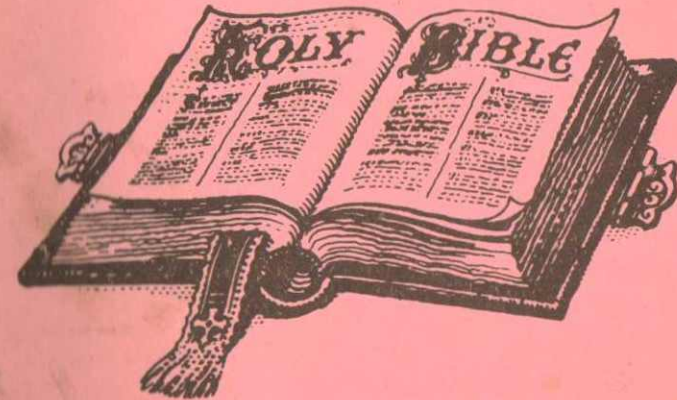


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In Tribute . . .



**A Tribute To:
Clarence (Hawk) Dixon, Green Fields
and Jonah Roark**

Called men of God that make full proof of their ministry are due honor. A few men are worthy of double honor. While the voices of God's servants, one by one, grow silent, the fruits of their labor linger on.

They left their homes to face the heat, the cold, the rain, the snow, and innumerable other obstacles to do the work of an evangelist. They visited the sick, the widows, and the fatherless. They declared the whole counsel of God.

As their race came to a victorious finish, surely they could say, "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day. And not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing."

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Minutes Of The Ninety-Second Session Of The Indian Bottom Association of Old Regular Baptist Church of Jesus Christ

Friday, September 4, 1987
and the two following days

The Indian Bottom Association, being in session, assembled at our Association Building at Sassafras, Knott County, Kentucky, September 4, 1987 and the two following days. Being hosted by the Little Dove, Little Bethlehem and Little Mary Churches, the Association met in the congregational department of the Association Building for preaching services. After praising our Lord and Master in singing, Elder Carl Back introduced the service and led in prayer.

After the introduction and prayer had been rendered, Elder Elwood Cornett, who had been chosen by the delegates of the 1986 session of our Association to preach the Introductory Sermon of this 1987 session, came to the pulpit and lifted his voice high in expounding the goodness of God. Our souls were made to rejoice.

The delegates were dismissed from the congregation and asked to assemble in the Delegate Room. Then came forth Elder Elwood Cornett, our Moderator, who made a few remarks to the delegates and called upon Eld. Grover Adkins to come to the pulpit. Eld. Grover rendered a short, warm sermon. After a song, Eld. Fon Bowling humbly led us to the throne of God 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.

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

requests and queries were referred to the Committee on Arrangements.

2. The Moderator appointed a Committee on Finance, to wit: Johnnie Walters and Mark Dotson.
3. The Association was then organized by choosing the following officers:
 - Eld. Elwood Cornett, Moderator
 - Eld. Jim Fields, Assistant Moderator
 - Bro. Glenn Hampton, Clerk
 - Eld. Morris Shepherd, Assistant Clerk
4. The Moderator called for newly constituted churches desiring to take up fellowship with us and Little Bethany Church presented a letter. The letter was read by the Clerk. By a move and second with no objection the letter was received and referred to the Committee on Arrangements, and the delegates were seated.
5. Churches of our same faith and order who desired fellowship were called for and none responded.
6. By a move and second with no objection, the reading of the Constitution, Rules of Decorum and the Articles of Faith were omitted, but they were requested to be printed in the minutes.
7. 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: Hauley King, Norman Conn, Lonnie West, Elford Holbrook, C.B. Smith, J.D. Clarke, Sam Hollifield, Ellis Holbrook, Hobert Bates, Walter Akers, Troy Hall, Melvin Frasure, Tavis Akers, Arnold Tackett, Dexter Dixon, Coy Combs, Grover Adkins, Hiram Adkins, Glenn Hall, Willis Gibson, Woodrow Dye, Jimmy Hall, Alvin Brown, Ralph Howard, Jack Lucas, Curtie Hall, Roger Hicks, Estill Slone. 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.
 - B. Union: Fon Bowling, Jesse Lee Williamson, Charles Wright, Grant Akers, Frank O'Quinn, Frank Newsome, Ellis W. Amburgey, Paul McClanahan, Autie McClanahan, Jimmie W. Wright, Baxter Osborne, Lloyd Cable, Bob Baker, Bill Rose, Dewey Sexton, Estil Stiltner,

Hezekiah Osborne, Garland Mullins, Andy Bates, Arnold Belcher, Frank N. Coleman, Amos Bartley, Al Osborne, Charlie Akers, Melvin Watts, Sam Irvin, Ottie Newman, Joey Justice, Jessie Viers, Odis Conley, Clifford Owens, Eugene Elswick, Landon Centers, Herman West. 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.

8. The Moderator called for transient members and ministers, but none responded.
9. By a move and second with no objection, the Moderator was directed to make all temporary appointments.
10. The Moderator appointed a Committee on Ministry composed of one delegate from each church, with the entire delegation from the Little Dove Church to arrange for preaching services for Friday afternoon and Saturday morning.
11. The Moderator appointed a Committee on Arrangements which was to be the same as the Committee on Ministry with the exception that the Little Dove Church should have only one delegate together with the Association Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk, Assistant Clerk, and the entire delegation from the corresponding associations to meet Friday afternoon at 1:30 p.m. to arrange the business for Saturday.
12. By a move and second with no objection, it was agreed to correspond with the New Salem and Union Associations. The clerk was directed to prepare letters to same.
13. The Committee on Ministry made the following report for preaching services:
 - Friday Afternoon: Woodrow Dye and Jerry Manns
 - Saturday Morning: Grover Adkins and Paul McClanahan
14. By a move and second with no objection, the Association adjourned until 9:00 a.m. Saturday morning.

The Committee on Arrangements met at 1:30 p.m. Friday afternoon in the Congregational Department of the Association Building. The session was introduced by Eld. Frank O'Quinn, who was wonderfully blessed. Eld. O'Quinn also rendered prayer. Eld. Woodrow Dye lifted our spirits high with a soul-stirring sermon. After the roll call, we arranged the work for Saturday.

Saturday Morning

The Association met pursuant to adjournment. After singing some hymns of praise to our God, Eld. Elwood Cornett made some remarks and called upon Eld. Baxter Osborne to introduce the service. He preached a short, warm, sermon, and Eld. Frank O'Quinn humbly led us in prayer.

1. The clerk called the roll and marked the absentees.
2. The report of the Committee on Arrangements was given. The report 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 Committee on Finance reported a sum of \$2950 collected from the various churches. By a move and second with no objection, the report was received and the Committee discharged.
5. By a move and second with no objection, the minutes of this session of the Association were ordered to be printed. The Clerk is to be Secretary/Treasurer; he is to have 3,500 copies of the Minutes printed; and he is to receive \$50 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. Charles Shepherd, who had been chosen last year to write one for approval this year. By a move and second with no objection, the letter was warmly received and ordered to be printed in the Minutes.
8. The Committee on Ministry, being the same as on Friday, made the following selections:
 - A. To preach on Sunday: Jimmy Hall, Ralph Howard, Baxter Osborne and Elwood Cornett.
 - B. To preach the Introductory Sermon for 1988: Earl Mosley, and Alonzo Mosley is to be his alternate.
 - C. To write a Circular Letter for 1988: Bro. Don Pratt
 By a move and second with no objection the report was approved and the Committee discharged.

9. By a move and second with no objection, obituaries are to be printed in the Minutes with a \$10 fee for printing pictures. All obituaries are 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:

Balance on Hand, 9-6-86	\$5504.07
Church Contributions	3180.00
Pictures	360.00
Interest	244.85
Total in Treasury	\$9288.92

Expenses :

Printing Minutes	2800.00
Safety Deposit Box	35.00
Checks	6.22
Typing Permanent Record	20.00
Total Expenses	\$2861.22
Balance in Treasury, 9-5-87	\$6427.70

11. The letters to the New Salem and Union Associations were read and by a move and second with no objection were approved.
 - A. New Salem: To begin on Friday before the fourth Saturday in September, 1987, at Minnie, Floyd County, Kentucky at their association building and continuing the two following days. Delegates to attend: Odis Ritchie, Lonnie Sexton, Roger Whitaker, Willie Eldridge, Ralph B. Seals, Agnan Back, Dennie Amburgey, John W. Reedy, Ivan Amburgey, Clark Hays, H.B. Reedy Sr., H.B. Reedy Jr., I.D. Back, Squire Watts, Morris Shepherd, Glenn Hampton, Elwood Cornett, Virgil Combs, Merle Smith, John Preece, Jesse Bryant, Herman Thompson, Dwight Amburgey, Ellis Adams
 - B. Union: To begin on Friday before the third Saturday in September, 1987 at Wise, Wise County, Virginia, and continuing the two following days. Delegates to attend: Odis Ritchie, Lonnie Sexton, Roger Whitaker, Willie Eldridge, Agnan Back, Ralph B. Seals, Clark Hays, John W. Reedy, Ivan Amburgey, Dennie Amburgey, H.B. Reedy Sr., H.B. Reedy Jr., I.D. Back, Squire Watts, Morris Shepherd, John P. Eldridge, Glenn

Hampton, Merle Smith, Elwood Cornett, Virgil Combs, John Preece, Jesse Bryant, Herman Thompson, Dwight Amburgey, Ellis Adams

12. Eld. Elwood Cornett, in the absence of Eld. I.D. Back, gave the report of the work of the Committee on Council. He said they had met and worked with the Little Bethlehem Church. By a move and second with no objection the report was accepted.
13. The request from the New Home Church to have a picture of the 1987 officers of the Association printed on the front page of the Minutes was read. After some discussion a move and second were made to grant the request for one year. No objection was filed.
14. The request from the Mt. Olivet Church to host the 1988 session of the Association was read. By a move and second with no objection the request was granted.
15. The letter from the Little Bethany Church was read; also the work of their organization was read. By a move and second with no objection, the Little Bethany Church was received into the Indian Bottom Association and their delegates were given the right hand of fellowship, welcoming them into the Association.
16. The treasurer of the trustees gave his report. By a move and second with no objection the report was received.

