

MINUTES  
OF THE  
EIGHTY-NINTH ANNUAL SESSION  
OF THE

# INDIAN BOTTOM ASSOCIATION

OF  
OLD REGULAR BAPTIST  
CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST

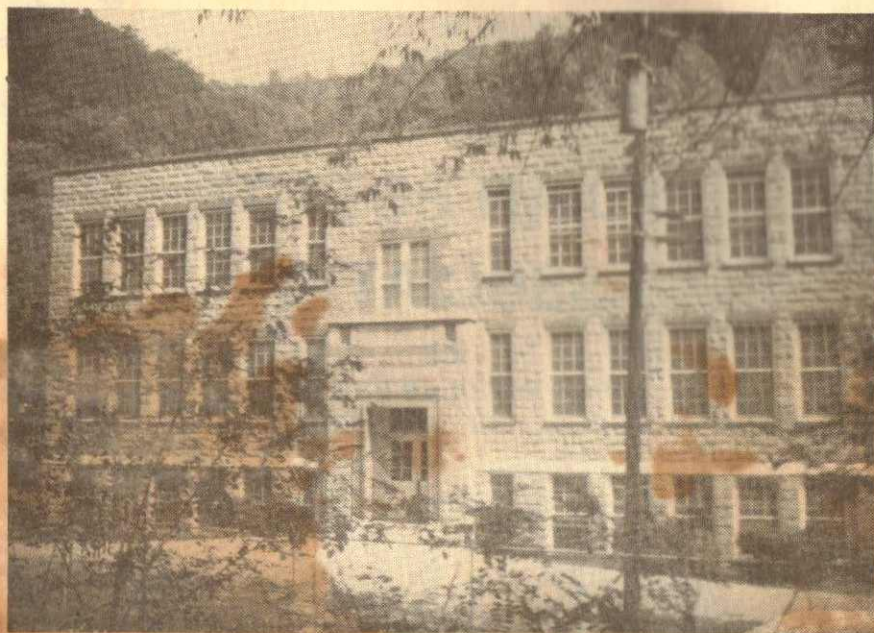


Held At The  
INDIAN BOTTOM ASSOCIATION BUILDING  
Sassafras, Knott County, Kentucky  
August 31, September 1, and 2, 1984

Hosted By:  
Blair Branch Church  
Big Cowan 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)





#### 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 1/2 mile to Association.
2. From Hindman, Kentucky, leave Ky. 80 on Ky. 160 south about 10 miles to KY 15, turn right, follow 15 about 4 miles to Sassafras; follow signs as in No. 1.
3. From Whitesburg, Kentucky, follow Ky. 15 west to Sassafras about 20 miles, follow signs as in No. 1.
4. Accomodations for campers will be provided for and available on the building parking lot.



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## Minutes of the Eighty-Ninth Annual Session of the Indian Bottom Association of Old Regular Baptist Church of Jesus Christ Friday, August 31, 1984 and the two following days

The Indian Bottom Association, being in session, assembled at our Association Building at Sassafras, Knott County, Kentucky, August 31, 1984, and the two following days. Being hosted by the Blair Branch and Big Cowan 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 Carl Back introduced the service and led in prayer.

After the introduction and prayer had been rendered, Elder I.D. Back, who had been chosen by the delegates of the eighty-eighth session of our Association to preach the Introductory Sermon of this Eighty-Ninth session, came to the pulpit and preached a heart-stirring 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 Andy Bates to come to the pulpit. Elder Bates rendered a warm, spiritual sermon. After a song, Elder Frank Newsome 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 Blair Branch 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 queries were referred to the Committee on Arrangements.
2. The Association was then organized by choosing the following officers:  
Elder Elwood Cornett, Moderator  
Elder James D. Fields, Assistant Moderator



Brother Glenn Hampton, Clerk  
Elder Morris Shepherd, Assistant Clerk

3. The Moderator called for newly constituted churches desiring to take up fellowship with us and none responded.
4. Churches of our same faith and order who desired fellowship were called for and none responded.
5. By a move and second with no objection, the reading of the Articles of Faith and the Constitution were omitted, but the Rules of Decorum were read by the clerk.
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, a list of delegates, and files of minutes:
  - A. **New Salem:** Woodrow Dye, Dexter Dixon, Bill Day, Burton Howard, Jimmie Hall, Tovis Akers, Ked Adkins, A.O. McKnight, Estill Slone, Melvin Slone, C.B. Smith, Everett Hall, Vester Mullins, Gene Mullins, J.D. Clarke, Junior Frasure, Troy Hall, Joe Brown, Norman Conn, Walter Akers, Jack Swords, Coy Combs.
  - B. **Union:** John M. Mullins, Fon Bowling, John C. Layne, Carson Wright, Frank Newsome, Paul McClanahan, Andy Bates, Jimmy W. Hall, Jesse L. Williamson, Jimmy Dale Sanders, James Hall, Charles Nitchie, Ernest Perigan, Junior Wellman, Jesse Vyers, Earl Cantrell, Charles Wright, John B. Hamilton, Frank M. Coleman, Amos Bartley, Fred Overstreet, Bill Campbell, Green Hall, Hoey Lester, Emory Kiser, Webster Bartley, Donald Deel, Marshall Williamson, Stan Akers, Grant Akers, Sam Irwin, Hezekiah Osborne, Bill Hess, Audi McClanahan, Estil Stiltner, Herman West.
  - C. **Northern New Salem:** (No minutes) Baxter Osborne, Melvin Watts, Danny Adams, Covis Tackett, Elmer Adams, Carlos Little, C.W. Turner, Ellis Amburgey, Alex Collier, Albert Osborne, Delano Newsome, Birchell Short, Claude Dixon, Darrell Parks, Chester Allen.
7. The Moderator called for transient members and ministers and none responded.
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 Blair Branch and Big Cowan churches 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 Blair Branch and Big Cowan churches should have only one delegate together with the Association Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk, Assistant Clerk, transients and the entire delegation from the corresponding association to meet Friday afternoon at 1:30 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: Jimmy Hall, John C. Layne, and Paul McClanahan.  
Saturday Morning: Woodrow Dye, Grover Adkins, and Covis Tackett.
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 1:30 p.m. Friday afternoon in the Congregational Department of the Association Building. The session was introduced by Paul McClanahan who preached a warm sermon and also led in prayer. Elder John C. Layne preached a heart-warming sermon, after which the Committee arranged the work for Saturday.

#### Saturday Morning, September 1, 1984

The Association met pursuant to adjournment. After lifting our voices in singing praises to our Lord and Savior, Elder Elwood Cornett, the moderator of our beloved Association, gave a few words of welcome then called upon Elder Baxter Osborne from the Northern New Salem Association to introduce the service. After some very warm and humble remarks Elder Bill Campbell led in prayer.

1. The clerk called the roll and marked the absentees.



2. The report of the Committee on Arrangements was given. The work was approved and the Committee was discharged by a move and a 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: Kirby Jent, Allen Whitaker, and Freddie Watts who reported a sum of \$3,110.00 collected from the various 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 3500 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 Morris Shepherd, who had been chosen by the 1983 session of the Association to prepare a letter to be read for its approval. By a move and second with no objection the letter was received and ordered to be printed in the minutes.
8. The Committee on Ministry, being the same as on Friday, chose the following ministers to fill the stand on Sunday, to wit: Elders Fon Bowling, Baxter Osborne, Elwood Cornett, and anyone else the Moderator deems to choose, if time permits.
  - B. The Committee on Ministry chose Elder Marcus Combs to preach the Introductory Sermon for the 1985 session of the Association and Elder Ellis Adams to be his alternate.
  - C. The Committee on Ministry chose Elder Clifton Hampton 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 \$10.00 fee for printing pictures.

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

Balance on Hand 9/3/83	\$2684.81
Church Contributions	2910.00
Pictures	290.00
Total in Treasury	<u>\$5884.81</u>

Expenses:

Printing Minutes	\$1950.00
Safety Deposit Box	35.00
Typing Permanent Record	20.00
Printing of Church Letters	15.75
Total Expenses	<u>\$2020.75</u>

Balance on Hand 9/2/84 \$3864.06

11. By a move and second with no objection the letters to our corresponding Associations were approved.
  - A. New Salem: To begin on Friday before the fourth Saturday in September, 1984, at Minnie, Floyd County, Kentucky, at their association building, and continuing the two following days. Delegates to attend: Agnan Back, Hiram Moore, Lee Mosley, Elmer Mullins, Clark Hays, Squire Watts, Green Perry, Chester Gibson, Arnold Thacker, Charles Shepherd, Jim Fields, Elwood Cornett, Glenn Hampton, Lonnie Gregory, Junior Lusk, John Preece, Rodney Ison, Landis Everidge, Birtchell Mosley, Nelson Seals, McKinley McIntosh, Ivan Amburgey, Merle Smith.
  - B. Union: To begin on Friday before the third Saturday in September, 1984, at the Hurricane Church, Wise, Wise County, Virginia, and continuing the two following days. Delegates to attend: Agnan Back, Junior Lusk, John Preece, Elmer Mullins, Rodney Ison, Squire Watts, John P. Eldridge, Johnny Walters, Landis Everidge, Chester Gibson, Nelson Seals, Ivan Amburgey, McKinley McIntosh, Elwood Cornett, Jim Fields, Glenn Hampton.
  - C. Northern New Salem: To begin on Friday before the first Saturday in August, 1984, at the Pleasant View Church, 3589 Beat Rd., Litchfield, Ohio, and continuing the two following days. Delegates to attend: Elwood Cornett,



Bob Turner, Lonnie Gregory, Doug Gibson, Ivan Amburgey, Merle Smith, Mike McKinney, Joe Back, Nelson Seals, Tennis Sturgill, Glenn Hampton.

12. The ministers gave their reports on attendance at Union Meetings and Associations. They said that they did the best they could. By a move and second their reports were received and they were excused for their shortcomings. There was no objection.
13. The Committee on Council was called on to give its report. Elder I.D. Back, the chairman, reported that the Committee had done no work. By a move and second with no objection the report was received.

14. The request from the New Home Church was read. The request was as follows:

August, Second Saturday, 1984

The New Home Church of Old Regular Baptist faith and order met on the above date. Being called in working order and being in new business. By a move and second send this request to our association to remove Elder Marion Martins and Elder Emmitt Hall's names from the list of ordained ministers in our minutes. They have been excluded this year since our last association.

Done and signed by order of the Church,  
Elder Chester Gibson, Assistant Moderator  
Brother Birtchell Mosley, Clerk

By a move and second with no objection the request was granted.

15. The requests from New Bethlehem, Hurricane Gap, and Poor Fork churches were read. The requests were as follows:

A. New Bethlehem:

Saturday, August 18, 1984

To the Indian Bottom Association of Old Regular Baptist.

We, the New Bethlehem Church, met at our regular meeting in August and were found in love and fellowship. It was moved and seconded that we send a letter requesting to co-host the Association in 1985 with our beloved sisters, the Poor Fork Church and the Hurricane Gap Church.

Done and signed by the order of the New Bethlehem Church.  
Elder Morris Shepherd, Moderator  
Brother Melvin Creech, Clerk

B. Hurricane Gap: Hurricane Gap Regular Baptist Church  
Gordon, Kentucky

To the Indian Bottom Association.

The Hurricane Gap Church met on its regular meeting time, the third Saturday in August. After church services, then came to the church work. The church was found to be in love and fellowship and at peace with each other then came to new business. After some discussion it was moved and seconded to send a letter to the association asking to co-host the 1985 session along with our sister, the Poor Fork Church and others. Thank you so very much.

Done and signed by the order of the church,  
Elder Toby Breeding, Moderator  
Brother Curt Blevins, Clerk

C. Poor Fork Church:

Saturday, August 4, 1984

We, the Poor Fork Church, met for our regular services. Being found in love and fellowship, it is the desire of the Poor Fork Church to co-host the association in 1985 with our beloved sisters. Hope the delegates of Indian Bottom Association will grant us the opportunity to serve you the next association.

Done and signed by order of the Church,  
Elder Jim Fields, Moderator  
Brother Joe Ison, Clerk

The requests were granted by a move and seconded with no objection.

