

MINUTES OF THE
NINETY-FIRST ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
**INDIAN BOTTOM
ASSOCIATION**

OF
OLD REGULAR BAPTIST CHURCHES
OF
JESUS CHRIST



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

September 5, 6 and 7, 1986

**HOSTED BY:
CEDAR GROVE CHURCH
DEFEATED CREEK CHURCH**

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**Minutes of the
Ninety-first
Session of the
Indian Bottom Association
of
Old Regular Baptist Church
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Jesus Christ**

**Friday, September 5, 1986
and the two following days**

The Indian Bottom Association, being in session, assembled at our Association Building at Sassafras, Knott County, Kentucky, Friday, September 5, 1986 and the two following days. Being hosted by the Cedar Grove and Defeated Creek Churches, the Association met in the congregational department of the Association Building for preaching services. The 1985 Association had chosen Elder Nelson Seals to preach the Introductory Sermon and Elder Danny Dixon to be his alternate. Elder Seals was unable to preach, so the moderator called upon Elder Manus Ison to introduce the service and Elder Jim Fields to lead in prayer. Both were well blessed.

After the introduction and prayer had been rendered, Elder Danny Dixon preached the Introductory Sermon of this 1986 session of the Association. He was well blessed in his discourse and shouts of victory were heard all over the building.

The delegates were dismissed from the congregation and asked to assemble in the Delegate Room. Then came forth Eld. Elwood Cornett, our moderator, who made a few remarks to the delegates and called upon Eld. Hiram Adkins to come to the pulpit. Eld. Adkins rendered a short, spiritual sermon. After a song, Eld. Fon Bowling humbly led us in prayer.

The Association, now being assembled, was called to order by Eld. Elwood Cornett, the moderator, who called for the letters of our several churches that compose the Indian Bottom Association. It was noted that Lydia and Little Shepherd failed to letter up.

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

queries were referred to the Committee on Arrangements. The failure of Lydia and Little Shepherd Churches to letter to the Association was referred to the Committee on Arrangements.

2. The Association was then organized by choosing the following officers:
 - Elder Elwood Cornett, Moderator
 - Elder Jim Fields, Asst. Moderator
 - Bro. Glenn Hampton, Clerk
 - Eld. Morris Shepherd, Asst. Clerk
3. The moderator called for newly constituted churches desiring to take up fellowship with us. None responded.
4. Churches of our same faith and order who desired fellowship were called for and Friendship and Little Bethlehem presented letters. The letters were read by the clerk. By a move and second with no objection, the letters were received, the delegates seated, and the letters were referred to the Committee on Arrangements.
5. By a move and second with no objection, we omitted the reading of the Constitution, Rules of Decorum, and the Articles of Faith, but shall have them 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: Bill Day, Hiram Adkins, Eles Case, Chuck Hall, John H. Coleman, Roger Hicks, Luther Hall, Jimmy Hall, Hollie King, Estil Slone, Sam Hollifield, Melvin Frasure, Melvin Slone, Banner Mann, Walter Akers, Walter Conn, Elbert Holbrook, James Tackett, Don Fields, Ted Robinson. The letter was read and by move and second with no objection, the letter was received, the delegates seated, and were given the right hand of fellowship.
 - B. Union: Charlie Akers, Jimmy Hall, Garland Mullins, Frank M. Coleman, Ellis Amburgey, Willie Hess, Auty McClanahan, Bill Hess, Al Osborne, Jimmy Hubbard, Bufford Elswick, John M. Mullins, Fon Bowling, John C. Layne, Frank Newsome, Carson Wright, Dewey Sexton, Hezekiah Osborne, Sam Erwin, Bill Campbell, Frank O'Quinn, Walter Mullins, Jeff Little, Dallas Ramsey, Charles Wright, James Hall, James O'Quinn, Jessie Viers, Arnold Clevenger, Herman West, Otis Conley, Clifford Owens, Archie Price, Bill Hall, Noah

Caudill, Tom Thacker. The letter was read and by a move and second with no objection, the letter was received, the delegates seated and given the right hand of fellowship.

- C. Northern New Salem: No letter was presented. The moderator explained what had transpired at the Northern New Salem Association.
7. The moderator called for transient members and ministers. The following responded: Manus Ison, Herman Thompson, Dwight Amburgey and Doug Gibson.
 8. By a move and second with no objection, the moderator was directed to make all temporary appointments.
 9. The moderator appointed a Committee on Ministry composed of one delegate from each church, with the entire delegation from the Cedar Grove and Defeated Creek Churches to arrange for preaching services for Friday afternoon and Saturday morning.
 10. The moderator appointed a Committee on Arrangements which was to be the same as the Committee on Ministry with the exception that the Cedar Grove and Defeated Creek churches should have only one delegate together with the Association Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk, Assistant Clerk, transients, and the entire delegation from the corresponding associations to meet Friday afternoon at 2:00 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 and Union, and the clerk was directed to prepare letters to same.
 12. The Committee on Ministry made the following report for preaching services:
 - Friday Afternoon: John C. Layne or Frank Newsome and Hiram Adkins.
 - Saturday Morning: Paul McClanahan, Grover Adkins, Dallas Ramsey
 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 Eld. Frank O'Quinn, who was well-blessed to bring up the service. Eld. Roger Hicks humbly led us to the Throne of Grace in prayer. Eld. Hiram Adkins was blessed to expound the love of God. Our souls were made to rejoice with him, as he was carried beyond the worries of this world. The roll was called and Reynolds Fork and Mt. Zion were absent. Then we arranged

the work for Saturday.

Saturday Morning

The Association met pursuant to adjournment. After lifting our voices singing praises to our God and Savior, Eld. Elwood Cornett made remarks and called Eld. Fon Bowling to introduce the service. He lifted his voice in expounding the goodness of God. He also led us in a very humble and sincere prayer.

1. **The clerk called the roll and marked the absentees.**
2. The report of the Committee on Arrangements was given. The work was approved and the Committee was discharged by a move and 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 and Roger Gibson, who reported a sum of \$3130.00 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 3500 copies of the minutes printed; and he was to receive \$50.00 for his services.
6. By a move and second with no objection, the dates of the Union, Communion and Memorial Services are to be printed in the minutes.
7. The Circular Letter was read by Eld. Squire Watts, who had been chosen last year to write one for approval this year. Brother Squire had done a wonderful job; telling us to live by the Bible, let Jesus be our leader, and to show love one to another. There was a move and second with no objection to receive the letter and have it printed in the minutes.
8. The Committee on Ministry, being the same as on Friday, chose the following ministers to fill the stand on Sunday, to wit: Eld. Frank Newsome and Eld. Elwood Cornett.
 - B. The Committee on Ministry chose Eld. Elwood Cornett to preach the Introductory Sermon for the 1987 session of the Association, and Eld. Tennis Sturgill to be his alternate.
 - C. The Committee on Ministry chose Eld. Charles Shepherd to write a Circular Letter for approval next year.

9. By a move and second with no objection, obituaries are to be printed in the minutes with a \$10.00 fee for printing pictures. A move and second with no objection was made for all obituaries hereafter to be typed, double-spaced.
10. The treasurer's report was given. By a move and second with no objection the report was received. The report was as follows:
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| Balance on Hand 9-7-85 | \$4579.06 |
| Church Contributions | 3220.00 |
| Pictures | 190.00 |
| Total in Treasury | \$7989.06 |
| Expenses: | |
| Printing Minutes | \$2400.00 |
| Safety Deposit Box | 35.00 |
| Typing Permanent Record | 20.00 |
| Supplies | 29.99 |
| Total Expenses | \$2484.99 |
| Balance on Hand 9-6-86 | \$5504.07 |
11. By a move and second with no objection, the letters to the New Salem and Union Associations were approved
- A. **New Salem: To begin on Friday before the fourth Saturday** in September, 1986, at Minnie, Floyd County, Kentucky at their association building and continuing the two following days. Delegates to attend: Lester Short, Ted Everidge, Hiram Moore, Oliver Mullins, Carlos Little, Agnon Back, Chester Gibson, Clark Hays, Luther Ashley, Ollie Mullins, Carl Mosley, Carl Slone, Earl Mosley, L.D. Mosley, John Preece, J.C. Sparks, Alonzo Mosley, Dwight Amburgey, Rodney Ison, Elmer Mullins, Herman Thompson, Squire Watts, Junior Lusk, Ivan Amburgey, Elwood Cornett, Jim Fields, Merle Smith, Morris Shepherd, Odus Ritchie, H.B. Reedy, Glenn Hampton.
- 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: Elwood Cornett, Morris Shepherd, Jim Fields, Lester Short, Odus Ritchie, Rodney Ison, Squire Watts, Clifton Hampton, Herman Thompson, Chester Gibson, Ted Everidge, Bob Turner, Mart Shepherd, Carlos Little, Junior Lusk, Oliver Mullins, Ray Fields, Euel Ratliff, Ivan Amburgey, Dwight Amburgey, Alonzo Mosley, Merle Smith, Elmer Mullins, Lonnie Gregory, John P. Eldridge, John Preece, Agnan Back,

Luther Ashely, Clark Hays, Ellis Adams, H.B. Reedy, Glenn Hampton.

12. The ministers gave their reports on their attendance at Union Meetings and Associations. They said they had tried to do their best and asked to be excused for their failures. Their reports were received by a move and second with no objection.
13. The Committee on Council reported that they had met with the Friendship Church. The minutes of that meeting were read to the Association. The Committee on Council had taken the Friendship Church under watch-care for approval by the Association. It was moved and seconded to receive the report of the Committee. No objection was filed.
14. The failure of the Lydia and Little Shepherd Churches of not lettering to the Association was discussed. A move and second with no objection was made to drop the Lydia and Little Shepherd Churches from our fellowship, and to make way for any of their members to be accepted by recommendation into any of our churches.
15. The letter from the Friendship Church was read. A move and second with no objection was made to receive the church into our Association and to give the delegates the right hand of fellowship.
16. The letter from the Little Bethlehem Church was read. The moderator recommended that we receive the Little Bethlehem Church into our Association and have our Committee on Council to work with them. A move and second was made to receive the church and have the Committee on Council to work with them. No objection was filed.
17. The requests from the Little Dove and Mt. Olivet Churches to host the 1987 session of our Association were read. The requests are as follows:

Saturday, August 9, 1986

To the Indian Bottom Association,

We, the Little Dove Church, met at our regular meeting time in August and were found in love and peace and in working order. It was moved and seconded that we send a letter requesting that we host the Association in 1987.

Done and signed by the order of the Church,
Eld. I.D. Back, Moderator
Bro. Dave Hampton, Clerk

Mt. Olivet Regular Baptist Church
Blackey, Kentucky

To the Indian Bottom Association:

The Mt. Olivet Church met in regular session on the first Saturday night in August, 1986. After singing, introduction and prayer, we came to the work of the church, and were found in love and fellowship and working order. It was discussed and then there was a move and second to send a letter to the Association, asking to host the 1987 session.

Done and signed by order of church,
Eld. I.D. Back, Moderator
Bro. Agnan Back, Clerk

By a move and second with no objection the Little Dove Church was granted the privilege of hosting the 1987 session of the Association.

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

First Saturday in July, 1986

We, the New Home Church of Regular Baptist faith and order, after being found in working order, we have taken an audit of our membership and by a move and second agreed to send this request to the Indian Bottom Association to bring our record up to date in our next minute books.

We find our membership to be 45 members.

Done and signed by order of the Church,
Eld. Milburn Slone, Asst. Moderator
Bro. Birtchell Mosley, Clerk

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

19. The request from the Happy Home Church was read. The request is as follows:

To the Indian Bottom Association:

On August 2, 1986 the Happy Home Church met in peace and love. During the work of the church a move was made to send a letter of request to the Association asking them to consider printing the addresses of our churches in the minutes.

We feel this would aid those not familiar with the area in finding the churches if they knew the town or road number.

May God bless the Association is our prayer,
Eld. Carl Back, Moderator
Bro. Luther Ashley, Clerk

There was a move and second with no objection to grant the request.

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

Northern New Home Church
Stumpy Lane, Goshen, Ohio
July 26, 1986

Indian Bottom Association
Sassafras, Kentucky

Subject: Request to the Indian Bottom Association

Dear Brethren:

The Northern New Home Church, being in session and in love and fellowship this fourth Saturday in July, 1986.

