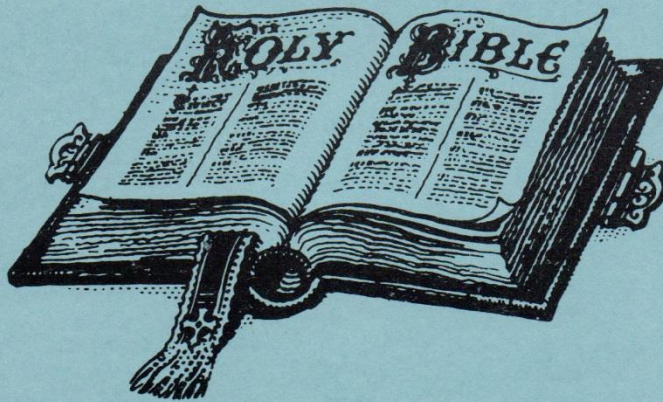


MINUTES OF THE  
NINETIETH ANNUAL SESSION  
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**INDIAN BOTTOM  
ASSOCIATION**

OF  
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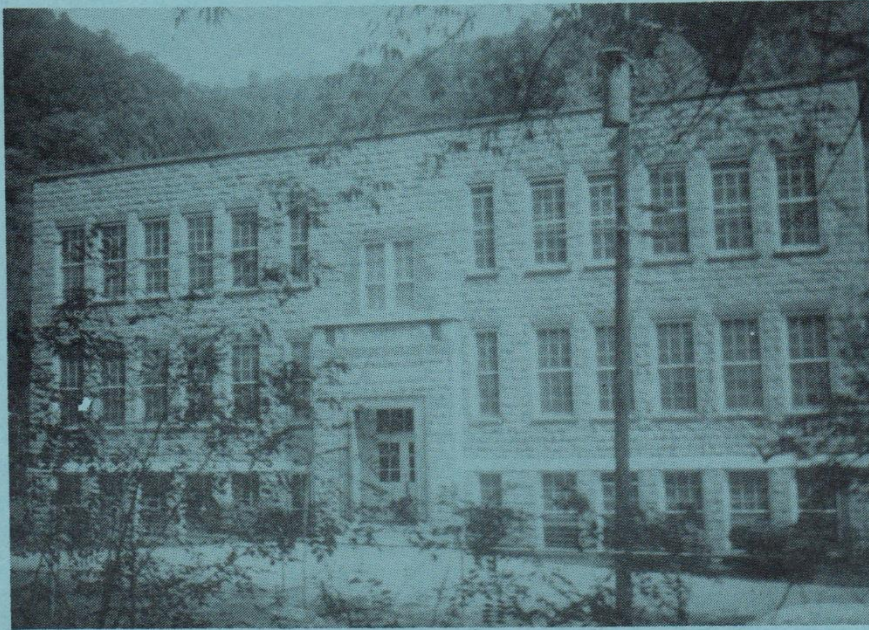


Held At The  
INDIAN BOTTOM ASSOCIATION BUILDING  
Sassafras, Knott County, Kentucky

September 6, 7, and 8, 1985

Hosted By:  
Hurricane Gap Church  
New Bethlehem Church  
Poor Fork 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)



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

#### **DIRECTIONS TO THE INDIAN BOTTOM ASSOCIATION**

1. From Hazard, Kentucky, go east on KY 15 to Sassafras (12 miles) then follow signs up Yellow Creek about ½ mile to Association.
2. From Hindman, Kentucky, leave KY 80 on KY 160 South about 10 miles to KY 15; turn right, follow KY 15 about 4 miles to Sassafras, follow signs as in Direction Number 1.
3. From Whitesburg, Kentucky, follow KY 15 West to Sassafras - about 20 miles; follow signs as in Direction Number 1.
4. Accommodations for campers will be provided for and available on the building parking lot.

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Minutes of the  
Ninetieth Annual  
Session of the  
Indian Bottom Association  
of  
Old Regular Baptist Churches  
of  
Jesus Christ

Friday, September 6, 1985  
and the two following days

The Indian Bottom Association, being in session, assembled at our Association Building at Sassafras, Knott County, Kentucky, Friday, September 6, 1985 and the two following days. Being hosted by the Poor Fork, Hurricane Gap and New Bethlehem Churches, the Association met in the Congregational Department of the Association Building for preaching services. After uniting our voices in singing praises to our Lord and Master, Elder Ellis Adams introduced the service and led in prayer.

After the introduction and prayer had been rendered, Elder Marcus Combs, who had been chosen by the delegates of the eighty-ninth session of our Association to preach the Introductory Sermon of this, the ninetieth session, came to the pulpit and preached a heart-warming 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 Paris Tackett to come to the pulpit. Elder Tackett rendered a very warm sermon. After a song, Elder Fon Bowling led in a very humble 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 Poor Fork 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 Jim 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 Mt. Zion Church presented a letter desiring fellowship in the Indian Bottom Association. The letter was read and by a move and second with no objection, the letter was received, the delegates seated, and the letter was referred to the Committee on Arrangements.
4. Churches of our same faith and order who desired fellowship were called for and none responded.
5. By a move and second with no objection, we omitted the reading of the Constitution and Rules of Decorum, but have them printed in the minutes. The Articles of Faith were read, and ordered to be printed in the Minutes.
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:** Hobart Bates, Dexter Dixon, Ellis Holbrook, Halmer Harris, Burton Howard, Woodrow Dye, Lee Fields, Abel Johnson, Hollie King, Coy Combs, Bradley Billiter Jr., Forrest Hall, Tom Waddles, Joe Brown, Elford Holbrook, C.B. Smith, Bill Day, Alvin Brown, Tazzie Harrieth, Hazzie Hamilton, Glenn Hall, Jimmy Hall, Bill Haynes, Willis Gibson, Jim Waddles, Grover Adkins.
  - B. **Union:** John M. Mullins, Fon Bowling, John C. Layne, Frank Newsome, Carson Wright, Jimmy Dale Sanders, Dewey Sexton, Andy Bates, Jeff Little, Eugene Elswick, Hezekiah Osborne, Sam Erwin, Amos Bartley, Hufford Coleman, Arthur Duty, Finis O'Quinn, Gurvis Deel, Rex Standifer, Charles Wright, Otis Rowe, Herman Puckett, Dallas Ramsey, Paul McClanahan, Frank O'Quinn, Jesse Williams
  - C. **Northern New Salem:** Baxter Osborne, Forest Osborne, Pete Hensley, Bufford Brock, Carlos Little, Duane Graves, Paris Tackett, C.W. Turner, Ernie

Tuttle, Arthur Jent, Clarence Jenkins, Melvin Watts, Al Osborne, Burchell Short, Booker Short, Hawley Warrens, Lowell Warrens, Reed Triplet, Claude Dixon, Paul Adkins, Junior Miller, Roy Caudill

7. The Moderator called for transient members and ministers, and Elders Manus Ison, Clyde Shepherd, Jerry Caudill and Clifton Hampton 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 Poor Fork, Hurricane Gap and New Bethlehem Churches to arrange for preaching services for Friday afternoon and Saturday morning.
10. The Moderator appointed a Committee on Arrangements which was to be composed of one delegate from each church, together with the Association Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk, Assistant Clerk, transients and the entire delegation from the corresponding associations to meet Friday afternoon at 2:00 p.m. to arrange the business for Saturday.
11. By a move and second with no objection, it was agreed to correspond with the following associations: New Salem, Union and Northern New Salem; and the Clerk was directed to prepare letters to same.
12. The Committee on Ministry made the following report for preaching services:  
Friday Afternoon: Elder Woodrow Dye, Elder John C. Layne  
Saturday Morning: Elders Frank Newsome, Roy Caudill, Hiram Adkins
13. By a move and second with no objection, the Association adjourned until 9:00 a.m. Saturday morning.

The Committee on Arrangements met at 2:00 p.m. Friday afternoon in the Congregational Department of the Association Building. The session was introduced by Elder Woodrow Dye, who was well-blessed to bring up the service. Prayer was humbly rendered by Elder Paris Tackett. Elder John C. Layne was very humble in his discourse and received a good blessing, after which the Committee arranged the work for Saturday.

### Saturday Morning

The Association met pursuant to adjournment. After singing praises to our Lord and Saviour, Elder Elwood Cornett, our Moderator, made a few remarks and called upon Elder Grover Adkins to come to the pulpit and introduce the service. Elder Adkins warmed our souls with words of wisdom, then he humbly led us in prayer.

1. The Clerk called the roll and marked the absentees.
2. The report of the Committee on Arrangements was given by the clerk. 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, E. Robert Miller, Roger Gibson, who reported a sum of \$3170.00 collected from 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 3,500 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 Cliff Hampton. There was a move and second with no objection to receive the letter and have it printed in our minutes.
8. The Committee on Ministry, being the same as on Friday, chose the following ministers to fill the stand on Sunday, to wit: Jimmy Hall, Paris Tackett, Baxter Osborne and Elwood Cornett.
  - B. The Committee on Ministry chose Elder Nelson Seals to preach the Introductory Sermon for the 1986 Session of the Association, and Elder Danny Dixon to be his alternate.

C. The Committee on Ministry chose Elder Squire Watts to write a Circular Letter for approval next year.

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

10. The treasurer apologized for not having his report with him. By a move and second with no objection his apology was accepted and he was to have the report printed in the minutes. The report is as follows:

Balance on hand 9/2/84 .....	\$3864.06
Church Contributions .....	3110.00
Pictures (for printing) .....	260.00
Total in Treasury .....	\$7234.06

Expenses:

Printing Minutes .....	\$2600.00
Safety Deposit Box .....	35.00
Typing Permanent Record .....	20.00

Total Expenses .....	\$2655.00
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Balance on hand 9/7/85 .....	\$4579.06
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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, 1985 at Minnie, Floyd County, Kentucky at their Association building, and continuing the two following days. Delegates to attend: Jim Fields, John Preece, Lester Short, Oliver Mullins, Luther Ashley, Gene Greer, Lonnie Gregory, Lee Mosley, Chester Gibson, Morris Shepherd, Elmer Mullins, John P. Eldridge, Birtchell Mosley, McKinley McIntosh, Arnold Thacker, Odis Ritchie, Clark Hays, Ivan Amburgey, Cliff Hampton, Merle Smith, I.D. Back, Carl Schindler, Bob Turner, Elwood Cornett, Alonzo Mosley, Nelson Seals, Ted Everage, Glenn Hampton, Squire Watts.