16. The request from the Little Shepherd Church was read. The request is as follows:

We the Little Shepherd Church of Old Regular Baptist, having met in love and peace and after prayer had been made, we came to the work of the church. By a move and second it was decided to ask permission of the Association to change our meeting time to the first week of the month. We now meet on the second, and to change our Saturday meeting time to Saturday evening.

Done and signed by the order of the church,  
Elder Clyde Shepherd, Moderator  
Elder Bill Halcomb, Assistant Moderator  
Brother Verlin Justice, Clerk

By a move and second with no objection the request was granted.

17. The request from the Northern New Home Church was read. The request is as follows:



Stumpy Lane, July 28, 1984, Goshen, Ohio

Request to the Indian Bottom Association

Dear Brethren:

The Northern New Home Church being in session and in love and fellowship this fourth Saturday in July, 1984.

One of the items discussed was the statistical part of the church letter to the Indian Bottom Association.

We feel that there should be another category shown in the statistic for the church for those members which leave by request and who are in good standing at the time of said request.

At present, we can only show them as "excluded". This would place these good Brothers and Sisters in the same category as those who have committed a crime against the church.

We sincerely believe this should be added to properly classify this type of action.

Approved and signed:

Elder Ermel R. Ison, Moderator

Brother E. Robert Miller, Clerk

The Action on the request was as follows: At the request of their delegates, a move and second were made without objection to give the request back to the Northern New Home Church, without debate.

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

I.D. Back, Chairman

Kirby Jent

Bob Turner

Toby Breeding

Doug Gibson

John Preece

Ross Hill

19. The treasurer of the Board of Trustees gave his report. The report is as follows:

**A. Treasury Report of the Board of Trustees**

Balance on Hand 9/3/83 \$2423.62

Church Contributions 6010.00

Odd W/E 877.00

Cush Adkins & Concession 245.39

Individual Contributions 75.00

Farm Bureau Insurance 100.00

Total Cash \$9731.01

**Expenses:**

Food & Kitchen Supplies \$2976.17

Building Supplies 704.04

Insurance 1041.00

Repair-Labor 846.00

Utilities

906.31

Total Expenses

\$6473.52

Balance on Hand 9/2/84

\$3257.49

B. After discussing the idea of increasing the number of trustees from 5 to 7, a move was made and seconded to increase the number to 7. There was no objection. By a move and second with no objection Brother Homer Smith and Brother Enos Sturgill were appointed as members to the Board of Trustees.

C. Elder Nelson Seals asked to resign from the Board of Trustees. By a move and second without objection his resignation was received and he was commended for the job he had done. By a move and second with no objection Brother Danny Dixon was appointed to fill the vacancy created by Elder Nelson Seal's resignation.

20. By a move and second with no objection the Clerk was ordered to write a Resolution of Appreciation to the Blair Branch and Big Cowan churches.

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

22. By a move and second with no objection this session of the Association was adjourned until we convene on the Friday before the first Saturday in September, 1985. (Sept. 6,7,8.)

Elder Bill Moore was called upon to speak what was upon his heart. After a few humble remarks he closed in prayer.

Signed by:

Elder Elwood Cornett, Moderator

Elder Jim Fields, Assistant Moderator

Brother Glenn Hampton, Clerk

Elder Morris Shepherd, Assistant Clerk

Sunday, September 2, 1984

As the sun began to rise above the horizon, a large crowd began to assemble in the Congregational Department of the Association Building, greeting each other with warm embraces, friendly handshakes, and pleasant smiles. After lifting our voices in singing praises to our Heavenly Father, Elder Elwood Cornett greeted everyone with a warm welcome and much humbleness.

Elder Elwood called upon Elder Jim Fields to introduce the service. Brother Jim was well blessed with a short message and a humble prayer, which tuned our hearts toward Heaven.



Due to the absence of Elder Fon Bowling, Elder Marcus Combs was called upon to take his place. He followed the introduction with a very inspiring message. Elder Baxter Osborne came to the podium. He quoted as his text, "If righteousness come by the law, then Christ is dead in vain." He was well blessed to expound upon this subject. Elder Elwood Cornett brought the service to a close. He took his text from the sixth chapter of II Kings, "Let us go, we pray thee, unto Jordan." Elder Elwood preached a soul-warming sermon, and brought the service to a close. Amidst the shouts of victory and praises to the Lord, we sang a parting hymn and brought to a close the eighty-ninth session of our beloved Association.

### RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION

The Indian Bottom Association would like to try to express its heartfelt appreciation to the Blair Branch Church and the Big Cowan Church for the excellent job they did in hosting this session of the Association.

To all who cooked and brought food, to all who served, cleaned, parked cars, handled garbage, washed dishes, or any other task, you deserve many thanks. Your warm embraces, friendly handshakes, pleasant smiles, and the kind and tender care with which you went about your chores will long be remembered.

Thanks again for a job well done.

### CIRCULAR LETTER 1984

My Dearly beloved Brothers and Sisters of the eighty-ninth session of the Indian Bottom Association:

It is with great humbleness and Godly love that I will proceed to write this Circular Letter. I felt overwhelmed and surprised when the Brethren came in and announced that I was to write the 1984 Circular Letter for our eighty-ninth session of our Indian Bottom Association.

I didn't realize this great undertaking; as the time grew closer for the writing of the Circular Letter, I became a little scared. I believe God gave me a subject to write about. It is with love that I will try to write this letter for your inspection. The subject is man coming from under the law to the grace covenant. I realize I am young in the cause and have belonged to the church for four years.

First, I do believe in both the Old and New Testament, believing it was given to Godly men as God and Jesus inspired and revealed this to the Disciples and Apostles.

When Jesus came to the Earth and died on the cross and was buried, he rose on the third and appointed morning as conqueror over death, hell, and the grave. He became the way for us to follow.

Second Corinthians Chapter 3, verse 13 through 17--For that which done away was glorious, much more that which remaineth is glorious. 13 -- And not as Moses, which put a veil over his face, that the children of Israel could not steadfastly look to the end of that which is abolished. 14 -- But their minds were blinded: for until this day remaineth the same veil untaken away in the reading of the Old Testament; which veil is done away in Christ. 15 -- But even into this day, when Moses is read, the veil is upon their heart. 16 -- Nevertheless, when it shall turn to the Lord, the veil shall be taken away. 17 -- Now the Lord is that spirit: And where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is Liberty.

Brethren, we as Bishops or Ministers need to rightly divide the word of truth. These scriptures just quoted tells us we are not to live under the law. If we live under the law, Christ would have died in vain. Verse 15 -- When Moses is read, the veil is upon their heart. He said he would write his laws on their hearts and imprint them on our minds. 16 -- When we turn to the Lord, the veil shall be taken away. This means we are under Grace and Truth. Christ is Grace and Truth. (Romans -- Chapter 10, Verse 4) -- For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone that believeth. (Romans -- Chapter 7, verse 9) -- For I was alive without the law once; But when the Commandments came, sin revived and I died.

When we were small children, we were alive without the law; but when the Commandments came, that is when the law entered and we became transgressors of the law, (That is when we became transgressors knowing good from evil that made us sinners). When we repented, we died dead to the love and lust of sin and became alive in Christ Jesus the Lord. Brothers, we can't be justified under the law. The law is for sinners: (Galations -- Chapter 3 verse 11) But that no man is justified by the law in the sight of God, it is evident: For, the just shall live by faith (faith in Christ). (Galations -- Chapter 3, verse 23) But before faith came, we were kept under the law, shut up into faith which should afterward be revealed. (Galations -- Chapter 3, verse 24) Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith. (Galations -- Chapter 3, verse 25) But after that faith is come, we are no longer under a schoolmaster. (Galations -- Chapter 5, verse 4) Christ is become of no effect unto you, whosoever of you are justified by the law, ye are fallen from grace.



(This means you are living further away from Grace and Truth). (Timothy -- Chapter 1, verse 9) Knowing this that the law is not made for a righteous man, but for the lawless and disobedient, for the ungodly and for sinners, for unholy and profane, for murderers of fathers and murderers of mothers, for manslayers.

Brethren, if we have been born again, we are not sinners or murderers. There is so much more Bible to show and tell us that we are not living under the law, but that we are under Christ which is Grace and Truth.

Brethren, love one another, live close to the Lord, and let's keep ourselves unspotted from the world. Let our light shine that all men can see. Let's not live in a way that men have to look twice before they see a little spark.

There are many more scriptures concerning the law -- too numerous to get in this Circular Letter. It is not pleasing to Jesus to go back under the law and select one scripture to live by and drop all the others.

Brethren, march on in the old way of Jesus. Follow the Bible, live humble, live for the Lord, and our reward will be Heaven in the end.

Your humble Brother in Christ Jesus,

*Elder Morris Shepherd*

Elder Morris Shepherd

## UNION, COMMUNION AND MEMORIAL MEETINGS

### March 1985

**LITTLE ZION:** Union meeting fourth Saturday and Sunday in March. Ministers called: Lewis Craft, John Preece, Bill Halcomb, Clark Hays, and Chester Gibson. Communion: fourth Sunday in July. Memorial: Fourth Sunday in June.

### April 1985

**ROSE OF SHARON:** Union Meeting: Second Saturday and Sunday in April. Ministers called: Danny Dixon, Robert Haney, Homer Smith, Alonzo Mosley. Communion Meeting: Second Sunday in June. Memorial: Second Sunday in July. Ministers called: Virgil Combs, Jimmy Hall, Bill Moore and Ted Everage.

**NORTHERN NEW HOME:** Union meeting fourth Saturday and Sunday in April; Ministers called: Ivan Amburgey, Gene Greer, Larry Hankins, Ron Scott, Marcus Combs, Jasper Fields, I.D. Back, Tennis Sturgill, John Preece, Dwight Amburgey, Fess Blair, Clark Hays, Kirby Jent, Lonnie Gregory, Jim Fields, Bob Haney, Clyde Shepherd and Melvin Watts. Communion: Fourth Sunday in August. Memorial: Fourth Sunday in June.

**BLAIR BRANCH:** Union meeting third Saturday and Sunday in April. Ministers called: Elwood Cornett, I.D. Back, Ivan Amburgey, John Preece, Squire Watts, Jim Fields, and Agnon Back. Communion: third Sunday in July. Memorial: third Sunday in June. Ministers called: I.D. Back, Ellis Adams, Danny Dixon, Clifton Hampton, John Preece, Toby Breeding and Bill Moore.

### May 1985

**POOR FORK:** Union meeting first Saturday night and Sunday in May. Ministers called: Elder Charles Shepherd, Ellis Adams, Brother Squire Watts, Brother Danny Dixon, Brother Roger Gibson, Moderator and assistant Moderator. Communion: First Sunday in July. Memorial: First Sunday in August. Ministers called: Elder Charles Shepherd, Brother Danny Dixon, Brother Squire Watts, Brother Roger Gibson, Moderator and Assistant Moderator.

**LYDIA:** Union meeting: First weekend in May. Ministers called: John Preece, Ivan Amburgey, Dwight Amburgey. Communion: first weekend in June. Memorial: None listed.



**MT. OLIVET:** Union meeting: first Saturday and Sunday in May. Ministers called: Brother John Preece, Elder Ivan Amburgey, Bill Moore, I.D. Back, Brother Danny Dixon, and Squire Watts. Communion: first Sunday in August. Memorial: first Sunday in July.

**LITTLE DOVE:** Union meeting second Saturday and Sunday in May. Ministers called: Brother Danny Dixon, Squire Watts, Elder Ermel Ison, Bill Campbell, Elwood Cornett and Moderator. Communion: Second Sunday in July. Memorial: Second Sunday in June. Ministers called: Elder Baxter Osborne, Kirby Jent, and I.D. Back.

**REYNOLDS FORK:** Union meeting third weekend in May. Ministers called: Elwood Cornett, Jim Fields, Bill Moore, Jimmy Hall (Hemphill) Coy Combs, Marcus Combs and Moderator. Communion: third Sunday in June. Memorial: third in July.