Once again, we feel that there is a need to add another category to the statistical report to properly classify those members who are in good standing and leave our church on their own accord.

At present, we can only show them as "excluded." This would place them in the same category as those who have committed a crime against the church. Under no circumstances should these good brothers and sisters be branded for life with this "word," which does not accurately describe their withdrawal.

The statistical report should be true and accurate. We should know how we are losing membership and under excluded only, we do not know the true picture.

We sincerely believe that this request should be acted on and another category added to properly classify this type of action.

Approved and signed:

Elder Ermel R. Ison, Moderator

Bro. E. Robert Miller, Clerk

There was a move and second with no objection to send the request back.

21. After discussing the need for a sound system in the Association Building, a move was made and seconded with no objection to have our Trustee Committee to check into same.
22. The Committee on Council for the following year is as follows: I.D. Back, Chairman; Bill Moore, Clark Hays, Phillip W. Caudill, Roger Gibson, Morris Shepherd, Jay McCool
23. Eld. Elwood Cornett reported that Bro. Enos Sturgill had requested that he be released from the Trustee Committee because of his work schedule. By a move and second with no objection

his request was granted.

24. The treasurer of the trustees gave his report. By a move and second with no objection the report was received and ordered to be printed in the minutes. The report is as follows:

Balance 9-7-85. \$3021.55

Collections:

Odd W/E. 777.00

Church Contributions 6080.00

Concession Stand 378.40

Total Cash. \$10256.95

Expenses:

Insurance. \$955.12

Utilities 993.75

Labor 1960.82

Food 2257.88

Supplies. 2174.44

Total Expenses \$8342.01

Balance 9-6-86. \$1914.94

25. By a move and second with no objection, the clerk was ordered to write a Resolution of Appreciation to the Cedar Grove Church and the Defeated Creek Church for hosting the 1986 session of the Association.

26. The minutes were read and by a move and second with no objection were approved and ordered to be printed.

27. By a move and second with no objection this session of the Association was adjourned until we convene on the Friday before the first Saturday in September, 1987 (September 4, 5, 6).

Elder Garland Mullins came to the pulpit and with a few words caused our spirits to be lifted toward the Great I Am, then he humbly led us in prayer.

Elwood Cornett, Moderator
Eld. Jim Fields, Asst. Moderator
Bro. Glenn Hampton, Clerk
Eld. Morris Shepherd, Asst. Clerk

Sunday, September 7, 1986

September 7, 1986 the sun was shining beautifully as a large crowd began to gather at our Association Building, greeting each other with loving embraces and a handshake. After beautiful singing, Elder Elwood Cornett, our Moderator, greeted everyone with a warm welcome and much humbleness. He read the 15th chapter of Exodus.

Elder Elwood Cornett called upon Elder Morris Shepherd to open. Elder H.B. Reedy prayed a good prayer. Elder Toby Breeding preached a warm sermon. Elder I.D. Back came forth and preached and the congregation was filled with the Spirit. Elder Elwood Cornett came forth to close the ninety-first session of our Indian Bottom Association. He sang "Letters From My Father," shouts of joy filled the room. He preached a warm, heart-felt sermon and extended the privilege, but no one responded, thus closing a wonderful ninety-first Association. Elder Jim Fields dismissed by prayer.

Resolution of Appreciation

We, the Indian Bottom Association, would like to try to attempt to express our sincere appreciation for all your hours of hard work; all the good food which was so plentiful and so graciously served; for all your friendly smiles, loving handshakes, and embraces; for all the patience and courtesy shown to each and all. Let us say "thanks" from the bottom of our hearts, and may the good Lord bless you four-fold.

Indian Bottom Association

Circular Letter

July 21, 1986

To the Brother Delegates that are gathered for the 91st session of the Indian Bottom Association:

It is with much love and respect to each of you and to each one of our corresponding Brothers that I greet you. The precious Brother Delegates at last year's session chose me to write this Circular Letter for your approval. Let me say first of all, Brothers, that you haven't chosen a great poet, a famous writer, or a pensman. No, Brothers, you have chosen someone whose talent is very small, someone who feels very unworthy to even attempt to come before you with a Circular Letter. However, the task has been placed upon me and with the help of God I'll do my best.

Brothers, I'm so glad and thankful to be a part of the Indian Bottom Association. This being the 91st session, that means she has been around a long time. We have a great and rich heritage. In those 91 years there have been many glorious and rejoiceful times. Also many hard decisions have had to be made, some good and some bad. Ever since God has had a people to follow Him, when they walked according to His instructions they would prosper, but when they wanted to do things their way they always wound up in total disorder.

Dearest Brethren, let's let the Lord Jesus Christ be our leader and our guide. Not every Brother is called to be a preacher, or a leader, or moderator. **The Bible teaches us to abide in our own calling.** If we're not leaders, then we should be followers and that with much humbleness, meekness, love and respect. If leaders, then lead with the same humbleness, meekness, love and respect.

Brothers, God has blessed us with good leaders, men of great wisdom and courage. Let us be united behind them and put our shoulder to the wheel and push in the same direction. How good it is for Brethren to dwell together in unity! How much more profitable it would be, Brothers, to sit down and put reasoning back into our problem solving. We should never be guilty of trying to force our opinion, our belief or our understanding of a scripture on someone else. Our people are not under bondage to us, they are God's people, and we need not use our minute books to lay down rules and regulations. The answer to every problem and every question can be found between the first chapter of Genesis and the last chapters of Revelations.

I beseech you therefore, my precious Brethren, that you take the **written word of God above everything else.** Whatever we do, Brother Delegates, whether today, tomorrow, next year, or twenty years from now, let's be good to everybody. Let's show love, respect, and be good to our Corresponding Associations: the New Salem and the Union. And let's go beyond that, let's love, respect and be good to the Sardis, the Philadelphia, the Thornton Union and the Northern New Salem Associations; also other denominations, too. Yes, Brethren, let's be good to everybody, even that man or woman, boy or girl you hear take the Lord's name in vain, or the drunken boy or girl you see by the road. Brothers, love will cover a multitude of evil.

Brothers, I must close for this is becoming quite lengthy, but I want to leave you with this thought: All down through time there have been many religions and denominations, and all those that were hard and harsh have fallen by the wayside, along with those that were

too soft and lenient. There is a middle ground. Brothers, let God be the centerpiece. Let's stay just as close to Him as we can. To Him be glory and honor forever and ever. Let Him alone be lifted and exalted above everything else.

Your most unworthy servant,
Squire H. Watts

UNION, COMMUNION AND MEMORIAL SERVICES

March

Little Zion: Union meeting fourth Saturday and Sunday in March. Ministers called: Bro. Lewis Craft, John Preece, Elders Clark Hays, Bob Combs, Bill Moore, Bill Halcomb. Communion: fourth Sunday in July. Memorial: fourth Sunday in June. Ministers called: Elder Bob Combs, Clark Hays, Charles Shepherd, Morris Shepherd and Bro. Lewis Craft.

April

Rose of Sharon: Union meeting second Saturday and Sunday in April. Ministers called: Bro. Harvey Creech, Elders Danny Dixon, Carl Dixon, Jim Fields and Bro. Ted Everidge. Communion: second Sunday in June. Ministers called: Bro. Virgil Combs, Elder Ellis Adams, Chester Gibson, Morris Shepherd, Toby Breeding. Memorial: second in July.

Mt. Zion: Union Meeting: second Sunday in April. Ministers called: Elders J.C. Sparks, Otis Ritchie, Charles Shepherd, Squire Watts. Communion: second Sunday in June. Memorial: second Sunday in September. Ministers: Bro. Harlas Watts, Elders Alonzo Mosley, Burton Ratliff.

Blair Branch: Union Meeting: third Saturday and Sunday in April. Ministers called: Elders Homer Smith, I.D. Back, Bro. Harvey Creech, Elder Ivan Amburgey, Elwood Cornett, Squire Watts, Bro. Clarence Dixon, John Preece. Communion: third Sunday in July. Memorial Meeting: third Sunday in June. Ministers called: Bro. Agnon Back, Elders I.D. Back, Ellis Adams, Chester Gibson, Danny Dixon, Toby Breeding and Clifton Hampton

Northern New Home : Union Meeting: fourth Sunday in April. Ministers called: Elders Ivan Amburgey, Gene Greer, Jasper Fields, I.D. Back, Tennis Sturgill, Lonnie Gregory, Jim Fields, Bob Haney, Melvin Watts, Milburn Slone, John B. Hamilton, Marvin Hall, Keith Slone, Fess Blair, Clark Hays, Kirby Jent and Bro. John Preece. Memorial Meeting: fourth Sunday in June. Communion Meeting: fourth Sunday in August.

May

Poor Fork : Union Meeting: first Saturday and Sunday in May. Ministers called: Elder Jim Fields, Charles Shepherd, Ellis Adams, Danny Dixon, L.D. Mosley and Roger Gibson. Communion Meeting: first Sunday in July. Memorial Meeting: first Sunday in August. Elders Jim Fields, Danny Dixon, Squire Watts and Charles Shepherd.

Mt. Olivet: Union Meeting: first Saturday and Sunday in May. Ministers called: Bro. Harvey Creech, Elder Squire Watts, Danny Dixon Kirby Jent, Bill Moore, Allen Whitaker. 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, Allen Whitaker, Squire Watts, Baxter Osborne and Elwood Cornett. Communion: second Sunday in July. Memorial: second Sunday in June.

Little Bethlehem: Union Meeting: second Saturday and Sunday in May. Ministers called: Elders Elwood Cornett, Danny Dixon, Jim Fields, Morris Shepherd and Bro. John Preece. Communion: second Saturday and Sunday in August. Memorial: second Saturday and Sunday in May. Ministers same as above for Union Meeting.

Reynolds Fork : Union Meeting: third Saturday and Sunday in May. Ministers called: Jim Fields, Clark Hays, Jimmy Hall, Bill Moore, Alonzo Mosley, Holley King and Ted Everidge. Communion : third Sunday in June. Memorial: third in July.

Bull Creek Church : Union Meeting: third Saturday and Sunday in May. Ministers called: Elders Homer Smith, Bill Halcomb, Danny Dixon and Bro. Lonnie Sexton. Communion: third Sunday in August.

Memorial: third Sunday in June. Melton Cemetery: second in June.

Cedar Grove: Union Meeting: fourth Saturday and Sunday in May. Ministers called: Elders Bill Moore, Frank Newsome, Paul McClannahan, Hiram Adkins and Dallas Ramsey. Communion: fourth Sunday in August. Memorial: fourth Sunday in June.

June

Kingdom Come: Union Meeting: first Saturday and Sunday in June. Ministers called: all of the same faith and order. Communion: first Sunday in July. Memorial meeting: all of the same faith and order are invited.

Happy Home: Union meeting: first Saturday and Sunday in June. Ministers called: Elders Milburn Slone, Charles Shepherd, Hezekiah Osborn, Carl Back, Reed Hampton, Henry Melton, Ellis Adams and Billy R. Jones. Communion: first Sunday in July. Memorial Meeting: first Sunday in August. All of the same faith and order.

Clear Fork: Union Meeting: first Saturday and Sunday in June. Ministers called: Elder Morris Shepherd, Charles Shepherd, L.D. Mosley, Homer Smith, Bro. John Preece and Bro. Carl Slone. Communion: first Sunday in July. Memorial: first Sunday in October. All of the same faith and order are invited.

New Home: Union Meeting: first Saturday and Sunday in June. Ministers called: Clarence Dixon, Ted Everidge, Elders Bill Halcomb, Danny Dixon and Jimmy Hall. Communion: first Sunday in July. Ministers called: Elder Squire Watts, Jimmy Hall and Brothers Ted Everage and Clarence Dixon. Memorial Meeting: first Saturday and Sunday in October. Ministers called: Clarence Dixon, Elder Baxter Osborne, Squire Watts and John Preece.

New Bethlehem: Union Meeting: Elder Earl Slone, Jerry Mann, Bert Howard and Brother Harvey Creech. Communion: third Sunday in August. Memorial: third Sunday in September

Friendship: Union Meeting: third in June. Ministers called: Elders Elwood Cornett, Jim Fields, Kirby Jent, Roger Gibson, Ivan Amburgey and Harvey Creech. Communion: third Sunday in July. Memorial: third Saturday and Sunday in May. Ministers called: any Old Regular

Baptist ministers.