The report was as follows:

Balance 9-6-86.....	\$1914.94
Collections:	
Odd W/E.....	669.00
Donations.....	110.00
Church Contributions.....	6015.00
Concession Stand.....	60.00
Total in Treasury.....	\$8768.94

Expenses:

Labor (repair).....	1411.00
Food & Kitchen Supplies.....	1587.72
Utilities.....	691.77
Repair Supplies.....	2244.04
Insurance.....	972.00
Total Expenses.....	\$6906.53

Balance 9-5-87.....	\$1862.41
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17. By a move and second with no objection the clerks were ordered to write a Resolution of Appreciation to the Little Dove, Little Bethlehem and Little Mary Churches for hosting the 1987 session of the Association.
18. By a move and second with no objection the clerks were ordered to write a Tribute to our deceased ministers, to wit: Green Fields, Jonah Roark and Clarence (Hawk) Dixon.
19. The Clerk read the minutes of this 1987 session of the Association. By a move and second they were approved. No objection was filed.
20. By a move and second with no objection we adjourned until our next association convenes on September 2, 1988. Eld. Roger Hicks came to the pulpit, sang a beautiful song, and preached to the glory of God. Eld. Herman West humbly led us in prayer.

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

Sunday Morning, September 6, 1987

A large, orderly crowd began to gather at our Indian Bottom Association Building, greeting each other with love and a warm handshake.

The closing day of our ninety-second Indian Bottom Association began with beautiful old-time singing of the songs of Zion.

Opening remarks and a warm welcome were given by Elder Elwood Cornett, our beloved Moderator.

Elder Elwood Cornett called upon Elder Jimmy Hall of the Union Association. He preached a beautiful sermon on love and peace. He also made a warm prayer. Elder Ralph Howard of the New Salem Association preached on the Prodigal Son, and preached repentance. He preached a warm sermon, and there were many tears shed. Elder Baxter Osborne preached in Corinthians (Chapter 1, Verse 18) "For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God." Elder Baxter preached a beautiful sermon under God's great power.

Elder Elwood Cornett, our Moderator, asked the congregation to treasure up what they had heard. Elder Elwood preached: "And Moses said unto the people, Fear ye not, stand still and see the salvation of the Lord." Elder Elwood was blessed with the power of our Lord and Savior to make a warm closing. He extended the privilege of accepting members, but none responded; thus bringing our ninety-second Indian Bottom Association to a close. Elder Jim Fields dismissed by prayer.

Resolution of Appreciation

We, the Indian Bottom Association, would like to express our humble appreciation to the Little Dove Church, the Little Bethlehem Church and the Little Mary Church for the wonderful job you did in hosting this ninety-second session of our beloved Association. The quantity of food was unbelievable; the variety made it very hard to select what one wanted, and the delicious taste made it almost a sure thing that one ate too much.

To each and every person who brought food, served tables, washed dishes, greeted our visitors, parked cars, carried the food up the stairs, collected the garbage, cleaned, or performed any other task, we want to thank you and pray that God will bless you four-fold for helping to make this session of our Association one to be long remembered.

Circular Letter

To my beloved Brothers and Sisters and Delegates of the ninety-second session of the Indian Bottom Association:

You have chosen the most unworthy among you to write the circular letter.

By the help of God, and seeking His counsel, I will try. For many months I have had a subject on my mind.

Brethren, since God has saved my soul and placed me in the church, all things have become new to me. I have a new life in Christ Jesus. I was changed inside and outside. I was dead, but now I'm alive - Romans 6:4: "To walk in a newness of life."

But some say that God does not look on the outside, but the word of God is true.

Romans 6:12, 13: "Let not sin reign in your mortal bodies, that ye should obey it in the lust thereof. Neither yield ye your members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin, but yield yourselves unto God."

My elder brother wrote this to the Corinthians 3:16, 17: "Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and the Spirit of God dwelleth in you? If any man defileth the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for of the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are."

We, being the children of God, should we be holy also? I think so, as much as possible. For the world is watching, and so is God. For we are chosen out of the world, by Jesus Christ.

Furthermore, Corinthinas 6:19,20: "What? Know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost, which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? For you are bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's."

I think God does look on the outside, not as men do. Let us walk after the Spirit, not after the Flesh. Let us be spiritual minded, not carnal. Let us be meek and humble and not proud and haughty.

I Peter 2:9: "But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a peculiar people, that you should show forth the praises of Him who hath called you out of darkness into His marvelous light."

Brethren, my stay here will be short at the longest. I will pass this way one time. I won't be back here again. I want to do it right this time. James 4:4: "If I be a friend of the world, then I am an enemy of God."

I believe that there is a cross that needs to be carried through this land of unbelief and ungodliness to show the world that there is a better way.

Matthew 16:24: "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me." Can we be faithful to Him who gave His life for sinners like us, just for a season?

Remember, God is not mocked, and shall repay. I must stop. May God bless our Association.

Your Brother in Christ,
Elder Charles Troy Shepherd

UNION COMMUNION AND MEMORIAL SERVICES

March

Little Zion: Union meeting fourth Saturday and Sunday in March. Ministers called: John Preece, Bob Combs, Clark Hayes, Lewis Craft, Bill Moore, Harlos Watts. Communion: fourth Sunday in July. Memorial: fourth Sunday in June. Ministers called: Bill Halcomb, Carson Cornett, Bob Combs, Chester Gibson, and Carl Slone.

April

Rose of Sharon: Union meeting: second Saturday and Sunday in April. Ministers called: Harvey Creech, Danny Dixon, Bill Moore, Elwood Cornett, Toby Breeding, Jim Fields. Communion: second Sunday in June. Memorial: second Sunday in July. Ministers called: Virgil Combs and Roger Gibson.

Mt. Zion: Union meeting: second Sunday in April. Ministers called: All of the same faith and order. Communion: second Sunday in June. Memorial: second Sunday in September. Ministers called: All of the same faith and order.

Blair Branch: Union meeting: third Saturday and Sunday in April. Ministers called: Jerry Mann, Baxter Osborne, Elwood Cornett, Squire Watts, Jim Fields, I. D. Back, Ivan Amburgey, and John Preece. Communion: third Sunday in July. Memorial meeting: third Sunday in June. Ministers called: Chester Gibson, Danny Dixon, Harvey Creech, Ellis Adams, I. D. Back, and Agnon Back.

Northern New Home: Union meeting: fourth Sunday in April. Ministers called: Ivan Amburgey and John Preece. Memorial meeting: fourth Sunday in June. Bob Haney, Billy Ray Jones, Ellis Amburgey, Ronnie Little, Kensie Ison, Ron Tussey, Melvin Watts, Albert Osborne, I. D. Back, Elwood Cornett, and Jim Fields. Communion meeting: fourth Sunday in August. John B. Hamilton and Lonnie Gregory.

May

Poor Fork: Union meeting: first Saturday and Sunday in May. Ministers called: Elders Toby Breeding, Danny Dixon, Squire Watts, Charles Shepherd, Ellis Adams, and Elwood Cornett. Communion meeting: first Sunday in July. Memorial meeting: first Sunday in August. Ministers called: Charles Shepherd, Roger Gibson, Ellis Adams, Danny Dixon, and Squire Watts.

Mt. Olivet: Union meeting: first Saturday and Sunday in May. Ministers called: Woodrow Dye, Jimmy Dye, Danny Dixon, and Frank Newsome. Communion meeting: first Sunday in August. Memorial Meeting: first Sunday in July.

Little Dove: Union meeting: second Saturday and Sunday in May. Ministers called: Baxter Osborne, Elwood Cornett, Charles Shepherd, I.D. Back, Danny Dixon and Woodroe Dye. Communion: second Sunday in July. Memorial: second Sunday in June.