B. Union: To begin on Friday before the third Saturday in September at Wise, Wise County, Virginia and continuing the two following days. Delegates to attend: Lester Short, Ted Everage, I.D. Back, Luther Ashley, Elwood Cornett, Jim Fields, J. Nelson



Seals, Clark Hays, Odis Ritchie, Gene Greer, Maynard Caudill, John Preece, Chester Gibson, John P. Eldridge, Merle Smith, Ellis Adams, Carl Adams, Elmer Mullins, Ivan Amburgey, McKinley McIntosh, Morris Shepherd, Agnan Back, Roger Gibson, Jay McCool, Glenn Hampton, Squire Watts.

C. Northern New Salem: To begin on Friday before the first Saturday in August 1986 at Little Rebecca Church, Henry Road, Plymouth, Ohio, and continuing the two following days. Delegates to attend: Jim Fields, Elwood Cornett, Morris Shepherd, Tennis Sturgill, Ivan Amburgey, Merle Smith, Lonnie Gregory, J. Nelson Seals, Glenn Hampton, Squire Watts.

12. The ministers gave their reports on their attendance at Union Meetings and Associations. By a move and second with no objection their reports were received and they were excused for their failures.
13. The Committee on Council reported that they had met with the Mt. Zion Church who wanted fellowship in the Indian Bottom Association. They found their doctrine and practices to be orthodox and in line with ours and had taken them under watch-care until our Association met. By a move and second with no objection their report and work were received.
14. The letter from the Mt. Zion Church was read. After some discussion there was a move and second with no objection to receive the Mt. Zion Church into our Association and the delegates were given the right hand of fellowship.
15. There were identical requests from the Cedar Grove Church and Big Cowan Church. The requests are as follow:

Hallie, Ky.  
August 24, 1985

Dear Brethren,

The Cedar Grove Church of Old Regular Baptist, having been seated in full love and fellowship, by move and second with no objection, sends the following request to the Indian Bottom Association:

The Cedar Grove Church of Old Regular Baptist requests that the Indian Bottom Association adopt the following:

The Indian Bottom Association believes in long hair on our Sisters, and short hair on our Brothers.

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.

The Bible says: Doth not even nature itself teach you, that, if a man have long hair, it is a shame unto him? But if a woman have long hair, it is a glory to her: for her hair is given her for a covering. But if any man seem to be contentious, we have no such custom, neither the churches of God.

As an advisory council, we, the Indian Bottom Association, advise our churches that have members disobeying the scriptures that they deal with them according to the scriptures.

Also, concerning whether we believe in Sisters wearing pants, slacks or shorts, we as an advisory council and not as a law-making body, say: To answer yes would be interpreted by some Brethren too liberally and they would say we have laid down the gate and opened the doors to anything and everything.

To answer no would be interpreted by some Brethren too strictly and they would say we have shut the door on everything and Committees would flow from Church to Church like water.

We believe the Indian Bottom Association should advise the churches to advise their members -- both Brethren and Sisters -- to dress soberly and modestly and to conduct themselves in such a manner that becometh a child of God. We believe that each child of God will adorn themselves in such a manner that they can easily be identified from the World. We feel the Bible, the infallible Word of God, sets forth and the Spirit will teach us how we should dress and conduct ourselves.

We believe that each church in the Indian Bottom Association holds the key to its own door and is the sole judge of the conduct of its members so long as they follow the orthodox principles of religion and keep up a Godly discipline according to the rules of the Gospel as laid down in the Scriptures. In fact, Article 4 of our constitution guarantees that the Association shall not infringe on any of the rights of any of the Churches in the union.

Done and signed by order of the Cedar Grove Church.

Elder Elwood Cornett, Moderator

Venson Whitaker, Clerk

(Identical request from Big Cowan Church)

Done and signed by order of the Big Cowan Old Regular Baptist Church.

Elder Jim Fields, Moderator

Elder Clifton Hampton, Assistant Moderator

Brother Ray Fields, Clerk

By a move and second with no objection the requests were adopted and ordered to be printed in our minutes.

16. The request from the Cedar Grove Church was read. The request is as follows:

Saturday, August 24, 1985

To the Indian Bottom Association:

We, the Cedar Grove 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 that we host the Association in 1986.

Done and signed by the order of the church.

Elder Elwood Cornett, Moderator

Brother Venson Whitaker, Clerk

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

17. The request from the Big Cowan Church was read. The request is as follows:

To the 1985 Session of the Indian Bottom Association:

We, the Big Cowan Regular Baptist Church, met in regular session October 27, 1984. A motion was made and seconded to send the following explanation of our membership total to the 1985 session of our Association.

The Big Cowan Church has completed an audit of its members and as a result of that audit we have determined that our actual membership total is of now 52. Please accept and publish the revised total.

Elder Jim Fields, Moderator

Elder Clifton Hampton, Assistant Moderator

Brother Ray Fields, Clerk

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

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

July the first Saturday, 1985

We, the New Home Church of Regular Baptist faith and order, met and after prayer, the church being in peace and working order, it was moved and seconded to send a request

to our Association to change our meeting time from the second weekend of each month to the first weekend of each month.

Signed by order of the church.

Elder Bill Moore, Moderator

Brother Birtchell Mosley, Clerk

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

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

To The Indian Bottom Association:

The Reynolds Fork Church met in regular session on July 20, 1985. After church services came the church work. The church was found to be in love and fellowship and at peace with one another. A letter from Brother Dwight Amburgey was read asking that his name be removed from the church record. By a move and second his request was granted. The church by move and second requested the clerk to prepare a letter to the Indian Bottom Association requesting the removal of Dwight Amburgey's name from the list of ordained elders.

Done and signed by order of the Church.

Elder J. Nelson Seals, Moderator

Brother Wiley Amburgey Jr., Clerk

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

20. The request from the Northern New Salem Association was read. The request is as follows:

To you, our Sister, the Indian Bottom Association:

By a move and second of we, the Northern New Salem Association, it was agreed to send this request to you with our letter and delegates.

Request:

Asking you to reprint item 6, page 3, of your 1958 minutes, which reads as follows:

"In regard to the query from the Hurricane Gap Church, we wish to advise all our churches not to receive into your fellowship any woman with bobbed hair unless she agrees not to have it bobbed any more, and after you receive them to exclude from your fellowship all those who violate this agreement or continue to have their hair cut, and not to restore them back to fellowship, except by an experience of grace."

We, the Northern New Salem Association, ask the moderator of our sister, the Indian Bottom Association, to advise the moderators of your churches to advise their sisters with short hair and their brothers with long hair to adhere to the advice given and to comply with the 11th chapter of 1st Corinthians.

Done and signed by order of the Association.

Elder Roy Caudill, Moderator

Elder Paris Tackett, Assistant Moderator

Elder Hillard Newsome, Clerk

Elder C.W. Turner, Assistant Clerk

By a move and second with no objection we answer the request from the Northern New Salem Association by what we have already done. The moderator advised all Christians to comply with the scripture.

21. The Moderator appointed the same Committee on Council as last year.

At this time Elder Danny Dixon and Brother John Preece resigned as trustees. By a move and second with no objection their resignations were accepted. By a move and second with no objection Brother Carl Slone and Brother Ross Hill were appointed as trustees to replace Elder Danny Dixon and Brother John Preece.

22. The Treasurer of the Trustees gave his report. The report is as follows:

Report of Treasurer of Trustees

Balance on hand 9/1/84 . . . . . \$3257.49

Collections:

Church Contributions . . . . . 6120.00

Odd W/E Services . . . . . 926.00

Concession Stand . . . . . 419.25

Donation . . . . . 100.00

Total Cash . . . . . \$10822.74

Paid Out:

Insurance . . . . . \$955.12

Utilities . . . . . 1213.75

Kitchen Supplies . . . . . 2742.69

Repair: Labor and Supplies . . . . . 2889.63

Total Paid Out . . . . . 7801.19

Balance on Hand 9/7/85 . . . . . \$3021.55

By a move and second with no objections, the report was received and ordered to be printed in the minutes.

23. By a move and second with no objection, the clerk was ordered to write a Resolution of Appreciation to the Poor Fork, Hurricane Gap and New Bethlehem Churches.
24. The minutes were read and by a move and second with no objection were approved.
25. By a move and second with no objection this session of the Association was adjourned until we convene on Friday before the first Saturday in September, 1986 (September 5,6,7)

Elder Paul McClanahan came to the pulpit and was blessed to cause our spirits to rejoice. He preached a short, spirit-lifting sermon, then humbly approached the throne in prayer.

Signed by:

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

**Sunday, September 7, 1985**

On the last day of the Ninetieth Session of our Indian Bottom Association, the sun was shining in its brilliance. A large crowd assembled in the Association Building. There were greetings and warm embraces, friendly handshakes and sweet smiles tempered with God's love. After the beautiful singing, Elder Elwood Cornett, our Moderator, extended a warm welcome to everyone. He humbly thanked everyone for their help and prayers during the Association.

Elder Cornett called upon Elder Squire Watts to open. He preached a warm short message on Noah's Ark. Elder Curl Dixon prayed a wonderful prayer. Elder Baxter Osborne came forth and preached a heart-warming sermon, and shouts of joy rang out.

Due to the absence of Jimmy Hall and Paris Tackett, Elder Jim Fields was called to preach. He used II Timothy 2nd Chapter, Verse 22 as his text. Brother Jim was well blessed and preached a warm sermon.

Elder Cornett closed with, ". . . and lo, in her mouth was an olive leaf plucked off . . ." Brother Cornett delivered a very heart-felt humble message. The congregation felt God's Spirit and shouts of joy were heard in the Association Building. A

joyous parting song and prayer brought the Ninetieth Session of our beloved Association to a close.

### Resolution of Appreciation

We, the Indian Bottom Association, would like to try to express our deep appreciation to the Hurricane Gap, New Bethlehem and Poor Fork Churches for the wonderful job they did in hosting this 1985 session of our Association. To all of you who brought food, helped to clean the building, served tables, carried food, parked cars, or did any other task, we say, "Thanks!" Your friendly smiles, warm embraces and kind handshakes were truly appreciated. For whatever you did you have our heartfelt gratitude and our prayers that the Lord will bless you four-fold.