Dixon Memorial: Union Meeting: fourth Saturday and Sunday in June. Ministers called: Elder Oscar Halcomb, Ellis Adams, I.D. Back, Wayne Caudill, Bro. Virgil Combs, moderator and assistant moderator. Communion: fourth Sunday in July. Memorial Meeting: fourth Sunday in May. For the two cemeteries: fourth Sunday in September (for deceased members).

Big Cowan: Union Meeting: fourth Saturday and Sunday in June. Ministers called: Bro. Virgil Combs, Elder L.D. Mosley, I.D. Back, Bill Moore, Jim Fields, Elwood Cornett. Communion: fourth Saturday and Sunday in July. Memorial: fourth Saturday and Sunday in September. Ministers called: Clarence Dixon, Harvey Creech, Elders Chester Gibson, Clifton Hampton.

Ivy Point: Union Meeting: fourth in June. Ministers called: Elder Bill Halcomb, Earl Mosley, Bill Moore, L.D. Mosley, John Preece and Virgil Combs. Communion Meeting: fourth Sunday in July. Memorial Meeting: fourth Saturday and Sunday in August. Ministers called: all of the same faith and order.

Tolson Creek: Union Meeting: fourth Sunday in June. Ministers called: Bill Moore, Carl Back, Danny Dixon, Virgil Combs, John Preece, Lewis Lucas, moderator and assistant moderator. Communion: fourth Sunday in July. Memorial: fourth in August. Ministers called: all of the same faith and order.

Big Creek: Union Meeting: fourth Saturday and Sunday in June. Ministers called: John Preece, Ivan Amburgey, Melvin Watts and Albert Osborne. Communion: fourth Sunday in July. Memorial: fourth Saturday and Sunday in August. Ministers called: Danny Dixon, Squire Watts, Fess Blair and moderators.

August

Defeated Creek: Union Meeting: second Saturday and Sunday in August. Elders: Bill Moore, Danny Dixon, Squire H. Watts, I.D. Back and Harvey Creech. Communion: second Sunday in August. Memorial: second Saturday and Sunday in July.

Hurricane Gap: third Saturday and Sunday in August. Ministers called: Elders Elwood Cornett, Danny Dixon, Bill Halcomb, Jimmy Hall, Ross Wright and Bro. Harvey Creech. Communion: third Sunday in August. Memorial: third Sunday in October. Ministers called: Elders Morris Shepherd, Squire Watts, Toby Breeding, Jim Fields and Roger Gibson

September

Little Mary: Union Meeting: second Saturday and Sunday in September. Ministers called: Clarence Dixon, Elders Jimmy Hall N.S., Dallas Ramsey and Jim Fields. Communion: second Sunday in October. Memorial: second Saturday and Sunday in August. Ministers called: Robert Haney, Ermel Ison and Ivory Sowards

Obituaries

JANE FIELDS



Jane Fields, daughter of Rebecca Ann Fields and Dave Miles, was born on Cowan February 8, 1898. She passed from this life at the Whitesburg Hospital December 8, 1985, being 86 years and ten months of age.

She was married to William Grant Fields on December 25, 1920, and to this union were born nine children, three of whom preceded her in death: Hattie, Donald Gay and Douglas Fields.

Jane was baptized into the Cowan Old Regular Baptist Church on the fourth Sunday of June in 1971, but she had attended the church regularly for years.

She is survived by daughters: Helen York of Kimper, Ky., Hazel Rayburn, Mary Lou Fields and Carol Ison, all of Cowan; sons: Fred Fields of Columbus, Indiana, Edneil Fields of Cowan; three foster sons: Jimmy McIntosh of Crafts Colly, Eddie and Benny McIntosh of Cowan; twenty grandchildren, twenty-two great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren; brother, Grant Miles of Cowan.

Jane had been in poor health for the past ten years and had been confined to a wheelchair since her hip was broken in 1980. She bore her confinement well and was often an inspiration to those who visited her.

One of her greatest pleasures was to have her family and friends visit her, and it was a special pleasure when members of the church came to sing and hold prayer with her. Occasionally, she was able to attend services at the church. Even when she wasn't able to attend she still considered the church a big part of her life. She was very proud to make a contribution when a project was underway. Her passing left a very empty spot in the lives of her family, but it is comforting to know that she is not handicapped anymore and that she often expressed a readiness for death. She sincerely believed that she would have a heavenly home when this life was over, and she lived her life as if she believed that.

Prepared by Jane's family

JOHN M. WATTS



We are sitting here with a sad and lonely feeling, thinking about a dear Brother we love so well, Brother John M. Watts. We can't explain in words how much we loved Bro. John M., but I know God loved him more than we did and called him away, where his troubles are over in this life.

Bro. John M. was born November 1, 1905 and died April 30, 1986, making his stay on earth 81 years and six months.

He met and married Sister Virgie Childers January 28, 1930. To this union were born three sons and four daughters: Leon Watts, Garner, Ky., Roger Watts, Toledo, Ohio, Harlas Watts, Mousie, Ky., Audrey Adams, Litt Carr, Ky., Elveda Reynolds, Michigan, Treva Thomas, Bluntsville, Tenn., Erma Lee Reynolds, Toledo, Ohio. He also leaves a host of relatives and friends to mourn their loss.

Bro. John M. joined the New Home Regular Baptist Church the second weekend of November, 1953, and was baptized.

Not many years after his wife, Sister Virgie, joined the church, and they were faithful deacons and members of the church. We feel like after Bro. John M. joined the church his life had a bearing on his friends and family, and eight of his children and grandchildren, who have followed his footsteps, let them see and understand he was living a good life for the Lord, which may cause more of his family to fall in the mercy of the good Lord.

We feel the life he lived in the church and in front of his neighbors and friends would be a safe life to follow. We think our loss is Heaven's gain. We could write many pages and I couldn't write the good things Bro. John M. has done for his friends, neighbors, and the church. We can truly say Bro. John M. preached his own funeral to all the people he came in contact with. We miss him so much, but our loss is Heaven's gain.

Written by Sister Shirley Mosley and Brother Bertchell Mosley

NAOMA (OMA) ASHER



Naoma Asher was born March 28, 1912, to James and Betty Burton, bringing an abundance of love to their home. On March 26, 1986 God sent a band of angels to take Oma to her heavenly mansion, making her stay here on earth nearly 74 years.

On June 9, 1931, Oma was married to Ralph Asher. For nearly fifty-five years, the strong love and devotion they had for each other was obvious to everyone who knew them.

Oma leaves to mourn her passing seven sisters: Grace McIntyre, Evelyn Stidha, Doris Allen, all of Louisville, Ky., Edna Slone of Fusonia, Ky., Della Caudill of Norton, Va., Marie Skidmore of Brooksville, Fla and Thelma Lilly of Long Beach, Ca.; two brothers, Fred Burton of Indianapolis, Ind., Leonard Burton of Vicco, Ky., and a host of relatives and friends.

Sister Oma realized the need for a Savior and joined the Little Dove Regular Baptist Church on July 11, 1971. She was a faithful member and a wonderful helpmate to her husband, Ralph, assisting him in his duties as a Deacon of the church.

The last few years of her life were spent in the hospital and nursing home. Brother Ralph stayed by her side, helping her in every way he could, until she passed away. Throughout all her suffering, she was an inspiration to everyone who visited her. She loved to talk about the Lord and sing his praises. Brother Ralph lost a precious companion, the church lost a wonderful member and many of us lost a dear friend, but Heaven gained another beautiful flower.

Sister Oma was special to me. The day I joined the church, she followed me. When I was baptized, she followed me into the water. We had several years of good fellowship serving the Lord. Then she became ill and it was my turn to follow her. I followed her to her home, the hospital, and eventually the nursing home, where we spent many precious hours together. Sister Oma would never let me say "good-bye," just "so long." So now I'll just say, "So long, Sister Oma, I'm still following you and someday we'll meet in Heaven."

By Brother Merle Smith

JOHN CAUDILL



I know it's been a long time since Daddy's death, but I still feel like I should write this obituary of him.

John Caudill, son of Terrie and Isom Caudill, was born October 20, 1903 at Keokee, Virginia; he passed from this life at the Whitesburg Hospital April 18, 1980, being 76 years, five months and twenty-eight days of age at his passing.

John was a retired coal miner, having worked in the mines for over forty-six years. He had been sick lately, but his passing was sudden and unexpected.

He was married to Mary Cornett Caudill of Blackey, Kentucky in 1923.

He is survived by his wife, Mary, of Letcher; four daughters: Hassie Hyden of Venice, Ill., Odella Garrison of Cincinnati, Ohio, Edna Caudill of Vicco, Ky., and Margret Sue Caudill of Jeremiah, Ky.; three sons: Hiram Caudill of Letcher, James H. Caudill of Alexandria and Clarence Caudill of Letcher, Ky.; twenty-six grandchildren, eleven great-grandchildren, and a host of friends and relatives to mourn his passing.

Oh dear, Dad, we all miss you sitting around the table at supper time. He was always there to fill his place in every part of the house. It's so hard to get used to doing without him.

We realize you had to go when the good Lord came for you. But, oh, Dad, we all loved you so much, but Dad, we will have to go on down this lonesome road without you, and thinking of the many things you have done for us. But Daddy, if we travel a road it will have to be the good road, because that was what you taught us. So, brothers and sisters, if we are to meet Daddy again, we would have to be washed in the blood and be born again. And I believe that Dad went to Heaven, because he told me he was going to Heaven.

Well, I can't write what I want to because there is not enough paper to write what I want to. I am glad the Lord gave me the mind to write what I did. So, sleep on, Dad, we will meet you in the sweet by and by.

Written by his daughter, Edna

DAVID ADAMS



Tears are flowing in this community today. The future looks cold and dreary for a great pillar of this community has deteriorated and fallen; a pillar that was not flowery and flashy, but a pillar that was simple, sincere and solid – the kind that has enabled this land to weather many storms.

This community again is so sad, but everywhere is not sad. Angels are singing and rejoicing beyond our ability to imagine, for David Adams has arrived home.

Uncle David entered eternal life at the Harlan Appalachian Regional Hospital on Saturday, September 7, 1974 at 8:30 p.m., after an operation.

David Adams was born into the home of James and Sarah Adams on October 8, 1901, making his stay here on earth 72 years, ten months and twenty-nine days. He was preceded in death by his father and mother, one brother (John P.) and three sisters: Cindy Adams, Betty Breeding and Mary Ann Breeding.

Uncle David married Tiny Arnold on January 13, 1928 and to this happy union were born seven children: June Whitaker, Charlestown, Ind., Phillip Adams, Louisville, Ky., Harold Adams, Louisville, Ky., Emma Rae Amburgey, Roxana, Ky., Carolyn (Dot) Gilley, Louisville, Ky., Meredith Adams, Parkersburg, W.Va., and Sara Lou, a daughter who passed away as a child.

To mourn his passing are his wife, six children, eight grandchildren, one great-grandchild, five brothers, Bill, Steve, Charlie, Fred and Herman (all of Jeremiah); two sisters, Julie Hampton of Clay City, Ky., and Hattie Ison of Isom; and a host of nephews, nieces, relatives and friends.

The life that Uncle David lived is signified by the kind of children that David and Tiny reared. Their home has always been the second home of scores of nephews, nieces and friends of this community.

Twelve years ago, Uncle David declared to his children that he had a home waiting for him in Heaven. The sweet, kind smile that played over his face, even as he suffered the pain of his affliction, is evidence of identification with that kindest of all being who suffered and died that Uncle David might live again.

JANIS V. ADAMS



Today we are sad, but the angels in Heaven are singing joyfully for another tired, weary traveler has reached home. The community around Blair Branch is mourning the departure of one who has taken her flight to Canaan's bright shore, never to return this way again. She has taken up her abode with the saints of God in realms of glory and bliss.

On December 10, 1921, Janis was born into the home of Carl and Cinda Adams. She was a beautiful, healthy little girl until she was stricken with an illness from which she never fully recovered. This illness left her partially paralyzed on her left side, and a victim of epileptic seizures the rest of her life. Even though she lived to be 63 years old, in many ways she was a child. She was not able to get an education, but she learned love, honesty, friendliness, and trust at home. She loved everybody, and enjoyed shaking hands with all her friends.

