Herman was a faithful member and minister of the Old Regular Baptist church. His work, in and out of church, will live on for all who were touched by him. He was a loving husband, father, grandfather, brother and friend. We cherish our memories of a gentle man whose kindness, sincerity and deep respect for his family and those around him made our lives more complete. He loved God and has been taken home to Him. We, Herman's family, mourn the loss and we thank you for sharing our love, our pride, and our sorrow. The last verse of a Robert Frost poem relates: "The woods are lovely, dark, and deep, But I have promises to keep, and miles to go before I sleep, And miles to go before I sleep." Herman went miles, and miles, and miles, but now he sleeps, sleeps in Jesus.

Lee Caudill, Brother

LONNIE AMBURGEY GIBSON



Lonnie Amburgey Gibson entered eternal life Saturday, May 7, 1983 at Good Samaritan Hospital in Lexington, Ky.

Lonnie was the daughter of the late Johnny and Susie Amburgey. She was born December 4, 1911, being 71 years, 5 months and 3 days

of age at the time of her passing.

She is survived by her husband, William "Bill" Gibson, to whom she was married fifty-eight and a half years; three sons: Virgil and Frank Lovell Gibson, both of Isom, Ky., and Eugene Gibson of Indianapolis, Indiana; one daughter, Imalee Morgan of Isom, Ky.; three sisters: Bertha Sexton and Verna Gibson, both of Isom, Ky., and Edna Collins of Red Fox, Ky. Also surviving are twelve grandchildren, eighteen great-grandchildren, one great-great grandchild and a host of relatives and friends to mourn her passing.

VERLIN SHEPHERD



Man that is born of woman is but few days and full of trouble. We come forth like a flower and then fade away. But, while here on earth, if we will turn to Jesus, repent of our sins and be born again, we can go to God's flower garden, where we will live forever, in Heaven.

On July 9, 1914, a flower was born into the home of William (Bill) and Matilda Stamper Shepherd. This little son grew into manhood, met, loved,

and married Pauline Dixon on June 22, 1935. To this union were born six children.

In 1954 Bro. Verlin became weary and tired of sin and went to Jesus, asking for mercy and forgiveness of his sins, then joined the church and put his light on the candlestick so that all in the house could see -- and he enjoyed his time salvation here on earth.

Bro. Verlin was born into a large family here on earth, the Shepherd generation, of which are all gone except two. But in 1954 Bro. Verlin was born into the Generation of Jesus Christ, that will live forever.

On April 22, 1982, Bro. Verlin fell asleep in the arms of Jesus. He leaves to mourn their loss his devoted wife, Pauline; four sons: J.B., Clyde, Phillip and Bill; two daughters, Wanda Faye Bowling and Wilma Jean Smith; nineteen grandchildren; three great-grandchildren, one brother and one sister. Also surviving are a large number of relatives and friends. We feel that our loss is Heaven's gain.

He was close to many besides his wife and children. It was like a father and son relationship between him and his father-in-law, Uncle Bryant Dixon. Uncle Bryant spoke of his great faith in him since he had been in the church.

On April 22, on the other side of Jordan there was much rejoicing for a saint had reached home. Dad had been climbing up the mountain for many years, his faith never faltering. His favorite song was "Will They Ever Return to the God of Their

Father." This is how I will always remember my Dad -- his heart yearning to see his lost children come home to their Heavenly Father. He was the kindest man I have ever known. He had an inner strength possible only by his trust in God. He loved the Mount Olivet Baptist Church. I feel his brothers and sisters there have lost a dear friend as well as a Brother in Christ. There was nothing as wonderful as seeing the happiness in Dad and Mom's eyes when children came home to visit. Just before his death, he said he wanted to go on, to live with the Lord. If only he could have heard his lost children say, "Dad, I am coming home to the God of my Father."

Humbly submitted by:

Daughter, Wanda Bowling, and Family

You bade no one a last farewell,

You said goodbye to none.

The Heavenly gates just opened wide,

A loving voice said, "Come."

God saw that you were suffering

That the hills were hard to climb,

So he gently closed your weary eyes,

And whispered, "Peace be thine."

Your weary hours, your days of pain,

Your weary nights are past,

Your ever-patient, worn-out frame

Has found sweet rest at last

And while you lie in peaceful sleep

Your memory we shall always keep.

HARRY MOORE



With a sad and broken heart, my sister and I will try to write an obituary of our beloved Daddy, Harry Moore.

Daddy was born April 15, 1915, to the late Richard and Nancy Moore. He passed away April 14, 1983, one day before his 68th birthday. We believe that was the best birthday Daddy ever had, when he viewed Heaven and saw the angels coming to take him home.

He leaves to mourn his passing his wife, Lucy Mosley Moore;

four sons: Edward Ray and Harold of McDowell, Ky., Jason, of Price, Ky., and Roe Donald of Lagrange, Ind.; two daughters, Anna Sue Tackett and Glenda Doris Handshoe of McDowell, Ky. Two sons and a daughter preceded him in death. He had three sisters: Mrs. Zona Caudill of Ligon, Ky., Oma Tackett of

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Debbie Sord - AMMIE GEARHART
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Price, Ky., and Mary Riddle of Cow Creek, Ky.; one brother, Grannon Moore; thirteen grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Dad joined the Old Regular Baptist Church thirty-five years ago and preached the word of God as long as he was able. At the time of his death, he was a member of Ivy Point Church at Garner, Kentucky.

Dad was a good and humble man and he suffered much persecution in his life as a Christian, but he bore his cross well and forgave the ones that caused it.

Dad had a cheery smile and a good handshake for all he met.

Each one of our hearts are broken and there's a great empty space in our home that can never be filled, but we believe God had a better home awaiting him and he's rejoicing and singing with the angels. He won't be sick anymore and his lungs will be strong again.

Dad is greatly missed in our home and lives, but where he is we can go also. So sleep on, precious Daddy, and with the help of the good Lord, we'll meet you over in that Glory Land.

Written by his broken-hearted daughters,
Anna Sue Tackett and Glenda Doris Handshoe

JAMES L. BREEDING



There's trouble in this community. Tears are flowing. Children are crying. Grandchildren are crying. One by one they go away and things are never the same anymore. How happy and bright everything once looked, but now it is so sad and dark.

We have seen so many that once walked along the road, threw up their hands to every neighbor, and took time to genuinely inquire of their welfare.

It's not that way anymore. The time has come to hang up the old walking cane. Jim won't need it anymore. He's gone to live with Jesus.

James L. Breeding was born into the home of the late George and Margaret Ison Breeding on September 22, 1903. He died Thursday, July 14, 1983, at the Whitesburg Appalachian Regional Hospital, making his stay on earth 79 years, 9 months and 22 days.

In April, 1927, Jim and Mary Ann Adams were married and to this happy union five children were born. Mary Ann died on March 6, 1963. Jim lived alone for sixteen years. In May, 1979,

Jim married Mattie Hampton and they also were so happy.

Jim is survived by his wife, Mattie; two sons, Lexter Breeding, Lexington, Kentucky and Lance Breeding of Jeremiah, Kentucky; three daughters: Lois Shepherd, Georgetown, Kentucky, Norma Jean Logan, Clarkston, Michigan, Eva Leen Frazier, Louisville, Kentucky; four stepsons: Kenneth Back, Washington, D.C., Glenn Hampton, Jeremiah, Kentucky, Forrest Ison, Taylor, Michigan, Marvin Douglas Lewis, Louisville, Kentucky; three sisters: Magnolia Carroll, Floyd County, Kentucky, Martha Stamper, Warren, Michigan, Hattie Banagan, Mississippi; nineteen grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren. Jim and Mary Ann lost four children in infancy.

Jim was a good man! The love and respect demonstrated by, not only his children, but also his stepchildren, bear witness that Jim was a good man.

In May, 1982, Jim and Mattie joined the Blair Branch Church. He has always loved and respected the simple but genuine way of these Godly people. How happy he was when he became one of them.

Jim was a hard-working man as long as he was able. He was honest. He loved his people. He had a kind word for those in need. The grandchildren will always remember the fun of going to Jim's house. They often cried when it was time to leave.