Indian Bottom Association

### Circular Letter 1985

Dear Brothers and Sisters of the Ninetieth Session of the Indian Bottom Association:

Having been chosen last year to write a circular letter for your consideration, I will try, by the help of God, to answer your request.

The subject uppermost in my mind and heart is, "You must be born again."

In St. John, Chapter 3, Verse 3, Jesus told Nicodemus, "Verily, verily, I say unto thee, 'Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.'"

As we read the 3rd chapter of St. John, we see that Nicodemus was confused at Jesus' words. For he was trying to understand spiritual things with the natural mind. (Corinthians - Chapter 2, Verse 14) But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness unto him. Neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.

But Jesus plainly tells Nicodemus that the flesh is one thing and the spirit is another. In First Peter - Chapter 1, Verse 23, He tells us that we are born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth forever.

Now Brethren, I say unto you, this incorruptible seed, this word of God, is His son, Jesus. I say unto you, that through and by Him is the only way that man can be born again.

When John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness, he preached, "Repent ye, for the kingdom of Heaven is at hand."

Matthew Chapter 3, Verse 1-8 , tells us how the people of Jerusalem and Judea came unto John, and were baptized by him, confessing their sins. But some came, desiring baptism, whom John felt were not ready for his water baptism. These he would not baptize, but told them, "Bring forth therefore fruits meet for repentance."

John was baptizing with water unto repentance, and he spoke of One, who was to come, who was greater than he, who would baptize with the Holy Ghost and with fire. This baptism of the Holy Ghost and with fire is the essential baptism that gives us a ticket to God's kingdom.

Matthew - Chapter 3, Verses 13 - 15) When Jesus came to John, to be baptized of him, John did not feel worthy. But rather, felt the need to be baptized of Him. Jesus said unto him, "Suffer it to be so now, for thus it becometh us to fulfill all righteousness."

On that day Jesus laid a pattern that He wanted His believing children to follow.

Poor weak creatures that we are. When we reach the age of accountability, God puts His law in our hearts and teaches us that it is good to do good and wrong to do wrong. Then the Old Tempter comes along and we override the low, still voice in our hearts and do the things that are not right. Therefore we become a sinner. He that knows to do good and does it not, to him it is sin. And sin, when it is finished, brings death. Then we are dead in trespass and in sin. It is the soul that stands in need of a Savior

Now the Bible teaches us that repentance is required at the hands of all men. God has judged us all under sin that He might have mercy upon us all.

John the Baptist tells us that Jesus will enlighten everyone that comes into the world (when we have become sinners), letting us see and understand what we are in His sight, how great our condemnation is. With His enlightening comes a fear of dying and going down to the lake that burns with fire and brimstone. The fear of God is the beginning of wisdom.

The choosing time has come. Choose you, this day, whom you will serve, whether it be God or mammon. You can't serve two masters. You will cleave to one and hate the other.

I pray that all men and women would make the choice to seek God and serve Him. That all would become afflicted with a Godly sorrow. For sin, a Godly sorrow, worketh repentance to salvation not to be repented of.

If a man or woman makes the good choice with all their hearts, vow in their hearts to quit sinning, a measure of faith will be given them, that they might believe that God is, and is



the rewarder of them that do diligently seek Him.

This same Jesus, who enlightened us, will teach the one, who is under conviction, how to pray and what to pray for.

By being willing to be led by this loving spirit, He will lead us to where we need to go. Right down to the feet of Jesus, with our repentant hearts crying out to Him, "Oh Lord of Lords and King of Kings, save or I perish. I come to you with a broken heart and contrite spirit. Thy will be done with me all the rest of my life. If it be Thy will, let this body die, but save my soul."

This Holy Jesus will cleanse your soul with His cleansing blood, forgive you of your sins, baptize you with the Holy Ghost and with fire. Then you have been born again. An heir of God, and joint heir with Christ in His kingdom.

Then, having received the gift of Eternal Life, I believe that all who feel that the Lord has given rest to their souls, should go home to their friends and tell what great things the Lord has done for them. If you keep the vow that you made to the Lord, you will. And demand the water baptism, to answer a good conscious toward God. Put your light upon a candlestick, that it might give light to all that are in the house, that they may see your good works and glorify the Father, Who is in Heaven.

Brother delegates, this letter is becoming too long. I must close here,. God bless my Brothers and Sisters in the Lord everywhere. I pray that our Lord, who loves them of an humble spirit, lead and guide us in the path of righteousness for His name's sake.

Brethren of all associations, let us keep this last great commandment, "Love you one another as I have loved you."

Your Brother in the Lord,

*Elder Clifton Hampton*

Elder Clifton Hampton

### UNION, COMMUNION AND MEMORIAL MEETINGS 1985

#### March

**Little Zion:** Union Meeting fourth Saturday and Sunday in March. Ministers called: Lewis Craft, John Preece, Elders Bill Halcomb, Clark Hayes, Chester Gibson and Bob Combs. Communion: fourth Saturday and Sunday in July. Memorial: fourth Sunday in June. Ministers called: Elders Bill Moore, Bob Combs, Lewis Craft, Morris Shepherd and Charles Shepherd.

## April

**Rose of Sharon:** Union Meeting: the second Saturday and Sunday in April. Ministers: Elders Curl Dixon, Toby Breeding, Bill Moore, Danny Dixon and Brother Ted Everage. Communion: the second Sunday in June. Memorials: second Sunday in July. Ministers called: Elders Clifton Hampton, Robert Combs, Charles Shepherd, Brothers Agnon Back and Virgil Combs.

**Mt. Zion:** Union Meeting: second Saturday and Sunday in April. Ministers called: Elders Elwood Cornett, Morris Shepherd, Bill Moore, Clark Hayes, and Brothers Lee Mosley and Harlas Watts. Memorial Meeting: second Saturday and Sunday in September. Elders Bill Moore and I.D. Back. Communion Meeting: second Saturday and Sunday in June.

**Blair Branch:** Union Meeting: the third Saturday and Sunday in April. Ministers called: Elders Elwood Cornett, I.D. Back, Ivan Amburgey, Squire Watts, Jim Fields and Brothers John Preece and Agnon Back. Communion: third Sunday in July. Memorial: Third Sunday in June.

**Northern New Home:** Union Meeting fourth Sunday in April. Memorial Meeting: fourth Sunday in June. Communion: fourth Sunday in August. Ministers called: Elders Ivan Amburgey, Gene Greer, Larry Hankins, Ron Scott, Marcus Combs, Jasper Fields, I.D. Back, Tennis Sturgill, John Preece, Fess Blair, Clark Hays, Kirby Jent, Lonnie Gregory, Jim Fields, Bob Hayney, Clyde Shepherd, Melvin Watts, Milburn Slone, Don Collins and John B. Hamilton.

## May

**Poor Fork:** Union Meeting: first Saturday and Sunday in May. Ministers called: Elders Tennis Sturgill, Charles Shepherd, Ellis Adams, Danny Dixon, Bill Moore and Roger Gibson. Communion: first Sunday in July. Memorial: first Sunday in August. Ministers called: Elders Ivan Amburgey, Squire Watts, Danny Dixon, Charles Shepherd, Morris Shepherd, Bill Halcomb, Brothers Roger Gibson and John Preece.

**Lydia:** Union Meeting: first Saturday and Sunday in May. Ministers called: Elders Ivan Amburgey, Squire Watts, and Brother John Preece. Communion: first Sunday in June.

**Mt. Olivet:** Union Meeting: first Saturday and Sunday in May. Ministers called: Elders Ivan Amburgey, Tennis Sturgill, Danny Dixon, Squire Watts and John Preece. Communion: first Sunday in August. Memorial: first Sunday in July.

**Little Dove:** Union Meeting: second Saturday and Sunday in May. Ministers called: Elders Danny Dixon, Elwood Cornett, Baxter Osborne, Kirby Jent, Ermel Ison. Communion: second Sunday in July. Memorial: second Sunday in June.

**Reynolds Fork:** Union Meeting: third in May. Ministers called: Elders Woodrow Dye, Elwood Cornett, Bill Hall, Alonzo Mosley, Chester Gibson, Ivan Amburgey, I.D. Back. Communion: third Sunday in June. Memorial: third in July.

**Little Bull Creek:** Union Meeting: third Saturday and Sunday in May. Ministers called: Elders Ermel Ison, Bill Moore, Jim Fields, Danny Dixon, Homer Smith, Bill Hall, Allen Whitaker, Ollie Mullins, Ted Everage, Milburn Slone, Bill Halcomb. Communion: third Sunday in August. Memorial Meeting: third Sunday in June. Melton Cemetery, second Sunday in June, all of the same faith and order are welcome.

**Cedar Grove:** Union Meeting: fourth Saturday and Sunday in May. Ministers called: Elders Marvin Hall, Dallas Ramsay, Bill Moore, Jim Fields, Melvin Watts and Agnon Back. Communion: fourth Sunday in August. Memorial: fourth Sunday in June.

#### June

**Kingdom Come:** Union Meeting: first Saturday and Sunday in June. Ministers called: Brother Rulah V. Whitaker, Ellis Adams, Clifton Hampton, Toby Breeding, Kirby Jent, Virgil Combs and Ted Everage. Communion: first Sunday in July. Memorial Meeting: first Sunday in May. Memorial at the cemetery, second Sunday in August.

**Happy Home:** Union Meeting: first Saturday and Sunday in June. Ministers called: Zee Holbrook, Hezekiah Osborne, Burl Stevens, Brother Roger Gibson, Elder Carl Back, Elder Reed Hampton, Estill Everage and Virgil Combs. Communion: first Sunday in July. Memorial: first Saturday and Sunday in August. All of the same faith and order are invited.

**Clear Fork:** Union Meeting: first Saturday and Sunday in June. Ministers called: Elder Green Fields, Danny Dixon, Squire Watts, Brother Roger Gibson and Moderator. Communion: first Sunday in July. Memorial Meeting: first Sunday in October. All ministers of the same faith and order.

**New Home:** Union Meeting: first Sunday in June. Ministers called: Brother Clarence Dixon, Elders Danny Dixon, Ivan Amburgey, John Preece. Communion: first Sunday in July. Memorial Meeting: first Saturday and Sunday in October. Ministers called: Clarence Dixon, Danny Dixon, Ivan Amburgey, Squire Watts.