Janis enjoyed going to church and seeing everybody. She enjoyed the preaching and singing. One of her favorite singers was Elder Ivan Amburgey. She spent many hours listening to him and others singing on her tape recorder.

Although Janis was never a public idol, she left a mark on all who knew her. She leaves a legacy of memories her family and friends will long remember. Her warm handshake, her friendly smile, and her very presence will be missed by many.

After Janis's father passed away, she made her home with her two sisters, Jenette Adams and Joyce Frazier, staying with one for awhile, then the other. These two sisters, their husbands, and their children were good, kind and loving toward her. May God richly bless each of you for your tender care.

Janis leaves to mourn her passing her two sisters, Jenette Adams of Jeremiah, Ky. and Joyce Frazier of Charlestown, Ind., three nieces and five nephews, as well as a host of other relatives and friends. Sleep on, Janis! Just a few more days or weeks at most and we'll join you around the throne of God, where we will praise God forever and ever, while eternal ages roll on.

Written by her cousin,
Glenn Hampton

DAVID ALLEN SHEPHERD



David Allen Shepherd was born on August 5, 1965. He passed from this life on March 31, 1986 at the age of twenty. He is survived by his parents, Bobby and Eliza Shepherd, and one sister, Donna Ann Shepherd. He is also survived by his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Arnie Cornett, and by his grandmother, Mrs. Bertha Shepherd, as well as a host of relatives and friends.

David made more friends and touched the lives of more people than most people who live to a ripe old age. He was loved by everyone who knew him.

This poem is engraved on the back of his headstone to help remind all us that he is not gone, he is just away, safe at home with Jesus, waiting for the rest of us.

Written by his mother, father and sister

HE IS JUST AWAY

*He has left us now,
but he still lives on
In the glorious light
of another dawn,
Beyond earth's storms
and mists and rain,
Beyond all sorrow,
fear, or pain,
Safely at home
beyond life's quest,
Living and moving
Among the blest,
Be comforted, then,
With this thought each day,
He is not dead . . .
He is just away!*

EDNA COLLINS



I will try to write an obituary of my loving wife, who passed away January 23, 1986. I hope I can write so anyone can read it.

As I begin to write I think of one scripture in the Bible: "Who can find a virtuous woman, for her price is above rubies."

Edna Collins was truly that kind of woman. She was born September 4, 1916, making her stay on earth 69 years, four months and seven days at the time of her passing.

At the age of 19 she married Charlie Collins. To this union were born ten children. One preceded her in death at the age of six months. All the others are still living.

I want to say to my children: you that have not made peace with God; you had better start now if you want to see Mother again. Edna is gone and I will say as David of old said, "She can not come back to me, but, by the grace of God, I can go to her." So sleep, sleep on, Edna, I don't think it will be long until I'll be with you. My heart is so lonely and troubled that her dearest presence only could make me weep no more.

By a sad and lonely husband, Charlie Collins

POLLY ROARK



On October 18, 1983, Polly Roark was called home to be with her Lord and Savior. At the time of her death, Polly was a member of the Clear Fork Old Regular Baptist Church.

Polly was born February 11, 1896. Her parents were Alice and Wayne Feltner. On November 29, 1919, Polly married Elhanon Hurt of Hardburly, Kentucky. After the deaths of infant sons, Elhanon Jr. in 1921 and R.C. in 1923, Polly faced the early death of her husband, Elhanon, on July 23, 1929. She was left the task of rearing her three surviving children, Carrie, Mabel and Joe.

In 1931 Polly married G.B. Roark. This marriage lasted twenty-odd years, until she was again left a widow.

In 1982 Polly faced the death of her remaining son, Joe. Eleven short months later she, also, left this world. Left to mourn her passing, but to remember her noble spirit, are her two daughters, Carrie and Mabel; two sisters: Elizabeth and Mattie; her daughter-in-law, Beryl; eight grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and a host of nieces and nephews.

Polly is gone, but in some way part of her spirit remains with each and every one of us she left behind.

Written by her granddaughter, Blanche Caudill

COLONEL JONES



In the year of 1907 Colonel Jones sprang up as a flower in the home of George and Sylvia Jones.

He was 78 years, nine months and nine days old.

He was a charter member of the Happy Home Church. He was one of our most faithful members. He believed in the old-time Regular Baptist way.

Early in life he met and married Delilah Everage and to this union were born eleven children. Two preceded him in death, as well as his wife, Sister Deliah. Survivors include four boys, George and Luther Jones, both of Anderson, Ind.; Floyd and Arley Jones, both of Greensburg, Ind.; five girls, Ruby Amburgey and Matreva Baker, both of Crothersville, Ind., Matilda Almond, Sarah Smith, both of Columbus, Ind.; and Sylvia Martin of Edinburg, Ind. Colonel had twenty-seven grandchildren and eighteen great-grandchildren.

Brother Colonel bore his suffering without complaining and left a good testimony. He lived a simple, humble life.

Brother Colonel told his children he saw the gates open ready for him to go through. He told us good-bye one-by-one. We humbly believe he is with the Lord, and with Mother, now.

The church has lost a good member, and we have lost a good Dad. But our loss is Heaven's gain.

Written by his children

HAZEL CAUDILL TURNER DEATON



Hazel Caudill Turner Deaton was born into the family of Rev. Herman Caudill and Essie Hampton Caudill on May 16, 1928 at Mill Branch, Roxana, Kentucky, where she grew to womanhood. She passed from this life February 7, 1986 at her home in Sommerville, South Carolina.

While a young student at Lees Junior College, she met and married James Robert Turner of War Creek near Jackson, Kentucky. To this union was born a son, James Robert II. Their life together ended tragically in less than two years with James's death from a brain tumor, leaving her a widow with a nine-month-old son.

Hazel taught several years. She taught at Upper Kingscreek, Mill Branch, and Smoot Creek.

After returning to Lees Junior College to continue her education, she met and married another Breathitt Countian, Wilgus Deaton. To this union were born two sons, Paul Richard and Stephen Dale. She did not work after her last sons were born, devoting her full time to her family. She was a loving and devoted wife, mother and grandmother. Nothing made her countenance light up more than when speaking of her children and grandchildren. They were truly the joy of her life.

After her children were about grown, she decided to enter the nursing profession. She finished nursing school and worked a few years as a nurse until problems with her health made it necessary for her to quit work.

A number of years ago she gladdened the hearts of Uncle Herman and Aunt Essie when she told them she had made peace with God and had attached herself to a Baptist church near her home in Sommerville. She always enjoyed attending church with Uncle Herman and Aunt Essie when she was visiting back home.

She was a very thoughtful daughter. In the spring of 1985 she called me and said she knew Aunt Essie was missing attending Regular Baptist Churches since she had gone to live with Mary Grace in Delaware, Ohio. She said she wanted me to record some church services, as she planned to give her a tape player when we met at our Caudill reunion in July. Aunt Essie was so pleased when she got the tape

player and tapes.

On the evening of February 7, 1986 a large number of the relatives had met in Louisville to help Uncle Lee celebrate his retirement. Before the program was over, Mary Grace received a call from Hubert telling her of Hazel's death. When the ceremony was over and Aunt Essie and the rest of us heard the news, we were shocked and saddened. We knew Hazel had been in poor health, but had not known she was this ill. Aunt Essie said she felt it must have been God's will for her to be with so many of the family to comfort her when she had to hear this news.

Hazel was preceded in death by two infant sisters; a brother, Charles Lee; her first husband, James; and her father, Elder Herman Caudill.

She leaves to mourn her passing: her husband, Wilgus Deaton of Sommerville, S.C.; three sons: James Robert and wife, Sue, of Waco, Texas; Paul Richard and wife, Alice, of Dover, Fla., and Stephen Dale of the U.S. Navy in Charleston, S.C.; and three grandsons and two granddaughters (another granddaughter was born shortly after her death). She also leaves behind her mother, Essie Caudill of Delaware, Ohio; her brother, Hubert Caudill, and wife, Betty of Oak Ridge, Tenn.; her sister, Mary Grace, and husband, Arlie Howard of Delaware, Ohio; two nephews and a niece; along with a host of uncles, aunts, cousins and friends.

When we think back to the times we spent with Hazel, we can say as the old song:

What peaceful hours we then enjoyed.

How sweet their memory still.

But they have left an aching voice

This world can never fill.

I think if Hazel could speak to us, she would say, "Come and see me and Daddy and James, in my new home."

Written by a cousin,
Shirley June Whitaker

JEFF OWENS



Jeff was born August 18, 1893 to William (Bill) Owens and Mary Fuller Owens. He passed from this life December 18, 1985 at the home of his granddaughter, Della Mae and Jessie Childers at Carrie, Kentucky.

In early life he was married to Rachel Conley Owens. To this union were born five children: Edgar Owens, Carrie, Ky., Daisy Cornett, Carrie, Ky., Margie Slone, Wheelwright, Ky., Deletha Balderidge, Leburn, Ky. One son, Ellis Owens, and his

wife, Rachel, preceded him in death.

In later life he was married to Hannah White and reared two stepchildren, Junior Deaton and Mary Ann Jent.

He leaves to mourn his passing twenty-nine grandchildren, forty-nine great-grandchildren, fifteen great-great-grandchildren, and a host of relatives and friends.

He was good to everyone. His door was always open and there was food for everyone that came. Regardless of the time of day that anyone would come, he would always ask "Have you had something to eat?"

He was a good daddy and worked hard to rear his family. Not only his family, but every young boy that came along and didn't have a home. He would take them in and care for them as he did for us. They ate what we did, and if they needed clothes, they would get them.

We love Daddy very much and hated to give him up. We have stood over him for eleven months, and saw him suffer so much. From his testimony, I feel like our loss is Heaven's gain. I feel like Papa is resting around the throne of God. He told me when he was in the hospital that he was going to a home where he wouldn't have to suffer anymore, and all of the children that wanted to could come and live with him.

I saw him in a dream last week standing at the gate of a beautiful place with his hand on the gatepost. The gate was open. He turned to look back, I was standing just below him. He looked to see if his children were coming. He wanted them all with him every minute. If

they want to see Papa again, they will have to go through the same gate that I feel Papa went through.

On December 18, 1985 at two o'clock in the morning, with all his children standing by his bed, I feel Papa went to a home where there will be no troubles, pain or sorrow. All will be peace and joy forever.

Written by his daughter, Deletha Balderidge

SYLVANIA CAUDILL



With the help of God I will try to write an obituary of a dear old Sister in Christ.

Sister Sylvania Caudill was born on June 28, 1886 to Crockett and Mary Bush. She was one of eight children. At the age of 16 she married Marion Caudill. To this union were born eleven children, five of whom preceded her in death, three sons and two daughters, Chester, Blaine, Willie, Oma and Pearlie.

In 1938 Marion and Sylvania found themselves in need of a Savior and like all born-again Christians, took it to God and were washed in the blood of the Lamb. They joined the Big Leatherwood Old Regular Baptist Church and were baptized. Shortly afterward they were ordained as deacon and deaconess and served faithfully until the death of Marion in 1959. She moved her membership to Cedar Grove Old Regular Baptist Church and attended and let her light shine as long as her health permitted.

She told her granddaughter, Claudette, just a few weeks ago that she wished the Lord would come and get her. On Sunday, the 10th of November, 1985 the great God of Heaven answered her prayer and sent a band of angels for her. "How great it must be for angels to see a pilgrim come home!"

God blessed her to live a rich and full life of 99 years, four months and thirteen days. She leaves to mourn her passing six children: three sons: Mason of Cornettsville, Ky., Fred of Daytona, Ohio, Hobert of Georgetown, Ky.; three daughters: Myrtle O'Brien of Ypsilanti, Mich., Mattie Griffie of Cornettsville, Ky., Mae Eldridge of Ypsilanti, Mich.; twenty-seven grandchildren, forty-three great-grandchildren and seventeen great-great-grandchildren; one sister, Tilda Dixon of Hallie, Ky.

GREEN PERRY



With the help of the good Lord I will try to write an obituary of Brother Green Perry.

Brother Green was born to the late Henry and Lillie Fair Bates Perry March 14, 1902 and departed this life October 25, 1985, making his stay on earth 83 years, seven months and eleven days.