Little Bethlehem: Union meeting: fourth Saturday and Sunday in May. Ministers called: Ellis Amburgey, Charles Shepherd, Jerry Manns, Danny Dixon, Roger Hicks, Chester Gibson. Communion meeting: fourth Saturday and Sunday in August. Memorial: fourth Saturday and Sunday in September. Ministers called: Roger Gibson, Jim Fields, Harvey Creech, Ralph Howard, H.B. Reedy Sr. and Ivan Amburgey.

Reynolds Fork: Union meeting: third Saturday and Sunday in May. Ministers called: I. D. Back, Danny Dixon, Baxter Osborne, Melvin Watts, Jerry Manns, Homer Smith. Communion: third Sunday in June. Memorial: third in July. Ministers called: Ivan Amburgey, Bill Moore, Hauley King, Ellis Holbrook, John Preece.

Bull Creek Church: Union meeting: third Saturday and Sunday in May. Ministers called: Agnon Back, Danny Dixon, Homer Smith, Lonnie Sexton, and Kirby Jent.. Communion: third Sunday in August. Memorial: third Sunday in June. Melton Cemetery: second Sunday in June.

Cedar Grove: Union meeting: fourth Saturday and Sunday in May. Ministers called: Darrell Newsome, Dallas Ramsey, Elwood

Cornett, Toby Breeding, Charles Shepherd, Agnon Back. Communion: fourth Sunday in August. Memorial: fourth Sunday in June.

June

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

Happy Home: Union meeting: first Saturday and Sunday in June. Ministers called: Roger Gibson, Hezekiah Osborne, Carl Back, Alan Whitaker, Morris Shepherd, Ted Everage, Danny Dixon, and Bill Hall. Communion: first Sunday in July. Memorial: first Sunday in August. All of the same faith and order are invited.

Clear Fork: Union meeting: first Saturday and Sunday in June. Ministers called: Squire Watts, Homer Smith, Allen Whitaker, Charles Shepherd, Ted Everage, Virgil Combs. 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: Morris Shepherd, Roger Gibson, Alonzo Mosley, Elwood Cornett, Danny Dixon, and John Preece. Communion: first Sunday in July. Memorial meeting: first Saturday and Sunday in October. Ministers called: Ivan Amburgey, Estill Slone, Hillis Reedy, Squire Watts, Kirby Jent, and Virgil Combs.

New Bethlehem: Union meeting: third Saturday and Sunday in June. All of the same faith and order are invited. Communion: third Sunday in August. Memorial: third Sunday in September.

Friendship: Union meeting: third Saturday and Sunday in June. Ministers called: Harvey Creech, Roger Gibson, Toby Breeding, and John Preece. Communion: third Sunday in July. Memorial: third Saturday and Sunday in May. Ministers called: All Old Regular Baptist Ministers of the same faith and order.

Dixon Memorial: Union meeting: fourth Saturday and Sunday in June. Ministers called: John Preece, Curl Dixon, Bill Hall, Jimmy Hall, Charles Shepherd, Alonzo Mosley, Virgil Combs, Lee Mosley, Ivan Amburgey, L.D. Mosley, Wayne Caudill, and Lonnie Gregory. Communion: fourth Sunday in July. Memorial meeting: fourth Sunday in May. For the two cemeteries: fourth Sunday in September (for the deceased members).

Big Cowan: Union meeting: fourth Saturday and Sunday in June. Ministers called: Harvey Creech, Danny Dixon, I.D. Back, Ivan Amburgey, and Jim Fields, moderator. Communion: fourth Saturday and Sunday in July. Memorial: fourth Saturday and Sunday in September. Ministers called: Virgil Combs, Squire Watts, Bill Moore, Jim Fields and John Preece.

Ivy Point: Union meeting: fourth Sunday in June. Ministers called: All Regular Baptist ministers of the same faith and order are welcome. Communion: fourth Sunday in July. Memorial: fourth Saturday and Sunday in August. Ministers called: All of the same faith and order are welcome.

Tolson Creek: Union meeting: fourth Sunday in June. Ministers called: Danny Dixon, Bill Halcomb, Bill Moore, Harvey Creech, Charles Shepherd, Ellis Amburgey, John B. Hamilton, Agnon Back, John Preece, Virgil Combs, Moderator and Assistant Moderator. Communion: fourth Sunday in July. Memorial: fourth Sunday in August. Ministers called: All ministers of the same faith and order are welcome.

Big Creek: Union meeting: fourth Saturday and Sunday in June. Ministers called: Ivan Amburgey, Roger Gibson, Charles Shepherd, John B. Hamilton, Elwood Cornett and John Preece. Communion: fourth Sunday in July. Memorial: fourth Sunday in August. Ministers called: I.D. Back and Melvin Watts.

July

Little Bethany: Union meeting: Third Saturday and Sunday in July. All ministers of the same faith and order are invited. Communion: third Sunday in August.

August

Defeated Creek: Union meeting: second Saturday and Sunday in August. Ministers called: Harvey Creech, Danny Dixon, Ellis Adams, Charles Shepherd, and Agnon Back. Communion: second Sunday in August. Memorial: second Saturday and Sunday in July.

Hurricane Gap: Union meeting: third Saturday and Sunday in August. Ministers called: Lonnie Sexton, Roger Gibson, Harvey Creech, and Danny Dixon. Communion: third Sunday in August. Ministers: Jim Fields, and Agnon Back. Memorial: third Sunday in October. Ministers called: Elwood Cornett, and Morris Shepherd.

September

Little Mary: Union meeting: second Saturday and Sunday in September. Ministers called: Melvin Watts, Roger Hicks, Bill Moore, and Bill Campbell. Communion: second Sunday in October. Memorial: second Saturday and Sunday in August. Ministers called: All Old Regular Baptist ministers of the same faith and order.

Obituaries

CLIFTON DOCK MOSLEY



With a sad heart I will try to write an obituary of Clifton Dock Mosley. Dock was born March 12, 1924 to James Clabe Mosley and Nancy Slone Mosley. Early in life he met and married Dolly Collins. Nine children were born to this union. Dock was preceded in death by: his father, James Clabe Mosley; his mother, Nancy Mosley; one son, Cordell Mosley; and one daughter, Betty Sue Mosley.

Left to mourn his passing are: his wife, Dolly Collins; three sons: L.D. Mosley; J.D. Mosley; and J.C. Mosley; four daughters: Imalee Hall; Charlene Jacobs; Nancy Lee Jacobs; and Eveleen Hall; brother: Linzy Mosley; and three sisters: Devada Hays; Ogie Collins; and Della Gibson. Also left to mourn his passing are twenty-four grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and a host of nieces and nephews.

Dock was sick about a year before his death. The last week of his life was spent in Highland Regional Medical Center. One Sunday evening he asked for the church to come to the hospital and sing "Will The Circle Be Unbroken." As we sang, he lifted his hands and praised God. He told us he felt God had forgiven him of his sins. I feel like he is at rest. If Dock could speak back to his children and friends, I feel he would tell them to go to church and seek forgiveness while they could still serve God.

Dock will be missed very much by his family and friends. He cannot come back to us, but by the grace of God we can go to be with him in a home where there is no sickness or death. Children be good to each other and your mother, because death will surely come again.

Sleep on Dock, we will meet you again over in glory land.

Written by his nephew, Carl Mosley

MAMIE GROSS MINIARD



It is with a sad and broken heart that we try to write the obituary of our loving mother and wife. Mamie Gross Miniard was born into the home of George Gross and Laura Murriel Gross on April 5, 1907 and left this world on November 22, 1986 making her stay here seventy-nine years, seven months and seventeen days.

Mom was married to Delno Miniard on July 2, 1925, giving them sixty-two wonderful years together. To this union were born ten children: Vernon Miniard of Monticello, Kentucky; Marjorie Holbrook of Switzer, West Virginia; Mazie Caudill of Morehead, Kentucky; Frances Cornett of Slem, Kentucky; Mabel Birkla of Jeffersonville, Indiana; Tommie Jean Smith of Greenville, Kentucky; Odell Miniard of Delphia, Kentucky; Gladean Shepherd of Gordon, Kentucky; and Carolyn Pratt of Delphia, Kentucky. One son, George Miniard, was killed in an automobile accident of April 16, 1972.

Other survivors are: two sisters, Emily Adams; and Hannah Halcomb, both of Delphia, Kentucky; twenty-three grandchildren; and eighteen great-grandchildren.

Mom was a member of the Cedar Grove Old Regular Baptist Church. She loved to go to church and was a faithful member to her church and God.

Mom never failed to tell her children about our Lord Jesus Christ and told us to pray. Almost the last words Mom said before she went into a coma was "Sweet Jesus" so I believe Mom is at rest with Sweet Jesus. I believe she has gone away with a friend, the dearest friend we can have on this earth.

Dad is very lonely now and talks and cries about Mom a lot. He still has his children, but we can never take the place of the companion he had by his side so many years.