**Little Shepherd:** Union Meeting: first Saturday and Sunday in June. Ministers called: Brother Roger Gibson, John Preece, Elders Ivan Amburgey, Toby Breeding and Danny Dixon. Communion Meeting: first Saturday and Sunday in August. Memorial Meeting: first Saturday and Sunday in May.

**New Bethlehem:** Union Meeting: third Saturday and Sunday of June. Ministers called: Elders Squire Watts, Charles Shepherd, Jim Fields and Elwood Cornett. Communion: third Sunday in August. Memorial Meeting: third Sunday in September.

**Dixon Memorial:** Union Meeting: fourth Saturday and Sunday in June. Ministers called: Elder Oscar Halcomb, Brother Virgil Combs, Elders Wayne Caudill, David Jent, Curl Dixon, Brother Clive Jacobs, Moderator and Assistant Moderators and Elder Ollie Mullins. Communion: fourth Sunday in July. Memorial: fourth Sunday in May at the cemetery and fourth Sunday in September for deceased members.

**Big Cowan:** Union Meeting: fourth Saturday and Sunday in June. Curl Dixon, Squire Watts, Jim Fields, John Preece, Elwood Cornett, Bill Moore, Fess Blair, Melvin Watts. Communion Meeting: fourth Sunday in July. Memorial: fourth Saturday and Sunday in September. Elders Danny Dixon, I.D. Back, Ivan Amburgey, Kirby Jent, Jim Fields.

**Ivy Point:** Union Meeting: fourth Saturday and Sunday in June. Elders Albert Slone, Milburn Slone, Herman Akers, Alex Hall, Lewis Craft, Donald Collins, Chester Gibson, Junior Damron. Communion Meeting: fourth Sunday in July. Memorial: fourth Sunday in August.

**Tolson Creek:** Union Meeting: fourth Saturday and Sunday in June. Ministers called: Elders I.D. Back, Danny Dixon, Charles Shepherd, Andy Bates, Clark Hayes, Brothers John Preece and Clarence Dixon, Agan Back, Moderator and Assistant Moderator. Communion: fourth Sunday in July. Memorial Meeting: fourth Saturday and Sunday in August. Ministers called: Elders Elwood Cornett, Carl Back, Ivan Amburgey, Squire Watts, Kirby Jent, Clifton Hampton, Moderator and Assistant Moderator.

**Big Creek:** Union Meeting: fourth Saturday and Sunday in June. Ministers called: Elders Ivan Amburgey, Danny Dixon, Melvin Watts, John Preece. Communion: fourth Saturday and Sunday in July. Memorial Meeting: fourth Saturday and Sunday in August. Ministers called: Elders Elwood Cornett, I.D. Back, Jim Fields, Toby Breeding, Fess Blair.

#### August

**Defeated Creek:** Union Meeting: second Saturday and Sunday in August. Elders Ellis Adams, Bill Moore, Charles Shepherd and Brothers Agnon Back and Clarence Dixon. Communion: second Sunday in August. Memorial: second Saturday and Sunday in July.

**Hurricane Gap:** Union Meeting: third Saturday and Sunday in August. Ministers called: Elders Elwood Cornett, John B. Hamilton, Jim Fields, Danny Dixon and Agnon Back. Communion Meeting: third Sunday in August. Memorial Meeting: third Sunday in October. Ministers called: Ross Wright, Toby Breeding, Roger Gibson, John Preece, Hawk Dixon.

#### September

**Little Mary:** Union Meeting: second Saturday and Sunday in September. Ministers called: Elder Bill Campbell, Danny Dixon, Jimmy Hall, Alex Collier and Fon Bowling. Communion: second Sunday in October. Memorial Meeting: second Saturday and Sunday in August. Ministers called: Elder Robert Haney, Ermel Ison, Ivory Sowards and Baxter Osborne.

# Obituaries

## STEVE AND ADA BREEDING



It is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment. For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. The days of our years are threescore years and ten: and if by reason of strength they be fourscore years, yet is their strength labour and sorrow: for it is soon cut off, and we fly away.

Stephen N. Breeding, the son of Henry and Elizabeth Reynolds Breeding, was born December 5, 1898 and passed from this life August 13, 1970, making his stay on earth 71 years, eight months and eight days. He had passed his threescore and ten and the years of his pilgrimage were not without sorrow, but we know that his suffering is over and that according to his last testimony he is at rest in the paradise of God, awaiting the redemption of this body from the grave.

Years ago he was married to Ada Adkins and to this union were born seven children, one of them having preceded him in death. They were blessed to see their other children grown and all out on their own. They had kept their marriage vows and have now been separated by death, but we feel that in Heaven the circle will be reunited in that land of peace and happiness.

A few years ago Stevie had an accident in the coal mines and left him without his eyesight. He had been a hard worker all of his life and provided his family with the better things of life. He was a good provider and a good manager and wanted to take good care of his family and this he did with the help of the Lord. For the last years he was interested in going to church and was interested in his soul and he told the writer that he was praying and felt like that he was ready to go if he was called. This is the most important thing a man can do, is to be ready to go when the summons is made to come home.

He leaves to mourn his passing his companion, Ada Breeding; three sons: Lincoln Breeding of Orlando, Florida, T.R. Breeding of Middletown, Ohio, Bartley Breeding of Orlando, Florida; three

daughters: Mrs. Esteva Caudill of Fort Meyers, Florida, Mrs. Eveda Glover of Franklin, Ohio, Mrs. Freida Adams of Isom, Kentucky; ten grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; five brothers: Johnnie Breeding, Charlie Breeding, Monroe Breeding, Bradley Breeding and Clarence Breeding; and one sister, Mrs. Ollie Johnson of Millstone, Kentucky, besides a host of friends and relations.

So sleep on, Stevie, until the One that rules and super-rules calls and His children will all answer and some that sleep in the dust of the earth shall be raised to eternal life and some shall be raised to eternal damnation. He was a very patient man and always tended to his own business and tried to help and not hinder any of his neighbors.

There are hermit souls that live withdrawn

In the place of their self-content

There are souls like stars, that dwell apart

In a fellowless firmament:

There are pioneer souls that blaze their paths

Where highways never ran

But let me live by the side of the road

And be a friend to man.

Ada Breeding entered eternal life on Friday, July 19, 1985 at the Whitesburg Appalachian Regional Hospital. Ada was the daughter of the late William Bazil and Polly Ann Combs Adkins. She was born January 6, 1902, being 83 years, six months and thirteen days of age at the time of her passing.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Steve Breeding. She is survived by three sons: Lincoln Breeding of Orlando, Florida, T.R. Breeding of Middletown, Ohio and Bartley Breeding of Orlando, Florida; three daughters: Esteva Caudill of Ft. Meyers, Florida, Eveda Glover of Franklin, Ohio and Freda Lee Adams of Isom, Ky.; one brother, Roy Adkins of Nashotah, Wisconsin; two sisters, Ollie Riley of Letcher, Kentucky and Alpha Adams of Pikeville, Kentucky; ten grandchildren and thirteen great-grandchildren, along with a host of other relatives and friends to mourn her passing.

Preceding her in death other than her husband are one son, Barton Breeding, six brothers and three sisters.

Ada was a member of the Mt. Olivet Regular Baptist Church. She loved her church and was very devoted to it and always filled her seat as long as she lived. She will be missed by all who knew her, and she always wanted a memorial meeting at her cemetery. The house in which she lived will sleep on there, but she is at rest with all of her loved ones in the City of God.

## ARTHUR LLOYD



Arthur Lloyd was born September 20, 1899 in Laurel County, Kentucky. He was the son of Robert and Mary Talitha Hickey Lloyd. On April 27, 1985 at 6:30 a.m. Arthur quit his earthly tabernacle, leaving it cold and still, and went to be with the Lord. He lived 85 years, seven months and seven days.

Arthur is survived by his wife of fifty-nine years, Hattie Sturgill Lloyd. They were blessed with three children, David Clyde Lloyd of Bluff City, Tennessee, Charles Ray Lloyd of Cumberland, Kentucky and Robertal Gilbert of Partridge, Kentucky. Nine grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren survive. Two sisters, Vada Clark of Hamilton, Ohio and Maggie Larson of Dayton, Ohio, also survive.

Arthur was industrious and provided well for his family. He retired from U.S. Steel in 1962 after having worked there for twenty-five years. He was a member in good standing of the United Mine Workers Union Local Number 7425. He always planted and cultivated a large garden. He also kept an orchard.

Arthur confessed the Lord as his Savior forty-four years ago. He was a faithful member of the Poor Fork Regular Baptist Church all those years. He was a deacon for thirty-seven years and used the office well, earning the respect of people wherever he represented the Poor Fork Church. A great human pillar has been removed from our church. A seat is vacant that was so recently filled by that kind, gentle, old soul. Who can measure our loss? We take comfort in the thought that our loss is Heaven's gain; to be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord. Arthur Lloyd had a love for his fellow man that was manifested by his radiant smile. He had the unusual ability to communicate with the old and the young. His firm handshake, pleasant personality, and concern for other people made him welcome in any age group. Just recently a student interviewed Arthur as part of her college work. The cassette tape of this interview was so impressive that the professor had it placed in the Southeast Community College library for all to use.



The church, the community and the Lloyd family all share a common grief. Our lives have been enriched by knowing Arthur Lloyd. Though we will miss him, his contribution to our lives will be a lasting memorial. He loved us and we loved him.

Written by Jim Fields and Hattie Lloyd

The Heavenly gates just opened wide,  
A loving voice said, "Come."  
God saw that you were suffering,  
That the hills were hard to climb,  
So he gently closed your weary eyes,  
And whispered, "Peace be thine."  
Your weary hours, your days of pain,  
Your weary nights are past,  
Your ever-patient, worn-out frame  
Has found sweet rest at last.

### NICK ISON



It is with a sad and aching heart that I try to write an obituary of my dear father, Nick Ison, who passed away April 24, 1985 at Richmond, Kentucky. He was born June 9, 1889, making him 95 years and ten months.

He was a member of the Poor Fork Old Regular Baptist Church since September 2, 1973.

He was married to Jane Sumpter, who preceded him in death. She was also a member of the Poor Fork Old Regular Baptist Church. She entered the church the 22nd day of August, 1948. To this union were born six children. Surviving children are Manous Ison, Cumberland, Ky., Goldia Barns, Richmond, Ky., Cledia Ison, Cumberland, Ky., Venon Ison, Covington, Ga. Children who preceded him in death are Henry Ison, Cumberland, Ky., Mary Kirby, Grundy, Va. Others surviving are twelve grandchildren, fourteen great-grandchildren, fifteen great-great-grandchildren.