**BULL CREEK:** Union meeting third Saturday and Sunday in May. Ministers called: Ermel Ison, Homer Smith, Ollie Mullins, Bill Halcomb, Bill Moore, Clyde Jacobs, Allen Whitaker, Jimmy Hall, Danny Dixon, Frank Fouts. Communion: Third Sunday in August. Memorial: third Sunday in June. At Melton Cemetery: second Sunday in June. All of the same faith and order are welcome.

**CEDAR GROVE:** Union meeting fourth Sunday in May. Ministers called: Elder Robert Haney, Dallas Ramsey, John B. Hamilton, Ivan Amburgey and John Preece. Communion: Fourth Sunday in August. Memorial meeting: fourth Saturday and Sunday in June.

#### June 1985

**KINGDOM COME:** Union meeting first Saturday and Sunday in June. Ministers called: Virgil Combs, Andy Bates, and Ted Everage. Communion: first Saturday and Sunday in July. Memorial meetings: first Saturday and Sunday in August.

**HAPPY HOME:** Union Meeting first Saturday and Sunday in June. Ministers called: Elder Chester Gibson, Zee Holbrook, Berle Stevens, Brother Lester Short, Brother Reed Hampton, Elder Hezekiah Osbourne, Brother Estill Everage, Brother Lona Sexton, Elder Carl Back. Communion: first Saturday and Sunday in July. Memorial meeting: first Saturday and Sunday in August.

**CLEAR FORK:** Union Meeting first Saturday and Sunday in June. Ministers called: Elder Jasper Fields, Bill Halcomb, Elder Morris Shepherd, Charles Shepherd, Bill Moore, Green Fields, and Moderator. Communion: first Saturday and Sunday in July. Memorial meeting: first Saturday and Sunday in October.

**NEW HOME:** Union meetings second Sunday in June. Ministers called: Clarence Dixon, Estill Everage, Jimmy Hall, Elder Roger Dale Hicks, Elwood Cornett, Birtchell Mosley, Jr. and Moderator. Communion: Second Sunday in July. Memorial meeting: Second weekend in October. Ministers called: Clarence Dixon, Squire Watts, Ermil Ison, Clark Hays, Ivan Amburgey.

**LITTLE SHEPHERD:** Union meeting first Saturday and Sunday in June. Ministers called: Elder Melvin Watts, Brother Roger Gibson, Brother John Preece, Elder Ivan Amburgey, Elder Jim Fields, Toby Breeding, Brother Clarence Dixon, and Danny Dixon. Communion: first Saturday and Sunday in July. Memorial: first Saturday and Sunday in May.

**NEW BETHLEHEM:** Union meetings third Saturday and Sunday in June. Ministers called: Elder I.D. Back, Bill Moore, Melvin Slone, Estill Slone, Calvin Creech and Brother Squire Watts. Communion: Third Sunday in August. Memorial meeting: Third Sunday in September.

**DIXON MEMORIAL:** Union meeting fourth Saturday and Sunday in June. Ministers called: Elder Bill Moore, Ellis Adams, Clark Hays, and Moderator. Communion: fourth Sunday in July. Memorial: fourth Sunday in May.

**BIG COWAN:** Union Meeting: Fourth Saturday and Sunday in June. Ministers called: John Preece, Danny Dixon, Elder Bill Moore, and Jim Fields. Communion: Fourth Sunday in July. Memorial: Fourth Saturday and Sunday in September. Ministers called: I.D. Back, Squire Watts, Agnon Back, and Ivan Amburgey.

**IVY POINT:** Union meeting: Fourth Saturday and Sunday in June. Ministers called: Lewis Craft, Elder Green Hall, Elliot Hall, Brother Harlis Watts, John B. Hamilton, Jim Fields. Communion meeting: Fourth Sunday in July. Memorial Meeting: Fourth Sunday in August.

**TOLSON CREEK:** Union Meeting: Fourth Saturday and Sunday in June. Ministers called: Elder Charles Shepherd, Ellis Adams, Brother Agnon Back, Roger Gibson, Frank Fouts, Homer Smith, Virgil Combs, Danny Dixon, Elder Toby Breeding, Kirby Jent, and Bill Halcomb. Communion meeting: Fourth Sunday in July.



Memorial meeting: Fourth Saturday and Sunday in August. Elder Bill Halcomb, Clark Hays, I.D. Back, Rulah Whitaker, and Alonzo Mosley.

**BIG CREEK:** Union meeting: fourth Saturday and Sunday in June. Ministers called: Brother John Preece, Elder Ellis Amburgey, Elwood Cornett, I.D. Back, and Melvin Watts. Communion: fourth Saturday and Sunday in July. Memorial meeting fourth Saturday and Sunday in August.

#### August 1985

**DEFEATED CREEK:** Union and Communion meeting: Second Saturday and Sunday in August. Ministers called: Elder Ellis Adams, Elwood Cornett, Ivan Amburgey, and Brother Clarence Dixon. Memorial meeting: July second weekend.

**HURRICANE GAP:** Union Meeting: third Saturday and Sunday in August. Ministers called: Brother Danny Dixon, Roger Gibson, Elder Toby Breeding, Jimmy Hall, Elwood Cornett and Melvin Watts. Communion: third Sunday in August. Memorial meeting: October third Sunday. Ministers called: Brother Squire Watts, Elder Jim Fields, Baxter Osborne, Morris Shepherd and Bill Halcomb.

#### September 1985

**LITTLE MARY:** Union meeting: Second Saturday night and Sunday in September. Ministers called: Elder Alex Collier, Keith Slone, Elwood Cornett, Robert Haney, and Brother Danny Dixon. Communion: Second weekend in October. Ministers called: Elder I.D. Back, Danny Adams, Marvin Hall, Jim Fields, and Melvin Watts.

## Obituaries

### BETTIE ELDRIDGE



*Bettie Eldridge was born May 28, 1891 and died May 31, 1982, making her stay here on earth 91 years and 2 days. She was married to Leander Eldridge for 54 years who preceded her in death. She was a member of Dixon Memorial Regular Baptist Church. She belonged to the church for about 56 years, and served about 34 years as deaconess in the church. Left to mourn her death are nine children, five boys and four girls. The boys are Henry Eldridge of Waynesburg, Kentucky; Howard Eldridge of Hodgenville, Kentucky; Willie Eldridge of Blackey, Kentucky; Lloyd Eldridge of Sunman, Indiana; and Astor Eldridge of Medway, Ohio. The girls are Eva Back, Ethel Dixon, Elma Caudill, all of Blackey, Kentucky, Arlie Vanover of Waynesburg, Kentucky, one foster daughter, Margaret Eldridge of Frankfort, Kentucky.*

*Mama was a good Christian mother. She always told us children to get right with God and be ready to go and live with him on that bright and shining shore. I feel like Mama has gone to sleep in the arms of Jesus. So sleep on Mama, I feel like I'll see you again over there with the good Lord.*

*Written by a broken hearted son,  
Astor Eldridge*



## ARRIE LOUISE YOUNCE



Arrie Louise Younce entered eternal life on Friday, January 13, 1984 at the Whitesburg Appalachian Regional Hospital in Whitesburg, Kentucky.

Arrie was the daughter of the late Bryant and Florence Griffie Akeman.

She was born April 14, 1920, being 63 years, 8 months and 29 days of age at the time of her passing.

She is survived by her husband, Leonard Thomas Younce, Jr.; 1 son Roger Dale Younce of Madison, West Virginia; 4 daughters: Patricia Ann Ison of Cowan, Ky.; Shelia Lynn Hogan of Cowan, Ky.; Glenda Rose Helton of Cowan, Ky.; and Judy Gale Rose of Corbin, Ky.; 2 brothers: Herman Odum of Rushville, Indiana; and Wayne Odum of Jeffersonville, Indiana; 3 sisters: Avle Sumpter of Cowan, Ky.; Ruth Chandler of Cowan, Ky.; and Othel Peyton of New Castle, Indiana. Also 9 grandchildren along with a host of other relatives and friends to mourn her passing.

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 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 grapes give a good smell.

Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away. Spring time 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 and lonely. Our hearts are still broken. They say it will get better with time but it's not. Oh! how we miss you.

These beautiful words was written by our Loving Mother and Wifes' hands.

If I could have my way today,  
And it could be God's will,  
I'd like to climb that Great High Mountain,  
And sleep on that beautiful hill.

I'd like to look down from Heaven,  
Upon this wicked World below,  
I'd like to lead and guide the people,  
To a greater and better place to go.

Today that sweet voice has joined the Heavenly choir, and that mountain she wanted to climb and the river she wanted to cross is

behind her now. The sweet land she is in needs no hospitals, there's no lonesome nights there. Just one eternal day of joy and peace and love. I feel that I'm just a few short steps behind her. I would like to shout glory to my great High King, and say at long last I'm going home to meet my sweet loving Saviour and Wife.

Written by her loving husband and children  
still with broken hearts and much hurt.

## LETHA CAUDILL HAMPTON



Letha Caudill Hampton was born on October 2, 1915 into the home of Alva H. & Maggie Caudill and departed this life on January 27, 1984 at the Hazard A.R.H. being 68 years, 3 months and 25 days of age at the time of her passing. She was married to Isom Hampton on April 8, 1933. To this union was born 8 children, two of which preceded her in death, Kennie and Joan. Left to

mourn her passing are her husband Isom and five daughters, Carmel L. Williams and Clarice Whitaker, of Blackey, Kentucky, Jacqueline Adams, Maggie M. Back and Sandra Oliver, all of Jeremiah, Kentucky, one son, Richard Hampton of Jeremiah, Ky.. She is also survived by 11 grandchildren and three sisters; Delphia Whitaker of Jeremiah, Ky., and Bessie Whitaker of Premium, Ky., and Mertie Hampton of Waynesburg, Ky., one step-brother, Gene Back of Blackey, Ky., one step-sister Anna Bowen of Jeremiah, Ky., plus a host of relatives and friends. She joined the Mt. Olivet Old Regular Baptist Church on February 26, 1964 and was baptized in March of 1964. She attended church faithfully as long as she was able to go. She loved to go to church, but got til she just wasn't able to attend. She had been sick for many years, but now her sickness and trouble is over and we feel she is resting around the throne of God waiting for that great Resurrection Day. We feel she is shouting and singing the praises of our Lord and she's not sick anymore. Due to this testimony she left us in a letter to brother Jimmy Hampton, and the way she lived her life, we feel our loss is Heaven's gain and we hope to meet Mother over on that Golden Shore.



I'll try to tell the main part of my testimony by the help of God. I prayed for many years off and on. But finally I had to get down to real business with my Lord. I had many beautiful dreams as I prayed. Would fill a book to write it all down. But I'm so nervous I'll just write the last part of it down. I went to Church one night, and came home with such a heavy burden, I could not sleep but sometime before morning, I dozed off. I thought I was in need of something and was seeking help. I started up a hill asking the people along the way to help me, but they just laughed at me and grabbed at me trying to take my clothes or anything they could get hold of. Finally I reached the top of the hill and my thoughts were if I get out of there, I'd just go away where no one knew me. So I started looking around for some way to get out but there was no way at all that I could get away. I had went as far as I could go and done all I could do. I had the saddest feeling that all was lost. I turned around and there was a house in the woods. I walked in a back door and sat down on a stool and leaned my head against the wall and closed my eyes for I felt that all was lost. I couldn't bear to look. Then I felt something being placed on my lap. My first impulse was to reach down and throw it away. But I opened my eyes to see what it was. And there was a snow white bundle on my lap and to me it represented a little baby. Then I cried out, Lord if this is what it takes, I'll take it, and be good to it, and dress it, and keep it. Then seemed like my burdens just went I knew not where, and I felt so good. Seemed like Isom came in the room and asked what had been changed that made the room look so much better, and I knew in my heart that I was what had been changed. I felt so good for a long time. It was in the springtime when this happened to me, and when I would be outside hanging up the wash, it seemed that the little birds were singing so sweetly, and the trees seemed to bow their heads. Everything seemed to be praising the Lord and so was I. My heart felt so light. I went on this way for some time. Then I began to feel burdened again and I felt that I was burdened to go home to my friends and tell them what great things the Lord had done for me. So many days I walked the floor and so many nights I couldn't sleep. But I was still a little bit afraid that I might be mistaken. You know we all get low in the valley at times. Then old Satan steps in and tries to take over for us, and he will if we let him. I had many dreams of not taking good care of the little baby, as I had promised the Lord I would, and one day I missed the baby. I looked all over the house for it, but didn't see it anywhere. I was in panic, and got to thinking where I was at when the Lord gave it to me. So I got down on my hands and knees and looked under the bed and saw it wrapped tightly in a blanket on the floor. I reached

and got hold of the blanket and pulled it out to where I was. I was so scared, I was shaking all over, for I just knew it would be cold in death. But when I turned back the blanket and touched it, it was still warm. You talk about shouting and praising the Lord, I did, to think it was still warm. I was afraid to go on any longer, the way I was. One night not long after that, we went to Old Brother Arch Cornett's home to church. I got in such a shape, I just couldn't come back home that way, so I give in to the church that night. And that burden just left me. I felt so good. I didn't think I could wait to be baptized. The day I was supposed to be baptized I awoke with tears streaming down my face that the day had finally arrived. My heart felt so light. The sun was shining so brightly in my heart, although it was a bad, cold, rainy day in March. When I stepped in the water I felt the first step but never felt the cold water anymore. I was too happy. And when I stepped out of the water it seemed a road started at my feet and reached to Heaven's door. I believe that door will open, and I'll be welcomed in, when my life is over down here. So if we never meet on earth anymore I feel of a surety that we will meet again over in Gloryland. Praise the Lord! What a great day that will be! So my mind has left me, and I can't write without the help of the Lord.