We all miss Mom, but she left such a wonderful witness that it makes the sadness and loneliness a lot easier to bear.

So, brothers and sisters, if we trust in the Lord and pray for our salvation I believe we will see Mom again on that great day when we get to heaven.

Written by her husband and daughters; Delno Miniard, Gladean Shepherd, Carolyn Pratt, and Frances Cornett

BURN AMBURGEY



With much sadness and a heavy heart, I will do my utmost to write the obituary of my father, Burn Amburgey. Dad was born to the late Cassie and Albert Amburgey and departed life on November 2, 1986. Early in life he was united in marriage to Lyda Gibson. To this union were born four children. Three children preceded him in death: Ova; Cova; and Jewel; and his companion. He leaves behind one son: Onas, who lives at the home place. There are also two grandchildren and five great-grandchildren left behind.

Early in life Dad felt the need to turn his life over to the Lord. First he joined the Providence Old Regular Baptist Church at Smithboro, Kentucky. Later taking up fellowship at the Little Colly Church in the Thornton Union Association. There he attended and went as often as he could until the time of his death.

Written by his son, Onas Amburgey

PRENTIS CAUDILL



Prentis Caudill was born April 7, 1885. He was the son of Isom Caudill and Teri Back Caudill. He passed from this life on June 18, 1968, being eighty-three years, two months, and eleven days of age at the time of his death.

Early in life he married Lucinda Whitaker, the daughter of Hayden and Nancy Jane Caudill Whitaker. To this union were born fifteen children, nine boys and six girls. Two sons and two daughters preceded him in death. This left to mourn his passing: his wife; seven sons: George of Richmond, Indiana; Alva; Lee; Arlie; Howard;

and Cro, all of Premium; and Carl of Maine; four daughters: Rebecca Combs of Blackey; Una Adams and Ruby Blair of Jeremiah; and Helen Adams of Premium; plus several grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He is also survived by one brother: John Caudill of Letcher; and one sister: Polly Ann Tolson of Ohio.

Prentis was a quiet and humble man who belonged to no church on earth, but we feel sure that his name is listed in the Lamb's Book of Life. He was a good father, husband, and neighbor. He was loved by all who knew him.

Written by his family

LUCINDA WHITAKER CAUDILL

Lucinda Caudill was born November 20, 1890, and passed from this life on June 25, 1969, making her stay on earth seventy-eight years, seven months, and five days. She was the daughter of Hayden and Nancy Jane Caudill Whitaker.

In 1910, she married Prentis Caudill, the son of Isom and Teri Caudill. To this union were born fifteen children. Ira, Ura, Lee, and two infants preceded her in death. Left to mourn her passing are six sons: George; Alva; Arlie; Howard; Cro; and Carl; and four daughters: Rebecca Combs; Una Adams; Ruby Blair; and Helen Adams.

Lucinda professed a hope in Christ for many years and loved to go to church. She was a humble woman and wanted to do what was right. She is gone from us, but we feel that our loss is heaven's gain.

Written by her family

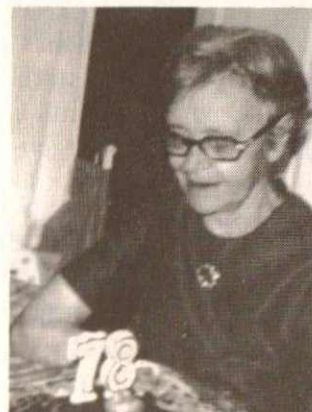
FRANKLIN ASHLEY

With a sad heart, we will try to write an obituary of our daddy, Franklin Ashley. He was born April 23, 1897 and passed from this life December 9, 1986, making his stay here on earth eighty-nine years, seven months and nine days. He was the son of John and Nancy Ashley. Later in life, he met and married Susie Mullins Ashley on June 28, 1919. To this union were born four children: Frances Hudson; Hazel Hudson, Luther Ashley, all of Amburgey, Kentucky; and Virgil Ashley of Louisville, Kentucky. His mother, father, three brothers and two sisters preceded him in

death. He leaves his four children, eight grandchildren, one brother and two sisters to mourn their loss. His brother's name is Leonard Ashley and sisters are: Luna Mullins; and Stella Cornett. He has gone where Mommy is at rest, around the throne of God. We can meet them some day, where we won't have to part anymore.

Written by his children

CYNTHIA ANN GRIGSBY FELTNER



Cynthia Grigsby Feltner passed away on Monday, August 31, 1987 at Bulan, Kentucky. She was the daughter of William Henry Grigsby and Laura Jane Hudson Grigsby and was born on September 27, 1896, making her ninety years, eleven months and four days at the time of her passing.

In 1915 Cynthia became a member of the Primitive Old Regular Baptist Church on Lotts Creek, where she dedicated at least half her lifetime to the service of her Lord.

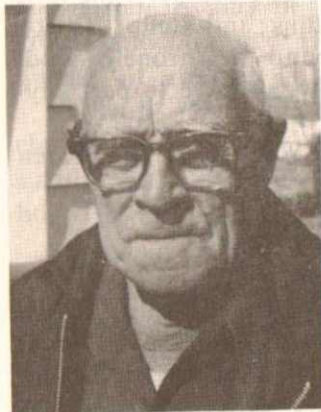
She is survived by five sons: William Feltner of Stanton, Kentucky; Harold Feltner of Hugheston, W.Va., Eli Feltner of Atlanta, Georgia; Wayne Feltner, Jr. of Hazard, Kentucky; and Dewey Feltner of Ypsilanti, Michigan; two daughters: Margie Newman of Wadley, Georgia; and Jama Dean Forbes of Lotts Creek, Kentucky; one sister; Dosha Combs of Lakeland, Florida; twenty-five grandchildren; thirty-two great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; as well as a host of other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were held Thursday, September 3, 1987 at one o'clock at Clear Fork Old Regular Baptist Church of Lotts Creek, with Jimmy Combs, Bob Combs, and J.C. Disney officiating. Burial was in Grigsby Cemetery on Lotts Creek.

Cynthia was a very humble person and a very good and loving and understanding mother and friend to all. She will be missed very much. Mom, we love you very much.

Written by your sons and daughters

HENRY BACK



Henry Back was born on September 11, 1896 in Letcher County, Kentucky. He was the son of the late Marion and Susanna Caudill Back. He passed from this life on November 17, 1986 at Clermont Mercy Hospital in Batavia, Ohio, making his stay here on earth ninety years, two months and six days.

Henry met Angeline Hampton of Letcher County, Kentucky, and married her on November 8, 1919. He started working around the coal mines until a freak accident caused the loss of his leg. Thus, he turned to teaching school for awhile and then began a career in the grocery business, in which he stayed for almost sixty years until retirement.

Surviving are four sons: Elmer of Sharonville, Ohio; Carson of Williamsburg, Ohio; Dennis of Middletown, Ohio; and Kenneth of Denver, Colorado. The loss will be also felt by twelve grandchildren, ten great-grandchildren; and one brother, John Back of Letcher, Kentucky.

Dad never attached himself to one particular church, but he confessed the Lord several years ago. He told me once that he had a vision in which he was walking on the banks of a beautiful stream of water, and on the other side he could see the most beautiful people who were all dressed in white. He said he wanted to cross over to be with them, when the Lord appeared in front of him with outstretched arms and said, "Come on home, son." On another time he was sitting in his rocking chair wide awake and the Lord appeared once more. The Lord did not speak, but of course He did not have to, he had such a wonderful expression on his face. Dad said he felt that burden lifted from him and sweet relief flowed through his body. He had no doubt after that.

Dad loved to go to church and looked forward to attending as long as he was able to. He loved and cherished the gathering of friends and family in his home for singing and prayer. He celebrated his ninetieth birthday in his favorite place, Concord Church.

Henry Back was a good, kind-hearted man, a good daddy and a good neighbor to everyone. He will be sadly missed by all who

knew him, but I feel that our loss is heaven's gain.

Children, if you want to see our Mom and Dad again, if you haven't already done so, then you must make peace with God before you can cross over that wonderful stream.

Written by son, Carson Back and granddaughter, Connie

IDA ADAMS



It is with an aching heart that I write this obituary of our beloved mom, Ida Adams. She was the daughter of the late Basil and Rebecca Caudill. Born on April 21, 1916, she went to paradise on May 13, 1987.

She was married April 23, 1949 to Coy Adams and to this marriage were born six children, one daughter and five sons: Betty Ratcliff of Waynesburg, Kentucky; Billy; Herman; Bruce; Fred; and Troy. She leaves nine grandchildren; five sisters: Sarah Naegle; Carmie Repass; Mollin Bolin; Judy Lewis; and Irene Hutchen. She was preceded in death by two brothers: Arthur; and Chester Caudill.