It is lonesome here without him, since our loved one went away, but yet we hope by God's great mercy that we will meet him again some day.

Written by his daughter, Cledia Ison

## CORDELIA WATTS AMBURGEY



At 7:30 Tuesday morning, September 18, 1984, I was standing by Mother's bed in Lexington's St. Joseph Hospital. My sister, Margaret was asleep on the floor in the room. I said to Mother, "Mother, don't you feel well?" She said, "No." Within fifteen minutes she went to be with the Lord.

Cordelia Watts Amburgey was born April 19, 1910 in Letcher County to the late John and Hettie Watts and died September 18, 1984, making her stay here 74 years, five months and nine days. She was one of ten children, four of whom preceded her in death. Surviving are sisters Ethel Caudill and Vina Watts, brothers Jasper, Ruben, Lenville, Jeppie and William C. Watts.

She was married to Archie W. Amburgey at Whitesburg on November 17, 1933. He preceded her in death forty-one years ago. Unto this union were born six children, one of whom, Mary Brances, died in early childhood. Surviving are: Colleen Craft and Betty Vannoy of Fairland, Indiana; Billy Amburgey of New Palestine, Indiana; Eddie Amburgey of Indianapolis, Indiana; and Margaret Ison of Skyline, Kentucky.

Mother joined the Old Regular Church in 1943 at her home on Smoot Creek and was a dutiful member of the Cedar Grove Old Regular Baptist Church until her death.

She leaves to mourn her children, seventeen grandchildren, four great-grandchildren, her brothers and sisters, and a great many relatives and friends.

Mother was a loving and friendly person and had a smile and "hello" for everyone. She is greatly missed by all who knew her. Her death leaves all of us with a sense of personal loss. Her spirit will live in our hearts and guide us to a glorious reunion in Heaven.

We miss and love her very much.  
Colleen, Betty, Billy, Margaret and Eddie

## FANNIE MOSLEY



Fannie was born October 9, 1911 to William and Minervia (Lewis) Tuttle. Early in life she married Lenzy Mosley, and to this union were born nine children: Earl and Carl Mosley of Hindman, Ky., Gary Wayne and Carlos Ray of Lima, Ohio, Mrs. Olden (Vonda Jean) Burke, Columbus, Ohio, Mrs. Donald (Wanda) Frances, St. Marys, Ohio, Mrs. George (Nancy) Everage, St. Marys, Ohio, Mrs. Sterling (Lovella) Marcoln, Louisa, Ky., and Mrs. Jane C. Rochella, Calhone, Mich.

She also had forty-eight grandchildren and twenty-four great-grandchildren.

Fannie has two sisters, Mrs. Emmit (Virgie) Triplett, Mason, Ohio and Mrs. Robert L. (Deloris) Prater, St. Marys, Ohio; two brothers, Dave Tuttle, Marion, Ohio and Carlie Tuttle, Kendalville, Ind. Fannie was preceded in death by two sisters, Ada Roberts and Minnie Tuttle, and seven brothers, Estill, Emmit, Corbin, Jimmie, Rubin, Tomas C. and Ruffus Tuttle.

Fannie joined the Old Regular Baptist Church about forty years ago, and has been a most humble and faithful servant unto her Lord these many years.

In the spring of 1984 she moved her membership to the Mt. Zion United Baptist Church, feeling that it would be pleasing unto the Lord that she spend her last days in the same church with her husband and children.

Fannie loved to visit her relatives and friends and she loved to have them visit her. She would always counsel the young people not to wait too late to turn unto the Lord. She showed her love and kindness wherever she went.

I believe when the Death Angel called her on Sunday, October 9, 1984 she just entered into a most peaceful rest to await that morning when the Lord will awaken His children and they will be caught up in the clouds of glory to enter into that city, a most glorious land that the Lord has prepared for them that love and serve Him.

Written by her niece and sister-in-the-Lord, Mary Triplett

## BERTHA AND WILLARD HALL



With an emptiness in our lives and precious memories to reflect on I will write the obituary of our Mom and Pop.

Pop preceded Mom in death by one year and thirteen days. He was born the son of Ira and Susan Hall on January 13, 1986. He passed from this life June 20, 1984 making his stay in this life eighty-eight years and four months.

Mom was born the daughter of Ada and Sherman Bentley on September 2, 1897. She passed from this life July 3, 1985, making her stay in this life eighty-seven years and eight months.

They were married March 13, 1915 and they were blessed with thirteen children, thirty-nine grandchildren, fifty-two great-grandchildren and six great-great-grandchildren. Daughters: Oval Profitt, Bonnie Mason, Opal Adams, Edna Davis and Mildred Burton; sons: Emil (deceased), Dale, Henry, Vernon, Bradley, Paul, Willard Jr. and P.J.

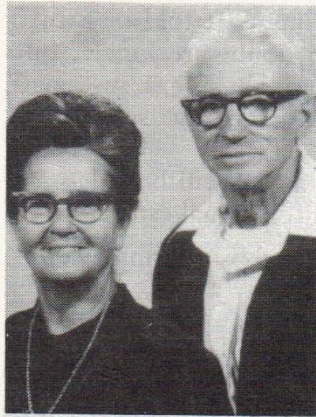
They were both for many years good Old Regular Baptist members and attended church regularly when they were in good health. Their health was the reason they had to sell the old home-place and move to Indianapolis, Indiana where most of their children lived and could help care for them. They would often sit and talk about all the friends they left behind and were eager to hear any news from back home.

They will be missed very much by us kids and our families. Sundays and holidays will never be the same, but we thank God for giving us the best Mom and Pop any kids could ask for. We were told in their last days on this earth what to do if we wanted to see them again. Pop told us not to worry about him, because he had a better place to go. Mom said two days before she passed from this life, "Children, get yourself ready so you can come and see me." We loved them and miss them so much.

They are gone to live with Jesus  
They are gone so far away, but  
I hope by God's great mercy we  
Will meet again someday.

Hall Family  
(Written by Willard Hall Jr.)

## EDGAR "TOE" DIXON



Job 14:14,15: "If a man die, shall he live again? All the days of my appointed time will I wait, till my change come. Thou shalt call, and I will answer thee . . ."

Edgar "Toe" Dixon was born October 31, 1916, the son of Willie and Alice Dixon. His change from a time world to an eternal came the morning of July 19, 1985. His allotted time being 68 years, eight months and eighteen days.

More than forty-six of those years were spent with his wife, Sister Irene Kimbly Dixon, who survives him. He leaves two sons, Billy Colen Dixon, Chicago, Il., and Henry Edgar "Soup" Dixon of Blackey, Ky.; and three daughters: Wilma Pridemore of Isom, Ky., Essie "Sod" Grey of Jeff, Ky., and Iva Mae "Deece" Halcomb of Blackey, Ky. Also surviving is one brother, Clarence "Hawk" Dixon of Jeremiah, Ky., and three sisters, Essie Collins and Maxine Back of Blackey, Ky., and Irene Back of Alexandria, Ky., along with seven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

As is so often the case in the hills of Kentucky, the years of breathing the dust in the mines took their toll on Toe's lungs and his last years were spent tied to oxygen tanks, the last months almost totally bedfast. Amidst all his affliction Toe did not complain, and never was a family more devoted to a man's care.

Toe's appointed time has come, God has called, and he has answered. His suffering has ended. No more worrying every time a storm comes that the electricity, needed to run the oxygen equipment, might go off. No more sleepless nights striving to breathe. For Toe Dixon, time is no more. But, before this call of God, which comes to all men, Toe heard another calling which is given to all, the call to repentance. According to his testimony, Toe answered this call and accepted the gift of God, eternal life through Christ Jesus.

Job's question, "If a man die, shall he live again?" was answered by Jesus in John 11:25 when He said, "I am the resurrection, and the life, he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live. . . ." Toe believed this and his soul now rests under the alter of God awaiting the day when God again shall call and that feeble body shall be raised a new body, like unto Christ's most glorified body, to be reunited with his soul and to live eternally in the paradise of God.

Toe never joined an earthly church but, oh, how he loved the Old Regular Baptist people and how he loved to hear the song, "How I Came To Love These Pilgrims." It told his story.

Sister Irene, the days and nights no doubt are lonely, but just keep leaning upon that big shoulder which has sustained you during all the long nights as you sat by his bedside. God truly is an ark on life's stormy seas.

As King David said in the 14th Psalm: "I will both lay me down in peace, and sleep: for thou Lord only makest me dwell in safety."

Written by Johnnie Walters

### CYNTHIA ANN WILLIAMS



With a sad heart I will try to write the obituary of my mom, Cynthia Ann Williams. She was born December 10, 1916, being 68 years, five months and seventeen days of age at the time of her passing. Cynthia was the daughter of the late Leburn Terry and Rachel Napier Terry. She was a member of the New Bethlehem Old Regular Baptist Church.

She married Adrian Williams April 18, 1938. He was the son of Harrison and Sylvania Williams. She left five daughters, two sons, one sister, two brothers and a host of grandchildren, great-grandchildren, one step-grandchild, and a host of relatives and friends to mourn her passing. Her suffering is over and we love and miss her very much. We miss her footsteps around the house. I hope some day I will meet her in Heaven.

She's 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 were late.  
Watching from Heaven's window,  
Leaning from Heaven's gate.

Written by her daughter, Maxine Ritchie

## EDITH BLANCHE FRAZIER KIMBERLIN



Edith Blanche Frazier Kimberlin was born October 5, 1922 to the late Fred and Dora Sumpter Frazier. She entered eternity on March 24, 1985, being 62 years, five months and nineteen days of age.

She was married to Eckie Kimberlin on November 4, 1940 and to this union were born three children: Janice, Lisa and Jane Suzanne.

She professed her hope in Christ and joined the Big Cowan Regular Baptist Church on June 26, 1982.

She was so thankful to God for all His many blessings and enjoyed church so much.

Surviving are her husband, Eckie, three daughters, Janice Galloway, Lisa Howard and Jane Kimberlin; two grandchildren, Andrea Beth and Aaron Danile Howard; one sister, Shirley Clair; and five brothers: Ray, Ralph, Jack, Charles and Clyde Frazier.