Now, the birds will sing on, Rockhouse Creek will continue to flow, summer will turn to fall, the storms will rage, the leaves will fall, but God's redeemed will rest in peace.

Those left behind will grieve, but remember:

*Whenever you meet with trouble
And trials on your way
Then cast your cares on Jesus
And don't forget to pray.
Gird on your heavenly armor
Of faith and hope and love
And when the combat's ended
He'll carry you above.*

*O, do not be discouraged,
For Jesus is your friend
And if you want more knowledge
He'll not refuse to lend
Neither will he upbraid you
Though often you request
He'll give you grace to conquer
And take you home to rest.*

NANCY ANN REYNOLDS



It is with much weakness that I try to write the obituary of our dear mother, Nancy Ann Reynolds. Mom was born in Letcher County at Arminta, Kentucky, on April 24, 1897, to Woolery and Polly Fuller Campbell. She departed this life on March 5, 1983, making her stay upon this earth 85 years, 10 months and 9 days.

Mom grew up mostly in Knott County at Mallie, Kentucky, where she married our daddy, Isaac (Ike)

Reynolds. To this union were born twelve children: nine girls and three boys. Papa and two infant daughters preceded her in death. Left to mourn her passing are seven daughters: Velma Taylor of Dayton, Ohio, Clovia Lowe of Rising Sun, Ind., Mary Jane Combs of Jacksonville, Fl., Floys Short of Sunman, Ind., Ruby Reynolds of Connersville, Ind., Maxine Sparkman of Dayton, Ohio and Betty Miller of Vandalia, Ohio; three sons: Paul of Dayton, Ohio, T.J. of Mallie, Ky., and Charles of Connersville, Ind.; two sisters: Kate Burton of Vicco, Ky., and Lola Clark of Celina, Ohio; one brother, Marion Campbell of Dayton, Ohio; twenty-four grandchildren, thirty-six great-grandchildren, three great-great-grandchildren and a host of relatives and friends.

Mom made her home with me for the last thirteen years. She left so many memories here which makes it hard for me to accept the fact that she is gone and will not return again. Though we already miss her, we would not want her back to suffer again.

Mom never attached herself to the church, but she was a strong believer in the Old Regular Baptist. She attended many times when she was not able. She loved to hear the singing and would often ask me to sing at home for her. I am not much of a singer, but what I sang sounded good to her. She told her children many times that there was nothing in her way.

Mom worked hard all of her life but never complained. Papa died in 1944, leaving her with several children to raise. (The baby was only 2½ years old.) With the help of the Welfare Department, and the labor of her own sweet hands, she kept the family together. I have heard my brother say that he had to wear plenty of patches in growing up, but never went hungry. Though times were hard for her, she

always had enough food to feed not only her own, but also those who stopped by to visit.

In the fall of 1982, Mom spent eight weeks in the hospital. She had to have a leg amputated and was confined to a wheelchair. We thought this would be the end for her, but God saw fit to let us keep her a little longer. My sister, Betty, and her husband helped me care for Mom after she was released from the hospital.

Five months later she had to return to the hospital only to live for eight more days. I thank God that she did not have to suffer long.

So, on that lonely Saturday afternoon we saw the most beautiful flower of this land wither little by little until it was gone. But we are not worried, for we feel assured that it was planted in that Beautiful Garden to live forever more.

Written by her broken-hearted daughter,

Floys Short

ALPHA ADAMS



My beloved spake, and said unto me, Rise up, my love, my fair one, and come away. For, lo, the winter is past, the rain is over and gone; the flowers appear on the earth; the time of the singing of birds is come, and the voice of the turtle is heard in our land; the fig tree putteth forth her green figs, and the vines with the tender grape give a good smell. Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away.

Springtime has dressed the mountains in a bed of flowers.

The birds are singing their wonderful songs. The sun is so warm and pleasant. Everything is so beautiful -- but we are so sad.

Alpha Adams was born into the home of Andy and Hattie Breeding Adams on July 11, 1914. She entered eternal life on Monday, April 25, 1983 at the Whitesburg Appalachian Regional Hospital, making her stay on earth 68 years, 9 months and 14 days.

As a young woman she fell in love and married James Harvey Adams on October 18, 1930. Jim and Alpha have had that sweet sound these fifty-three years.

Alpha is survived by her husband, James Harvey Adams; two sons: Delza Gene of Haymond, Ky. and Bobby Lee of Whitesburg, Ky.; two daughters: Kathleen Cornett of Blackey, Ky. and Barbara Girdley of Richmond, Va.; six grandchildren: Bobby Gene Adams, Patricia Bates, Frank James Adams, Timothy Adams, Leigh Adams and Scott Adams; two great-grandchildren:

Rutherford Bates and Joshua Adams; one sister, Garnett Webb; three brothers: Elmer Adams, Raymond Adams and Delza Adams, as well as a host of relatives and friends.

'Alpha was a beautiful woman - in many ways. She was a woman of virtue. She worked so hard to provide her family with those special little things that others forget.

How she could sing! Her voice has echoed through these valleys with a tune that made us realize she could "almost see Heaven from here."

She took the simplest of things and made a beautiful home -- decorated all over with love.

In 1961 Alpha declared to all that Jesus Christ was her rock in this weary land and joined the Old Regular Baptist Church. She believed in and lived that simple, honest, pure life that pleases God, for which Christ will declare that "she is Mine."

Few, if any, realize what a hard time Alpha had. But she was so brave.

It is fitting and proper that we pay honor to this virtuous woman, but perhaps one of her great grandsons says it best when he calls her Mam-Maw-Great.

Today that sweet voice has joined the heavenly choir. That river she wanted to cross is behind her now. That land she is in needs no hospitals, or nursing homes. There's no lonesome nights there. Just one eternal day of joy and peace.

Elwood Cornett

HARRISON AND SYLVANIA PATRICK WILLIAMS



It is now many years since the death of my father and mother, Harrison Williams and Sylvania Patrick Williams, and very little has been said or written about them.

Harrison Williams was born April 15, 1882 and died July 1, 1960. My father and mother joined the Ball Fork Church around the year 1928. Later he moved his letter to New Bethlehem Church and was moderator from 1933 until his death in 1960. Dad walked

many, many miles to go to church on Saturdays and Sundays. As far as I can remember, he always went when he was called upon. If he was working, he would lay the work aside to do the Lord's work. He was a very kind and humble man, liked by all. Dad had a great influence on the young people. He always had a kind word and encouraged them to do good. We know his light is still shining at the New Bethlehem Church.

My mother, Sylvania Patrick Williams, was born January 8, 1880 and died April 28, 1968.

Mom was loved by all who knew her. It gave her such pleasure when her friends and neighbors would stop by to talk or eat with her. Christmas morning, 1964, we woke to find Mom very sick. We called a doctor to come see her. After he examined her, the doctor said she would not live another day, but Mom lingered on. Another doctor was called, and he told us that she would not live and there was nothing any doctor could do. Mom lay for eighteen days and nights without food or water. Then she awoke and asked for something to eat. My wife Norma cared for her day and night. A day or two after Mom awoke, she told my wife of her experience. She told us that while we thought she was starving, Jesus had been feeding her pineapples and pears. Jesus had taken her to New Jerusalem and had shown her her home; He would be back for her in three years. She lived from January 1965 to April 1968, three years longer than the doctors predicted. There could be so much more written, but time and space would not permit.

Written by a son and daughter-in-law
Silas and Norma Williams

MARCUS FRANCIS RITCHIE



Marcus Francis Ritchie was born April 21, 1910 and died November 9, 1982. He was the son of Hiram (known as Jink) and Armina Francis Ritchie. He lived most of his life here at Talcum except when he was serving his country as a soldier. He entered the army on August 3, 1934 and served his country with love, honor and patriotism for twenty-one years. He was honorably discharged on September 14, 1954 having fought in World War II and the Korean War. His son, Marcus

Wayne is following in his footsteps, as he is serving his country too. Daddy was so proud of him.

He was married to Janice Risner Ritchie on December 12, 1957 who loved and cared for him for many years. Gloria and Alma are thankful she was a part of our lives and took care of Daddy so well. We know he would want us to tell her how we feel.

Our daddy loved his family, brothers, sisters, nieces, nephews and friends and was always the happiest when someone came to visit him. Everybody was welcome in his home.