In early life Green was united in marriage to Lydia Caudill. Unto this union were born seventeen children. Three sons, James, Joe and Ellis, preceded him in death. Left to mourn his passing are: wife, Lydia Caudill Perry of Leburn, Ky.; five sons: Earl, John, Steve and Dall, all of Loraine, Ohio, and Henry of Leburn, Ky.; nine daughters: Ethel Hall, Margaret Lewis and Ruth Fowler, all of Willard, Ohio; Edna Childers of Garner, Ky., Ester Gibson of Pinetop, Ky., Janice Gullett of Greenup County, Ky., Betty Schiendler of Leburn, Ky., Judy Hicks of Louisville, Ky., Willis Barbara Puckett of Lawrenceburg, Ky.; three sisters: Sylvia Turner and Dusta Dunsel of Kite, Ky., and Mary Slone of Hollybush, Ky.; seventy-five grandchildren, a host of great-grandchildren, and many friends and relatives will also mourn his leaving.

Thirty-five years ago Brother Green felt the need to turn his life over to the Lord. He belonged to the Old Regular Baptist faith in the New Home Church at the time of his death. Brother Green was a faithful member of the church as long as he was able to go. He has given help to many churches and donated a lot of his time to help upbuild them.

Brother Green worked hard all of his life to raise his family. He was a retired coal miner and a member of the United Mine Workers of America.

For the last few years of his life, Brother Green has been greatly afflicted in body. But his faith never wavered. He has paid the price we all have to pay. But for him, it was a happy exchange, for he left a world of pain and sorrow and went home to a land of joy and peace.

Sister Lydia has lost a dear companion. You children have lost a wonderful dad. **Be good to Mommy and help her.** Visit her more and show her your love. Don't wait until it is too late to give her the roses.

If Brother Green could look back, I'm sure he would tell you children not to grieve for him. He has gone home. He would tell you to weep for **yourselves**. The Bible says, "Today is the day of salvation." **Don't put it off. Now is the time to call on the Lord. We** weren't promised natural life forever and the time belongs to the Lord. Why not give Him the glory and honor He deserves now.

Three sons are gone. Now Dad is gone. Who will be next? Turn to the Lord now and be ready to go when death comes. Brother Green has lived the life in front of you. Though he suffered a lot, just think how joyful he is now. There is a family started up there in Heaven. Get ready and be prepared to join in the great reunion.

Written by request of the family,
Brother Arnold McKnight

CHRIS EDWARD SHORT



It is with a sad and broken heart I will try to write the obituary of Chris Edward Short, with the help of the good Lord. He was the son of Sherman Short Jr. and Emma Louise Hall Short. He was born September 17, 1966 and passed from this life on October 6, 1985, making his stay here on earth 19 years and nineteen days at the time of his passing.

He met and married Sherry Slone, and to this union two children were born: one son, Brandon Short, and one daughter, Rebecca Jade Short. He leaves his wife, Sherry Slone Short; two children, Brandon and Rebecca; his parents, Sherman Short Jr. and Emma Louise Short; one sister, Brenda Gail Hall; one brother, Sherman Keith Short; and a host of friends and relatives to mourn his passing.

We thought a lot of Chris, although he was with us for such a short time. Sometimes I would sit down with him and talk about the Lord and try to give him good counsel about his soul and what good things our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ has in store for them that believe, to fall out with sin and take up the cross and follow him that will lead to everlasting life. So I hope and pray what few minutes he had on earth that he remembered my counsel, and called upon the Lord.

I want to say to the young boys and girls for the sake of your soul, call on the Lord while the blood is still running warm in your veins. We bloom out like a flower. We are cut down and wither away. Now I want to say to the little sinner boys and girls, turn back and get on that narrow road. And to Chris's family, we love you all and I hope Chris is resting around the throne of God. So we hope our loss is Heaven's gain.

Written at the request of his wife, Sherry Short, by a
Sister in Hope, Ollie Mullins

POLLY SLONE



Polly Slone of Garner, Kentucky, entered eternal rest on December 5, 1985. She had that dreadful disease, cancer. Polly was born December 8, 1903, making her stay on earth 81 years, eleven months and twenty-seven days. She was the daughter of the late Clifton Mosley and Ruthie Short Mosley. She had one son who preceded her in death as an infant. She leaves to mourn her passing her husband, Delza Slone of Garner, Ky.; three sons: Marcus Slone of Garner, Ky., Arthur Slone of Garner, Ky., and Vertis Slone of Kite, Ky. She also leaves three daughters: Illa Hall, Erma Glee Hall and Mattie Marie Johnson, all of Garner, Ky. Also surviving are eighteen grandchildren, twenty-six great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild.

Her children loved her dearly. She was such an humble person. Everyone who knew her loved her. In the last days of her illness we visited her often. She would always greet us with a smile and hug. She would want us to sing the good old-fashioned songs of Zion and talk about Jesus. I have heard her call on His sweet name so many times. I believe December 8th was the best birthday present Sister Polly ever had. I believe she went home to be with Jesus. So, children, if you want to see Mommy again, just call upon the same God Mommy did. Fall out of sin and you can meet her in Heaven someday. I believe that our loss is Heaven's gain. Jesus called and Mother answered.

Written by a brother and sister in Christ,
Chillestene and Edna Gibson, and son, Arthur Slone

PAUL SEXTON JR.



Specialist 4th Class Paul Sexton Jr. was born April 6, 1965 to Paul and Jessie Sexton. He deceased this life June 17, 1986 while serving his country in the faraway country of Honduras. Paul Jr. was 21 years, two months and eleven days at the time of his passing.

Paul Jr. was married to Jacqueline Mosley on December 21, 1984 and they lived a joyous and happy life together until he was so suddenly called home. Paul and Jackie were blessed by God and were able to conceive an unborn child, which by the grace of God will be born into this world in December of this year. Even though Paul is gone, the baby will be precious and will forever revive a memory of his father in our hearts.

Paul entered the U.S. Army June 26, 1984 and served his country, our blessed United States of America, faithfully and loyally, until his untimely death on a foreign soil. Even though we know not how or why Paul was taken from us, we know that our father in Heaven knows, and that His will has been done.

Paul Jr. leaves to mourn his passing his loving wife, Jackie; Paul Sexton; mother, Jessie Sexton; two brothers, Cecil and Billy; one sister, Tina; Parents-in-law, Earl and Emalee Mosley; maternal grandmother, Martha Adams; and a host of other relatives and friends.

Forever Loving You

Paul, your death has parted you from me physically, but not even death could take my love for you away. We had but a short time together, a time when we pledged our love eternally.

Paul, you were always there when I needed you, in the good times and in the bad. We laughed together, we cried together, and together we have made a child. A child that will never feel the warm touch of your hand, nor see your loving smile, but a child that will always know your love and the love we conceived him in.

This child, our child, is a blessing from God. A child which is a part of us together.

I will always cherish my memories of Paul, they were the happiest times of my life.

Forever loving you,
Your wife, Jackie

HIRAM B. SMITH



Hiram B. Smith was born to Robert Lee and Lucinda Amburgey Smith, both of whom preceded him in death. Hiram passed from this life on January 14, 1986, at the Humana Hospital in Lexington, Kentucky at the age of 87.

Hiram leaves to mourn his passing two sons: Addie, Mallie, Ky., and J.R., El Dorado, Ill.; two daughters: Russell Sue Smith, Mallie, Ky. and Elna Fields, Marion, Ind. Also surviving are six grandchildren: Greg, Dirk, Candy, Steve, Denise and Meredith; and two great-grandchildren, Jenny and Molly. He also leaves behind five sisters: Dessie Amburgey, Mallie, Ky., Ruth Smith, Cincinnati, Ohio, Edith Wood, Auburn, Washington; Ennis Stewart, Hazard, Ky., and Margaret Bentley, Connersville, Ind.

Hiram became a member of the Little Dove Regular Baptist Church on September 14, 1980, and was baptized into full fellowship on October 12, 1980.

Hiram was a member of the Vicco Masonic Lodge No. 929 for fifty-six years.

He was preceded in death by his daughter, Polly, on September, 1928; his son, Sam, on February 28, 1982; and his wife, Elizabeth, on November 14, 1972.

He was strong and silent, his presence felt, rather than heard. He journeyed through life among his beloved Kentucky hills, and we were all blessed for his having passed this way.

"To fall in love with God is the greatest of all romances;
To seek him, the greatest adventure;
To find him, the greatest human achievement."

Written by Miss Russell Sue Smith and Mrs. Brenda Fields

JAMES HARVEY ADAMS



James Harvey Adams was a good man. His steps were ordered of the Lord. His well-ordered steps led him deep into the hearts of so many people; they led him in the paths of righteousness; they led him to the mountaintop and they led him to the City of the Blessed.

Jim was born into the home of the late Mose and Betty Jane Caudill Adams on October 15, 1902. He passed from this life on May 14, 1986 at the Hazard Nursing Home, where he had been for just three months short of five years.

It's spring again. The grass has turned green. The flowers are blooming. The trees are all dressed in their beauty. But again this spring we are making another lonesome journey to a little resting place in the head of Blair Branch. There, near the spot where Jim was born, where he played, where he reminisced about the old apple orchard, the hillside fields of corn, the evenings of singing; there on his favorite spot on earth, Alpha is waiting for her love to come home to rest.

Many years ago Jim taught one of his fifteen years of teaching at Camp Branch. There he first saw the girl he loved. On October 18, 1930 Jim married Alpha Adams. To this union were born two sons: Delza Gene of Haymond, Ky., and Bobby Lee of Whitesburg, Ky.; and two daughters, Kathleen Cornett of Blackey, Ky., and Barbara Girdley of Richmond, Va. Jim also has six grandchildren, Bobby Gene Adams, Patricia Bates, Frank James Adams, Timothy Adams, Leigh Adams and Scott Adams; and two great-grandchildren, Rutherford Bates and Joshua Adams.

Jim enjoyed life. He had time for everyone. He was happy and pleasant. He could talk with strangers, yet play with the children. He had a wonderful sense of humor.

How Jim Adams was loved! So many of his former students tell about their old school days. While many things are remembered, far above the rest is how they loved Jim.

Jim was always a good man. A few years ago he told the church that he had found himself in need of a savior. He told of his faith, his repentance and his salvation. On April 23, 1979 he was baptized into the Blair Branch Church. How he loved the church, and the

Brothers and Sisters! His simple, honest, sincere walks assure us that while our hearts are so sad, he has traded a hospital bed for a cloud of glory -- that he has traded family and friends for the saints of God -- to be with them, to sing with them to reign with them forever. Jim didn't have much in this life, but, oh, you ought to see his brand-new home.

Elwood Cornett

PAULINE DAY



With much sadness and by the help of God, I will try to write the obituary of Sister Pauline Day of Brownstown, Indiana. She was 60 years old. She died at 11:20 a.m. in the Jackson County Hospital at Seymour. She had been sick for a week.

Sister Pauline was a licensed practical nurse, retired from Jackson County Hospital, where she had worked for twenty years.

Funeral services were conducted by Elder Lloyd Eldridge at 10:00 a.m. Friday at Spurgeon Funeral Home in Brownstown, Indiana. Burial was at the Old Regular Baptist Church Cemetery, near Freetown, the Valley Home Church.

Pauline was born February 3, 1926, at Jeremiah, Kentucky, the daughter of Willie J. and Clarinda Caudill Back. She was married **August 1, 1980 in Virginia to Virgil Day. He survives.** Other survivors include two daughters, Wonda Kindhart of Tennessee and Susan Frich of Dayton, Ohio; three stepsons: Bob Day of Elizabethtown, Ky., Harrold Day of Alabama, and James Day of Ohio; a stepdaughter, Pauline Wright of Alabama; a brother, Jimmy H. Back of Seymore, Ind.; two sisters, Mrs. Overy Caudill of Jeremiah, Ky. and Virginia Day of Brownstown, Ind.; seven grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

I feel she is resting at peace, just waiting for God to give her that new body that will never die. She left a great testimony before she left here that Heaven was her home when she left here.

Written by Elder Lloyd Eldridge

BECKHAM BEVERLY



Beckham Beverly was born January 17, 1919 and deceased this life June 3, 1986, making his stay here 67 years, four months and eighteen days. He was the son of Tommy Beverly and Matilda Everage Beverly. His parents and two sisters preceded him in death. He leaves to mourn his wife, Gladys Ann Centers Beverly, two daughters: Minnie and Lena Marie, both of home; one son, Beckham Beverly Jr., also of home; one brother, Jethro Beverly of Campton, Ky., and one sister,

Lena Kelly of Union City, Ohio.