Your Sis, Letha

#### BERTIE SMITH



Bertie Smith, one of twelve children, of William and Matilda Amburgey Smith was born on on August 8, 1905 and departed this life February 29, 1984.

Bertie is survived by two sons, Paul Dean of Vest, Kentucky and W.B. of Dayton, Ohio, one daughter, Genia Ashley, of Marion, Indiana, two sisters, Lenora Cornett, Mallie, Kentucky and Bessie Back, Hindman, Kentucky and one brother, Hiram Smith of Odessa, Texas.

Her husband, Manuel Smith, daughter, Verbena Owens and grandson, Darrell Owens preceded her in death.

Bertie joined the Providence Old Regular Baptist Church of Smithsboro, Kentucky - August 1952, and later came to the Little Dove Church in 1978.



*She was a wonderful mother and a faithful church member until she lost her health. This gentle person will be missed by all who knew her or visited her home at Litt Carr. She had a way of making even a stranger feel at home. Now the thought of Bertie being made welcome in her Heavenly Home, can be a comfort to us all.*

*Lenora Cornett and Neices*

### LIZZIE CALLAHAN



*It is with much sorrow I will try to write the obituary of my wonderful Grandmother, Lizzie Callahan. Lizzie was the daughter of Jonas Ison and Dicey Ison. She was born January 14, 1900 in Letcher County. She passed from this life February 3, 1984 at the Hazard Appalachian Regional Hospital. Her stay here on earth was 84 years and 20 days.*

*At age 18 she married Mannon Callahan. To this union were born four children. Left to mourn her loss are: Her husband Mannon Callahan, one daughter Edna Brashear, of Viper, Ky. and three sons, Homer, Verlin, and Eugene Callahan all of Cornettsville, Ky., ten grandchildren, eleven great grandchildren and two sisters, Vina Callahan of Mt. Vernon, Ind., and Essie Halcomb of Delphia, Ky. Many friends and relatives will mourn her loss.*

*At an early age Lizzie joined Cedar Grove Old Regular Baptist Church at Linefork. She lived a Christian life, and went to Church as long as she was able.*

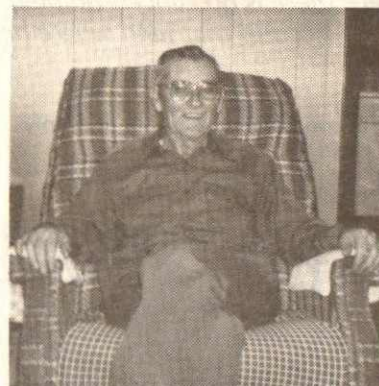
*Lizzie was a good Mother, and friend to all that knew her. Her doors were always open. And she always gave her children good advice. She was sick for many years with a heart condition, but bore her sickness with patience. Many times we would rush her to the hospital, not expecting her to live till we got there. But God would reach down and lift her back up and let her come home to stay with us awhile longer.*

*On Friday February 3, 1984 at 2 o'clock God reached down with his loving arms and took her home to be with him. I believe with all my heart that one day we can see her again.*

*We miss and love her very much.*

*Written by her grand-daughter, Deborah Back*

### KENNIE ADAMS



*My beloved has gone down into his garden to the beds of spices, to feed in the gardens, and to gather lilies.*

*The flower gardens are flaming with color. The morning sun, tender care and warm rains bring forth flowers more beautiful than ever. A tender hand with a loving touch finds the most beautiful flower of all and presents it for all to admire. And so it is the*

*flower of our lives has been plucked from Spring Branch and presented without spot or blemish where even the Angels rejoice in the beauty of Salvation.*

*Kennie Adams, the youngest child, was born April 21, 1912 into the home of the late Samuel and Martha Craft Adams. He entered into the joys of the Paradise of God on July 12, 1984, making his stay on earth 72 years, 2 months and 21 days.*

*On October 23, 1937, Kennie married Artie Back. To this union were born three children: Charlene Caudill, Shepherdsville, Ky., Olan Adams, Franklin, Ohio, Colene Breeding, Jeremiah, Kentucky.*

*Kennie and Artie's home was filled with love.*

*Kennie loved to fish. Every year he and the boys took a fishing trip. That trip was his and their highlight of the year. But one day Kennie met a man who said "Follow Me" and ever since Kennie has been in his own special way a fisher of men.*

*Kennie Adams was a good man. He was a good Daddy. He was a good neighbor. He was a good Christian. He loved and provided well for his family. He worked in the mines for over 30 years. His family cared for him so tenderly all the way to the end.*

*In addition to Artie and the children, Kennie is survived by one sister, Betty Blair, six grandchildren, many, neices, nephews, cousins and a host of other relatives and friends.*

*Kennie joined the church and was baptized many years ago. On the first weekend in August, 1974, he joined the Mt. Olivet Church. That was his life, and he was a light to it.*

*Now, oh how things have changed on Spring Branch. But let us never forget that little man with such a sweet smile, how he clasped his hands behind his back as he walked to church so many times, or how he delighted in finding a seat for anyone who came to his church.*



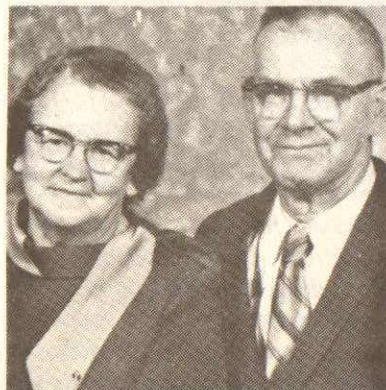
*Now he's not walking anymore. He took the wings of love and flew away to that wonderful land where there is no cancer, no pain, no suffering. He has gone to be with the Lord in that land where he has been wanting to go.*

Oh weep not for me, I am anxious  
to go,  
To that haven of rest where tears  
never flow,  
I fear not to enter that dark lonely  
ward,  
For soon I shall rise from the old  
churchyard.

Yes soon shall I join that heavenly  
band  
of glorified souls at my Savior's  
right hand;  
Forever to dwell in bright mansion  
prepared  
For the saints who shall rise from the  
old churchyard.

Written by: Elwood Cornett

### SAM BRASHEARS



*As I attempt to write this obituary of my beloved husband, Sam Brashears, Sr., my heavy heart is made lighter and my grief becomes lesser of a burden when I realize that he has gone on to his new heavenly home where he will live in peace and joy forever and ever.*

Sam was born February 13, 1903, Oscaloosa, Kentucky. He was the son of Audley Brashears and Polly Caudill being one of nine children. Sam bravely served his country, having been honorably discharged on July 20, 1921. Early in life I had the good fortune of meeting Sam and we were married on August 11, 1922. Four lovely children were born to our marriage of just 20 days short of 62 years: Arnold Brashears of New Tazewell, Tenn.; Ellen Ison of Arlington, Va.; Sammie Brashears, Jr. of Hiram, Ky.; and Elmer Brashears of Columbia, Indiana. We also had 20 grandchildren and 25 great grandchildren.

Sam was a good and hard working man. He provided well for his family. He never knew a stranger. He was a loving and kind man, always anxious to help his neighbors. He spent most of his adult life in the coal mines.

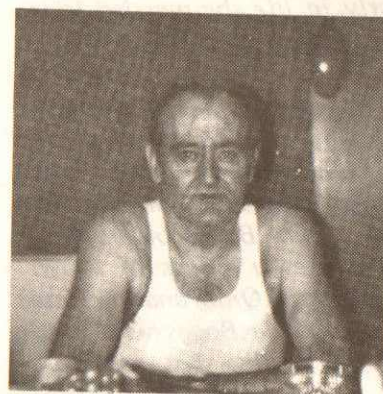
Sam was a God-fearing man. He joined the Poor Fork Old Regular Baptist Church on October 22, 1944. The last church service he attended was held, at his request, in the Harlan Nursing Home, Harlan, Kentucky on Sunday, June 24, 1984.

After several months in the hospital, my beloved husband of al-

most 62 years, passed away on July 22, 1984. He lived to be over 81 years of age. Funeral services were held at the Poor Fork Old Regular Baptist Church, and he was laid to rest in the Huff Cemetery, Cumberland, Kentucky, on July 25, 1984.

Written by his loving wife, Ada Brashears

### THELEN AMBURGEY



*With a sad and broken heart, I will try to write an obituary of a friend, I dearly loved. Thelen Amburgey, was born to John P. and Mae (Maggard) Amburgey, on April 29, 1922, making his stay on earth 61 years, 2 months, and one day. On January 8, 1953, he married Eunice Seals, to this union was born four girls; Lula Sexton, Debra Sexton, Darlene Sexton, and Kim Williams, all of Litt Carr,*

*Kentucky. Also to mourn his passing was three brothers; Truman of Pifton, Georgia, Nathan, of Garner, Ky, Arnon of Dayton, Ohio, and also one sister, Gloria Hall of Lawton, Oklahoma. Preceding him in death was Vida Watts (sister) and Tarzan (brother). He had one half brother and three half sisters all of Indiana. On June 30, 1983, God decided to call Thelen home. We feel our loss is Heaven's gain. His thoughts were always of his Lord. He always talked and counselled anyone that came into his home, for he wanted everyone to go to heaven with him. He was so humble the last days of his life, his thoughts were that he wanted to serve God throughout eternity.*

*One day, just before death, he came out of his bedroom, and said, "What about this, I'm in the resurrection, I don't have to die." He said everything was so white around him. He was in this vision for about an hour, walking around and talking to us. What could anyone say, but that he went to Heaven? The last words he spoke before he died was when they brought him some broth, he stood up and gave thanks, even at his weakest hour, he was still thanking the Lord. I know if Thelen could talk back, he would say for his brothers and sisters to all meet him in paradise, and his daughters to press on in the Good Old Fashioned Way, and his Sons-in-law to get right with Jesus before death.*

Written by Lonnie Sexton, Son-in-law



### MILLIE FRANCES BOGGS



Millie Frances Boggs was born September 27, 1889 in Letcher County. She passed from this life on May 15, 1984. She was at the home of her son Isaac Boggs in Maynardville, Tennessee.

Early in life she married Irvin Boggs from Letcher Co. who departed from this life on May 15, 1957. They were both members of the Poor Folk Old Regular Baptist Church many years.

They had 10 sons and 3 daughters; Elbert and Willie Boggs of Cumberland, Kentucky and the late Viron Boggs of Cumberland. Issac Boggs of Maynardville, Tennessee, Hiram Boggs of Dayton, Ohio, Boyd Boggs of Hamilton, Ohio, Forester Boggs of North Bend, Ohio, Quenton Boggs of New Lebanon, Ohio and the late Charlie Boggs of Cleves, Ohio. Daughter Ardelia Boggs who lived a year or so after birth, Ganiel Jospeh of Yeadiss, Ky. and Nora Combs of Dayton, Ohio.