His daughter, Olgie, was telling when her baby was born

recently, he came to the hospital and went around greeting all the ladies who were in the room with her. That's the kind of person he was, never met a stranger and made everyone feel good with his friendly ways.

He became a member of the New Bethlehem Church on September 14, 1975. He always loved the Lord and taught his children to have faith in God.

This verse was one of his favorites: Psalms 119:105 Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

We'll always remember how these words kept faith and love in his heart, and in our hearts too.

Even though our hearts are broken, Daddy, we truly know you are in Heaven with our Lord. He left a letter and asked that we tell all his brothers and sisters, "I'll meet you all there in Heaven."

ARMINDA FRANCIS RITCHIE



Arminda Francis Ritchie was born February 14, 1888. She died August 23, 1983 making her stay on earth 95 years, 5 months and 9 days. She and her husband, Jink Ritchie, had twelve children. Eight children preceded her in death, leaving two daughters, two sons and one stepdaughter. She had fifty-four grandchildren, ninety-five great-grandchildren and thirty great-great-grandchildren.

We find it hard to put into words just how we feel about

mother and granny. She was so loving and kind to all of us. She often told us about old times. She always treated children and old people so kindly. She was precious to all of us.

She loved her church and always came, even when she was not able. She enjoyed old-time preaching and singing. Many, many times she would praise the Lord and clap her hands with joy.

The grandchildren always enjoyed going to her house because she showed them so much love. She went near and far to help the sick. She was a midwife and delivered several babies in neighboring counties.

The New Bethlehem Church has lost a loving sister. Sister Arminda was a pillar in the New Bethlehem Church and has been a bright and shining light to her children, grandchildren and community.

We feel sure she was happy to see some of her children and grandchildren follow in her footsteps and be led by the Lord. Her memory will live on in our hearts forever.

Children, if you haven't repented, please start serving the Lord. Sow flowers for her and yourselves, would be her humble prayer. You could see her again if you would repent and be born again.

Her grandchildren would read the Bible to her, and sometimes they would think she was asleep and they would stop reading, but she would pat the bed to ask them to sit back down.

She had heart failure and the doctors revived her. She said, "I wish they would have let me go on. I saw Jesus in the doorway with a host of little angels to take me home." Children, what a good testimony to leave to her relatives and friends.

Composed by her children and grandchildren
Written by Elder Morris Shepherd

OVA HAMPTON



Into the home of Wilburn and Armelda Jent Hampton of Jeremiah, Kentucky, a son was born on May 27, 1915 and he was named Ova. This son was taught Christian principles of love, honesty and good moral living, and he heeded to this teaching, making him an humble person whom people respected and honored. Ova never desired recognition or a big name for himself; instead he spent his time helping other people and always thinking about the welfare of neighbors and his country.

The last several years of Ova's life contained many heartaches and several severe heart attacks, but he never complained, as he just took his problems to the Lord, and too, he never wanted to be a burden on anyone. In the morning hours on October 21, 1982 The Lord saw the need of relieving Ova of all his aches and pains, so He called him home. His last heart attack on that morning was brief and painless, as he crossed to the other side. His doctor always called him Lazarus, as he had been near death so many times, and always pulled back to fairly good health. His walks and talks of life leave no doubt about the safety of his soul. Heaven has gained a precious flower, even though we have lost a loving father, grandfather and companion.

Several years ago, Ova saw the need of a Savior, as his life was not complete, and he prayed earnestly for forgiveness of his sins. The blessed Lord heard him and erased the past, and Ova became a very happy person. He joined the Blair Branch Regular Baptist Church and dearly loved the church and everyone connected with it -- in fact, he loved all mankind. At times, he was

unable to attend his church, but he always inquired about its welfare.

Ova attended elementary school on Doty and finished high school at Stuart Robinson in 1936, being well-liked and congenial in classrooms, as well as in sports, which he enjoyed so well. He never gave anyone any trouble and always believed in fair play.

In 1938 Ova married Lyle Dixon and they had a good life together. To this union were born two sons. One died in infancy, and Donoray survives and lives nearby in Somerset, Kentucky, where Ova lived until death took him home. Don was so thoughtful about his dad's needs, and did everything he could to make him comfortable and happy. Don will miss him greatly.

Patriotism was one of Ova's finest qualities and he dearly loved his country. He served our great nation in the navy in World War II, and served well. He never let anyone speak untruthfully about our country in his presence.

Ova leaves to mourn his passing his wife, Lyle; one son, Don; one grandson, Tim; four brothers: Blaine of Apison, Tenn., Ellis of Louisville, Ky., Ernest of Miamisburg, Ohio and Lee of Dayton; one half-brother, M.M. of Murray, Ky.; four sisters: Mattie Breeding of Isom, Ky., Hattie Stewart of Jeremiah, Ky., Betty Price of North Ogden, Utah and Grace Shepherd of Cincinnati, Ohio. Also surviving are a host of friends and relatives.

Blair Branch Baptist Church has lost a dedicated member, Lyle has lost a wonderful husband, Don a loving father and Tim a loving and thoughtful Christian grandfather, and his brothers and sisters have lost a true and humble brother, but heaven has made a gain that overshadows all our loss.

Written by his family

VIRGIE ROSE



I will try and write the obituary of my dear sister. She departed from this life April 29, 1982. She was 55 years old. She left a lonesome family behind: her husband, Linville Rose; two sons, Randall Rose and Sam Rose; one daughter, Carolyn Sue Carter; four grandchildren; three brothers: Hubert, Lovel and Hobert; and one sister, Florence Back.

She was the daughter of Jim and Daisy Caudill. Most everybody around here knew them. She lived in Dayton, Ohio. She was the first one of us children to go after Dad and Mom were gone.

Virgie had been a member of the Dixon Memorial Old Regular Baptist Church for several years. The church was her life. All

she looked forward to was getting to go to church. Everywhere she went she shouted the praises of God. I always looked forward to getting letters from her. She would write about the churches she went to in Ohio.

About four o'clock one morning I got a call telling me she was gone. It was such a shock, I could hardly believe it. We all miss her so badly. I think about it now, how lucky she was, getting to go out sudden. She didn't have to lay and suffer. She didn't live to be old and sick all the time. I hope and pray her husband will get ready to go where she is. He loved her so much. I want to say to her blessed children, get ready to go where Mother is. I know she has prayed many a prayer for you. I believe she is in heaven with all my heart. She is resting up there where all is joy and peace and love. I hope some sweet day I can go where all my loved ones are. It would be wonderful to get to a country like that, and live with our blessed Savior forever more.

We all loved her. But Jesus loved her more and He took her home. So, may God bless us all.

Written by her sister, Florence Back

SALLIE RISNER



As I sit here all alone, I will try to write an obituary of a dear Sister-in-the-Lord, Sister Sallie Risner.

She was born November 19, 1897 and died January 17, 1983. Early in life she met and married Kelly Risner. They had eight children, five boys: Arnold Risner, Jack Risner, Floyd Risner, Edgar Risner, Dewey Risner; and two girls, Rachel Owsley and Zola Hilton, who preceded her in death.

Kelly Risner was later deceased, and Sallie married Proctor Risner, and they had five children, one boy, Proctor Risner Jr.; and four girls: Louise Slone, Lorraine Hilton, and Louiza and Edmond, who preceded her in death.

Early in life Sister Sallie Risner began to see the need of a Savior, and she began to search for that man called Jesus. After she had searched for a while, and long enough to satisfy her Savior, he then said, "Well done, my dear and faithful little child, come in and live with Me forever more. I have a home prepared for you of Joy and Peace and Love."

I have known Sister Sallie for many yers, and she lived a good life. I will say thirty years I knew her, and her last husband was a fine old brother.

Sister Callie came to the Happy Home Church August 5, 1973, by letter.

Our church really did love her. We sure do miss her. Her seat is empty here in the Church, but her troubles are over. So,

children, brothers and sisters, friends and neighbors, let us all prepare to meet Sister Sallie in that good and happy place where our troubles will be over forever and forever.

Written by dear brothers in the Lord,
McKinley McIntosh and Lewis F. Craft

ELIZABETH JEAN EVERAGE



With much sadness, I will try to write the obituary of a dear sister-in-the-Lord, Sister Elizabeth Jean Everage.