Mother realized the importance of preparing for eternity, as we all must do before being confronted with it. So we still have hope of another meeting if our preparation has been made.

### Mother

On this earth there is no other  
Quite as precious as a mother.  
Her gentle touch and loving hands  
Are striving daily to meet demands.  
With sacrifice and unselfish ways  
She begins and ends so many days.  
The ultimate goal she has in mind  
Is not payment for effort and time  
But only to please the ones so dear  
Bring happiness, hope, love, and cheer  
To lift you up or dry a tear  
Or comfort you when she is near  
Oh, just how special is this name?  
Without her life is never the same  
A dearer friend we'll never know  
Or the special love only mothers show  
We should not weep though we miss her so.  
But have faith and hope when it's our time to go  
To see her again with God above  
Where there is perfect peace and love.

Written by her daughter, Lisa Howard

Sister, thou wast mild and lovely,  
Gentle as the summer breeze,

Pleasant as the air of evening  
As it floats among the trees

Peaceful be thy silent slumber,  
Peaceful in the grave so low;  
Thou no more wilt join our number,  
Thou no more our songs shalt know.

Dearest sister, thou hast left us,  
Here thy loss we deeply feel;  
But 'tis God that hath bereft us,  
He can all our sorrows heal.

Yet again we hope to meet thee,  
When the day of life is fled;  
Then in Heaven with joy to greet thee,  
Where no farewell tears are shed.

### LULLIE WATTS FORD



Lullie was born into the home of Squire and Goldie Watts at Hallie, Kentucky on May 14, 1937. She passed away October 31, 1984 at the Halston Valley Hospital in Kingsport, Tennessee, where she had lived for twenty-eight years. She was forty-seven years old at the time of her death.

Lullie leaves to mourn her passing her husband, Bill Ford; two daughters, Kathy Quillen and Delana Ford; and two grandchildren; her mother, Goldie, three sisters and two brothers, Alleen Eldridge, Georgie and Ivory Faye of Hallie, Ky., and Clarence and Rural V. of Kingsport, Tenn. She was preceded in death by her father, Squire Watts Jr. She was a member of the Cedar Grove Regular Baptist Church.

Lullie's sudden death has left us with sad and aching hearts. We loved and miss her so much, but we feel she is at rest with Jesus.

Written by her mother, Goldie Watts



## ELIZABETH BACK GREY

Joy Cometh In The Morning

Nights can be long and so lonely  
Filled with anguish and pain,  
But joy cometh in the morning  
Like sunshine after the rain.

Sometimes your heart can be aching  
Filled with grief and sorrow,  
But joy cometh in the morning  
Bringing hope for the morrow.

For God hath not promised  
Sunshine and blue skies above,  
But joy cometh in the morning  
Bringing God's peace and His love.

They say it always seems the darkest  
In the hour before the dawn,  
But joy cometh in the morning  
Giving us faith to go on.

Thus we should trust Jesus always  
Give Him each sorrow and pain,  
For joy cometh in the morning  
Like the sunshine after rain.

-- M.E. Harrington



On the morning, March 15, 1985, darkness filled room 213 at the Hazard Appalachian Hospital for our precious Grey family, but joy came to our companion and mother, Elizabeth (Lizzie) Back Grey as the angels hovered around and welcomed her home.

She had suffered several months with that dreaded disease, cancer; bearing her illness with such courageous strength and faith that it was uplifting to her family and friends. She praised the Lord for His goodness, even in her most painful hours and days of suffering - not once did she question the Lord about her condition, but was always pleasant and talking about good things of Heaven and the Heavenly home for which she was prepared to go.

Lizzie, our mother and companion, believed in letting her light shine and everywhere she went was brightened by her presence. She brightened her home beyond measure and churches

were overjoyed when she walked inside the door. Her choice of words and frankness in using them were thoroughly appreciated and enjoyed by all who knew her and brought enjoyment to many, many friends.

She brought an abundance of love February 8, 1916 when she was born into the home of Kelly and Polly Ann Cornett Back at Cornettsville, Kentucky. She was second in a family of five girls, and grew up accepting the role of a boy, doing chores and fishing with her father. She learned traits of fairness, honesty, kindness, and desire to help others from her parents, and these grew and expanded throughout her life, making her one of the best-loved ladies anywhere.

Early in life she met, loved and married Bill Grey and they made a home of love. To this union were born three boys and two girls.

Even though this home was a happy one, it was not complete as both felt the need of a Savior. Both put their memberships in Mount Olivet Regular Baptist Church at Blackey after feeling the forgiveness of the Lord. Lizzie wanted to work and make her church one of the best and she served her church and Lord well, until her health prevented her attending as she wished to.

Lizzie leaves to mourn her passing two daughters, Lucy Irene Whitaker and Clara Edith Combs of Hazard; two sons, James Eugene Grey of Jeff, Ky., and Kelly Thomas Grey of Van, W. Va.; three sisters: Pauline Teague and Clydia Creech, both of Hazard, and Ruth Woods of Sharps Chappel, Tenn.; five grandchildren; one great-grandchild; and many relatives and friends.

Her funeral was at Mt. Olivet Baptist Church March 17, 1985. Interment was near her home in the Edley Cornett Cemetery.

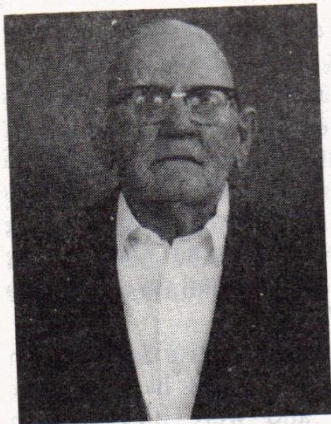
The family lost a precious companion and mother, the church lost a faithful member, the community and friends lost a true Christian friend, but Heaven gained a precious rose.

The family has a special feeling for everyone who visisted Lizzie in time of her illness.

God bless all of you.

Written by her family, who loved her so dearly, and her dear friend, Hattie Stewart, whom she loved dearly.

## JOHN D. ISON



John D. Ison, son of Nancy Ellen Halcomb and Bill Ison, was born February 22, 1893. He passed from this life at the Veterans Hospital, Johnson City, Tennessee March 26, 1985, being 92 years, one month and four days of age at his passing.

John joined the Big Cowan Regular Baptist Church in 1930 and was an Ordained Minister of that church since 1931.

John D. was married to Virgie Gilley on March 2, 1918. She preceded him in death January 19, 1974. Three sons also preceded him in death, Marion, Jackie and Bill.

Surviving him are four daughters and four sons: Deola Day of Cowan; Genice Day of Wichita, Kansas; Ruby Francis of Freetown, Indiana; Ruth Howell of New Castle, Indiana; Bobby Clay, Gay O'Neil, Willie Dee and Charles Wayne Ison, all of Freetown, Indiana. Also surviving are twenty grandchildren and twenty-five great-grandchildren; a sister, Atha Frazier of Cowan; a brother, Henry Ison of Kingdom Come; two step-brothers, Bryant Halcomb of Isom and Charlie Halcomb of Cumberland, Ky.; and a large, large number of relatives and friends to mourn his passing.

It is my wish that each of my children repent of their sins and follow in Christ's footsteps, and meet me in Heaven. God bless you all.

### Haven of Rest

Each day we come nearer the haven of rest  
Where God in His glory dwells with His Blest,  
Eye hath not seen or ear ever heard  
What God has prepared.

Gone forever is sorrow and pain  
If patiently borne Heaven we'll gain  
The beauties of earth can never compare  
With the glorious grandeur in store for us there.

There too is a garden with never a weed  
Each beautiful flower an earth kindly deed.  
A garden of Eden for those who obey  
To take us to Heaven how happy we'd be,  
To be with our loved ones forever and free.

## WILLARD BROWN



Willard Brown of Whitco, Kentucky passed away at 11:00 a.m. on May 9, 1985 at Louisville Methodist Hospital. He had been in poor health for nearly three years.

Willard was born October 4, 1909, the son of Lottie Adams and James W. Brown. This made his stay on earth 75 years, six months and five days.

Willard married Louise Stidham on May 1, 1929. They had fifty-six happy years and were blessed with three children. Anna Marie, their first born, died in infancy. Eugene and Eva Dean reside in Louisville. Eugene and his wife, Dianah Wright Brown, have three grandsons: Steve, Mike and David. Eva Dean and her husband, Billy Claude Elkins, have four granddaughters: Pamela, Kathy and Jennifer Elkins and Sandra Boog. There are three great-grandchildren.

Willard worked most of his life as a coal miner, mostly for Elkhorn Jellico Coal Company. He was a farmer and after retiring from the mines drove a school bus for fourteen years.

Willard joined the Mt. Olivet Old Regular Baptist Church in 1961. He was faithful to God and leaves many brothers and sisters in Christ to mourn him.

Willard is also survived by four brothers of Letcher County: Robert, John, Lester and Estill; three sisters: Rosanna Durham and Polly Brown of Lynchburg, Virginia, and Ola Tyree of Letcher County.

He will be greatly missed by all.

## FLORENCE BREEDING

Florence Breeding was born July 3, 1905 and departed this life October 3, 1984, making her stay here on earth 79 years and three months. She was the daughter of William Hale and Bell Mullins Hale, who preceded her in death. She had three brothers and two sisters to also precede her in death.

Left to mourn their loss are one son, Robert Breeding of Hamilton, Ohio; two daughters, Wilma Jean Begley and Marguerite Breeding of Middletown, Ohio; five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren; three brothers: Herman Hale of Mt. Olivett, Ky., Lawrence Hale, her twin, of Waynesville, Ky., and

Little Hale of Jamestown, Ohio; and a host of other relatives and friends. She also leaves a lot of brothers and sisters in the Lord to mourn their loss.

Sister Florence taught school several years in Kentucky, but in latter years she moved to Ohio to be with her children. She joined the House of Prayer Church of Old Regular Baptist in July of 1977, and was a faithful member and an inspiration to all of us brothers and sisters. In the last few weeks she lived, she would say to Elder Melvin Watts and Ellis Amburgey that she wanted them to preach her funeral and sing 'Precious Memories'. We do believe that our loss is Heaven's gain.