Beckham was a sick man for a long time. He found that there was something missing in his life. He began to pray for the Lord to help him, and to forgive him for his many sins. I visited him while he was in the hospital and he told me he was praying, but there was something in his way, he didn't know what it was. I went back to visit him again later, and he seemed to be so happy. He said that the Lord had forgiven him, and he wasn't afraid to die, for he felt he had a better home to go to now. He came to my home on Wednesday and talked for a long time. After awhile he said they better go home. Later his wife called me and said that he said he had to join the church. So we had church at my home on May 31, 1986 and he came forward as soon as church started. He just couldn't wait any longer. He told such a wonderful experience. He talked about what a beautiful home he had seen, and that it was waiting for him. He was asked when he wanted to be baptized and he said, "Right now." "I can't put it off any longer," he stated. So we took him and baptized him into the fellowship of the Happy Home Church. Although he wasn't with us very long, we are all going to miss him very much. His wife said Monday evening he got a song book out and tried to sing. He told her he wished he could call back some time when he had a better voice to sing with, but where he is now he has a voice, where it will always be heard.

To Gladys Ann, I know it will be so hard for you, and to the kids, I know you are going to miss Daddy very much. But we know he is better off than we are, for he isn't suffering anymore. To all his family and friends, I would like to say that if you want to see him again, you will have to go to the same God he went to. He was praising the Lord while the last breath was leaving him. By the mercies of

God we will all be able to see him again around the throne of God, where we, like him, can be so happy praising the Lord together. Although he is gone he will always have a special place in our hearts, and will be deeply missed by those who dearly loved him. I have a hope of meeting him again.

Written by:

Bro. Ollie James Mullins and Sister Gladys Beverly, his wife

THY WILL BE DONE

*It's very difficult at times,
To face grief with a smile,
It's hard to make ourselves believe
All passes in a while.
And when the pain is sharpest,
Words seem to no avail.
When tears fall hot and heavy,
The best intentions fail.*

*And yet however heavy,
The burdens that we bear,
When no one else will listen,
The Lord can always hear.
When no one else will bother,
The Lord will lend a hand,
However others scorn us,
The Lord will understand,*

*"Life is what you make it"
Is sometimes far from true,
But the strength to keep on going,
Has got to come from you.
God promised to be with us,
And to forsake us not,
He only asks we trust in Him,
Whatever be our lot,*

*He only asks that we believe
He always does what's best.
To do all that we can and then
To leave to Him the rest.
Each heartache we can rise above,
Becomes a battle won,
When we can give ourselves to Him,
And say, "Thy will be done."*

POLLY SMITH



I will write the obituary of my wife, Polly Mullins Smith.

She was the daughter of Jasper and Elizabeth Mullins. She was born May 29, 1905. She joined the Little Dove Old Regular Baptist Church in 1925 and lived faithfully all the way.

She moved her letter to Clear Fork Church and remained there until her death. She was a faithful church member and always went to church as long as her health permitted.

She was a faithful mother, wife, and a good Christian woman.

She married Robert Smith, the son of Nathan Smith and Myrtle Cornett, on November 3, 1922.

She was a good neighbor and everyone loved her dearly. She was reared up as an orphan child, without parents. She always helped people in any way she could. God took her from this life on February 1, 1986. She left to mourn their loss her husband, Robert; one son, Marvin Smith; one daughter-in-law, Alice Elkind Smith; two grandchildren, Robert Wesley Smith and Mark Allen Smith; one sister, Claudie Gibson; several nieces and nephews; and a lot of friends and relatives.

Time and place of services were Tuesday, February 4, 1986 at 2:00 p.m. at Clear Fork Old Regular Baptist Church, Lotts Creek, Kentucky. Clergymen were Bob Combs and Lewis Lucas. She was interred at the Combs Family Cemetery, Lotts Creek, Kentucky, with Engle Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

She left behind in her own hand writing:

There is a joy in serving Christ
Which nothing else can give;
and richest blessings crown the life,
when for the Lord you live.

Our "Loaves and Fishes" brought to him
He breaks and multiplies
to feed the hungry souls of men
With bread that satisfies.

How good to be an instrument
of grace that He can use.
At any time, in any place,
However He may choose;

A vessel purified and filled
With living water sweet;
A Harp divinely tuned and thrilled
At Heaven's mercy -- Seat

Written by Polly Mullins Smith
December 15, 1955

I've stayed with Uncle Robert and Aunt Polly for three years.
I loved Aunt Polly dearly and I love Uncle Robert. I'm still with
Uncle Robert

Obituary written by Mrs. J. Garland Smith (Gladys)

JAMES MELVIN TAYLOR



James Melvin Taylor was born March 18, 1902 to Billy J. and Mattie Taylor. He had six brothers and two sisters who preceded him in death, and one living sister, Maude Sergeant, 90, of Charlestown, Indiana.

He married Hazel M. Potter January 8, 1983 and with this union was like a father to three stepchildren, Ralph Ogelvie, Harold Ogelvie and Helen O. Blair. This marriage and family had three precious years before his passing February 9, 1986.

He lived 82 years, eleven months and nine days, then left a vacancy that can never be filled. He worked as a miner, but was an excellent blacksmith, and had accomplished everything he had started or strived for.

"Mel" was a generous, loving, kind, person and was loved by all who knew him. He will always live in my memories, the love, joy and laughter we shared together, and he will always live in my heart as I know he lives with Jesus.

In loving memory, his wife, Hazel Taylor

ELIZABETH COMBS



Born February 18, 1894. Married to Fred Combs on January 2, 1915. Gave birth to nine children -- two preceded me in death. My husband, Fred, at seventy-six years of age, also preceded me in death on July 7, 1964.

I don't want to be brought back home after I'm dead. Just take me to the church house and have preaching and singing. I know the preaching won't help me, for I have already preached my own funeral. I have a precious hope of a better

home on the other other side -- where there will be no fussing or grumbling. It will be a place of peace, joy and happiness.

Old people do not have much pleasure on this earth anymore. I'm crippled and can't go to church as I'd like to.

I joined the Old Regular Baptist Church on the third Sunday in July, 1937 and I feel like this church is my home. My husband joined the same church in 1938. We both took fellowship with the Clear Creek Church. Brother Robert Combs and Brother Frank Fugate baptized us. Brother Wheeler Feltner and my husband and I came out as an arm to establish the Clear Fork Church on Lotts Creek in 1952. My husband, Fred, was ordained as Deacon of the church, and he filled his seat and did his duty in the church as long as he was able. Now, I'm the only one living that helped establish the church. I hope there will be enough old-fashioned Baptists left to go on with the church.

I'm satisfied. I have always kept myself busy with the church, and I have never wanted to leave it.

Now, Brothers and Sisters: Keep the faith and go on. I love you all. May God bless you. Be good to each other, help each other when in need, and meet me in Heaven. God will bless you if you trust Him.

God bless every one of my neighbors -- please be good to them. I love you all.

Mom

With God's help I will try to add a few words to my mother's obituary.

Elizabeth Combs passed away September 19, 1985, leaving behind

three daughters: Blanche Yates of Lotts Creek, Georgia Thomas of California, Louise Gayheart of Indiana; four sons: Wilson, Amos, Jimmy, Robert, all of Lotts Creek.

Mother prepared her own obituary a few months before God called her away. Being very old and afflicted in so many ways, she realized that her eyes were gone, along with other problems, so she tried to make her own funeral arrangements and to write her own obituary.

I can't express how much she is missed by her children. Also by the Clear Fork Church. Her seat is vacant in the church, yet her presence is still felt, especially when we sing her favorite song, "When I Can Read My Title Clear." I can still see her yet, as we sang this song, with her feeble old arms raised praising God.

Yes, we miss her presence, as she cared so much for others, always trying to seat everyone, especially the old and feeble. She was also kind and generous to everyone who visited her in her home.

I feel like God removed her from this old earthly tabernacle, and her soul is at rest around God's throne. Somehow I feel like she is watching over her children and grandchildren, friends and relatives, inviting all to be ready to join her in her new home.

I could go on forever writing about Mother, perhaps write a good book about her, but I feel like she tells it better in her own words.

Written by her son,
Bro. Wilson Combs

BLAINE FRANKLIN ADAMS



Blaine Franklin Adams was born December 18, 1933 into the home of Virgie Smith Adams and the late Dan Adams. He passed from this life on September 29, 1985, making his stay on earth 52 years and nine months.

Blaine leaves to mourn his passing his wife, Fredana; two sons, Blaine F. Jr. and William B.; and one daughter, Elizabeth Dawn, all of Amelia, Ohio.

He is also survived by his mother, Virgie A. Stacey; four sisters: Mamie Engle, Sarah Margaret Caudill and Coreen Pridemore, all of Jeremiah,

Ky., and Juanita McCarey of Detroit, Mich.; three brothers: Dock A. of Jeremiah, Ky., Ivan D. of Isom, Ky. and James Gid of Tennessee. Blaine was preceded in death by his father, Dan Adams, and a sister, Mary Geneva Denny.

Blaine never joined a church, but he had felt forgiveness of his sins. On his last visit to his mother's home he told of a beautiful dream where God had promised him a new body and we feel he is at rest.

CALLIE FIELDS ISON



With a sad and broken heart, we will try to write the obituary for our dearly beloved mother, Callie Fields Ison, born on May 28, 1906. Our mother entered into eternal life on October 31, 1985 at Whitesburg Regional Hospital, making her stay on earth 79 years, five months and three days.

On November 30, 1925 she became the wife of Elder Rev. George B. Ison of Skyline, Kentucky. To this union were born twelve children. One baby son preceded her in death several years ago, leaving four sons: Minuard of Indianapolis, Ind., Coburn of Indianapolis, Ind., Castillo of Pontiac, Michigan, Zennith Lowell of Skyline, Ky.; seven daughters: Mary Della, Carlisle, Ky., Gertrude, Franklin, Ohio, Frankie Jean, Booneville, Ky., Janetta Pearl, Hermitage, Tenn., Ethel Maewood, Whitesburg, Ky., Evelyn Juean, Hazard, Ky., JoAnn, London, Ohio; six surviving stepchildren: Hargis of Nicholasville, Ky., Manus of Hallie, Ky., Byrd of Louisville, Ky., Sue Pepper, Corydon, Ind., Recie Euler of Dupont, Ind., Robert of Frankfort, Ky.; also twenty-six grandchildren, sixteen **great-grandchildren**, and a host of friends and relatives to mourn their loss.

She felt the need of God to come into her life. She surrendered herself to Him and joined the Old Regular Baptist Church at Cedar Grove. Mom loved her church dearly and was a faithful member until her death. **She loved and praised her Lord. She will be laid to rest** in the Ison and Morgan Cemetery on Linefork. Mom will be greatly missed by her family, friends and neighbors.

ELLIS GAYHEART



Ellis Gayheart, a born-again Christian, was baptized in God's church. Ellis was baptized in his bed at his home because he had been suffering from a long-term illness.

He was a hard worker, honest, and wanted everyone to know that he loved everybody in the whole world. God was in his heart, and he was ready to go to God. He begged God to take him. He said he would be waiting for his little family to join him in Heaven.

He was a loving husband and provided for his family. He had a hard life due to his handicap, but he overcame life's hardships and is now in God's hands.

He lay praying for God to come and get him and he is now very peaceful and free of the severe pain and discomfort that he endured in this life. Now he is happy.

He will be missed greatly by his wife, Gertrude, and his family, and his many friends and relatives who knew him in this life.

CARSIE MULLINS BRYANT



Sister Carsie Mullins Bryant was born January 27, 1923 to George and Nan Mullins. She was married to Jesse Bryant on February 6, 1945 and to this union were born six children. The are: Nana Margret Howard, Alva Lee Bryant, Eddie Delonn Bryant, Jewell Ruth Osborne, Jason Bryant and Jeffrey Bryant.

Sister Carsie joined God's army in March of 1951. She fought the good fight until her death on August 5, 1985. I had the pleasure of walking the good road with

Mom five years before she went to be with the Lord.