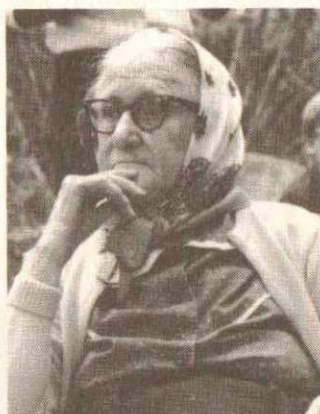
She joined the Old Regular Baptist Church in 1951 and remained faithful until death.

She served a total of two years, two months and two days of military service, which began on January 12, 1943. Of this time, one year and two months was served overseas; seven months, nineteen days in WAAC, and the remainder of time in the regular army until discharged November 2, 1945. While serving her country, she worked as a file clerk in Sig Supply Hdgs., and participated in the New Guinea and Luzon Battle campaigns. During her brief career she was awarded eight decorations and citations, as well as three Bronze Battle Stars.

Mothers are a "special breed." One who hurts when we're in need, one who is there when we wish to share, to talk of loved ones of whom we care. Mothers are there to wipe tears. They're there to shed our fears. They're so loved in many ways, and we loved her so.

Written by one who loved her so, Betty Ratcliff, daughter

FRANKIE WATTS GRIFFIE



Frankie Watts Griffie was born January 18, 1896 at Hallie, Kentucky. She died November 6, 1986 at her home. She married James Griffie on June 7, 1917. He preceded her in death July 12, 1982. To this union were born seven sons: Rence of Middletown, Ohio; Rema and Leslie of Morristown, Tennessee; Dellas and Harmie of Ulvah, Kentucky; Arnold and Lee, who preceded her in death; three daughters: Ada Campbell of Bryson City, North Carolina; Stella

Halcomb of Ulvah, Kentucky; and Connie Griffie of Ulvah, Kentucky. She has one sister: Goldie Watts and two brothers, Riley Watts and Spencer Watts.

She was a faithful member of the Cedar Grove Church for twenty-eight years. She dearly loved her church. She was a devoted wife, a wonderful mother, and mother-in-law, a loving grandmother and a caring sister.

We miss her but we are comforted knowing she is with the Lord.

Written by her family

FELICIA LYNN HICKS



Felicia Lynn Hicks was born on October 16, 1960 and passed from this life on March 3, 1986 making her stay on earth twenty-five years, four months and seventeen days.

She was the daughter of Joyce and John Hicks and the granddaughter of Rence and Virgie Griffie and Fred Stamper. She was the great-granddaughter of Jimmy and Frankie Griffie.

Felicia gave so much happiness to her family and friends. We miss her so much.

Written by her mother

MARY CORNETT NELMS



Mary Cornett Nelms, youngest and last surviving child of Audley Anderson and Elizabeth Caudill Cornett, died October 20, 1986 at St. Anthony's Hospital in Louisville Kentucky. She is survived by seven of her eight children: Thurman M. and Audley A. Nelms, both of Louisville, Kentucky; William E. Nelms of Honey Brooke, Pennsylvania; Christine Piersall and Josephine Pierce, both of Dayton, Ohio; LaVerne Begley of Irmo, South Carolina; and

Helen F. Taylor of Lexington, Kentucky; seventeen grandchildren, and fifteen great-grandchildren. Funeral services were held October 23, at Cedar Grove Church in Line Fork, Kentucky with Elders Elwood Cornett, Manus Ison, and Squire Watts officiating. Interment followed at the Audley A. Cornett Cemetery, Cornettsville, Kentucky.

A direct descendant of pioneer Eastern Kentucky settlers and Revolutionary War veterans William Cornett and James Caudill, Mary Nelms was born July 13, 1892, near Cornettsville, Kentucky. Except for a few months residence in Big Stone Gap, Virginia during her childhood and the last several years of her life when declining health necessitated her living with her children, she was a lifelong resident of Perry County. As a youth she attended briefly the Hindman Settlement School until ill health forced her return home. On July 18, 1916 she was married to Charles M. Nelms (1884-1966) of Pennington Gap, Virginia, by the Reverend Asbel S. Petrey in the home of Dr. Maggard at Hazard, Kentucky. Mr. Nelms had come to Eastern Kentucky in the employ of Lucas C. Moore Stave Company.

She joined the Big Leatherwood Old Regular Baptist Church on the second Sunday in November, 1952, and was baptized May 10, 1953; Mother's Day. She was a member of this congregation for some twenty years before transferring her membership to the Cedar Grove Church. In a life marked by its share of hardship and tragedy, her church was one of the great bulwarks and joys of her life.

To her family and those who knew her, she will be remembered for her irrepressible wit and humor, her love of family, her forthrightness, her care and consideration for all of God's children, and her commitment to the Christian ethic. Her life was a testimony to the strength of her character. This, then, is her most precious legacy to those she leaves behind—the example of a life worthy of emulation. Personally, I count it one of the great privileges of my life to have known and been close to her, and an honor to be her grandson.

Written and submitted by Paul R. Begley

GARLAND AMBURGEY



With a sad and broken heart, I will try to write a short obituary of a kind and loving father, Garland Amburgey. He was born September 18, 1903 into the home of John and Rosa Amburgey in Knott County, and here he spent most of his life. In the year of 1924, he met and married Ada Blair and walked hand in hand until her departure April 10, 1977. To this union were born four sons: Denver; Buford; Winford; and Elmer; one daughter: Jewell Amburgey

of Litt Carr. There at Omaha, Kentucky, they toiled and raised their family, instilling in them the fear of God and honesty toward mankind.

A few years ago he realized he was in need of a Savior. He believed with all his heart that Jesus had come into his life, and

at the memorial service at the Greasy Burgey Cemetary, he gave his hand to the church and was baptized. He left an empty seat at the Little Dove Church but I believe our loss was heaven's gain.

He leaves behind him five children; twelve grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren along with a host of friends and relatives to mourn his passing.

Written by his loving daughter, Jewell Amburgey and a great-niece and sister in the church

WALT BACK



Today we are sad because someone we loved very dearly has departed this life; but the angels in heaven are rejoicing for another valiant soldier has arrived home. Walt has joined them in their happiness and is helping them sing that "new song" that only the redeemed of God can sing.

Walt was the son of the late Jim and Callie Caudill Back. He was born December 7, 1923 and departed this life January 15, 1987 making his sojourn here on earth sixty-three years,

one month and eight days. He was one of a large family. His father, mother, three brothers and three sisters preceded him in death. He leaves to mourn his passing three brothers: J. Keller Whitaker of Cordia, Kentucky; William Whitaker of Morehead, Kentucky; I.D. Back of Blackey, Kentucky; three sisters: Vina Patterson of Indianapolis, Indiana; Ruth Back of London, Kentucky; and Corsia Hale of Morehead, Kentucky; and a host of nephews, nieces, other relatives, and innumerable friends. He also leaves one aunt, Critter Andrews, who is well past four score and ten years of age.

When only a teenager, Walt volunteered to serve in the army of his country. He served bravely and loyally. He was wounded in battle and his little body bore the scars of conflict. After the war was over he came home to Blackey and his mother. They lived happily on the farm until her death. They enjoyed their work and took pride in what they were able to raise.

On the first Sunday in February, 1971, Walt was baptized into the army of the Lord. The soldiers in this army are the true-born saints of God. Only those who love God with their heart, with all their soul, and with all their might are accepted into this army. Again Walt was a good soldier. He loved God; he loved the church; and he loved everybody. He was jolly, friendly and humble, honest, and most important of all he was a Christian. This he showed in his everyday life by his walks, by his smile, by his friendly handshake, and by his loving embrace. He was truly an example of what Christianity really is.

In 1974 Walt was injured while working in the mines. This injury left him unable to work anymore and in constant pain, but he bore his afflictions with a smile, never once feeling sorry for himself. He was faithful in going to church as long as he could, and when he was no longer able to attend his church he would send the church a contribution. He loved to go to church everywhere but had his membership here in Mt. Olivet, which he called his home.

Early Wednesday morning God sent a convoy of angels to Sassafras, Kentucky to bring his tired, weary spirit home. His suffering is over. In that home there is no need for medicine, no more will he need oxygen, and he'll have no more pain, for in that home no one ever gets sick and no one ever dies. Sleep on, Walt, and we won't worry about you anymore. God will take care of you. Just rest for a little season and I hope to join you in the sweet bye-and-bye where we will sing and praise God while eternal ages roll on.

Written by a friend

MILLIE WATTS EVERAGE



With a sad heart I will try to write the obituary of my mother, Millie Watts Everage. She was born December 17, 1888 and passed away from this life February 21, 1986, making her stay on earth ninety-seven years, two months and four days. She met and married Watson Everage and to this union were born ten children: six boys and four girls. Her husband, three sons, and one daughter preceded her in death. Left to mourn her passing are three daughters: Della Everage;

Juanita Mullins; and Unave Amburgey; three sons: Everett Everage; Berlin Everage; and Estill Everage. Also left to mourn her passing are a host of grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and lots of relatives and friends.