She was born February 3, 1940, and died May 28, 1983, making her stay here on earth 43 years, 3 months and 25 days.

She was the daughter of Willie and Millie Noble. Early in life she met and married Authur Everage on October 9, 1957. To this union were born three sons: Bruce Wendell, James Dean, Robert Wayne; and five

daughters: Karan Gibson, Brenda Darlene Chaffins, Phillis Ann Everage, Rebecca Jean Everage and Devona Everage. Two brothers, Robert Bud Noble and Chester Noble; four sisters: Martha Sexton, Opal Mullins, Fannie Hall, Ida Miller; and ten grandchildren are also left to mourn the loss of Mother.

Near the year of 1972 Sister Elizabeth came forth and gave her hand, and wanted to join the Old Regular Baptist Church, and told what great things the Lord had done for her.

She was a real good sister. She was a good mother. She lived to help raise nine children.

But now she has gone home to live with the Lord in Heaven forever and ever. Authur and the children will miss her, her seat will be empty here in this church, we all miss her. Brothers and sisters, friends and neighbors, we will miss her. But while we are here, look up to where every good and perfect gift comes from, to our loving God, who loves His creation, and prepare to meet Him in peace, where we can live happily forever and ever. So farewell to all here.

Written by McKinley McIntosh and Lewis F. Craft

SARAH E. HUFF

Sarah Huff was born August 24, 1893 and departed this life February 19, 1983, making her stay on earth 89 years, 1 month and 26 days. She was united in marriage to the late A.Z. Huff. From this union nine children survive: Lillian Blaton, Harlan, Ky.; Arlie Ridner, Verda, Ky.; Lohoma Lewis, Joliet, Ill.; June

Pierce, Cincinnati, Ohio; Mae Coker Elliott, Ft. Wayne, Ind.; Bertha Hair, Fayetteville, N.C.; Becca Lee Hair, Fayetteville, N.C.; Robert Huff, Joliet, Ill.; Dottie Stegall, Pototoc, Mississippi. Also surviving are one brother, Beecher Kelly, Clossport, Ky.; one sister, Bertha Bledsoe, Joliet, Ill.; twenty-six grandchildren, thirty-four great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

Sister Huff was drawn by the Holy Spirit of God, repented of her sins, believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, and joined the Poorfork Old Regular Baptist Church. She was baptized by Elder Caleb Creech, and lived a faithful member as long as her health would allow her to attend. We shall meet again in the Resurrection.

Written by a Brother in Christ,
Elder Edward Sumpter

LUCINDA BLAIR CORNETT



Lucinda Blair Cornett, the daughter of Clint and Nancy Roark Ison, was born December 15, 1895, and died October 20, 1982.

She accepted Jesus Christ in 1929 and joined the Poor Fork Old Regular Baptist Church in Cumberland, Kentucky. She went to church regularly, until her hearing failed, and she had poor health in general.

She was a firm believer in the Lord Jesus Christ. She leaves to mourn her passing two sons:

Hillard Blair, Partridge, Kentucky; Delbert L. Blair Sr., Cumberland, Kentucky; one daughter, Opel Jones, London, Kentucky; several grandchildren, great- and great-great-grandchildren and many relatives and friends.

We miss her so much, but we can meet her again.

Written by her son, Delbert Blair

HIRAM FIELDS



Hiram Fields, age 93, of Cumberland, died February 17, 1983 at the Harlan Appalachian Regional Hospital after a short illness.

He was the son of the late Matthew Clinton Fields and Rachel Musselwhite Fields of Kings Creek.

He was self-employed as a carpenter and lived in Cumberland most of his life.

He is survived by three daughters: Mrs. Ava Van Horn, Willowby, Ohio, Mrs. Glenna Rose Stewart, Cariole, Ohio and Peggy Joyce Fields of Cumberland. Also surviving is a sister, Mrs. Virgie Caudill of Louisville, Kentucky.

He had been a faithful member of the Poor Fork Old Regular Baptist Church in Cumberland, Kentucky. He was a member for fifty-four years, joining in 1928. He loved his church and the old-fashioned way, and was faithful to attend right up to the end.

He is greatly missed by his family and dear friends.

He will always be remembered for the good life he lived and the love he had for his Lord.

He loved good singing and preaching. The Lord blessed him with the ability to line songs and always received a great blessing.

We feel, as his daughters, that our loss is Heaven's gain.

Written by his daughters, Ava, Glenna and Peggy

BERTIE WHITAKER



Bertie was born April 22, 1916. She deceased this life June 25, 1983, making her stay on earth 62 years, 2 months and 3 days. She was the daughter of the late Valentine and Eveline Ashley Mullins. Early in life Bertie met and married Sam Whitaker, and to this union were born three children.

Bertie leaves to mourn her passing her husband, Sam Whitaker; two sons, Ethan and Ronnie Whitaker; one daughter, Lillie Mae Mullins, all of Amburgey, Ky.; six grandchildren,

whom she loved so much: Doyle, Allen and Stacey Mullins, Charlene and Ethan Whitaker Jr., and Beth Ann Whitaker, all of Amburgey; two sisters, Tilda Mullins and Nora Franklin, both of Amburgey, Ky.; three brothers, Chester Mullins of Sassafras, Ky., Eurie Mullins of Amburgey, Ky., and Bill Mullins of Detroit, Michigan. Also left are a host of friends and neighbors.

Bertie was a hard-working woman until her body became afflicted. In the year of 1977 Bertie became worried and concerned about the welfare of her soul. She began to call upon the great God of Heaven for mercy. And after much begging and pleading he heard her cries and saved her never-dying soul. In November 1977 Bertie called her friends and neighbors into her home. She wanted to tell them what good things the Lord had done for her. She joined the church and on December 4, 1977 she was baptized into the Mount Olivet Old Regular Baptist Church at Blackey, Kentucky. Bertie was so faithful to attend

her church. She would go a lot of times when she was not able to sit up. Bertie will be missed by everyone, especially Sam and the children and grandchildren. Her sweet voice will linger for a long period of time. Mommy has gone where she has yearned for a long time to go. She won't need a walker to walk with up there. She won't have to suffer the pain of her afflicted body. She has gone where peace, joy and love abide forever. I know the Mount Olivet Church has lost a wonderful sister, Sam has lost a great companion and the children have lost a precious mother, but surely our loss is Heaven's gain. I'm sure if Bertie could speak back to her loved ones she would say, "Repent of your sins and come up here and live with me. I am so happy in the joys of the Lord."

*Mother has gone to live with the angels
Her soul is at rest around the white throne
I have no one left here to advise me
For Mother no longer awaits me at home.*

Written by a brother in hope, Oliver Mullins

CALLIE BROWN



Sister Callie Brown was born in the home of James and Elizabeth Mullins at Vicco, Ky., on February 4, 1898. She passed from this life at the Hazard Nursing Home in Hazard, Ky., December 31, 1982, being 84 years, 10 months and 27 days of age at her passing. Callie was a member of the Old Regular Baptist Church.

Callie had been in poor health for a number of years, and spent the past two years in a nursing home.

Early in life she met and married Willie C. Brown. They were married on August 31, 1923 and he preceded her in death on March 23, 1981.

Callie and Bill were in business in Whitesburg and at Jeff, Kentucky, where they operated a department store for most of their working years.

Callie is survived by one daughter, Mabel Owins of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; granddaughters, Sussane Owins and Malissia Suman of Oklahoma City; one grandson, Robert Owins, San Diego, California; one brother, Arlis Mullins of Danville, Kentucky, and a large number of relatives and friends who mourn her passing.

To her family and unto the members of the Happy Home Church, we have lost a good sister that has walked hand and hand

with us for many long years. We will miss her, her seat will be empty, but after all we do believe that she has gone home to live with her Savior to die no more, all her troubles left behind. She is waiting for us.

Written by dear brothers,
McKinley McIntosh and Lewis F. Craft

RAY MULLINS



With a sad heart, I will try to write the obituary of my dear husband. Ray Mullins was born May 16, 1918 and deceased this life September 22, 1981, making his stay here on earth 63 years, 4 months and 6 days.