Many grandchildren and great grandchildren also. She has left behind many friends and dear loved ones. But we can all meet again someday.

Written by, son Elbert and daughter in law, Arizona.

### KATHERINE MCKNIGHT



With the help of the good Lord, I will try to write an obituary of my good friend and Sister, Katie McKnight.

Sister Katie was born Dec. 22, 1922 and departed this life on December 31, 1983, making her stay on earth 61 years and 9 days. She was born in Waynesburg, Ky., the daughter of the late Melvin and Sarah Muncie Caldwell. Her brothers and sisters also preceded her in death.

On May 11, 1944, she was united in marriage to Arnold McKnight. They were blessed with almost 40 wonderful years to-

gether. Although they didn't have any children of their own, she loved and mothered all she came in contact with. Her Special daughter was Monica Atwood, which she has often told us was the daughter she never had. Katie is survived by her husband, Arnold of Pippa Passes, Ky., her foster daughter, Monica Atwood of Elizabeth, Indiana, a host of nieces and nephews and many, many friends.

In the year 1969 Sister Katie saw the need for a Savior and after feeling she had repented and was a child of God, she attached herself to the Old Regular Baptist Church. In the year 1975 she came by letter to the Hollybush Church and served the Lord and Church faithfully and helped her husband in his duties in the leading of the church as our beloved Moderator, until the Lord called her home. I'm sure she will be missed by the church and the whole neighborhood for she was a good Christian, a good neighbor and a mother to everyone.

Sister Katie and her good companion has travelled many, many miles to serve the Lord and to help people in need. They have gone out of their way to get people who couldn't drive or had no way to get to church. Sister Katie was gone a lot of times from her home, taking people to the doctor and visiting the sick. They not only helped the churches of the New Salem Association but were helping churches in other Associations. I'll say again that she will be missed greatly by all that knew her. But she will be missed the most by her dear companion who walked by her side all these years and stayed by her side in the hospital until she was called home.

I'll say to the Hollybush Church that we have lost a good member and a faithful worker in the upbuild of the Church. So let's all get behind Brother Arnold and help him in this time of sorrow. We're all his family and he has a place in any of our homes. Although Brother Arnold has a lonesome life ahead of him here on Earth, think what a joyful reunion he has to look forward to, when he and Sister Katie can walk down streets of gold together and sing praises to the Lord forevermore.

Written by her good friend and Brother in the Lord,  
C.B. Smith



## MOSE REED CAUDILL



Mose Reed Caudill, son of Susanna Adams and Alamander Caudill, was born at Jeremiah, Ky., Oct. 3, 1949. He passed from this life July 15, 1984 in a mine accident at Scotia Coal Co. on Cumberland River being only 34 yrs. 9 mos. and 12 days of age at his passing. Mose had worked for Scotia Coal Company for about 10 years as a belt man. A belt head driver boom fell, crushing him.

Mose was married to Sandra Caudill at Premium, Ky. Oct. 4, 1969. He is survived by his wife, Sandra; children, Patsy Ann, 13, Nancy Sue, 8, and Randy Reed Caudill, 2, all at home. Sisters; Carol Gunter of Tallahassee, Florida; Millie Ann Clifford of Farmersville, Ohio; Betty Gray of Whitesburg, Ky.. Brothers: Darrell Caudill of Hamilton, Ohio; Yon Caudill of Tallahassee, Florida; Lee Caudill of Norfolk, Virginia; and a large, large number of relatives and friends to mourn his passing.

His mother, father and a twin brother Wess Caudill all preceded him in death.

Sandra, I know you are going to need a lot of help raising your three children, and I can only tell you the best one you can call on is the good Lord. He said he wouldn't put no more on us than we could stand but at times like this, you feel like he is, but don't give up, just turn it all over to the Lord and you will see that he will be there every time you need him. It will be a very lonesome life without Mose, and there will be times you will have to call on the Good Lord to help you answer some of your little children's questions about their Daddy.

Mose had talked to his Uncle Hendrix Hampton back in December of 1983 at his mother's funeral. He told his uncle that he had his preparations and everything all fixed up with the Lord.

We all will miss Mose so terrible here on this earth, but if we will all get our preparations ready, we will meet him again up in Heaven.

Written by his mother-in-law, Nancy Ann Caudill

## HOBERT ISON



With a sad heart, I will try to write the obituary of Hobert Ison, my husband, Arlie Caudill's first cousin. My family all loved him so dearly.

He was born on March 12, 1904 and passed away March 1, 1984. He lacked 12 days being 80 years old. He was the son of John Ison and Betty Caudill Ison.

He married Emma Caudill and they had one son, Bobby Ison. Hobert loved his son as much as

any daddy could because no matter who he talked to, he always talked about Bobby in his conversation.

He leaves three whole sisters, Sarah, Hattie, and June. Two half sisters, Eula and Maude. Three half brothers, J.D. Ison, Paul Ison, and Amos Ison. One whole brother, Ozrie Ison, preceded him in death a few years ago. Also leaves a lot of cousins and friends. He joined the Old Regular Baptist Church about 30 years or more ago down in Breathitt County. He loved to go to church and shake hands with everyone and he wouldn't only pray at church, he would sit and pray about every day he was at our house. He made his home with us for over 30 years. He would always say he was ready to go because he would have a new home in Heaven. I do believe with all my heart he is gone to Heaven.

So Bobby, if you want to go where your daddy is gone, just pray on and we all hope to be together again someday by and by.

Written by Nancy Ann Caudill and family

## ELLA JONES GUEVERMONT

### My Sister

You were my sister twice,  
first when born of man, the  
second when God saved your soul  
and you gave the church your hand.

I'll never forget the day you came  
screaming through the crowd and  
told that God had saved your soul,  
you told it there so loud.

That day you were baptized  
is something I'll never forget.  
Of all the others I have seen  
your's was the prettiest yet.

After you were baptized, you  
Thanked God for saving your soul.  
Kneeling there in the water,  
in a dress white as snow.



I know that God was proud of you  
for the honor you showed that day,  
for it wasn't too long after that,  
he called you away.

You said you loved your family,  
Mom and Dad and all the rest.  
You said you wanted us to know,  
you love Jesus Christ the best.

You wanted to be with Him  
nothing was in your way,  
I believe with all my heart  
you are with him there today.

Your funeral service was beautiful,  
the songs and preaching, too.  
His blessings did touch everyone,  
who came to be with you.

Dear sister we will all miss you so  
words my heart cannot express.  
We know that you are happier there  
for you love Jesus Christ the best.

I love you Ella,  
Beulah Jones Patrick



*With the help of God I will try  
to write the obituary of my  
darling sister. We miss her pre-  
sence so much. We deeply love  
her so.*

*On October 25, 1934 she was  
born the first child of Willie and  
Rhoda Jones.*

*She married Norman Guevre-  
mont of Cincinnati, Ohio. To this  
union was born five children.  
Glenda West of Detroit, Michigan.*

*Heneritta Moody of Cincinnati, Ohio, James Guevremont of Cin-  
cinnati, Ohio, and four grandchildren.*

*Ella was 48 years old when she died. She had cancer of the  
stomach, she suffered so. She said she made her peace with God,  
there was nothing standing in her way and that she wanted to go be  
with Jesus. She prayed for those out in sin that God would save  
their souls. She was a member of the Northern New Home church  
of the Old Regular Baptist in Cincinnati, Ohio. She had such a  
beautiful baptizing. She kneeled there after she was baptized in  
the water dressed in a white dress and thanked God for saving her  
soul. She is at rest now. Her suffering is over. We love her and we  
miss her laughter around the house. By the help of God we will  
meet again someday.*

*Sadly missed by your broken hearted sister  
Beulah Jones Patrick*

## ASTOR CAUDILL



*A mighty oak has fallen. The  
trees are blown by a lonesome  
breeze. The forest is shaken. The  
song of the birds has turned to  
crying.*

*Oh, what a change in our lives  
has been ushered in, in the last  
few days. What happens to the  
branches of that stately tree?  
Where is the shelter now? What  
will we lean on?*

*Yes, we tremble. Our hearts  
are crying. We are so sad. But, angels are rejoicing today. How great  
it must be for angels to see a pilgrim reach home!*

*Astor Caudill was born into the home of the late Floyd and  
Hannah Caudill on Nov. 11, 1909. He entered Eternal Life on  
Wednesday, Feb. 8, 1984 making his stay on earth 74 years, two  
months and 27 days.*

*As a young man Astor loved and married Euna Mae Hogg on April  
12, 1935. This love grew with time and the nearly 49 years Astor  
and Mae had together were so rich.*

*This rich and loving union pleased God and God gave them eleven  
children. One child, Mattie Alvenia was born and died in 1936.*

*Astor is survived by his wife, Mae and 6 girls: Jeanette Hiland,  
Indianapolis, Ind., Geneva Hughes, Fairborn, Ohio, Dorothy Abell,  
Greenwood, Ind., Patricia Ann Daugherty, Whiteland, Ind., Glenna  
Jean Webb, Cumberland, Ky., Teresa Kaye Caudill, Cumberland,  
Ky. Four boys: Willard, Greenwood, Ind., Wayne, Greenwood, Ind.  
Raymond, Connersville, Ind., Roger Dale, Panama City, Florida.  
Also 18 grandchildren and 1 great granddaughter. He is also sur-  
vived by 4 sisters: Stacy Buchanan, Indianapolis, Ind., Reavy  
Fields, Pineville, Ky., Maxie Fields, Linefork, Ky., Nova Webb,  
Louisville, Ky. As well as many nieces and nephews and other re-  
latives and friends.*

*Astor Caudill was a man of great treasure. He did not invest his  
resources where moth or rust could corrupt nor where thieves could  
break through and steal. His investments were made in a land of  
beauty, in the land of the living, in Eternal Life.*

*In a more natural sense, Astor and Mae invested in their children.  
Among their investments were love, pride, training, education,  
guidance, and certainly not least, example. Among Astor's last  
words he said, "I love all my children."*



*It is easy to recognize but impossible to count the dividends for they are found in one of the finest families raised in these mountains. They are examples of integrity, honesty, faithfulness, dedication and love, love, love. Astor was pleased to see every one of his children confess Jesus Christ and be baptized.*

*Astor joined the church and was baptized on October 7, 1951. On October 8, 1972 Astor and Mae came into the Mt. Olivet Old Regular Baptist Church and in 1981 they moved their membership to the Hurricane Gap Regular Baptist Church. Astor loved his church and worked so hard for the Lord. He will be missed so much.*

*For the last few months Astor seemed restless, as one waiting to go on a long journey - a journey he had long sought to make, a journey that leads to the end of his yearning, a journey that leads:*

Somewhere beyond this vale of tears;  
away from trials and cares,  
A mansion is a-waiting me,  
Oh, how I long to go and see.

There in that happy land above,  
Where all is peace and joy and love,  
A crown of glory waits for me  
a robe and harp, by faith I see.

Sweet heaven now is in my view,  
A happy land beyond the blue.  
Oh children, come and go along  
let's join that bright angelic throng.

My blessed Savior leads the way,  
To Heaven He'll lead me some sweet  
day.  
Oh happy day, when I shall see,  
the Blessed One who died for me.