Mom joined the Old Regular Baptist Church thirty-seven years ago and took her fellowship at the Old Carr Church. I kept

Mom the last eight years of her stay here on earth. She was a faithful member as long as she was able. She had lots of friends and relatives to come and visit her. She would make me write down every time anyone came. She loved to see them come. Especially those that came and gave her Sacrament at my home when she was unable to attend church.

Mom and I had some good talks. She would tell me what she wanted done after her passing from this old world. I feel that Mom is at rest with Papa. So sleep on, I've got the hope of being with you some day. I also have many years of good memories of her.

Written by a daughter in hope, Unave Amburgey

EDNA AND STEWART "BYRD" PRATT



It is with much sadness and deep feeling of loneliness and emptiness that I will attempt to write the obituary of our loving mother and father. Edna Slone Pratt was born February 4, 1907 and entered into rest on May 1, 1986 making her stay here on earth seventy-nine years, two months and twenty-six days. She was the daughter of Isom B. Slone and Sara Jane Owens Slone. She was a member of Mallet Fork Old Regular Baptist Church for fifty years. She was married to Stewart "Byrd" Pratt,

the son of Miles Pratt and Martha Pratt Lee, on June 20, 1929. Dad was born January 4, 1907 and died June 20, 1987, making his stay here on earth eighty years, five months and sixteen days.

Only one year, one month and nineteen days passed between Mom and Dad's deaths. We hated to give Dad up so soon after Mom. Dad didn't belong to church but we feel God forgave him before he called him to join Mom in heaven on their anniversary, and what a happy day that was for both of them.

Survivors left to mourn their loss are five sons: Keyser; Ruby; Frank; Orville; and Stewart; four daughters: Letty; Martha; Sara; and Ermadean; nineteen grandchildren and twenty-three great-grandchildren. Also left to mourn their passing are many

friends. Mom and Dad touched many hearts during their stay here on earth.

Two sons preceded them in death: Coushell; and Lee Ochree; also two grandchildren: Ricky; and Shirlene.

There is a heavy loss in our hearts and in our minds, but we all have "precious memories" to carry us through until we can join our mom and dad in heaven some sweet day.

Written by a broken-hearted daughter, Ermadean Robinson

ATHA R. FRAZIER



Atha R. Frazier, daughter of Nancy Ellen Halcomb and Bill Ison, was born November 7, 1897. She passed from this life at the Hazard Medical Center, Hazard, Kentucky on May 17, 1987 being eighty-nine years, six months and ten days of age at her passing.

Atha was married to Dock D. Frazier on April 7, 1916. He preceded her in death on November 18, 1950. Two sons and two daughters also preceded her in death: Virgil; Pascal; Fay;

and Nancy K. Hall.

Atha joined the Big Cowan Regular Baptist Church on the fourth Sunday in February 1954 and remained a faithful member until her death.

Surviving her are two daughters and one son: Marie F. Day; Daisy F. Day; and Paul Frazier, all of Cowan; also nineteen grandchildren and thirty-two great-grandchildren; one brother: Henry Ison of Kingdom Come; one stepbrother: Charlie Halcomb of Delphis; and a large number of relatives and friends to mourn her passing.

*There's an open gate at the end of the road,
Through which each must go alone,
and there's a light we cannot see.
Our Father claims His own beyond the gate,
Your loved one finds happiness and rest,
and there is comfort in the thought,
That a loving God knows best.*

WILLIE J. BACK



With a sad and broken heart and I hope by the help of the Lord I will attempt to write the obituary of my dear Uncle Bill Back, although I realize that time and space wouldn't permit me to say all the good things that should be said.

Uncle Bill was born to Joe E. and Martha Dixon Back on April 15, 1913. They preceded him in death. He departed this world October 13, 1986 in the Whitesburg Appalachian Regional Hospital, making his stay on earth seventy-three years, five months and twenty-eight days.

Early in life he met and married Martha Whitaker, the daughter of Elder Roy and Sister Nannie Belle Whitaker of Premium, Kentucky. Bill and Martha were married on December 4, 1943 and spent almost forty-three years together, until the time of his passing. To this union were born: two daughters: Barbara Culp of Jeremiah, Kentucky; and Kathleen Crase of Hamilton, Ohio; he is also survived by: three grandchildren: Pamela; Teresa; and Shelia; and sons-in-law: Roy; and Toby, who loved him very much.

He worked eleven years in the mines and taught school for twenty-nine years. After his retirement, he raised a garden and had a beautiful apple orchard around his home of which he was so proud.

About a year before his death he found out he had the dreadful disease, cancer. He was in and out of the hospital during that time. The last few weeks of his life he remained at home where his loved ones constantly stayed by his side. He wanted his wife, Martha, there all the time at his side. He loved her very much. His daughters, son-in-law and grandchildren were at his side throughout his sickness, holding his hand and waiting upon him.

Tears are still flowing in the community and many hearts are saddened by the passing of Uncle Bill. Sleep on Daddy, it won't be long until we all meet around the throne of our precious Lord. May God bless his wife, daughters, sons-in-law, grand-

children, brothers, sisters, and host of neices and nephews who loved him dearly.

Written by your unworthy servant, Roger L. Whitaker

*Gone away with a friend,
Someone closer than a brother
With someone who loves you,
More than children, dad, or mother
And He holds your very soul,
In the palm of His hand,
Let it read on my tombstone,
Gone away with a friend.*

LESTER AMBURGEY



By the help of the good Lord, I will try to write the obituary of Brother Lester Amburgey. He was born February 22, 1921 in Knott County, Kentucky. He was the son of the late Monroe Amburgey and Dixie Collins Amburgey.

Brother Lester had heart problems for the last few years and after much sickness, God saw fit to take him home where no sickness comes. He died on April 24, 1987, about 8:30 a.m., being sixty-six years, two months and two

days old.

On May 14, 1948 he married Georgia Collins. To this union were born six children: three boys: Lester, Jr.; Larry Wayne; and Robert Allen; and Wilbur Joel, who drowned in 1974; two girls: Wanda Sue Kaiser; and Joyce Ann Evans. He also leaves to mourn their loss his wife, Georgia; eleven grandchildren; two step grandchildren, all of Connersville, Indiana, where Brother Lester worked and raised his family. Also left are three brothers: Haymond of College Corner, Ohio; Wiley of Litt Carr, Kentucky; Monroe Jr. of Connersville, Indiana; two sisters: Verda Franklin of Mallie, Kentucky; and Cindy Hammonds of Clarksville, Indiana; and many friends and loved ones. His parents, one son, one brother and two sisters preceded him in death.

On September 21, 1974 Brother Lester joined the Old Regu-

lar Baptist Church at Little Children's Home, and was baptized by Elder Roy Caudill and Elder Zee Holbrook. He was a good and faithful servant. He soon felt his calling to the ministry and he sure loved the old time way. His favorite songs were, "How I Came To Love These Pilgrims" and "Two Coats."

In 1979 Brother Lester felt the Lord wanted him to take his letter to the Little Bethel Church at Sligo, Ohio, where he was welcomed with much love and fellowship. Brother Lester loved all the churches and he would travel many miles to church even when he was not able to go, but when the Lord would bless him, he would always say "I am glad I went."

Brother Lester, Sister Georgia and I went many places to church and had many happy times praising the good Lord and he enjoyed that so much. There is so much I could say about Brother Lester, but children, we feel he has gone where no sickness and sorrow can come, and by the grace of God, if you will look to the same God that Brother Lester looked to then, when Jesus comes we can all go home together.

Written by Elder Zee Holbrook

ALTA FOUTS CAUDILL



With a sad and broken heart, we will try to write the obituary for our dearly beloved mother, Alta Fouts Caudill, born August 6, 1907. Our mother entered into eternal life on August 26, 1986 at Whitesburg Regional Hospital, making her stay on earth seventy-nine years and twenty days. On February 7, 1924 she became the wife of Elder Rev. Bradley Fouts, Blackey, Kentucky. To this union were born ten children: Clyde Fouts of Nicholasville, Kentucky; Joseph Fouts of Linefork, Kentucky; Jim Fouts of Jeremiah, Kentucky; Franklin Fouts of Isom, Kentucky; Mable Caudill of Elkhorn, Kentucky; Carol Caudill of Blackey, Kentucky; Phyllis Caudill of Isom, Kentucky; and Polly Collins of Linefork, Kentucky; one brother: Arvil Caudill; three sisters: Ethel Polly; Dicy Fields; and Dalna Caudill; a host of grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband and two sons: John and Watson. She was a member of Mt. Olivet Regular Baptist Church at Blackey, Kentucky. She will be greatly missed by all, but she will always hold a place in my heart.

Written by her son, Joseph Fouts

SADIE RITCHIE TERRY



Sister Sadie Ritchie Terry was born September 6, 1905 at Talcum, Kentucky, the daughter of Lee and Elizabeth Ritchie. She passed from this life June 29, 1986 at the University of Tennessee Hospital at Knoxville, being eighty years, nine months and twenty-three days of age.