Ray was the son of the late Monroe and Millie Mullins. Early in life he met and married Gertrude McIntosh, and to this union were born five children, Jimmy Darrell, Glen Edward and Delynn. Two children preceded him in death. He leaves his wife, three sons, three daughters-in-law and four grandchildren. A father-in-law, brothers and sisters and a host of friends are also left to mourn his passing.

Ten months before Ray got sick he had been praying most of the night, and when he got up the next morning, the first Saturday in May of 1980, he told me that he felt so good that morning, that the Lord had forgiven him and that he was ready to go home.

I believe with all my heart that Ray is resting around the throne of God, and by the help of God we can all meet him again some day.

Written by his wife, Gertrude Mullins

ETHEL DIXON



Ethel Dixon was born February 5, 1917, and died August 4, 1982, making her stay here 65 years and 6 months. She was the daughter of the late Leander and Betty Day Eldridge. She was married to Dave Dixon, who preceded her in death.

She joined the Dixon Memorial Church of the Old Regular Baptist on June 25, 1972. To this family were born six

children, two of whom preceded her in death. Left to mourn her are two boys, Claude Dixon of Mt. Washington, Kentucky and Curl Dixon of Williamsburg, Ohio; two girls, Irene Hogue of Louisville, Kentucky and Geraldine Blair of Blackey, Kentucky; two stepsons, Paul Dixon of Danville, Kentucky and Clyde Dixon of New Carlise, Ohio, seven grandchildren, three great-grandchildren, five brothers, three sisters and a host of friends. Two grandchildren preceded her in death. I feel like she is resting with Jesus. So sleep on, sister. I hope to meet you some sweet morning on that Bright Shore.

Written by her broken-hearted brother,
Brother Astor Eldridge

VALENTINE MULLINS



With much sadness and by the request of his children, I will try to write an obituary of Valentine Mullins.

Valentine was born August 30, 1907 and entered eternal life April 26, 1983, making his stay here on earth 75 years, 7 months and 26 days.

Valentine was preceded in death by his wife, Claudia, and three children. He leaves to mourn his passing two children, Elmer, and Lula Mae Thomas, both of Amburgey, Kentucky; two grandchildren, Sandra and Billy Thomas; two sisters, Matilda Mullins and Nora Franklin; three brothers: Eurie, Chester and Bill; and a host of friends and neighbors.

Valentine had been sick for some time, especially after he lost his companion, about one year and three months before his death. His life was so lonely without her. His children did everything they could to make his life happy. They stood by his side day and night, but Valentine had a greater eye looking upon him. About 8:50 Tuesday evening, April 26, the Lord sent a band of angels to bring His child home. Brother Valentine doesn't need man-made machines to keep him breathing, or the doctors to try and ease his pain anymore. He is up in Heaven, where all is peace, love and joy.

Valentine and Claudia made preparation a long time ago for their home in Heaven. They were ordained as deacon and deaconess in their church and they served this office with much humbleness. They were always ready to lend a helping hand.

Little Dove Church has lost a wonderful member. He will be missed especially by young people. He always had a kind word to say to them when they passed his house. Valentine

made it a point to call his neighbors every morning to see how they were doing.

Elmer, you and Lula have lost a precious daddy, and the grandchildren have lost a wonderful grandfather. We know we can't bring Daddy back, but God promised us that if we would believe upon Him and do His will, that some day we could go where Mommy and Daddy and all of our loved ones are, never more to part.

Written by a brother in hope,
Olliver Mullins

DENVER MELTON



It is with much sadness we will try to write the obituary of a dear brother in Christ, Bro. Denver Melton.

Bro. Denver was the son of the late Willie and Edna Stidham Melton. He was born May 25, 1936, being 46 years, 5 months and 6 days of age at the time of his passing. Bro. Denver was a good and faithful member of the Mt. Olivet Old Regular Baptist Church.

He is survived by his wife, Bobbie Angram Melton; one nephew, William Dixon of Letcher; two nieces, Doris Melinda and Sheila Burnice Dixon, both of Letcher, Ky.; one brother, Harmie Melton of Letcher, Ky.; and one sister, Nellie Mullins of Litt Carr, Ky. Also surviving are a host of relatives and friends who mourn his passing.

Written by Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Combs

ELLA CAUDILL PRIDEMORE



With much sadness and humility I must write the obituary of Mam-Ma Pridemore.

Ella Caudill Pridemore, daughter of Wesley and Margaret Caudill was born at Jeremiah, Ky. on October 30, 1911 and died on August 18, 1983 at St. Joseph Hospital in Lexington, Ky., being 71 years, 9 months and 18 days of age.

In the year of our Lord 1931, she was married to Hiram Pridemore, who survives. To

this union were born seven children, five sons: Don, of Jeremiah, Ky., Lee and Ford of Isom, Ky., Lenville of Portsmouth, Ohio, and Darrell of Stanton, Ky.; and two daughters, Billie Jean Smith and Elva Marshall, both of Wheelersburg, Ohio.

She is survived by two brothers, Watson and Douglas Caudill, and three sisters, Bessie Smith, Lena Adams and Martha Bailey. She is also survived by sixteen grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren and a host of friends and neighbors.

Ella gave her life to the Lord in 1979 and became a member of Blair Branch Regular Baptist Church. Since that time her life has been totally consecrated to the Lord through service to her church, her family and her many friends.

The Blair Branch Church has lost a faithful member; Hiram, a loving and devoted wife; the children a loving mother; and the community a good neighbor.

May some comfort be found in this writing, in that Mam-Ma will ever be with the Lord.

*Near shady wall a rose once grew,
Budded and blossomed in God's free light,
Watered and fed by morning dew,
Shedding its sweetness day and night.*

*As it grew and blossomed fair and tall,
Slowly rising to loftier height,
It came to a crevice in the wall,
Through which there shone a beam of light.*

*Onward it crept with added strength,
With never a thought of fear or pride:
It followed the light through the crevice-length
And unfolded itself on the other side.*

*The light, the dew, the broadening view,
Were found the same as they were before;
And it lost itself in beauties new,
Breathing its fragrance more and more.*

*Shall claim of death cause us to grieve
And make our courage faint or fall?
Nay, let us faith and hope receive;
The rose still grows beyond the wall,*

*Scattering fragrance far and wide,
Just as it did in days of yore,
Just as it did on the other side,
Just as it will forevermore.*

Humbly submitted, Bill Marshall

ELSIE RALEIGH SLONE



Elsie Raleigh Slone entered eternal life Saturday, February 12, 1983 at the Hancock Memorial Hospital in Greenfield, Indiana.

Elsie was the daughter of the late Wes and Nellvina Smith Collins.

She was born May 19, 1893, being 89 years, 8 months and 23 days of age at the time of her passing.

She is survived by two daughters, Hazel Duncan and Sally Belle Lowe, both of Greenfield, Indiana. Also surviving

are ten grandchildren and twenty-four great-grandchildren, along with a host of relatives and friends to mourn her passing.

Elsie was preceded in death by two sons, Wesley and Joe Raleigh, and one daughter, Martha Trout.

Sister Elsie joined the Ingram's Creek Church and was baptized August 1932. In later years she took her fellowship to the Tolson Creek Church where her son, Elder Wesley Raleigh, was the Moderator.

Written by her daughter-in-law, Nora Raleigh

ESTILL COMBS



It is with much sadness and broken hearts we will try to write the obituary of a dad and dear brother in Christ, Bro. Estill Combs. He was the son of the late Alex and Lutisha Jent Combs. Bro. Estill was born May 20, 1911, being 71 years, 8 months and 10 days at the time of his passing. Bro. Estill passed from this life January 30, 1983. He was preceded in death by two sons, Oakley and Louie Combs.

He leaves to mourn his death: his wife, Mary Pledge Combs; four sons: Alex and Boney of Mentor, Ohio, Virgil and Earl of Carcassonne, Ky.; four daughters: Lutisha Vance, Volina Mae Wendell, Sarah McGee and Jeannie Packard, all of Mentor, Ohio; one brother, Hillard Smith, Eastlake, Ohio; four sisters: Alice of Detroit, Michigan, Essie of Carrie, Ky., Millie and Nancy, both

of Tennessee. Also surviving are fourteen grandchildren, as well as a host of relatives and beloved friends.