I guess everyone has their own opinion of what it will be like

to enter Heaven when they leave this world, but what I have in my mind when I die is that Mom will be waiting to take my hand and say, "Come on, son, let's go see the One who made it possible for us to be together again forever," and that is Jesus.

I am sure that if it is not that way, it will be even better than I imagined. If Mom had the time to talk to her children before she left, she would have said, "Get ready while you are here on earth to come and be with the Lord and me."

Brother Lonnie Bryant

HERMA JEAN SLONE



It is with a sad heart that I will try to write the obituary of Herma Jean Slone.

Herma Jean was born February 10, 1934. She was the daughter of the late Leonard Slone and the late Gracey (Short) Slone. Herma Jean met and married Sherman Slone in early life, and to their union were born eight children -- sons: Earnie and Doug; daughters: Nadine, Wilma, Belinda, Bonnie, Vonda and Juanita.

Herma Jean joined the Mt. Zion Regular Baptist Church June 12, 1985 and lived faithfully until the Lord called her home. She loved to come to church and she enjoyed the services greatly. When we went to her home to have service she always told us how much she loved us.

Herma Jean will be missed by the church, but we feel that our loss is Heaven's gain.

To the children of Herma Jean, I feel if you want to meet with your mother again, you will have to repent and be born again. I hope you will not let Satan rob your salvation. Always remember the life your dear mother lived, and how she loved the Lord. I feel if you would follow in her footsteps, someday you can meet her again.

So sleep on, Sister Herma Jean, we will meet you again someday, when the Lord comes, and we won't have to part anymore.

Written with love,
Brother Earl Mosley

SAM MULLINS



"Come unto me, all ye that labor and are laden, and I will give you rest."

On February 14, 1984 God felt that Brother Sam Mullins had labored here on earth long enough, and He sent a band of angels to take him to that heavenly home where he will have eternal rest.

Brother Sam was born November 27, 1908, making him 76 years old at the time of his death. In 1934 he married Norcie Amburgey, who preceded him in death. To this marriage was born a son, Ernest, who also preceded him in death, and a daughter, Mary Lou Vanover of Amburgey, Kentucky. He is also survived by his son-in-law, Andy Vanover, seven grandchildren, one great-grandchild, and a host of friends and relatives.

Brother Sam felt the Lord had forgiven him of his sins and June 3, 1973 he joined the House of Prayer Regular Baptist Church in Ohio. Later he moved his membership to Little Dove Church, where he remained a faithful member until death.

Brother Sam and Sister Norcie were always willing to help people in time of sickness and death. I, personally, will never forget the loving kindness they showed my family. This has made me feel especially close to this family.

In his later years, Brother Sam faced much sadness and sickness. He was very fortunate to have a son-in-law like Brother Andy, who was so willing to help Mary Lou give her father the tender loving care he needed. God will surely bless them.

By Brother Merle Smith

DEATH IS A DOORWAY

By Helen S. Rice

*On the "Wings of Death"
the "Soul takes Flight"
Into the land where
"There is no night"
For those who believe
What the Savior said
Will rise in glory
though they be dead.*

*So death comes to us
just to "Open the Door"
To the Kingdom of God
and Life Evermore.*

HESSIE ISON WHITAKER

It is with much sorrow I will try to write the obituary of my mother, and wife of my father, Hessie Ison Whitaker. HESSIE was the daughter of Clint and Nancy Ison. She was born March 19, 1906 on Linefork, Kentucky. She passed from this life December 27, 1985 at the Appalachian Regional Hospital at Whitesburg. Her stay here on earth was 79 years, nine months and eight days.

On September 28, 1929, at the age of 23, she was married to Jeff Whitaker at Skyline, Kentucky by Old Regular Baptist minister George B. Ison. To this union were born two children, Landon, who preceded her in death, and Donald Whitaker, left to mourn his loss. Also left to mourn is her husband, Jeff Whitaker.

On September 17, 1940 HESSIE joined the Old Regular Baptist Church at the age of 34. She was baptized by the same minister who had married her earlier. She was a faithful member and attended regularly up until her death. She would often say she wished she could go to church someplace every day. She always came back from church excited and happy.

She had been a diabetic for over forty years and constantly complained of chest pains. On Christmas night, around midnight December 24, 1985, she began suffering great pain. In the early morning hours we rushed her to the hospital, where the pain was diagnosed as a heart attack. Later, on the evening of December 26, her kidneys failed and her blood sugar began to climb. Then, early on December 27, the Lord took Himself an angel.

For as long as my memory can recall she always would say, "There is nothing in my path to enter Heaven." She told us time and time again that we were to never let it worry us, as she was bound for Glory, and if we ever wanted to see her again we must get right with God.

The last words she said on the morning of December 25, as we were leaving the driveway taking her to the hospital, were, as she looked upon the hill where the graveyard is, "Lord, I am going upon the hill and coming Home. I will never return here alive." She told

it correct, because she never came back alive.

There is a place in the Bible telling us about where there is forever joy and peace, where no troubles, sorrow or pain can ever enter. This is what Mother would sing so loud and long about. She would sing so loud you could hear her all around the house. This, we know, is where Mother and wife have gone.

Written by her son, Donald, with the help of her husband, Jeff

VERLIN CAUDILL



With the help of the Lord I am going to try to write a short obituary of my beloved husband. Verlon was the son of the late Willie Caudill and Bertha Caudill of Jeremiah, Kentucky. Verlon was born September 22, 1924, making his stay on earth 61 years, three months and fourteen days. He leaves to mourn his passing nine children, five boys and four girls: Verlon Eugene, Terrill Dean, Alger Bart, Willie Lee, all of Vicco, and Jackie at

home; John Anthony preceded him in death September 23, 1971; four daughters: Mary E. Combs of Happy, Sharon Kaye at home, Shelia A. Fields, Big Creek, Sandra F. Caudill, Vicco; nine grandchildren, who loved him dearly; three daughters-in-law; sisters: Zana of Massachusetts, Oreva of Massachusetts, and Cora Everidge of Jeremiah; and a host of friends and neighbors who loved him so dearly. We all miss him.

Verlon was a good man, he got forgiveness of his sins in 1971. Verlon talked about the streets of gold and the sweet angels. Now he's gone to live with the angels he talked so much about, where he won't hurt anymore. So children, if you all want to see Daddy anymore, you will have to be born again and be washed in his blood. Verlon, you were the Rose, and and you had to fade away and leave me, but I will join you someday, with my arms open wide. Verlon, I gave you the vow I would love and honor, you until death do us part. So sleep on, sleep on, we will meet you someday.

Written by your loving wife, Edna, and children

LOUISE ROARK



Louise Roark, the daughter of John D. and Laura Caudill Roark, entered eternal life May 30, 1986, making her stay here on earth 43 years, seven months and thirteen days.

She leaves to mourn her passing her mother, Laura Roark; five sisters: Darlene Dixon, Heda Dixon, Brenda Fields, Mary Alice Van Winkle and Letta Schebler; three brothers: Franklin Roark, Marshall Roark and Russell Akers, along with a large number of nieces and nephews.

Louise was a member of the Defeated Creek Old Regular Baptist Church, joining in August of 1967, a place where she was content and sincerely loved.

Louise was a person that was very thoughtful and considerate of other people's feelings. This special quality, along with her other characteristics, made her a very precious person, especially to her family.

In nature we (the family) are filled with sorrow, but spiritually we are consoled, believing that Louise is resting under the altar of God, because her steps here on earth were taken so cautiously.

Written by the family

ARCHIE SMITH



It is with a heavy heart I will try to write the obituary of Brother Archie Smith.

After a long illness he passed into the sweet arms of Jesus on the third day of July, 1986. All pain, worry and suffering ended. Just sweet peace and joy forevermore. His crown had been won, his race was over, at last victory was his.

Born April 10, 1913, the son of Hamilton and Dorey Williamson Smith, making his stay here on earth 73 years, two months

and twenty-three days.

On December 17, 1939 he married Nancy Brown. To this union were born six children. He leaves to mourn his passing his wife, Nancy, of Frankton; two sons, Bobby Joe of Frankton, Edward of Knightstown; four daughters: Irene Jones, Betty Lou Jones of Alexandria, Carol Stanfield of Pendleton, Jean Turner of Summittville; twelve grandchildren; eight foster grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; two brothers, Albert and Bill; two sisters, Bertha and Dorthey.

Archie felt something was missing in his life. He turned to Jesus, asking for Jesus to save his soul. He found what was missing. Brother Archie and Sister Nancy came forward and were baptized into Lydia Old Regular Baptist Church at Marion, Indiana, where he was a faithful member until his passing.

He will be remembered as husband, father and brother, but most of all he will be remembered as a child of God.

Your brother in Christ,
Jerry Caudill

ODIS FRAZIER



Odis Frazier was born December 27, 1915. He entered eternal life February 2, 1986 at the Whitesburg Regional Hospital, Whitesburg, Ky., making his stay on earth seventy years, one month and five days.

He was the son of the late Phillip H. and Katie Fields Frazier.

He is survived by his daughter, Quinna Hall of Delphia, Ky.; his son-in-law, Carter Hall; two grandsons, Derrick Hall and Todd Hall; two sisters, Osa Ison of Kingdom Come

Creek and Verna Ratliff of Crystal Springs, Fla; several nieces and nephews, as well as a host of other relatives and friends to mourn his passing.

He joined the Defeated Creek Old Regular Baptist Church in September 1980 and was baptized October 12, 1980. He was truly a dedicated and faithful member.

He was a veteran of World War II.

A few days before he passed away, Odis had a vision and we believe he is gone to that beautiful place he saw.

Written by his brother and sister-in-law,
Atlas and Ruth Frazier

FOISTER KELLY



"Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints." From the life that Brother Foister Kelly lived, the angels surely rejoiced when he entered the portals of Glory.

Brother Foister was born March 9, 1923. He entered his eternal rest November 5, 1985, making his stay here on earth 62 years, seven months and twenty-seven days.

On August 31, 1946 he was united in marriage to Mary Grigsby and to this union was born one son, Peyton F. Kelly. He is also survived by a daughter-in-law, Ollie Farler Kelly, and one sister, Marie Kelly Feltner.

Brother Foister saw the need of a Savior and on April 10, 1972, he joined the Little Dove Regular Baptist Church. On July 9, 1977, he was ordained as a Deacon. He always served his church well, performing his duties admirably, even when his suffering was evident to all who knew him.

Brother Foister was an unusual man. He was a quiet man. He was a dedicated employee to the company where he worked so many years. He was a good husband and father, a thoughtful neighbor, and a faithful member of the Little Dove Church. He will be missed by all who knew him, especially his wife, son, and daughter-in-law, who so patiently cared for him, helping in every way they possibly could. God will surely reward them for such kindness and devotion.

Brother Foister was a special friend to me and there was a deep feeling of closeness between us. Knowing him as I did, I feel this poem (by Helen S. Rice) expresses the message he would like to leave to his grieving family.