She married Troy Terry, who preceded her in death. Sister Sadie and Brother Troy worked hard to raise ten children: Hazel Fugate of Dillsboro, Indiana; Dan Terry of Ligonier, Indiana; Sam Terry of New Carlisle, Ohio; Frank Terry of Springfield, Ohio; Eva Stacy of Talcum, Kentucky; William Terry of Talcum, Kentucky; Elma Hawkins of Atlanta, Georgia; Grady Terry of Ary, Kentucky; Thelma Terry of Talcum, Kentucky; and Russell Terry of Ohio, who died about a month after Sister Sadie.

Sister Sadie joined the New Bethlehem Church on June 6, 1936, being a member fifty years and twenty-three days. Sister Sadie and Brother Troy belonged to the New Bethlehem Church and were faithful members. Sister Sadie would get so happy at church. We really miss her shouting and sweet embraces. All of our lives are richer for having had the pleasure of knowing Aunt Sadie. To Aunt Sadie's children that don't know the Lord, pray and weep over your sins, repent and be with Aunt Sadie again.

I truly believe when the trumpet sounds Aunt Sadie will soar above with Gods' love on a cloud of glory. So children, if you want to see Mother again, repent and be born again.

Written by Elder Morris Shepherd

GREEN AND LYDIA CAUDILL PERRY



With the help of the good Lord, I will try to write the obituaries of Brother Green and Sister Lydia Perry.

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

Sister Lydia was born to the late Nathan Preston and Hanna Margrett Slone Caudill on November 24, 1906 and departed this life August 9, 1987 making her stay on earth eighty years, eight months and sixteen days. They were united in marriage May 15, 1922. Unto this union were born seventeen children: Earl of Conway, South Carolina; John; Steve; and Daniel, all of Lorain, Ohio; Henry of Leburn, Kentucky; Ethel Hall; Margaret Lewis; and Ruth Fowler, all of Willard, Ohio; Edna Childers of Garner, Kentucky; Esther Gibson of Pinetop, Kentucky; Janice Gullett of Greenup, Kentucky; Betty Schindler of Leburn; Judy Hicks of Louisville, Kentucky; Willia Barbara Puckett of Lawrenceburg, Kentucky; and three sons who preceded them in death: James, Joe and Ellis. Green's sisters are: Sylvia Turner; and Dusta Dunsel, both of Kite, Kentucky; and Mary Slone of Hollybush, Kentucky. Lydia's sisters and brother are: Vinnie Charles of Pineville, Kentucky; Ellen Hanges of Bristol, Virginia; Henry C. Caudill of Bristol. Also left to mourn their passing are: seventy-five grandchildren; fifty-six great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild; and a host of relatives and friends. Green and Lydia were married for sixty-four years at the time of his death.

It was forty years ago for sister Lydia and thirty-five for Brother Green that they felt the need to turn their lives over to the Lord. They belonged to the Old Regular Baptist faith in the New Home Church at the time of their deaths. Brother Green and Sister Lydia were faithful members of the church as long as they were able to go. They have given help to many churches and donated a lot of their time to help upbuild them.

Brother Green and Sister Lydia worked hard all their lives to

raise their family. Green was a retired coal miner and a member of the United Mine Workers of America. Sister Lydia worked hard in her early life taking in boarders to help Brother Green save money to buy the farm where most of their children were raised.

For the last few years of their lives Brother Green and Sister Lydia had been greatly afflicted in body, but their faith never wavered. They had paid the price we all have to pay, but for them it was a happy exchange, for they left a world of pain and sorrow and went home to a land of joy and peace. You children have lost a wonderful daddy and mother. Don't wait until it is too late to join them in heaven. If Brother Green and Sister Lydia could look back, I'm sure they would tell you children not to grieve for them. They have gone home. They 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 Daddy and Mother are gone. Who will be next? Turn to the Lord now and be ready to go when death comes. Brother Green and Sister Lydia have lived the life in front of you. Though they suffered a lot just think how joyful they are now. There is a family started up there in heaven. Get ready and be prepared to join in the great reunion.

Written by a sister in the church,

MOTHER'S FLOWERS

*Mother loves her flowers
She has kept them always
Just to make a wreath around her grave
Oh, how she loved them is more
Than anyone can tell
When you visit her grave
You will see them, for those flowers
Are her children she loved so well
When you stand around my grave
Until you think of those words
That I wrote on this page*

MARTHA RICHIE



On March 25, 1987 Martha Richie was called home to be with her Lord and Savior. At the time of her death she was a member of the Clear Fork Old Regular Baptist Church.

Martha was born on February 21, 1904, the daughter of Wheeler and Matilda Smith Feltner. She married D.K. Richie and was the proud mother of one son and six step-children. Her mother, father, husband, son, one step-daughter, and three step-sons all preceded her in death, along with her brother, Aster Feltner, who passed away in August of this year.

Martha is survived by: her brother, Wayne Feltner, of Hardburly; one grandson; and seven step-grandchildren, who are left to mourn her death, along with many friends and neighbors who miss her as a good friend and a perfect neighbor.

Written by her niece, Anna Gail Feltner

ALBERTA ISON



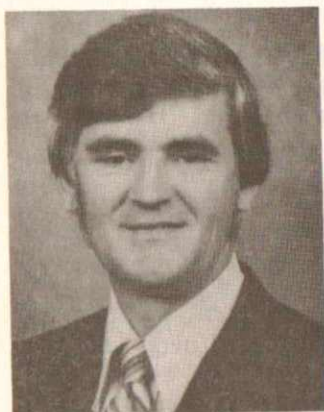
By the help of God I will try to write the obituary of my dear loving wife. Today we are sad but the angels in heaven are singing joyfully, for another tired, weary traveler has reached home. As I sit here all alone, with a broken heart, I think of the Scripture, "Who can find a virtuous woman for her price is above rubies." Sister Alberta Ison was truly that kind of woman. She was a loving and devoted wife, mother and grandmother.

She was born June 11, 1921 into the home of Larkin and Susan Brown. Early in life she had need for a Saviour. God forgave her for her sins. She was baptized in 1951 into the Oven Fork Old Regular Baptist Church. She took fellowship with the Poorfork Church in 1953 and remained there until her death on October 24, 1986.

We believe with all our hearts that our loss is heaven's gain. She leaves to mourn her passing: her husband; four children; sisters; brothers; grandchildren; and brothers and sisters in Christ.

Written by husband, Brother Joe Ison

HIRAM R. COUCH



On February 11, 1987 God called home my sweet, kind and loving husband, Hiram R. "Buddy" Couch. Buddy was born March 28, 1936 to Goldie Amburgey Madden and the late Ira Couch. He was the grandson of the late Hiram and Rhoda Amburgey. We were married on February 15, 1957 and made Bypro, Kentucky our home. He was Director of Pupil Personnel for the Floyd County Board of Education and devoted his life to the education system loving the thirty years of students he met.

His happy life included a son, Gregory Alan Couch of Bypro, Kentucky and a daughter, Sabrina S. Hall of Beninsville, Kentucky. Moments of joy and gladness would appear on his face when his grandchildren, Lindsey and Wesley, entered the room.

His greatest joy came the day he accepted his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. He was a member of the Wheelwright Free-will Baptist Church and served God, singing His praise. He wrote three songs to the glory of God: "Jesus Is King," "Watch and Pray," and "Let Me Tell You About My Redeemer." Words from one of his songs read: "All because of Him; I can live again," and we know he is now with Jesus.

Preceding him in death was one sister, Shelby Staggs. Left to mourn his passing is a saddened wife, mother, children, and sisters: Leon Cornett of Amburgey; Polly Reese of Pineville, Kentucky; Shirley Whitson of Houston, Texas; and a host of family and friends. Buddy loved God, his family and friends, and that love was returned to him. We weep, but not for Buddy, because it is in dying that we are born into eternal life with Christ.

A saddened and broken-hearted wife, Linda Hall Couch

LEON ADAMS



It is with much sadness and sorrow that I write the obituary of my beloved Brother, Leon Adams.

Leon Adams was born on December 6, 1934 into the home of the late Melvin Sr. and Pearl Young Adams. He entered into that joyous place of peace on August 28, 1986, making his stay on earth fifty-one years, eight months and twenty-two days.

On May 1, 1954 Leon married Martha Mae Back. To this union were born two children: Donna Kaye Adams; and Carol Adams, both of Jeremiah, Kentucky.

Leon Adams was a hard worker, providing the needs of his family. He worked many years around the mines and coal tipples making a living for his companion and children, whom he loved so dearly.

In addition to Martha and the children, Leon is survived by four brothers: Clyde Adams Sr. of Marengo, Ohio; Curt Adams of Jeremiah, Kentucky; Melvin Adams Jr. of Louisville, Kentucky; and Andrew Mitchell Adams of Corbin, Kentucky; a step-mother, Dana Ison of Middletown, Ohio; and a host of other relatives and friends, aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews.