Many years ago Bro. Estill felt the need of a Savior and he started praying and asking God to forgive his many sins and save his soul. On the fourth Sunday morning in October, 1972, Bro. Estill had started to the Mill Creek Church, but as he got to the Dixon Memorial Church, he had to stop there and at the close of the meeting, Bro. Estill gave his hand to the church, but wanted fellowship at the Little Bull Creek Church. After a few years, Bro. Estill asked for his letter and went to the Rose of Sharon Church, where he was a good and faithful member. He had a certain seat he always sat in, and a certain place to park his old truck.

We have many wonderful memories of Bro. Estill lingering in our hearts. Sister Mary has lost a wonderful husband, the children lost a good Daddy, and the church has lost a wonderful member.

I miss Bro. Estill, but I feel it won't be long until I will join him up in Heaven.

So children, grandchildren, and loved ones, turn to the Lord to find peace for your souls; for he is standing with outstretched arms to take you in.

Written by Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Combs and Eld. Green Fields

JOHN D. COMBS



I feel very sad and lonely as I try to write the obituary of the best friend I ever had, my daddy, John D. Combs. I know there will always be a sad, empty feeling inside me, my heart will always ache when I think I will never again in this world see his face or hear his voice.

John D. Combs was the son of the late David and Nancy Neice Combs. Daddy passed away at the Whitesburg Appalachian Regional Hospital on Friday, October 15, 1982. He was born May 5, 1912, making his stay on earth 70 years, 5 months and 10 days. He leaves to mourn his death his wife, Dessie Sexton Combs; six sons: Luther, Edmond, Earl, John Jr., Earnest and Troya C. Combs, all of Isom, Ky.; three daughters: Wonda Rose Collins of Mallie, Ky., Henrietta Caudill, Isom, Ky., and Letta Mae Hammonds, Van, Ky. One son, Denver Combs, preceded him in death.

Daddy joined the Old Regular Baptist Church August 13, 1944, and was baptized September 10, 1944, making him 38 years a strong believer in God. He was a member of the Little Bull Creek Church when God called him home. He was a good

daddy and always tried to teach his children right from wrong, so brothers and sisters, if you want to go where Daddy is, you have to pray to the same God he did. God moved our reunion to Heaven. I feel and believe with all my heart I've got my ticket to go, and I'll be with Daddy around the throne of God some sweet day. I love you, Daddy.

Written by his daughter and sister in Christ,
Henrietta Caudill

TILDON CAUDILL



Tildon Caudill, the son of James W. and Polly Caudill, was born August 7, 1910 and passed away April 20, 1983, making his stay here 72 years, 8 months and 13 days.

Early in life he met and married Martha Jane Blair, on the 24th of December, 1936. To this union were born eleven children, seven girls: Wilma Lou Mullins of Mallie, Ky., Wava Ilene Combs, Barbara Ann Adams, Brenda Kaye Adams and Sherry Lee Parks, all of

Redfox, Ky., Willa Nell Banks of Whitesburg and DeLana Sue Eldridge of Mt. Washington, Ky.; and four boys: Shelby Caudill and Bobby James Caudill of Louisville, Ky., Curtis Tildon Caudill of Cowan and Jerry Lynn Caudill of Ft. Knox, Ky. Also left to mourn his passing are four sisters: Dana Hensley of Mt. Washington, Doshie Everage of Fern Creek, Stella Sturgill and Dicy Caudill of Sassafras, twenty-four grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Daddy felt a need for a savior and felt the Lord forgave him the last Sunday in October 1969. He joined the Mt. Olivet Old Regular Baptist Church and was baptized the first Sunday in August of 1971. He loved the Lord so in the last years of his life, he told us so many times about a place called Heaven. I feel our loss is Heaven's gain. Daddy is just gone to rest with Jesus.

Jerry Caudill

*Let me come where you are weeping, friend
And let me take your hand.
I, who have known a sorrow such as yours, can understand.
Let me come in - I would be very still
Beside you in your grief;
I would not bid you cease your weeping, friend,
Tears bring relief.
Let me come in - I would only breathe a prayer,
And hold your hand,
For I have known a sorrow such as yours,
And understand*

JOHN HENRY HUFF



With the help of the Lord, I will try to write the obituary of John Henry Huff. John Henry was born December 24, 1906 to Ison Huff and Lovianna Slone Huff. John Henry deceased this life December 7, 1982, making his stay here on earth 75 years, 11 months and 7 days.

In earlier life John Henry met and married Mazie Jacobs. He leaves to mourn their loss his wife, Mazie; his brother, James Huff; sisters, Dallie Slone

and Allie John; and a host of nieces and nephews.

John Henry joined the Old Regular Baptist Church several years ago. He attended his church as long as he was able to go. John Henry became afflicted in his last years, but we feel now his soul is resting around the throne of God, and his body won't be afflicted in that Glory Land.

I feel that if John Henry could speak to his family and friends that haven't made peace with God, he would say, "Start calling on God today, tomorrow might be too late."

Written by Eld. Burton Ratliff, by request of the family

VINA CAUDILL WATTS



Vina was the daughter of William and Louisa Dixon Caudill. She was born October 16, 1906 at Blackey, Kentucky, and passed away January 3, 1983.

On March 10, 1925 she was married to Steve Watts, who preceded her in death on November 3, 1960. To this union were born seven children, four boys: William, Earl, George and Bonnell, all of Hallie, Ky.; and three daughters: Ora Whitaker, Lucy Watts and Lassie

Halcomb, all of Hallie, Kentucky. Earl preceded him in death.

Vina was baptized into the Cedar Grove Church of Regular Baptist in May, 1941. She was a faithful member as long as she lived. She was truly dedicated to God, the Church, and her family. She was a bright light to all that knew her. Vina was very lonely the last years of her life, after losing her husband, but now we feel they are both in the Paradise of God, resting so peacefully. No more worries, no more sorrows. Just waiting

the redemption of the body, that they may go to that Glorious City to be with Jesus forever.

Children and grandchildren, if you want to go where Mother and Grandmother has gone, give your hearts unto God and you cango to that Glorious City and live forever.

She had twenty grandchildren and a host of friends and relatives who mourn their loss.

Rest on, Sister, soon we too will join you.

Written by a brother in hope, Clarence Dixon

SARAH CAMPBELL



Sarah, the daughter of the late Elijah and Mary Logan Ison, was born May 27, 1910. On April 6, 1983 she quietly and peacefully slipped away from us to the waiting arms of Jesus and eternal life.

She married Rankin Campbell early in her life. Unto this union eight children were born, two sons: Junior of Ulvah, Ky., and Hardin of Cincinnati, Ohio; and six daughters: Ruth Thomas, Thelma Ison, Barbara

Ingram and Wanda Lee Willis, all of Louisville, Ky.; Velma Back of Dayton, Ohio; and Rudell Dixon of Atlanta, Ga.

Sarah is survived by her husband, Rankin; her eight children and their families, which include thirteen grandchildren and three great-grandchildren; four sisters: Vernie Griffith, Adelle Pratt, Margaret Huff and Ethel Maggard; two brothers: Bee and Kelly Ison; and many other relatives and friends.

For over thirty years Sarah was a faithful and devoted member of the Old Regular Baptist Church. Her membership was in Cedar Grove Church at the time of her death.

The sudden loss of Mother has left us stunned. We miss her so much. The life she lived and the things she taught us live on in the wonderful memories we'll cherish until we can be with her again someday where the roses will never fade.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. We believe in the one true and living God, and not withstanding there are Three that bear record in Heaven, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, yet there is but one in substance, equal in power and glory, not to be divided and impossible to change in principle and practice.

2. We believe the Old and New Testament Scriptures are the true written words of God and were given by inspiration of God and there is a sufficiency in them contained for our instruction and they are the only rule of our faith and practice.

3. We believe the doctrine of original sin and that man sinned since the fall and are by nature the children of wrath.

4. We believe in the impotency or inability of men to recover themselves out of the state they are in: therefore, a Saviour is absolutely needed.

5. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God only by imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ.

6. We believe in the perseverance of the Saints. That by grace through faith they are born again and adopted into the family of Heaven; that they become equal heirs with Jesus Christ in Glory, and that He will raise them up at the last day.