Written by Elder Elwood Cornett

## PARTHENA OWENS SLONE



*It is with much weakness and a sad heart I will try to write the obituary of my dear departed mother-in-law, Parthena Owens Slone. She was born into the home of Cythianna and William "Bill" Owens on April 26, 1893 and departed from this life on November 23, 1982. Making her stay on earth 89 years, 5 months, and 27 days. Parthena was one of nine children, four of which pre-*

*ceded her in death: Julie, Rufus, Corsie, and Lourannie. Surviving sisters are Mary, Bertha, Tena, Sarah Bell and Helen.*

*Early in life she met and married Joe Hall. Into this union were born five children. Three preceded her in death: Olger, Vestie, and*

*Menifee. Surviving are Shelby and Arnold. Joe also preceded her in death.*

*Later in life she met and married Brother Leonard Slone. Into this union was born three children: Lila B. Gibson, Canzala Slone and Clayton Slone.*

*She also had nine step-children. Five preceded her in death: Bruce, Lillie, Merith, Millard and Orville. Surviving are Myrtle, Georgia, Florida and Delia. She loved them like her very own and they did her.*

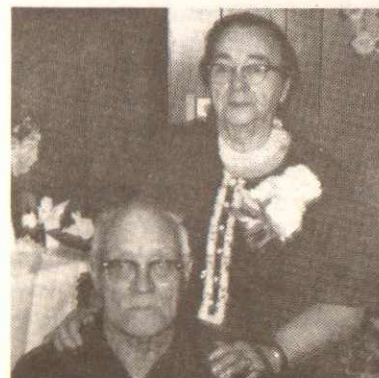
*She never joined any church but she told me and her children many times there was nothing in her way. She loved the old time preaching and singing. She would ask me to sing for her lots of times. She worked so hard in the garden especially with her flowers. Now she is in the flower garden of Heaven, I do believe. She was so good to everybody and loved them.*

*She leaves to mourn her loss her children, 64 grandchildren, sisters, a host of great grandchildren and many friends and neighbors.*

*She would look at her grandchildren and say "I do believe God has given me some of the prettiest grandchildren and great grandchildren that a grandma could ever have. So, children, grandchildren and all, let's try and meet her again someday. We believe with all our hearts that our loss is Heaven's gain.*

*Written by her broken-hearted son-in-law and daughter,  
Mr. & Mrs. Chester Gibson*

## ANGELINE BACK



*Angeline Hampton Back was born March 28th 1899 in Letcher County Kentucky, the daughter of the late Jim and Vina Caudill Hampton. She passed from this life January 13th, 1984 at the Clermont Co. Hospital, Batavia, Ohio being 84 years 10 months and 16 days of age.*

*She met, loved and married Henry Back of Letcher County Ky. They were married Nov. 8th 1919 and soon started their family. They stood side by side for nearly 64 years, working hard together in the store business and farming.*

*Surviving, beside her husband, Henry, are four sons. Elmer Back,*



Sharonville, Ohio, Carson Back, Williamsburg, Ohio, Dennis Back, Middletown, Ohio, and Kenneth Back, Denver, Colorado. Twelve grandchildren, 10 great grandchildren. Also two brothers, Carl and John Hampton both of Jeremiah, Ky. and two sisters, Ritter Caudill and Rainie Caudill, both of Jeremiah, Ky. and a host of relatives and friends.

Angeline and Henry lived a life together with unquestionable devotion. The family can be consoled believing there is a land where beauty cannot be described, and joys untold.

Some time ago I was visiting with Angeline, we were talking about the goodness of God and she began to tell how one day while ironing she had such a burden she didn't think she could live and she began praying for God to send the sweet Spirit of assurance, when all of a sudden a cloud of vapor like mist settled all around her, she began to run and before she crossed the room she felt every sin she had lifted out of the top of the house.

So Aunt Angeline, you must sleep peacefully for now. Soon the trumpet of God shall sound, it shall awaken you out of your temporary resting place, and bear you away to where Glory shall forever be.

Written by son, Carson Back, and  
Brother Ermel Ison

#### GRACIE MAE BOGGS



It is with much sadness we will try to write the obituary of a dear sweet sister in Christ, Sister Gracie Boggs.

Sister Gracie was the daughter of the late Hiram and Sarah Blair Melton. She was born May 26, 1925 being 58 years, 4 months and 15 days of age at the time of her passing.

Sister Gracie joined the Mt. Olivet Old Regular Baptist Church in the month of July, 1976, and then in October, 1982, she moved her membership to the Little Bull Creek Old Regular Baptist Church.

Sister Gracie is survived by her husband, Gene Boggs; one son, James Michael Boggs of Letcher, Ky., one brother, Henry Melton of Red Fox, Ky., 4 sisters, Ruby Caudill of Isom, Ky., Maudie Deaton

of Letcher, Ky., Bertha McKinney of Mayking, Ky., and Oma Mullins of Waylon, Ky. and one granddaughter, Kristie Boggs. Also surviving are a host of other relatives and friends to mourn her passing.

So family and friends turn to the Lord to find peace for your souls, for he is standing with outstretched arms to take you in.

Written by Mr. & Mrs. Virgil Combs

#### BETSY JANE BARTLEY



By the help of God I will try to write a short obituary of a dear sister in Christ, Sister Betsy Jane Bartley.

Sister Bartley was born Oct. 22, 1889 in Perry County, Ky. and departed from this life on June 2, 1983, making her stay on earth 92 years, 7 months, and 2 days.

She survived three husbands. She was first married to Floyd Collins, to this union was born two

sons. Her second husband was Logan Sizemore and to this union was born 7 children and two of which preceded her in death. The seven children remaining are as follows: Hoytt Collins, Dice, Ky., Eva Banks, Dupont, Ind., Allie Joseph, Happy, Ky., Ethel Caudill, Westland, Mich., Minnie Dew, Dearborn Heights, Mich., Jacob Sizemore, Premium, Ky., and Jefferson Sizemore, Dupont, Ind.

Her third husband was William R. Bartley and he had one daughter and one son, they are as follows: Douglas Bartley, Air Force, SC., Jessie Saseman, Hammon, Ind.

She leaves to mourn her passing all her children, 45 grandchildren, 59 great grandchildren, and 5 great great grandchildren. She also leaves behind one sister, Jamiah Bush, Dice, Ky.

Sister Jane was the daughter of Granvel Lewis, and Mahalie Eldridge Lewis, Typole, Ky.

She joined the Old Regular Baptist Church, before she was 19 years old, on Sunday, June 3, 1909 and was baptized on Sunday July 3, 1909 by Elishie Mullins, at Campbells Bend, Ky. Her father and mother were present.

She would sing songs every night with her parents before going to bed and would always say her prayers at bedtime. She lived a Christian life everyday. She was a faithful member of her church



until that dreadful disease struck her down. She fought that old cancer for about 12 years and bore her pain with patience.

To know Sister Jane was to love, she in turn loved everyone she met, and she dearly loved children. Many times she would call her fellow church members to come and sing and pray for her and truly enjoyed having them.

Sister Jane will be sadly missed by all who knew her. We believe that our loss is Heaven's gain.

### JOE AND MARTHA HALL



*With the help of the Lord I will try to write the obituaries of my Mom and Dad, Joe and Martha Hall.*

Mom was born August 2, 1889 and deceased June 19, 1950, making her stay here on earth 60 years, 8 months and 17 days. She was the daughter of the late Elder Noah and Maggie Reynolds. Early in life she met and married Joe Hall. Dad was the son of the late Jeff and Clearenda Hall. They were married on May 18, 1907 and to this union was born 12 children; Seven boys and five girls. Three boys preceded Mom in death. They were, Irvin, Ira, and Leonard. Mom left to mourn her death, Dad, 4 boys: Corbett, Noah, Willie, and Joe Jr.; 5 girls: Carrie, Liza, Arizona, Maybelle, and Olive. On the 4th Saturday in June 1938, Mom joined the Old Carr Regular Baptist Church. Mom loved the church and loved to go. She went as long as she was able. Mom was a faithful member until God called her home. A few days before Mom's life here ended, she called Brother Henry Blair to her bedside and told him: That she had been with him in heaven and that he had baptized her in a golden casket. Mom wanted to tell Brother Henry before she left this world. Mom was a humble and loving mother to all her children and everyone who knew her. We still miss her but our loss is Heaven's gain. Mom just exchanged a world of sorrow to a home of joy with our Lord and Savior.

Dad was born January 5, 1888. He entered eternal rest on June 27, 1984, making his stay here on earth 96 years, 5 months, and 22 days. Dad lived 34 years and 8 days after Mom's death. After Mom's death, Dad married Sarah Coburn. She preceded Dad in

death. Then he met and married Carrie Grimes. At the time of Dad's passing, he is survived by: Carrie, his wife, 4 sons, Corbet, Noah, Willie, Joe Jr.; 4 daughters, Carrie Hall, Eliza Redford, Arizona Devore and Olive Cox, 48 grandchildren and a host of great and great great grandchildren. One daughter, Maybelle and 3 sons preceded him in death, Ira, Irvin, and Leonard. Back in the early 1940's, Dad seen his need for a Savior. Dad told a lot of good dreams he had and things he had seen and been shown. He talked about going home. He told Brothers and Sisters of the church that he was ready to go, that the Lord had forgiven him a long time ago. Dad never did join church here on earth, but I believe he is resting under the altar of God. The Lord has given me several good dreams and visions of my Mom and Dad. I believe we will meet them someday in Heaven. So to my brothers and sisters, I want to say, if you want to see Mom and Dad again, you will have to change your ways and go to the same Lord that Mom and Dad went to, as I feel we have. Mom and Dad I hope to see you both again some day.

Written by Joe and Martha's oldest son and daughter-in-law, Elder Corbet Hall and wife, Helen.

### MERCKIE GIBSON COUCH



Merckie Gibson Couch was borned July 4, 1937. She died August 1, 1984, making her stay here on earth 47 years, 28 days. In September 1953 she married Columbus Couch, and to this union was borned 10 children, 5 boys and 5 girls, one boy, Leroy preceded her in death. She leaves to mourn her passing her husband, Columbus, 4 sons, Johnny of Litt Carr, Ruby Edward of Pinetop, Mark Anthony and Columbus Wayne at home, 5 daughters Alma Mullins of Pine-top, Pamela, Verdina, Maudie, and Merdie at home. Her father, Marcus Gibson, 1 brother, Ray Gibson, 8 grandchildren and a host of friends and relatives.

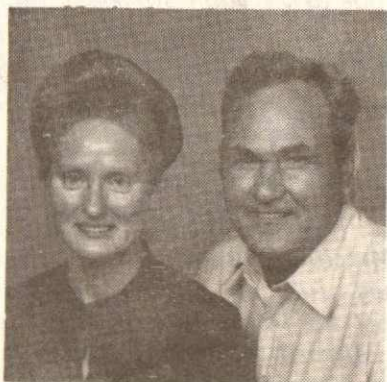
Sister Merckie, while in the hospital called on the Lord to forgive her for her sins, to which he freely forgave. She came and joined the Happy Home Church on May 4, 1984, and was baptized into full fellowship of the church on May 5, 1984. Being sick as she was she



came to church when she was able, and when she wasn't able to come she would have church at home. She was loved and all will be missed by those who knew her to her husband and children, and grandchildren. She can't come back to you but you can see her again, so pray that God will forgive you so you can go where Mom is now, resting around the throne of God. She always talked about what a beautiful home she was going to for I'm sure she could see just how beautiful heaven was. She is another flower in the Garden of Heaven now. Her family and friends will miss her. The church has lost a wonderful sister. But by the Grace of God we all can see her again, where we can all shout the praises of God together. So sleep on Sister Merckie for just a little while.

Written by Brother Ollie Mullins

### JOHN CHRIS SLONE



With a sad heart, we will try to write the obituary of my dear husband, John Chris Slone. He was born on March 30, 1935 and deceased this life on June 23, 1983, which made his stay here on earth, 48 years, 2 months, and 23 days. He was a member of the Reynolds Fork Church. He was the son of Verlin and Azana Short Slone, both of which preceded him in death. In his early years, he met and married

Carol Mullins. To this union one daughter was born, Melissa. John was a wonderful husband and father to Melissa and myself. We miss him very much. He leaves to mourn his death, his loving wife, Carol, his daughter, Melissa, and her husband, Paul. He also leaves five brothers and three sisters and one brother and sister who preceded him in death. We know he is at rest now and we hope to meet him someday in Heaven. Our loss is Heaven's gain.

Written by his wife and daughter,  
Carol Slone and Melissa Johnson

### SARAH ELIZABETH NICKLES

Sister Lizzie was born on February 1, 1894, daughter of Tommy and Susanna Cornett Adams at Whitesburg and passed from this life on Dec. 19, 1983 in Dayton, Ohio.

She was married to James Wesley Nickles in December of 1912. He preceded her in death, May 23, 1965.

Sister Lizzie became a member of The Big Cowan Old Regular Baptist Church in the early 1930's. She loved her church and spoke of it often to her family and friends. During her remaining years in the nursing home in Ohio, she attended services every week even though at times there were only one or two others. She remembered The Lord's Promise to be there if "two or three are gathered in My name".