Written by the family and Ellis Amburgey

### MARION GILLEY



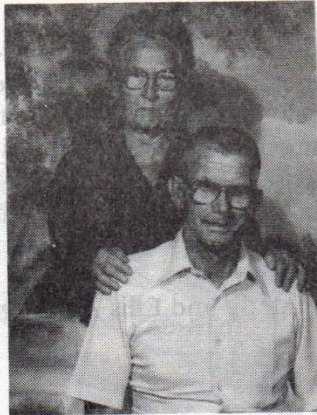
Marion Gilley was born August 8, 1904. He was the son of Steve and Mattie Adams Gilley. He entered eternal life on July 20, 1985 at the Whitesburg Hospital. He married Virgie Hampton on January 6, 1927. To this union three children were born. His wife and one son preceded him in death. He leaves one son, Charles Gilley, and one daughter, Maxie Lucas; also eight grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren, two brothers and five sisters to mourn.

With a sad and lonely heart I write this obituary for my loving father, that I loved and miss so much since I lost my precious mother on August 21, 1983. Dad was so sad and lonely since Mom passed away. He told me that he had rather just go on. While he was in the hospital he told Brother James Fields and me that he was saved. I feel that my father and mother have gone to live with Jesus. My sister and I are so lonely that we long to be with them where the family circle will never be broken again. We desire the prayers from all that God will give us strength to live on until He calls for us.

May God bless you all.

Written by a loving son, Elder Charles Gilley

## CARR WHITAKER



At the end of the day, a man takes his rest and waits for the day dawn of the morrow. A new day arrives with promise and hope. So it is with a saint of God.

Carr Whitaker passed from this life on April 22, 1985. He was born on January 8, 1911, making his stay on earth 74 years, three months and fourteen days.

Carr was the son of the late Hiram and Carrie Campbell Whitaker.

Early in life, Carr fell in love and married Virgie Watts. Their lives together leave so many beautiful memories, whether it was going to church, working around the house, or going to the store, they were always together. Carr and Virgie were baptized together and the sweetest part is that they will go to Heaven together.

Carr and Virgie had one son, Bonell Whitaker of Hazard, Ky., and one daughter, Othell McIntyre of Viper, Ky.; two grandchildren, Melissa Whitaker and Judy Carol Brashear, and one great-grandchild, Randi Erin Brashear.

In addition to his wife, children, grandchildren and great-grandchild, Carr is survived by three brothers: Kirby, Willis and Thomas; and three sisters: Eerie Harvey, Elizabeth Parker, Mary Helen Combs.

Carr Whitaker joined the Mount Olivet Old Regular Baptist Church on the first Sunday in August, 1973 and has been a faithful and dedicated member. His church meant so much to him. He enjoyed talking about church. He was usually the first one to get to church. How many times he has enjoyed opening the church before the congregation arrived!

Carr worked in the mines for over thirty years. He provided well for his family. He loved his wife and was a wonderful husband. He loved his children and was a great Daddy.

How many times he arrived at church first! Now he has beat us home. For him, the winter is past, the rain is over and gone; the flowers appear on the earth; the time of the singing of birds is come, and the voice of the turtle is heard in our land; the fig tree putteth forth her green figs, and the vines with the tender grapes give a good smell. Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away.

## JASPER GAYHEART



I will write the obituary of my husband, Jasper Gayheart. He was born January 15, 1918. He passed from this life on March 20, 1985.

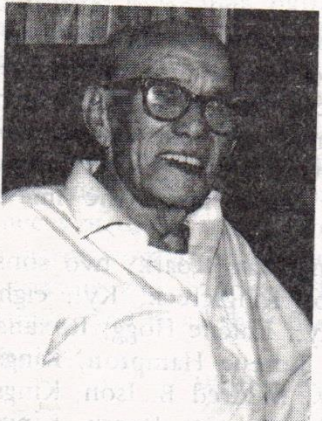
He was married to Mary Gayheart on July 16, 1938. He was a member of the Old Regular Baptist Church at Clear Fork, and a Deacon.

He left to mourn their loss his wife, one daughter, Avonell Eversole, two grandsons, Roger David and Danny Keith, and many friends and loved ones.

He was a loving husband and a good father. We can all meet him again if we will follow in his footsteps and seek the Lord.

Written by his wife, Mary

## BRADLEY ISON



William Bradley Ison, 77, of Camden, Ohio, passed away May 25 at his residence. Bradley had lived in Ohio six months. He was born and raised at Premium, Kentucky.

He was a miner for forty years. He had to retire when he was sixty-five. He had the black lung so bad. Each day it got worse. He mostly lived in hospitals. He began searching for something better than he had here on earth. He found the Lord and joined the church and was baptized two years before he died.

He loved the Lord and called on Him as long as he could talk. He enjoyed people coming to our home and talking about the Bible. He had his fellowship at the Mt. Olivet Church.

Our loss is Heaven's gain.

Written by his wife, Dana Ison

## PARROT ROARK



Parrot was the son of the late George and Lousia Fouts Roark.

It is with a very broken heart and a grieving feeling my children and I will try to write the obituary of our beloved husband and Daddy.

Parrot was born March 16, 1910. Being raised a poor boy, he learned many different trades in life. He was one of the best carpenter and masonry men in his time, but the best trade in life he ever learned is when he gave his hand to God.

After praying and feeling the Lord had heard his cries, he set his soul free. He was baptized in June 1967 at Defeated Creek Old Regular Baptist Church. There he fellowshipped for many years. At the time of his death he was a member at Kingdom Come Old Regular Baptist Church. He refreshed his soul often with the good preaching and singing from the brothers and sisters of church. He was a faithful member as long as he was able to attend church. He became sick in 1980 and never recovered. He was bedfast the last year and half before his death. He didn't get to attend church like he wanted to, but he prayed and lived by God's trust daily. God heard his cries and answered. Parrot was called home to rest his soul from all pain and suffering on July 21, 1985 at the Whitesburg Appalachian Regional Hospital, being 75 years, four months and five days of age at the time of his passing.

He is survived by his wife, Lona Day Roark; two sons, Thomas Roark and George Roark of Kingscreek, Ky.; eight daughters: Polly R. Hicks, Mousie, Ky., Eulene Hogg, Roxana, Ky., Norma Roark, Kingscreek, Ky., Lorene Hampton, Kingscreek, Ky., Barbara Huff, Roxana, Ky., Mildred B. Ison, Kingscreek, Ky., Gladys Cornett, Floyd Co., Januita Roark, Kingscreek, Ky.; eighteen grandchildren, six great-grandchildren and one sister. He was preceded in death by one daughter, Geneva Roark.

Why do we mourn departing friends  
Or shake at death's alarm?  
'Tis but the voice that Jesus sends  
To call them to His arms.

Written by wife and children, Lona D. Roark



## JASPER AND SYLVIA MULLINS



Jasper Mullins, age 81, of Amburgey, Kentucky, passed away at Hazard ARH at Hazard on January 17, 1985 of a long illness. He was born November 15, 1903 at Smithsboro, Kentucky. He was the son of William Riley Mullins and LeoDicia Everage Mullins. Early in life he met and married Sylvia Gibson. She was the daughter of James Gibson and Rosanna Johnson Gibson. She was born October 15, 1906 at Smithsboro, Kentucky. To this union were born six children.

One daughter preceded them in death. The pale horse and his rider took her January 16, 1972.

They leave to mourn their loss three sons: Bernice and LeRoy of Amburgey, and Jasper Jr. (Tommy) of Louisville; two daughters, Jewell of Salem, Indiana and Gladys Coghill of Amburgey; one brother, Delza, of Amburgey, eleven grandchildren and one step-granddaughter, and nine great-grandchildren. Both are buried in the Jasper Mullins Family Graveyard at Amburgey, Kentucky.

Jasper was a member of the Little Dove Regular Baptist Church at Sassafras, Kentucky. To this church he was faithful until sickness kept him away. He had the habit of showing his love and faith in three of the brothers by giving each one three pieces of candy when he entered the church house. He never had a harm word to say about anyone and was gentle and good to everyone who happened his way. Their going is a loss to their family, and to all their friends and neighbors. They will be greatly missed.

Written by their daughter-in-law, Bertha S. Mullins

### MAHALA BOGGS

Mahala Boggs entered eternal life on Sunday, December 30, 1984 at the Jenkins Community Hospital in Jenkins, Kentucky. Mahala was the daughter of the late Sherman and Mary Brown Maggard.

She was born in 1888, being 96 years of age at the time of her passing.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Jasper P. Boggs, in 1965. Surviving are three sons: Bill Boggs of Happy, Ky., Joe Boggs of Detroit, Mich., J.P. Boggs Jr. of Manhattan, Kansas;

two daughters, Mary Riddle of Cornettsville, Ky., Rosy Boggs of Harrison, Ohio; twenty-eight grandchildren, thirty-five great-grandchildren, three great-great-grandchildren, along with a host of relatives and friends to mourn her passing.

Why do we mourn departing friends?  
Or shake at death's alarm!  
'Tis but the voice that Jesus sends,  
To call them to His arms.



### IN LOVING MEMORY OF CARSIE BRYANT

Your gentle face and patient smile  
With sadness we recall  
You had a kind word for each  
And was loved by all  
The voice is mute and stilled the heart  
That loved us well and true  
All bitter was the trail to part  
From one so good as you.  
You're not forgotten, Mom, nor will you ever be  
As long as life and memory last  
We will remember thee.

If you was to tell us, Mom, this is what you would say,

"I am Home in Heaven, Dear Ones.

Oh, so happy and so bright,  
There is perfect joy and beauty  
In this everlasting light.

All the pain and grief is over,  
Ever restless tossed is passed

I am now at peace forever  
Safely home in Heaven at last.

Brother Jesse Bryant

## R.D. CAUDILL



To all things there is a season; a time to live and a time to die.

R.D. Caudill was born to the late Hobert and Hettie Halcomb Caudill on December 30, 1928 and departed this life on March 5, 1985, being 56 years and three months old.

He joined the Mt. Olivet Old Regular Baptist Church in February, 1985. He had the dreaded disease cancer. He was never able to be baptized.

He was the oldest son of Hobert and Hettie Caudill. He was married to Martha Back on June 11, 1948. To this marriage were blessed five children and five grandchildren: two sons, Roger and Earnie of Virginia; Sally and Carolyn, both of Virginia. He also leaves one brother, Elbert Lee Caudill of Letcher, Ky.; four sisters, Hester Back of Blackey, Ky., Ethel Eldridge of Blackey, Ky., Betty Lue McKnight of Whiteland, Ind., Dorsey Ray Adams of Jeremiah, Ky.; two adopted sisters, Larril Lee Caudill of Annadale, Va., Martha Sue Lynch of Tennessee; and a host of relation and friends to mourn his death. A daughter, Wanda Jaine, preceded him in death.