7. We believe that Baptism and the Lord's Supper are Gospel Ordinances; that true believers are the proper subjects and we admit no other.

8. We believe that the true mode of baptism is by immersion, to baptize a person by their own consent, back foremost in the water in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost.

9. We believe that washing of one another's feet is a commandment of Christ, left on record with His disciples, and ought to be practiced by His followers.

10. We believe in the resurrection of the dead and general judgment when all will be judged according to their deeds done in the body.

11. We believe the punishment of the wicked will be everlasting and the joys of the righteous will be eternal after death.

12. We believe that no one has the right to administer the Gospel Ordinances but such as are legally ordained and qualified there unto.

13. We believe it to be the duty of all church members to attend church meetings, and that it is the duty of the church to deal with them for neglecting same.

14. We believe it to be the duty of all church members to contribute to the support of the church by defraying all reasonable expenses of same, never neglecting the poor, according to their several abilities.

15. We believe that any doctrine that goes to encourage or indulge the people in their sins or to cause them to settle down on anything short of saving grace in Christ for salvation is erroneous and such doctrine will be rejected by us.

16. None of the above articles shall be construed as to hold with particular election of reprobation as to make God partial directly or indirectly so as to injure children of man.

17. None of the above articles shall be altered without legal notice and free consent.

RULES OF DECORUM

1. The Association shall open and close with prayer.

2. The Moderator and Assistant Moderator, Clerk and Assistant Clerk shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.

3. Only one member shall speak at a time, and shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator, when he is about to speak.

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

5. He shall strictly adhere to his subject and in nowise reflect on the preceding speaker, but define his ideas on the proposition for debate, so far as he can.

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

7. No person shall rise and speak more than three times on any subject without permission from the Association.

8. No member of the Association shall have the liberty to laugh during the sitting of the same, nor whisper in time of public speech.

9. No member shall address another in any other form or term than that of "Brother."

10. The Moderator shall not interrupt a brother or prohibit him from speaking until he gives his views on the subject unless he shall violate the Rules of Decorum.

11. The names of the several members of the Association

shall be enrolled by the Clerk, and called as often as the Association may require.

12. The Moderator shall be entitled to the same privileges of speech as any other member, provided the chair be filled, but he shall have no vote unless the Association be equally divided, in which event he shall give the deciding vote.

13. Any member who shall willfully and knowingly violate any of these rules shall be reprimanded by the Association as it may think proper.

CONSTITUTION

Having by unanimous voice changed our organization from an annual meeting to an Association, we therefore propose to keep order and rules of an Association according to the following form of government.

1. The Association shall be called the Indian Bottom Association.

2. The Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches in our union, and duly sent to represent them in the Association, who shall be members whom they judge best qualified for that purpose, and producing letters from their respective churches, certifying to their appointment, these shall be entitled to a seat.

3. In the letters from the different churches shall be expressed their full number in fellowship, those baptized, received by letter, restoration, application, dismissed, excluded and deceased since our last Association.

4. The members thus chosen and convened shall have no power to lord over God's heritage nor shall they have any clerical power over the churches nor shall they infringe on any of the rights of any of the churches in the union.

5. The Association, when convened, shall be governed by a regular and proper decorum.

6. The Association shall have a Moderator and Assistant Moderator, Clerk and Assistant Clerk, and Treasurer, who shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.

7. New churches may be admitted to this union, which shall petition by letter and delegates, and if found upon examination to be orthodox and orderly, shall be received by the Association, and manifested by the Moderator giving the right hand of fellowship.

8. Every church in the union shall be entitled to representation in the Association.

9. Every query presented by the churches to the Association, being first debated in their own church shall come under the consideration of the Association.

10. Every motion made and seconded shall be considered by the Association, except it be withdrawn by the party who made it.

11. We think it absolutely necessary that we have an Association fund for defraying the expense of the same. For the raising of which we think it the duty of each church in the union to contribute such sums voluntarily as they think proper, and send it by their delegates, to be deposited with treasurer, who shall be responsible to the Association for and pay the same out as the Association may direct.

12. There shall be an Association book kept in which the proceedings of every Association shall be regularly recorded by the secretary, who shall receive annual compensation for same.

13. The minutes of the Association shall be read and corrected if need be, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the Association rises.

14. Amendments to this plan of government may be made by majority of the union when in regular session, when so desired.

15. The Association shall endeavor to furnish the churches with minutes of the Association, the best methods of effecting the same shall be determined by the Association.

16. All matters coming before the Association shall be decided by will of the majority of the members present.

17. The Association shall have the power to decide for the general union of the churches and to preserve an inviolable chain of communion among same, giving churches all necessary advice in matters of church difficulty; inquiring into the cause why any church shall have failed to represent itself any time in the Association, appropriate the money received to any purpose it may think proper; appoint any member or members by their consent to transact any business which it may think necessary; withdraw from any church in the union which may violate any of the rules of the Association or deviate from the orthodox principals of religion; admit any orderly minister of our faith and order to a seat in the Association and adjourn to any time or place it may deem necessary.

ADDRESSES OF CHURCH CLERKS

CEDAR GROVE	Venson Whitaker, Box 15, Ulvah, KY 41850
NEW HOME	Bertchell Mosley, Rt. 2, Box 35, Leburn, KY 41831
DEFEATED CREEK	Atlas Frazier, Rt. 1, Box 734, Whitesburg, KY 41858
REYNOLDS FORK	Wiley Amburgey Jr., P.O. Box 192, Whitesburg, KY 41858
BULL CREEK	Gary Caudill, Rt. 2, Box 318, Isom, KY 41824
IVY POINT	Willie V. Slone, Box 432, Pippa Passes, KY 41844
LITTLE DOVE	Dave Hampton, Box 41, Jeremiah, KY 41826
TOLSON CREEK	George Caudill, 107 Church St., Whitesburg, KY 41858
DIXON MEMORIAL	Roy C. Dixon, Box 297, Jeremiah, KY 41826
BIG CREEK	Billy Maggard, 1006 Center Cross St., Edinburg, IN 46124
HAPPY HOME	McKinley McIntosh, RR 1, Box 80, Amburgey, KY 41801
NEW BETHLEHEM	Melvin Creech, Star Rt. 1, Box 92, Emmalena, KY 41740
CLEAR FORK	Wilson Combs, RR 2, Box 201, Hazard, KY 41701
NORTHERN NEW HOME	E. Robert Miller, 405 Britton Lane, Monroe, OH 45050
BLAIR BRANCH	Steve Adams, Box 23, Jeremiah, KY 41826
MT. OLIVET	Agnon Back, Blackey, KY 41804
LITTLE ZION	Ross S. Hill, Box 114, Jeff, KY 41751
ROSE OF SHARON	Roger Gibson, Box 383, Viper, KY 41774
HURRICANE GAP	Curt Blevins, Rt. 54, Box 75, Gordon, KY 41819
KINGDOM COME	Bert Fields, Rt. 1, Box 762, Whitesburg, KY 41858
POOR FORK	Joe Ison, Rt. 1, Box 59, Partridge, KY 40862
LYDIA	John S. Jent, 4000 W. 400 St., Huntington, IN
BIG COWAN	Estill (Ted) Everage, P.O. Box 66, Amburgey, KY 41801
LITTLE MARY	Dave Muncy, Rt. 5, Box 381, Morehead, KY 40351
LITTLE SHEPHERD	Verlin Justice, Rt. 8, Box 375G, Indianapolis, IN 46234

CHURCHES AND DELEGATES

CEDAR GROVE	Venson Whitaker, Johnny Walters, Carrol Dean Smith
NEW HOME	Green Perry, John M. Watts, Arnold Thacker
DEFEATED CREEK	Coy Fields, Odus Frazier, Atlas Frazier
REYNOLDS FORK	Delmar Moore, Nelson Seals, Luther Seals
BULL CREEK	Virgil Combs, Gary Caudill, Donnie Jent
IVY POINT	Alonzo Mosley, Lee Mosley, Alger Casebolt
LITTLE DOVE	Ivan Amburgey, John Preece, Merle Smith