Sister Lizzie is survived by her daughter, Lula Mae Combs, Medway, Ohio; and two sisters, Lola Brown and Zola Gibson of Tiffin, Ohio. Also five grandchildren, 14 great grandchildren, and 14 great great grandchildren.

She wanted to be remembered in the annual minutes of The Indian Bottom Association to all her Brothers and Sisters.

In Remembrance, her daughter, Lula Mae

### RACHEL DAY

On September 20, 1983, God chose a new voice for His Heavenly choir. Our Beloved Mother, Rachel Day, was called to meet her Lord and Saviour on this date, and she willingly answered the call. Her's was the sweetest voice that we, her family, will ever hear in this world of sorrow, and her voice will be a welcome addition to those that sing in Heaven.

Throughout her 80 years of life, she sang the praises of God, in sorrow and in happiness. Her's was not an easy life, but she willingly accepted God's will and never complained of her problems. Her faith in God was, and will be, a shining example for us to follow. Her spirit will guide us through the rest of our lives, and we will live with her again if we only follow her example. If we dedicate our lives to serving God, with the same total and unfailing faith that Mom had, we shall be reunited with her in her new home.

Mom never wrote a book, never held public office, or did any of the things we commonly associate with greatness, but we thought she was the greatest Mother in the world. Certainly she had a greater impact on our lives than anyone we'll ever meet. She taught all of her children to love and care for our fellowman, and she showed us how to do it. She never criticized nor condemned and she always tried to see the good in everyone. Mom never realized how many lives she had touched and made better. She never realized the happiness that she brought to so many people for she was a quiet, unassuming person. The courage and determination that she



displayed, her ability to smile through the pain of this earthly world, made our world a better place to live. The examples of her life made us better people for having known her. The supreme compliment that we can pay her is to say, "She was truly a child of God."

On May 21, 1923, Mom was wed to our Father, Francis B. Day. They enjoyed 31 years of wedded life until Feb. 11, 1954, when our father died in a mining accident. Of this happy union, 9 children were born, 8 of whom survive. There are 2 daughters, Louise and Georgette, and 6 sons, Elmo, Eugene, Zane, James, Benton and Frankie. There was also an infant son who died at birth. She is also survived by 2 brothers, Martin and Willard, and 2 sisters Ada and Monette. She had 24 grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren, plus hundreds of dear friends and neighbors.

Mom joined the Big Cowan Old Regular Baptist Church in February, 1954 and was baptized in full fellowship on February 16, 1954 by Brothers Andy Bates and Manus Ison. From that date until her death, she was a faithful and loyal member of the Church, and a dedicated servant of God. Her death leaves all who knew her with a deep sense of personal loss, but we can all rejoice in knowing that, through death, she has entered into Eternal Life. Her spirit will live in our hearts and guide us to a Glorious Reunion in Heaven. For her family and friends; heed her advice and follow the footsteps she left as she walked through a troubled world into Eternal Salvation.

Written with love by her son, Frankie Day

#### ANDERSON FUGATE

Son of the late Sid and Rachel Fugate born March 30, 1921 having reached the age of 62 years, 11 months, and 5 days when he passed away on March 5, 1984 at 10 p.m. at Good Samaritan Hospital in Lexington.

Veteran of WW II and disabled employee of Conrail.

He leaves to mourn his passing wife, Ollie, 2 daughters, Ola Faye and Eula Maye of Indianapolis, 4 brothers; Adam and Jerry of Talcum, Magellan of Fisty, Lloyd of Erlanger and 6 grandchildren, 4 great grandchildren and a host of nieces and nephews and friends.

He told his wife he had been praying for them both.

#### HETTIE FIELDS YORK



A loving arm from us is gone  
A voice so sweet is stilled  
A place is vacant in our home  
That never can be filled.  
We've known so much of happiness  
We've had our cup of joy  
Ah, memory is one gift of God  
That death cannot destroy.

On Thursday morning, the last leaf fell from the family tree as Aunt Hettie joined the ranks of her mother, father, three sisters, and two brothers over home. She was born June 30, 1891, the fifth of six children belonging to Daniel and Mary Hensley Fields. She passed from this life, Thursday, August 23, 1984 at the Bristol Nursing Home in Bristol, Tennessee. She spent her childhood years in the area around the mouth of Rock House a little above Blackey. In her teens, the family moved to Rhoda, Virginia, and it was here that she met and married Will York. This union was blessed with nine children; five sons and four daughters. Uncle Will and three sons predeceased her. One son, Cecil, died in infancy. Two sons, Elmo and Geroge, died within about five months of each other in 1978. One stepson, Coy York, and a stepdaughter, Lizzie, also predeceased her. Those left to mourn her passing are: Ethel (Mrs. Avery Bryant) of Marian, North Carolina; Marie (Mrs. Henry Odum) of Bristol, Tennessee; Reva (Mrs. Jack Shuttle) of Newport, Tennessee, Ruth (Mrs. Roger Franklin) of Putnam, Connecticut; Lee York of Phyllis, Kentucky; and Ralph York of Kemper, Kentucky; 26 grandchildren; 38 great grandchildren; 7 great great grandchildren and a host of nieces, nephews, and friends.

In her early years of marriage, she lived in Rhoda and Jonesville, Virginia, and on Lynn Branch of Kings Creek, at Poor Fork, Kingdom Come, and Cowan in Kentucky. I have heard my mother tell many stories of the good times she spent when visiting Uncle Will and Aunt Hettie at Kingdom Come. Around 1962 Aunt Hettie and Uncle Will moved to Bristol, Tennessee, to be near their daughter Marie. After she broke up housekeeping in 1977, she spent about two years living with Ethel in Marian, North Carolina. Her last four years were spent mostly in Newport, Tennessee with her daughter Reva. She was in Bristol, Tennessee with Marie at the time she fell and broke her leg and had to be hospitalized for the remaining months of her life.

About the year 1954 Aunt Hettie professed a hope in Christ and



*joined and was baptized into the Cowan Church of Old Regular Baptists. In later years she and Uncle Will moved their membership to the Kingdom Come Church after it was organized. I remember seeing them there many times when church was held in the Old Barken schoolhouse before they built the new church building. In later years she did not get to attend church as she would have liked but we know as the old song says:*

*"Oh how precious is the promise  
that with gladness fills my soul.  
She will be at home with Jesus,  
while eternal ages roll."*

*We will all have such precious memories of Aunt Hettie. I remember going with my grandmother Martha, Aunt Hettie's sister, to have dinner with her when they lived at the mouth of Cowan. She had such a good meal. She was such a lovely person, with such a great sense of humor. She could always laugh and make others laugh with her. She was a loving mother and grandmother and I am sure you children can identify with this poem:*

*She always leaned to watch for you,  
anxious if you were late.  
In winter, by the window,  
in summer, by the gate.*

*Her thoughts were all so full of you,  
she never could forget,  
and so I think that where she is,  
she must be watching yet.*

*Waiting until you come to her,  
anxious if you are late.  
Watching from Heaven's window,  
leaning from Heaven's gate.*

*Written by a great-neice,  
Shirley June Whitaker*

#### CELIA BANKS

*Celia Evelyn McKnight Banks entered eternal life Monday, November 7, 1983 at Whitesburg Hospital.*

*She was born on July 22, 1897 into the family of Joe and Minerva McKnight.*

*Sister Celia was preceded in death by her husband, Boyd Banks, and 4 sons; Estil, Vernon, Glen, and Bobby. She is survived by 2 sons; Edison of London, Ky., and Herbert of Whitesburg, six daughters; Ruby Baker, Orpha Hampton, Mabel Banks and Lois Day all of Whitesburg, Valma Houts of Raymondville, Texas and Joyce*

*Wampler of Manning, South Carolina. One sister, Cora Creiger and one brother, Clayton Stidham both of Waynesburg, Ky. Also surviving are 25 grandchildren, 30 great grandchildren and 13 great great grandchildren.*

*Sister Celia and Brother Boyd joined the Big Cowan Old Regular Baptist Church over 35 years ago. Although unable to attend church for many years, still Sister Celia's daily thoughts and words to friends and family were of the Lord.*

*In Remembrance by her family.*

#### LILA MAE COMBS



*Lila Mae Combs was born Feb. 22, 1919 at Whitesburg, Kentucky and died in the hospital at Cincinnati, Ohio August 2, 1984, age 65 years, 5 months, 10 days. She was buried in the Little Pilgrim's Home Church Cemetery beside her husband, Clayton Combs, who preceded her in death in 1980. Brother Clayton and Sister Lila were married August 13, 1934. To this union was born 7 boys and 7 girls. One*

*boy died at birth. The children living to mourn Sister Lila's passing are: Don Combs, Lawrenceburg, Ind., Billy Jack Combs, West Palm Beach, Florida, Charlie, Sunman, Ind., Darrell Combs, Aurora, Ind., Larry Combs, Versailles, Ind., Jimmy Combs, Cincinnati, Ohio, Alyndora, Batesville, Ind., Norma Goodpaster, Milan, Ind., Pauline Haney, Milan, Ind., Eunice Deuringer, Westport, Ind., Sharon Uribe, Batesville, Ind.; grandchildren, 29 living, 7 great grandchildren. All Sister Combs brothers and sisters are gone except one sister, Elizabeth Wells, North Vernon, Ind.*

*Sister Combs' church will especially miss her. She was a loyal member, a quiet person, and gentle. "A meek and a quiet spirit is of great price in God's sight." She fulfilled this Scripture. She made us all feel so welcome in her home. You could not visit her without she offered food, water, and she always had soft drinks and freely served those who visited her.*

*Sister Lila's greatest worry was her children. She wanted so much to see them born again and in the church she loved and had joined many years ago. She feared they'd go astray after false churches and false prophets. She loved to have the church members visit and counsel her children.*



*We do trust her children will not disappoint her and be found in the family of God on that Great Judgement Day. Two daughters belong already to the church she loved.*

*Now we know there is no knowledge in the grave, but someday when we all arise, both those justified under the Old Testament and the New, will all arise and go home together. That will be a great Day! Those who do not get ready here, will be as dead branches, and they will never be missed! We do hope none of Sister Combs' children will be left out, and will be in Heaven someday with their dear Dad and Mother. Time is running out, children, Wake up! Leave the world of sin and turn in while there is time and space to repent and be born of God's Spirit.*

*Written by request of Sister Sharon Uribe, the youngest daughter of Sister Lila.*

Alonzo Allen

#### THELMA STURGILL

*Sister Thelma Sturgill, born May 10, 1908, died July 30, 1984. We do not have other facts concerning her family and children at this time. However, she was a wonderful, loyal Sister to her church and lived to attend, and went to church far and near as long as she was able to drive. Her husband preceded her in death several years ago. She leaves to mourn a nice family, two sisters, Sister Florence Cook and Sister Mosely, widow of Brother Crawford Mosely.*

*We believe from Sister Sturgill's life lived before us, that she left this world in peace with God. We surely miss her in our church and going to church as she went where we went Sunday after Sunday, and we talked by phone almost daily.*

*We surely hope her children will find the way she found, a daily walk with God, a daily school to the Master, Jesus, instead of Sunday School. The song "I am a Little Scholar, I daily go to school" hit her one day while meditating when she was about to be led astray into a false church!*

*She loved her children but worried they'd not care for Brother Larry, her son at home.*

*We trust they'll all find "The Way of the Cross of self-denial for only this way will lead to heaven and immortal glory.*