R.D., we miss you so much, but by the help of the good Lord we'll meet again in a better world than this.

Written by a broken-hearted family  
Martha, Sally, Carolyn, Roger, Earnie and grandchildren  
and a sister, Ethel Eldridge

## MARTHA HOLLIDAY

With a sad and lonely heart, I'll try to write an obituary of our loving mother.

Martha was the daughter of James and Delilah Mullins. She was born March 28, 1919, along with a twin brother, Bill Mullins, who preceded her in death.

On a Sunday morning, October 7, 1984 the Lord came and called Mom home to glory at the Whitesburg Hospital. Her stay on earth was 65 years, six months and nine days.

In 1940 Mom met and married Benton Holliday, who preceded her in death. To this union were born eight children, three sons and five daughters: James of Hindman, Ky., Loren

(Tommy) of Vest, Ky., J.B. of South Gate, Mich., Mae Oma Sutton and Elizabeth Carol Mullins of Hindman, Ky., Glenna Amburgey of Kendallville, Ind., Burnette Holliday of New Britian, Ct., Bivian Everage, Amburgey, Ky. There are seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

In 1952 Mom, along with Daddy, joined the Little Rose Old Regular Baptist Church and later were ordained deacons. They served the Little Rose Church faithfully until their death.

I believe Mom is resting now around that bright and shining throne of God, her work being ended on earth. She can rest now from the worries and troubles of this old world.

We've lost a sweet and loving mother, but by God's help and mercy we can be with her again some day. She proved to everyone who knew her what a Christian mother she really was.

By her daughter who misses her so much, Bivian Everage

## ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. We believe in the one true and living God, and notwithstanding 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 Savior 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 will 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 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 or 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 members 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 my 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 principles 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 41763
New Home	Birtchell Mosley, Leburn, KY 41831
Defeated Creek	Atlas 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	Alger Casebolt, General Delivery, Carrie, KY 41725
Little Dove	Dave Hampton, Box 41, Jeremiah, KY 41826
Tolson Creek	Luther Combs, HC 85, Box 1884, Isom, KY 41824



Dixon Memorial  
 Big Creek  
 Happy Home  
 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  
 Mt. Zion

Roger Whitaker, HCR 85, Box 2194, Premium, KY 41845  
 Billy Maggard, Rt. 1, Box 821, Edinburgh, IN 46124  
 Luther Ashley, HCR 74, Box 2002, Amburgey, KY 41801  
 Melvin Creech, HC 68, Box 595, Emmalena, KY 41740  
 Wilson Combs, RR 2, Box 201, Hazard, KY 41701  
 E. Robert Miller, 405 Britton Ln., Monroe, OH 45050  
 Bob Banks, HC 71, Box 277, Letcher, KY 41832  
 Agnon Back, Box 213, Blackey, KY 41804  
 Ross S. Hill, Box 114, Jeff, KY 41751  
 Roger Gibson, Box 383, Viper, KY 41774  
 Curt Blevins, HC 77, Box 60, Gordon, KY 41819  
 Bert Fields, HC 84, Box 1968, Whitesburg, KY 41858  
 Joe Ison, HC 67, Box 1160, Partridge, KY 40862  
 John S. Jent, 4000 W. 400 St., Huntington, IN 46750  
 Ray Fields, Day Rural Station, Whitesburg, KY 41858  
 Eddie D. Bryant, General Delivery, Lloyd, KY 41156  
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 Leon Short, HC 60, Box 1050, Hindman, KY 41822

**DELEGATES TO THE 1985 ASSOCIATION**

Cedar Grove  
 New Home  
 Defeated Creek  
 Reynolds Fork  
 Bull Creek  
 Ivy Point  
 Little Dove  
 Tolson Creek  
 Dixon Memorial  
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Fred Caudill, Bonell Watts, Johnny Walters  
 Arnold Thacker, Chester Gibson, Carl Schindler  
 Atlas Frazier, Odis Frazier, Matt Cornett  
 J. Nelson Seals, Lawrence Seals, Floyd Seals  
 Kirby Jent, Wayne Caudill, Earl Combs  
 Lee Mosley, Alonzo Mosley, Hurley Short  
 Ivan Amburgey, John Preece, Merle Smith  
 Luther D. Combs, Owen Day, Watson Whitaker  
 Homer Smith, Carl Back, Roger Whitaker  
 Venon Miller, Earl Cox, Billy Maggard  
 Landis Everage, Luther Ashley, Ollie Mullins  
 Morris Shepherd, Carl Slone, Melvin Creech  
 Lewis Lucas, Mark Shepherd, Wilson Combs  
 Ermel Ison, Joe Back, E. Robert Miller  
 Rodney Ison, Ellis Adams, Van Blair  
 I.D. Back, Agnan Back, William Lusk Jr.  
 Ross S. Hill, Jay Lucas  
 Roger Gibson, Green Fields, Jim Fields  
 Less Shepherd, Charles Shepherd, Robert Harris  
 Bert Fields, Powers Caudill, Lester Short  
 Harve Creech, Bernice Caudill, Herbert Maggard  
 Jack Honeycutt, Marcus Combs, Jasper Fields  
 Ted Everage, Edwin Caudill, Carl Caudill  
 Tennis Sturgill, Lonnie Gregory, Jesse Bryant  
 Douglas Gibson, Roy Sexton, Everett Steeley  
 Donald Collins, L.D. Mosley, Carl Mosley

ORDAINED MINISTERS

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I.D. Back	Blackey, KY 41804	633-0749
Fess Blair	Huber Heights, OH	None Listed
Toby Breeding	Jeremiah, KY	None Listed
Powers Caudill	P.O. Box 2, Premium KY	633-5410
Wayne Caudill	Hallie, KY	None Listed
Donald Collins	Hindman, KY	785-3774
Marcus Combs	1012 E. Sherman, Marion, IN	317/664-8356
Robert Combs	RR2, Box 206, Hazard, KY	439-2198
Elwood Cornett	HC 71, Box 1027, Blackey, KY 41804	633-9269
Charles Craft	Rt. 4, Box 85H, Catlettsburg, KY	739-4560
Calvin Creech	Star Rt. 1, Box 67, Emmalena, KY	785-4816
Curl Dixon	279 North Mulberry, Williamsburg, OH	513/724-7170
Danny Dixon	Ulvah, KY	633-0804
Colonel Eldridge	Milan, IN	812/654-3263
Lloyd Eldridge	Sunman, IN	812/654-3229
Bert Fields	HC 84, Box 1968, Whitesburg, KY 41858	None Listed
Green Fields	Carcassonne, KY	633-4788
James D. Fields	Blackey, KY	633-0358
Jasper Fields	2352 W. 13th St., Marion, IN	317/664-2207
Jim Fields	Hallie, KY	633-0275
Chester Gibson	Leburn, KY	785-3709
Gene Greer	Rutledge, TN	None Listed
Lonnie Gregory	R 5, Box 378-A, Morehead, KY 40351	836-3301
Bill Halcomb	Hamilton, OH	513/896-6800
Corbitt Hall	Litt Carr, KY	642-3764
Clifton Hampton	HC 84, Box 2452, Whitesburg, KY 41858	633-0428
Reed Hampton	P.O. Box 0101, Letcher, KY	None Listed
Clark Hays	HC Box 1395, Red Fox, KY 41847	642-3715
Ermel Ison	729 E. Foster R., Maineville, OH 45039	899-2115
Manus Ison	Hallie, KY	633-7959
Aster Jent	285 E. 9th St., Peru, IN	317/472-1650
David Jent	HC 67, Carcassonne, KY	633-5458
Kirby Jent	HC 67, Box 990, Carcassonne, KY	633-8091
Jay Lucas	RR2, Hazard, KY 41701	None Listed
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Alonzo Mosley	Box 155, Garner, KY	785-3430
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Name of Church	Received by Experience and Baptism	Received by Letter	Restored	Recommendation &/or Application	Lost by Death	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Total Membership	Meeting Time	Contributions
Cedar Grove	18	0	0	0	4	2	1	186	4	300
New Home	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	77	1	100
Defeated Creek	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	25	2	150
Reynolds Fork	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	31	3	80
Bull Creek	4	2	0	0	0	3	5	76	3	125
Ivy Point	1	3	0	0	0	3	0	36	4	50
Little Dove	8	0	1	0	4	2	2	142	2	300
Tolson Creek	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	23	4	75
Dixon Memorial	1	1	0	0	1	6	0	57	4	125
Big Creek	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	27	4	100
Happy Home	5	2	0	1	0	2	1	50	1	125
New Bethlehem	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	32	3	130
Clear Fork	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	22	1	60
Northern New Home	15	6	1	0	0	0	0	106	4	100
Blair Branch	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	80	3	225
Mt. Olivet	5	0	0	0	6	4	5	151	1	300
Little Zion	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	23	4	30
Rose of Sharon	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	27	2	85
Hurricane Gap	2	0	0	0	0	0	4	23	3	135
Kingdom Come	0	4	0	0	1	0	0	23	1	50
Poor Fork	3	2	0	2	3	1	0	32	1	75
Lydia	1	2	1	0	0	4	2	25	1	50
Big Cowan	2	3	1	0	2	0	0	52	4	175
Little Mary	1	4	0	0	1	5	2	28	2	150
Little Shepherd	0	4	0	0	0	1	0	17	1	75
Mt. Zion	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	8	2	50
TOTALS	68	36	4	3	29	33	26	1379	-	3220

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### FORM OF CHURCH LETTER

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

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

Delegates:

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

Alternates:

4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_

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

The state of the church is as follows:

#### Ordained Ministers

Name:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Post Offices:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Received by Experience and Baptism \_\_\_\_\_, Letter \_\_\_\_\_, Restored \_\_\_\_\_, Application and/or Recommendation \_\_\_\_\_, Dismissed by Letter \_\_\_\_\_, Died \_\_\_\_\_, Excluded \_\_\_\_\_, Membership \_\_\_\_\_, Money Sent \_\_\_\_\_, Meeting Time the \_\_\_\_\_ Saturday and Sunday of each month.

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

Done and signed by order of the church.

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

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

\_\_\_\_\_ (Clerk's Address)



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