TOLSON CREEK. Luther Combs, George Caudill, Watson Whitaker
DIXON MEMORIAL. Carl Back, Willie Eldridge, Lester Short
BIG CREEK. Baxter Osborne, Earl Cox, Billy Maggard
HAPPY HOME. Landis Everage, Luther Ashley, McKinley McIntosh
NEW BETHLEHEM. Morris Shepherd, Melvin Creech, Don Napier
CLEAR FORK. Wilson Combs, Clarence Combs, Calvin Creech
NORTHERN NEW HOME. Joe Back, Don Fields, Ermel Ison
BLAIR BRANCH. Eugene Adams, Rodney Ison, Neldon Whitaker
MT. OLIVET. I.D. Back, Agnon Back, Wm. Lusk Jr.
LITTLE ZION. Ross S. Hill, Euri Godsey, Jay Lucas
ROSE OF SHARON. Jim Fields, Roger Gibson, Lillard Taylor
HURRICANE GAP. Robert Harris, Jay McCool, Eugene Wilder
KINGDOM COME. Clifton Hampton, Bert Fields, Parrot Roark
POOR FORK. Dwight Amburgey, Arthur Lloyd, Joe Ison
LYDIA. Marcus Combs, Wayne Roper, Jack Honeycutt
BIG COWAN. Ellis Banks, L.P. Sumpter, Carl Adams
LITTLE MARY. Lonnie Gregory, Bob Turner, Dave Muncy
LITTLE SHEPHERD. Clyde Shepherd, Doug Gibson, Roy Sexton

ORDAINED MINISTERS

Dwight Amburgey	Pinetop, KY	785-4993
Ivan J. Amburgey	Pinetop, KY	785-4249
Carl Back	Jeremiah, KY	633-4344
I.D. Back	Blackey, KY	633-0749
Ellis Banks	Whitesburg, KY (Rt. 1, Box 66)	633-2174
Fess Blair	NONE SUBMITTED	
Toby Breeding	Jeremiah, KY	Unlisted
Powers Caudill	Premium, KY	633-5410
Marcus Combs	1012 E. Sherman, Marion, IN	(317) 664-8356
Robert Combs	RR 2, Box 206, Hazard, KY	439-2198
Elwood Cornett	Blackey, KY	633-9269
Charles Craft	Rt. 4, Box 85H, Catlettsburg, KY	739-4560
Calvin Creech	Star Rt. 1, Box 67, Emmalena, KY	None Listed
Colonel Eldridge	Milan, IN	None Listed
John Eldridge	Rt. 2, Fisher Ln., Mt. Washington, KY	None Listed
Lloyd Eldridge	Sunman, IN	654-3229
Bert Fields	Rt. 1, Box 762, Whitesburg, KY	None Listed
Green Fields	Carcassonne, KY	633-4788
James D. Fields	Blackey, KY	633-0358
Jasper Fields	2352 W. 13th St., Marion, IN	(317)664-2207
Jim Fields	Hallie, KY	633-0275

Oral Flannery	Somerset, KY	None Listed
Chester Gibson	Leburn, KY	785-3709
Bill Halcomb	Hamilton, OH	None Listed
Virgil Halcomb	214 Tampa Downs Blvd., Lutz, FL	None Listed
Corbit Hall	Hindman, KY	None Listed
Emmitt Hall	Leburn, KY	None Listed
Clifton Hampton	Rt.1, Box 3730, Whitesburg, KY	633-0428
Clark Hays	Red Fox, KY	642-3715
Ermel Ison	729 E. Foster Rd., Maineville, OH	899-2115
John D. Ison	Day Rural Station, Whitesburg, KY	None Listed
Manus Ison	Hallie, KY	633-7959
Aster Jent	285 E. 9th St., Peru, IN	(317) 472-1650
David Jent	Carcassonne, KY	633-5458
Kirby Jent	R2, Box 3, Carcassonne, KY	633-8091
Jay Lucas	RR 2, Hazard, KY	None Listed
Lewis Lucas	RR 2, Hazard, KY	None Listed
Marion Martin	Hindman, KY	None Listed
Bill Moore	Leburn, KY	785-4888
Alonzo Mosley	Garner, KY	785-3430
Euel Ratliff	3409 Slem St., Ashland, KY	324-9793
Odus Ritchie	Talcum, KY	251-3683
Jonah Roark	RR 1, Commiskey, IN	None Listed
J. Nelson Seals	Mallie, KY	785-5621
Daryl Short	Leburn, KY	None Listed
Hurley Short	Jeffersonville, KY	None Listed
Milburn Slone	Garner, KY	None Listed
Clyde Shepherd	5550 Mooresville, IN	(317) 856-6629
Morris Shepherd	Box 27, Fisty, KY	251-3278
J.C. Sparks	Hindman, KY	785-3386
Irvin Stallings	2274 Madison Ave., Norwood, OH	631-7085
Tennis Sturgill	319 N. Lake St., S. Amhurst, OH	(216) 986-2236
Edward Sumpter	Cumberland, KY	573-5244
Carl R. Tuttle	East McDowell, KY	377-6898
Silas Williams	Emmalena, KY	785-4876
Alton Young	Mallie, KY	785-3017

CHURCH

CHURCH	Received by Experience & Baptism	Received by Letter	Restored	Recommendation & Application	Lost by Death	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Total Membership	Meeting Time	Contribution
Cedar Grove	25	0	0	1	2	0	1	170	4	\$275.00
New Home	4	6	0	0	0	0	1	79	2	75.00
Defeated Creek	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	26	2	150.00
Reynolds Fork	0	0	0	0	2	10	2	29	3	100.00
Bull Creek	12	4	0	0	1	7	12	70	3	100.00
Ivy Point	4	1	0	0	2	1	2	28	4	50.00
Little Dove	4	5	0	0	3	0	1	144	2	275.00
Tolson Creek	3	0	0	0	1	0	0	22	4	60.00
Dixon Memorial	9	7	1	0	1	3	0	54	4	110.00
Big Creek	9	2	0	0	1	10	0	27	4	75.00
Happy Home	0	7	0	0	3	1	2	36	1	100.00
New Bethlehem	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	32	3	130.00
Clear Fork	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	24	1	\$60.00
Northern New Home	11	2	2	0	2	1	1	76	4	50.00
Blair Branch	8	1	0	0	6	0	1	81	3	225.00
Mt. Olivet	9	1	0	5	4	2	0	161	1	275.00
Little Zion	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	23	4	30.00
Rose of Sharon	0	2	0	0	1	1	0	28	2	70.00
Hurricane Gap	4	2	0	0	0	0	1	29	3	125.00
Kingdom Come	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	20	1	40.00
Poor Fork	0	0	0	0	3	0	1	26	1	60.00
Lydia	3	1	0	0	0	1	0	22	1	50.00
Big Cowan	3	1	0	0	1	0	0	67	4	175.00
Little Mary	8	14	0	0	0	9	1	26	2	150.00
Little Shepherd	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	11	2	100.00
TOTAL	117	58	5	6	39	47	26	1311		\$2910.00

FORM OF CHURCH LETTER

We the church of Jesus Christ of Old Regular Baptist Faith and order, now in session with the _____ Church, being found in love and fellowship, sendeth greetings, our christian love and salutation to the ministers and messengers that may compose the _____ Association, when convened, assembled and in session at our Association House and Headquarters, Sassafras, Knott County, Kentucky, being hosted by our dear sister the _____ Church to commence on Friday before the _____ Saturday, in September, _____ and the two following days.

Dear Brethren; we are glad that we can correspond with you, and we have chosen these our beloved Brethren, to bear this our letter to you, to wit:

DELEGATES

ALTERNATES

1 _____ 4 _____
 2 _____ 5 _____
 3 _____ 6 _____

Dear Brethren, receive our letter and these Brethren to sit with you in council. May the Lord bless you in all your work. We are at peace among ourselves.

The state of the church is as follows:

ORDAINED MINISTERS

NAME

POST OFFICES

Received by Experience and Baptism _____ Letter _____ Restored _____
 Application (and or) Recommendation _____ Dismissed by Letter _____
 Died _____ Excluded _____ Membership _____
 Money sent _____ Meeting Time _____ Saturday and Sunday of each month.

Dear Brethren, pray for us, that Zion may have a traveling spirit among us.

Done and signed by order of the church.

Elder _____, Moderator

Brother _____, Clerk

Clerk's Address _____