*A Brother in the faith, Alonzo Allen*

#### 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, HC 63, Box 350, Ulvah, KY 41856
New Home	Birtchell Mosley, Leburn, KY 41831
Defeated Creek	Atlan Frazier, HC 84, Box 1938, Whitesburg, Ky. 41858
Reynolds Fork	Wiley Amburgey, Jr., P.O. Box 192, Whitesburg, Ky. 41858
Bull Creek	Gary Caudill, HC 85, Box 1866, Isom, Ky. 41824
Ivy Point	Willie V. Slone, HC 73, Box 342, Pippa Passes, Ky. 41844
Little Dove	Dave Hampton, Box 41, Jeremiah, Ky. 41826
Tolson Creek	Luther Combs, HC 85, Box 1884, Ison, Ky. 41824
Dixon Memorial	Roy C. Dixon, HC 71, Box 813, Jeremiah, Ky. 41826
Big Creek	Billy Maggard, Rt. 1, Box 821, Edinburgh, Ind. 46124
Happy Home	McKinley McIntosh, HC 74, Box 1900, Amburgey, Ky. 41801
New Bethlehem	Melvin Creech, HC 68, Box 595, Emmalena, KY 41740
Clear Fork	Wilson Combs, R.R. 2, Box 201, Hazard, Ky. 41701
North New Home	E. Robert Miller, 405 Britton Ln., Monroe, Oh. 45050
Blair Branch	Bob Banks, HC 71, Box 277, Letcher, KY 41832
Mt. Olivet	Agnon Back, Box 213, Blackey, Ky. 41804
Little Zion	Ross S. Hill, Box 114, Jeff, Ky. 41751

Rose of Sharon  
Hurricane Gap  
Kingdom Come  
Poor Fork  
Lydia  
Big Cowan  
Little Mary  
Little Shepherd

Roger Gibson, Box 383, Viper, Ky. 41774  
Curt Blevins, HC 77, Box 60, Gordon, Ky. 41819  
Bert Fields, Rt. 1, Box 762, Whitesburg, Ky. 41858  
Joe Ison, Rt. 1, Box 59, Partridge, Ky. 40862  
John S. Jent, 4000 W. 400 St., Huntington, Ind. 46750  
Ray Fields, Day Rural Station, Whitesburg, Ky. 41858  
Dave Muncy, Rt. 5, Box 381, Morehead, Ky. 40351  
Verlin Justice, Rt. 8, Box 375G, Indianapolis, Ind. 46234

#### DELEGATES TO 1984 ASSOCIATION

Cedar Grove  
New Home  
Defeated Creek  
Reynolds Fork  
Little Bull Creek  
Ivy Point  
Little Dove  
Tolson Creek  
Dixon Memorial  
Big Creek  
Happy Home Church  
New Bethlehem  
Clear Fork  
North New Home  
Blair Branch  
Mt. Olivet  
Little Zion  
Rose of Sharon  
Hurricane Gap  
Kingdom Come  
Poor Fork  
Lydia  
Big Cowan  
Little Mary  
Little Shepherd

Manus Ison, Venson Whitaker and Squire H. Watts  
Elder Chester Gibson, Brother Green Perry and John Watts  
Odus Frazier, Matt Cornett and Atlas Frazier  
Luther Seals, Nelson Seals and Hiram Moore  
Elder Kirby Jent, Virgil Combs and Wayne Caudill  
Alonzo Mosley, Lee Mosley and Hershel Short  
Elder Ivan Amburgey, John Preece and Arnold Jent  
Luther D. Combs, Owen Day and Watson Whitaker  
Elder Carl Back, Elder Powers Caudill and Allen Whitaker  
Earl Cox, Jonah Roark and Billy Maggard  
Landis Everage, Alger Mullins and McKinley McIntosh  
Morris Shepherd, Carl Slone and George Fugate  
Elder Lewis Lucas, Clarence Combs and Mark Shepherd  
Elder Ermel Ison, Keith Slone and Mike McKinney  
Rodney Ison, Neldern Whitaker and Steve Adams  
I.D. Back, Agnon Back and William Lusk Jr.  
Ross S. Hill, Tommy Logan and Jay Lucas  
Elder Jim Fields, Lillard Taylor and Roger Gibson  
Robert Harris, Charles Shepherd and Jay McCool  
Bert Fields, Clifton Hampton and Ellis Adams  
Arthur Lloyd, Joe Ison and Herbert Maggard  
Elder Marcus Combs, Elder Joseph Fields and Truman Smith  
Clarence Dixon, Junior Yonts and Ray Fields  
Lonnie Gregory, Bob Turner and Dave Muncy  
Clyde Shepherd, Coburn Ison and Doug Gibson

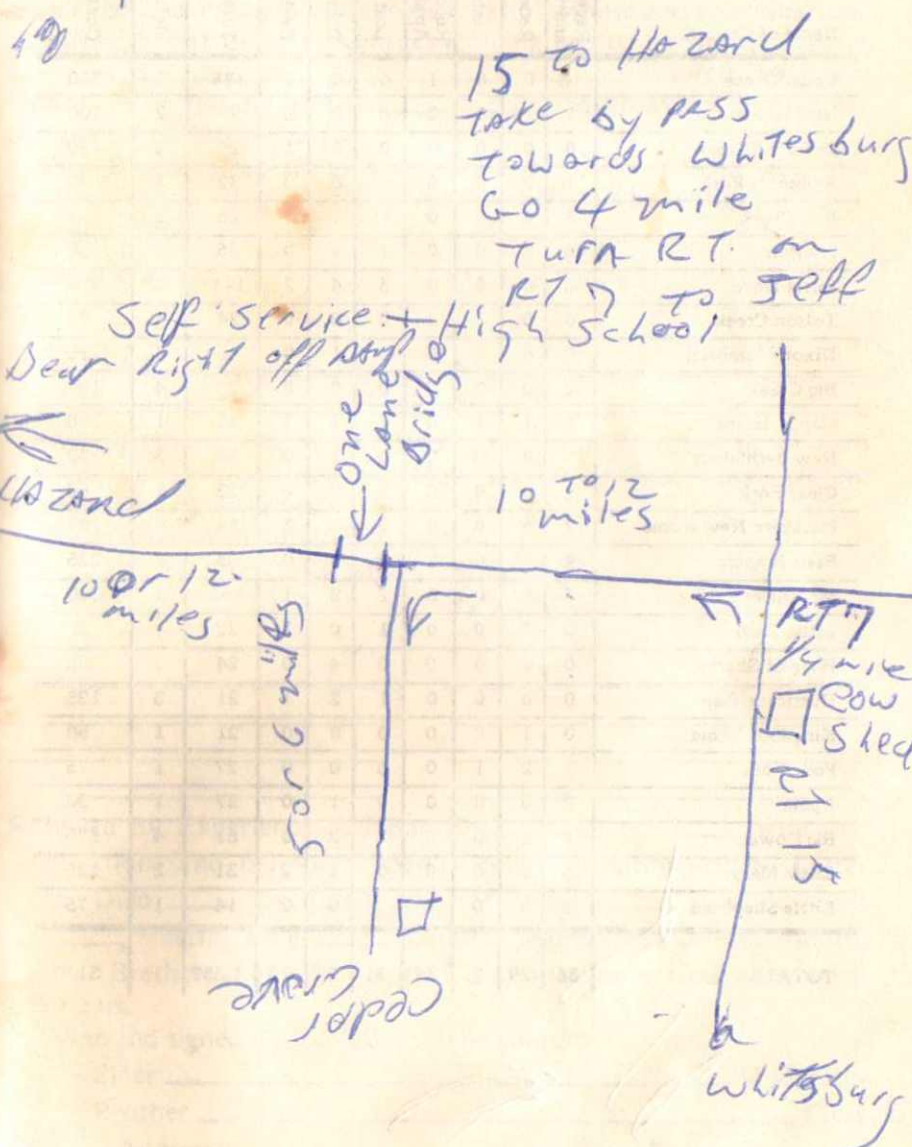


# ORDAINED MINISTERS

Name	Address	Phone
Ellis Adams	HC 71, Box 584, Jeremiah, KY	633-9740
Dwight Amburgey	Pinetop, KY	785-4993
Ivan J. Ambergery	Pinetop, KY	785-4249
Carl Back	Jeremiah, KY	633-4344
I.D. Back	Blackey, KY	633-0749
Fess Blair	Huber Heights, OH	none listed
Toby Breeding	Jeremiah, KY	none listed
Powers Caudill	Premium, KY	633-5410
Marcus Combs	1012 E. Sherman, Marion, IN	(317) 664-8356
Robert Combs	R.R. 2, Box 206, Hazard, KY	439-2198
Elwood Cornett	HC 71, Box 1027, Blackey, KY	633-9269
Charles Craft	Rt. 4, Box 85H, Catlettsburg, KY	739-4560
Calvin Creech	Star Rt. 1, Box 67, Emmalena, KY	785-4816
Colonel Eldridge	Milan, IN	(812) 654-3263
John Eldridge	Rt. 6, Box 199, Mt. Washington, KY	none listed
Lloyd Eldridge	Sunman, IN	(812) 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	606 633-0275
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	642-3764
Clifton Hampton	Rt. 1, Box 2452, 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	Carcassone, KY	633-5458
Kirby Jent	Rt. 2, Box 3, Carcassonne, KY	633-8091
Jay Lucas	R.R. 2, Hazard, KY	none listed
Lewis Lucas	R.R. 2, Box 234, Hazard, KY	none listed
Bill Moore	Leburn, KY	785-4888
Alonzo Mosley	Garner, KY	785-3430
Daniel Napier	HC 68, Box 890, Emmalena, KY	785-4844
Euel Ratliff	3409 Slem St., Ashland, KY	324-9793
Odus Ritchie	Talcum, KY	251-3683
Jonah Roark	R.R. 1, Commiskey, IN	none listed
J. Nelson Seals	Mallie, KY	785-5621
Daryl Short	Leburn, KY	none listed
Hurley Short	Carrie, KY	785-3939
Albert Slone	Topmost, KY	none listed
Milburn Slone	Garner, KY	none listed
Charles Shepherd	Gordon, KY	none listed
Clyde Shepherd	5550 Mooresville Rd., Indianapolis, IN	(317) 856-6629
Morris Shepherd	Box 27, Fisty, KY	251-3278
Keith Slone	R.R. 3, Dininger Rd., Shelby OH	347-3187
J.C. Sparks	Hindman, KY	785-3386
Irvin Stollings	2274 Madison Ave., Norwood, OH	631-7085

Tennis Sturgill	318 N. Lake St., S. Amherst, OH	(216) 986-2236
Edward Sumpter	Cumberland, KY	573-5244
Carl R. Tuttle	East McDowell, KY	377-6898
Manford Watts	Leburn, KY	none listed
Linzy Wicker	Mousie, KY	none listed
Alton Young	Mallie, KY	785-3017

Danny Dixon - 606-633-0804 7:30





Name of Church	Received by Experience and Baptism	Received by Letter	Restored	Recommendation and Application	Lost by Death	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Total Membership	Meeting Time	Contribution
Cedar Grove	13	0	0	1	4	3	1	175	4	300
New Home	1	2	0	0	0	2	3	77	2	100
Defeated Creek	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	25	2	150
Reynolds Fork	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	32	3	80
Bull Creek	8	4	1	0	1	1	3	78	3	125
Ivy Point	6	3	0	0	1	1	0	36	4	50
Little Dove	6	0	0	0	3	4	2	141	2	275
Tolson Creek	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	24	4	75
Dixon Memorial	5	4	1	0	0	1	0	62	4	125
Big Creek	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	29	4	100
Happy Home	9	1	1	0	1	1	1	45	1	125
New Bethlehem	2	2	0	0	0	2	0	34	3	130
Clear Fork	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	23	1	60
Northern New Home	7	5	0	0	0	1	3	84	4	100
Blair Branch	4	0	0	5	5	0	0	83	3	225
Mt. Olivet	4	0	0	3	2	2	1	163	1	300
Little Zion	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	22	4	30
Rose of Sharon	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	24	2	85
Hurricane Gap	0	0	0	0	1	2	1	21	3	125
Kingdom Come	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	21	1	50
Poor Fork	1	2	1	0	3	0	0	27	1	75
Lydia	7	0	0	0	0	1	0	27	1	50
Big Cowan	2	1	0	0	7	2	0	61	4	175
Little Mary	6	2	0	0	0	1	2	31	2	125
Little Shepherd	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	14	1	75
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>1,359</b>		<b>3110</b>

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

## DELEGATES

## ALTERNATES

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| 1. _____ | 4. _____ |
| 2. _____ | 5. _____ |
| 3. _____ | 6. _____ |

Dear Brethern, receive our letter and these Brethern 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

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

Done and signed by the order of the church.

Elder \_\_\_\_\_, Moderator

Brother \_\_\_\_\_, Clerk

Clerk's Address: \_\_\_\_\_