By: Brother Merel Smith

WHEN I MUST LEAVE YOU

*When I must leave you for a little while
Please do not grieve and shed wild tears
And hug your sorrow to you through the years
But start out bravely with a gallant smile.*

*And for my sake and in my name
Live on and do all things the same
Feed not your loneliness on empty days
But fill each waking hour in useful ways.*

*Reach out your hand in comfort and in cheer
And I in turn will comfort you and hold you near
And never, never, be afraid to die
For I'm waiting for you in the sky.*

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. We believe in the one true and living God, and not withstanding there are Three that bear record in Heaven, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, yet there is but one in substance, equal in power and glory, not to be divided and impossible to change in principle and practice.
2. We believe the Old and New Testament Scriptures are the true written words of God and were given by inspiration of God and there is a sufficiency in them contained for our instruction and they are the only rule of our faith and practice.
3. We believe the doctrine of original sin and that man sinned since the fall and are by nature the children of wrath.
4. We believe in the impotency or inability of men to recover themselves out of the state they are in: therefore, a 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

Church	Clerk's Address
.....	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
Little Bull Creek.	Virgil Combs, HC 67, Box 800, Blackey, Ky. 41804
Ivy Point.	Alger Casebolt, General Delivery, Carrie, Ky. 41725
Little Dove.	Dave Hampton, HC 71, Box 474, Jeremiah, Ky. 41826
Tolson Creek.	Luther Combs, HC 85, Box 1884, Isom, Ky. 41824
Dixon Memorial.	Roger Whitaker, HCR 85, Box 2194, Premium, Ky. 41845
Big Creek.	Billy Maggard, Rt. 1, Box 821, Edenburgh, Ind. 46124
Happy Home.	Luther Ashley, HCR 74, Box 2002, Amburgey, Ky. 41801
New Bethlehem.	Carl Slone, P.O. Box 322, Hindman, Ky. 41822
Clear Fork.	Wilson Combs, RR2, Box 201, Hazard, Ky. 41701
Northern New Home.	E. Robert Miller, 405 Britton Ln., Monroe, Ohio 45050
Blair Branch.	Bob Banks, HC 71, Box 277, Letcher, Ky. 41832
Mt. Olivet.	Agnan Back, Box 213, Blackey, Ky. 41804
Little Zion.	Ross S. Hill, Box 114, Jeff, Ky. 41751
Rose of Sharon.	Donnie Jent, HC 63, Box 1345, Hallie, Ky. 41812
Hurricane Gap.	Curt Blevins, HC 77, Box 60, Gordon, Ky. 41819
Kingdom Come.	Bert Fields, HC 84, Box 1968, Whitesburg, Ky. 41858
Poor Fork.	Joe Ison, HC 67, Box 1160, Partridge, Ky. 40862
Big Cowan.	Ray Fields, Day Rural Station, P.O. Box 4033, Whitesburg, Ky. 41858
Little Mary.	Eddie D. Bryant, General Delivery, Lloyd, Ky. 41156
Mount Zion.	Leon Short, HC 60, Box 1050, Hindman, Ky. 41822
Friendship.	George Shea, Kings Mountain, Ky. 40442
Little Bethlehem.	Okie Dean Short, HCR 60, Box 1040, Hindman, Ky. 41822

DELEGATES TO THE 1986 ASSOCIATION

Church	Delegates
Cedar Grove.	Squire Watts, Danny Dixon, Venon Whitaker
New Home.	Birtchell Mosley, Bill Moore, Arnold Thacker
Defeated Creek.	Matt Cornett, Don Halcomb, Atlas Frazier
Reynolds Fork.	Hiram Moore, Delmar Moore, Floyd Seals
Little Bull Creek.	Kirby Jent, David Jent, Danny Ray Caudill
Ivy Point.	Lee Mosley, Alonzo Mosley
Little Dove.	Ivan Amburgey, John Preece, Arnold Jent
Tolson Creek.	Luther D. Combs, Owen Day, Watson Whitaker
Dixon Memorial.	Lester Short, Homer Smith, Carl Back
Big Creek.	Earl Cox, Venon Miller, Billy Maggard
Happy Home.	Landis Everage, Clark Hays, Ollie Mullins
New Bethlehem.	Carl Slone, J.C. Sparks, Melvin Creech
Clear Fork.	Calvin Creech, Clarence Combs, Mark Shepherd
Northern New Home.	Carlos Little, Robert Turner, E. Robert Miller
Blair Branch.	Rodney Ison, Don Pratt, Bob Banks
Mt. Olivet.	I.D. Back, Agnan Back, Wm. Lusk Jr.
Little Zion.	Tommy Logan, Ross S. Hill, Jay Lucas
Rose of Sharon.	Donnie Jent, Jim Fields, Lillard Taylor

Hurricane Gap Robert Harris, Less Shepherd, Jay McCool
Kingdom Come Bert Fields, Powers Caudill, Michel Sizemore
Poor Fork Berry Newsome, Harvey Creech, Herbert Maggard
Big Cowan Clifton Hampton, Ray Fields, Carl Adams
Little Mary. Euel Ratliff, Lonnie Gregory, Eddie Bryant
Mount Zion Earl Mosley, L.D. Mosley, Carl Mosley
Friendship George Shea, Riley Hendrix, Hassel Caudill
Little Bethlehem H.B. Reedy Sr., Raymond Combs, Okie Dean Short

ORDAINED MINISTERS

Name	Address	Phone No.
Ellis Adams	HC 71, Box 584, Jeremiah, Ky. 41826	633-9740
Ivan Amburgey	Pinetop, Ky.	785-4249
Carl Back	Jeremiah, Ky. 41826	633-4344
L.D. Back	Blackey, Ky. 41804	633-0749
Fess Blair	6575 E. Walnut St., Tipp City, Ohio	None Listed
Toby Breeding	Jeremiah, Ky. 41826	None Listed
Powers Caudill	P.O. Box 2, Premium, Ky. 41845	633-5410
Wayne Caudill	Hallie, Ky.	633-5982
Donald Collins	HCR 60, Box 1020, Hindman, Ky. 41822	785-3774
Robert Combs	RR 2, Box 206, Hazard, Ky. 41701	439-2198
Elwood Cornett	HC 71, Box 1027, Blackey, Ky. 41804	633-9269
Charles Craft	8621 Whites Creek Road, Catlettsburg, Ky. 41129	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, Ind.	812/654-3263
Lloyd Eldridge	Sunman, Ind.	812/654-3229
Bert Fields	HC 84, Box 1968, Whitesburg, Ky. 41858	None Listed
Green Fields	HC 67, Box 1400, Blackey, Ky. 41804	633-4788
Jim Fields	HC 63, Box 1480, Hallie, Ky. 41826	633-0275
Chester Gibson	Leburn, Ky.	785-3709
Roger Gibson	Box 383, Viper, Ky. 41774	476-2654
Gene Greer	Rutledge, Tn.	None Listed
Lonnie Gregory	R 5, Box 378-A, Morehead, Ky. 40351	876-3301
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	847 E. U.S. 22 & 3, Morrow, Oh. 45152	513/899-2115
Manus Ison	Hallie, Ky.	633-7959
Aster Jent	285 E. 9th St., Peru, Ind.	317/472-1650
David Jent	HC 67, Blackey, Ky.	633-5458
Kirby Jent	Blackey, Ky.	633-8091
Carlos Little	Loumansville, Ky. 418232	297-4753

Jay Lucas	RR 2, Hazard, Ky. 41701	None Listed
Lewis Lucas	RR 2, Box 334, Hazard, Ky. 41701	None Listed
Henry Melton	Red Fox, Ky.	642-3994
Bill Moore	Leburn, Ky.	785-4888
Alonzo Mosley	Box 155, Garner, Ky.	785-3430
Earl Mosley	HC 75, Box 10805, Leburn, Ky.	None Listed
L.D. Mosley	Hindman, Ky.	None Listed
Ollie Mullins	HCR 74, Box 2025, Amburgey, Ky. 41801	642-3952
Daniel Napier	Carrie, Ky.	785-4844
Fuel Ratliff	3409 Slem St., Ashland, Ky.	324-9793
H.B. Reedy Sr.	HC 60, Box 8025, Litt Carr, Ky. 41834	None Listed
Odis Ritchie	Talcum, Ky.	251-3683
Jonah Roark	RR 1, Commiski, Ind.	None Listed
J. Nelson Seals	Mallie, Ky.	785-5621
Charles Shepherd	HC 77, Box 90, Gordon, Ky. 41819	589-5458
Morris Shepherd	Box 39, Fisty, Ky. 41743	251-3278
Darrell Short	Leburn, Ky.	None Listed
Keith Slone	RR 3, Diniger Rd., Shelby, Oh. 44875	347-1187
Milburn Slone	Garner, Ky.	None Listed
Homer Smith	HC 71, Box 501, Jeremiah, Ky.	633-0281
J.C. Sparks	Hindman, Ky. 41822	785-3386
Invin Stallings	2274 Madison Ave., Norwood Oh. 45212	631-7085
Tennis Sturgill	319 N. Lake St., Amherst, Oh. 44001	216/986-2236
Edward Sumpter	Cumberland, Ky.	537-5244
Thompson Herman	Rt. 1, Box 212, Crab Orchard, Ky. 40419	None Listed
Carl Ray Tattle	East McDowell, Ky.	377-6898
Manford Watts	Leburn, Ky.	None Listed
Squire Watts	Red Fox, Ky. 41847	642-3504
Allen Whitaker	HC 71, Box 624, Jeremiah, Ky. 41826	633-9486
Roger Whitaker	HCR 85, Box 2194, Premium, Ky.	633-2133
Alton Young	Mallie, Ky.	785-3017

CHURCH ADDRESSES

Church	Address
Cedar Grove	Hallie, Ky.
New Home,	Leburn, Ky.; old Hwy. 80
Defeated Creek	Defeated Creek; off Hwy. 1103 about 1 mile
Reynolds Fork	Mallie, Ky.; on Hwy. 1393
Little Bull Creek	Blackey, Ky. (Carcassonne)
Ivy Point,	Garner, Ky.; on old Hwy. 80
Little Dove.	Sassafras, Ky.; on Little Dove Rd. off Hwy. 15
Tolson Creek	Roxana, Ky.; Hwy. 588
Dixon Memorial,	Jeremiah, Ky.; on Hwy. 7
Big Creek.	Dupont, Ind.; off Hwy. 7
Happy Home	Irishman, Ky.; Hwy. 1231
New Bethlehem	Talcum, Ky.; off Hwy. New 80, one mile marker
Clear Fork	RR 2, Hazard, Ky.; on Hwy. 1098, Lotts Creek
Northern New Home	Goshen, Ohio; Stumpy Lane
Blair Branch	Jeremiah, Ky.; on Hwy. 7
Mt. Olivet	Blackey, Ky.; Hwy. 588
Little Zion.	Jeff, Ky.; on Hwy. 7 and 15
Rose of Sharon	Fusonia, Ky.; off Hwy. 7, two miles up Big Branch
Hurricane Gap.	Gordon, Ky.; on Hwy. 160
Kingdom Come	Premium; Hwy. 588
Poor Fork	Cumberland, Ky.
Big Cowan.	Cowan
Little Mary.	Morehead, Ky.
Mount Zion	Hindman, Ky.; off Hwy. 160 up Perkins Branch
Friendship	Hwy. 27 N. from Somerset, then 228
Little Bethlehem	Brinkley, Ky.; on Hwy. 160

<i>Name of Church</i>	<i>Rec'd by Experience & Baptism</i>	<i>Rec'd by Letter</i>	<i>Restored</i>	<i>Recommendation/Application</i>	<i>Dismissed by Letter</i>	<i>Lost By Death</i>	<i>Excluded</i>	<i>Total Membership</i>	<i>Meeting Time</i>	<i>Contribution</i>
<i>Cedar Grove</i>	11	3	1	0	2	6	2	191	4	\$305
<i>New Home</i>	2	1	0	1	1	2	0	45	1	100
<i>Defeated Creek</i>	0	3	0	0	2	3	0	23	2	150
<i>Reynolds Fork</i>	1	2	0	0	1	0	1	32	3	80
<i>Little Bull Creek</i>	0	1	0	0	3	1	9	62	3	75
<i>Ivy Point</i>	1	0	0	0	2	0	1	29	4	50
<i>Little Dove</i>	4	0	0	0	3	6	1	136	2	300
<i>Tolson Creek</i>	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	27	4	75
<i>Dixon Memorial</i>	0	2	0	0	1	1	2	55	4	125
<i>Big Creek</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	24	4	100
<i>Happy Home</i>	2	0	0	0	0	2	1	49	1	125
<i>New Bethlehem</i>	3	0	0	0	0	3	0	32	3	130
<i>Clear Fork</i>	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	21	1	70
<i>Northern New Home</i>	12	6	0	0	4	1	3	116	4	100
<i>Blair Branch</i>	5	0	0	0	0	1	2	82	3	225
<i>Mt. Olivet</i>	1	3	1	0	0	4	0	152	1	300
<i>Little Zion</i>	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	23	4	30
<i>Rose of Sharon</i>	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	26	2	85
<i>Hurricane Gap</i>	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	24	3	125
<i>Kingdom Come</i>	1	3	0	0	2	0	3	23	1	50
<i>Poor Fork</i>	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	35	1	100
<i>Big Cowan</i>	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	53	4	175
<i>Little Mary</i>	2	3	0	0	1	0	0	31	2	200
<i>Mt. Zion</i>	0	4	0	0	0	1	0	11	2	30
<i>Friendship</i>	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	8	3	25
<i>Little Bethlehem</i>	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	24	2	50
<i>Totals</i>	52	34	2	2	22	36	29	1334	-	3180

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)