Leon Adams found in life's journey that providing for his family wasn't all he needed to make his life complete, so he started on or about the year of 1976 seeking for the man that hung on the cross at Calvary for the sins of the world. He joined the Little Dove Church on March 26, 1977 and was baptized on April 10, 1977. He was a light and inspiration to all who knew him, especially to his poor lost brother, to wit, Melvin Adams, Jr. (known by most as Stephen Adams). Telling of the goodness of the Lord made me desire more to make his God, my God.

To the brothers, friends and loved ones that remain, it takes but a short span of time for us to leave this world, as Leon was sick but for a few days. Before he left this world of sorrow and pain, he told his companion, Martha, that nothing stood between him and his Lord. He was ready to go home. So people, if you haven't made preparations to meet your God, don't put it

off until tomorrow; it may be too late. Some sweet day we'll meet the loved ones that have gone before, and our precious Savior who will wipe away all tears and heartaches.

Written by the request of the family by a
Brother in hope, Melvin Adams, Jr.

ROBERT SMITH



Robert Smith was born April 18, 1902. He was taken from this life here on earth on September 5, 1986.

Robert was married to Polly Mullins on November 3, 1922. He leaves to mourn their loss: one son, Marvin Smith; daughter-in-law, Alice Elkins Smith; two grandsons: Robert Wesley Smith; and Mark Allen Smith; one brother: Alfred Smith; and three sisters: Mae Gayheart; Ethel Stacey; and Sarah Smith.

Uncle Robert was a hardworking, honest man who was kind to everyone and a good husband and father.

Time and place of services were Monday, September 8, 1986 at one o'clock at the Clear Fork Old Regular Baptist Church. Clergymen were Bob Combs and others. Place of interment was the Combs Family Cemetery at Lotts Creek, Kentucky, with the Engle funeral Home in charge of arrangements. I stayed with Uncle Robert until he passed away. It was like losing a father. Uncle Robert left this poem in his own handwriting.

Obituary written by Mrs. J. Garland Smith

*I remember late one evening,
as the sun was sinking low
I really thought, my dear Father,
The time had come that I must go*

*Then I cast my eyes toward heaven,
Fell on my knees and then did say,
Lord have mercy on me Jesus,
Save my soul and set it free.*

*Then I spoke unto Jesus,
As I fell upon my face,
I am lost and done forever,
Without Jesus, hear my prayer.*

*All at once the heavens opened,
And a voice to me did say,
Come and follow me to heaven,
Straight and Narrow is the way.*

*Then my burdens, they all vanished,
I was made then to rejoice,
I believe my dear Father,
That no longer I am lost.*

MAGGIE MULLINS



Maggie Mullins was born October 5, 1918 in Cincinnati, Ohio. She was the daughter of the late Willie and Mary Noble Sizemore. Maggie passed from this life on Thursday, May 28, 1987 at her home, making her stay here on earth sixty-eight years, seven months and twenty-three days. She joined the Old Regular Baptist Church in July 1948.

Maggie was married to Arvil Mullins on December 30, 1935 and to this union were born eight children whom they dearly loved. Maggie was preceded in death by one son: Charles Dangus; and one daughter: Ophelia. She leaves to mourn her passing: her husband, Arvil Mullins; two sons: Hargus Mullins; and Lewis Mullins; four daughters: Geneva Holiday; Louise Madden; Dorothy Masters; and Shelby Roark; three brothers: Jerry Sizemore; Jim Sizemore; and Arthur Sizemore; four sisters: Elsie Williams; Rachel Fields; Alverta Hardin; and Roberta Mullins; nineteen grandchildren; and twelve great-grandchildren.

Maggie lived a faithful life throughout all of her days. She was good to everyone. Her door was always open to anyone who needed her help. Maggie will be missed here on earth, but we hope that our loss is heaven's gain.

DELZA SLONE



It is with a sad and broken heart I will write the obituary of my daddy, Delza Slone. He entered eternal rest on September 16, 1986. He had that dreadful disease, cancer. Daddy was born January 8, 1903, making his stay on earth eighty-three years, seven months and eight days. He was the son of Mack and Sarah Slone. He was preceded in death by: his father; mother; wife (Polly Mosley Sone); and one son died as an infant. He leaves behind to mourn his passing, three sons: Vertis Slone of Kite, Kentucky; Marcus Slone and Arthur Slone, both of Garner, Kentucky; three daughters: Illa Hall; Mattie Marie Johnson; and Erma Glee Hall, all of Garner, Kentucky; one sister: Marybelle Thacker; eighteen grandchildren; twenty-six great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

All his children and grandchildren loved him so much and he loved all of them. His children and grandchildren were always ready to do anything they could to help him. They would go to the hospital and stay with him and lay on the floor, just to be with him. To know him was to love him. About a year before he died he became so humble, like a little child.

He loved for people to come and talk to him about Jesus. He would tell them about his pretty dreams. He had a lot of pretty dreams. I have heard him say so many times that he was not afraid to die, that he thought he would be better off. Many times I have gone to him and he would have tears in his eyes and he would say "Mattie, I'm doing all I can to get my soul saved." The night he died I asked him if he was praying and he said, "Yes." Then I asked him if he thought he was alright with God and he said, "I think I will be better off." I believe Daddy is with Jesus. So children and grandchildren, if you want to see him again we will have to call on the same God he called on.

Written by his daughter, Mattie Johnson and granddaughter, Racine Sizemore

DANIEL WEBSTER ADAMS



Webb Adams was born August 12, 1906 at Hall, Kentucky to Robert Adams and Susan King Adams, both of whom preceded him in death. Webb passed from this life on Wednesday, July 29, 1987 at the Hazard ARH Medical Center after a long illness. His stay on earth was eighty years, eleven months and seventeen days. He was a retired farmer and coal miner. He leaves to mourn his passing: his wife, Larcena; four sons: Edsel; Roger Dale; Daniel Ray; and Jack; eight daughters: Oga Nell Mitchell; Vonda Gayle Vanover; DeEtta Pratt; Sheila Carlson; Debbie Fields; Donna Smith; Susan Combs; and Tammy Adams; seven brothers: Sidney; John; Estill; Jim; Taulbee; Robert; and Andrew; five sisters: Flora Bowens; Ellen Robinson; Margaret Salisbury; Grace Webb; and Garnet Slone; twenty-six grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Webb and Larcena lived fifty-two wonderful years together, watching their twelve children grow up to be men and women, which was the pride and joy of their lives.

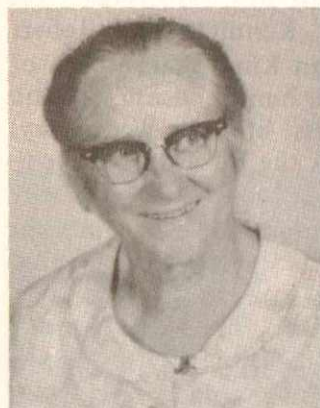
About six weeks ago he told his wife that he had made peace with God and was waiting for Jesus to come and get him. I was blessed to be at his home many times. When I would enter, he would embrace me and tell me he was glad to see me. I also visited him in the hospital and nursing home very often. We would talk about getting right with God and he told me many times he had made peace with God and was ready to go to a better world.

Webb was sick many years, but we feel his suffering is over and his soul is under the alter of God, waiting for a new body to never suffer anymore.

Sons, daughters, daughters-in-law, sons-in-law, grandchildren, brothers, sisters, and all the family, make peace with God and let us meet Webb in heaven.

Written by Elder H.B. Reedy, Sr.

MARTHA BOWEN



Martha Bowen, the daughter of Melvin Taylor and Elva Kiser Taylor, was born February 28, 1898 at Colson, Kentucky and passed from this life and entered eternal life on October 10, 1986 at her residence at Colson, Kentucky, making her stay here on this earth eighty-eight years, seven months and twelve days.

Martha entered into Holy Matrimony with Arlie Bowen, December 24, 1918. He preceded her in death November 1, 1960. To this union were born four children: Wilgus Bowen of Sandlick, Kentucky; Carl Bowen of Colson, Kentucky; Alpha Bowen Amburgey of Holiday, Florida; and Georgia Bowen Rollins of Colson, Kentucky.

Martha joined the Mt. Olive Old Regular Baptist Church and was baptized in 1960. She was the twin sister to Mary Hart, who preceded her in death on March 3, 1970. She was also the sister of Dicie Richardson of Worthington, Kentucky, Willie Taylor of Sandlick, Kentucky, and Andrew Taylor of Louisville, Kentucky.

Martha was a loyal and devoted Christian. She loved her Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, and was faithful to attend her church as long as her health permitted. She was a loving and kind friend to everyone who knew her. She was always ready and willing to help someone in need.

In all of her sickness and suffering she never complained. When asked how she felt she always replied, "very well." She bore all her pain and suffering with great patience and courage through her faith in God, her heavenly Father, and Jesus Christ, her beloved Savior.

She will be greatly missed by all her friends and neighbors and especially her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, her two brothers and sister, who loved her dearly. She also left a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends to mourn her passing. We feel that our loss is heaven's gain, for Martha is not dead, she just went to sleep in the arms of Jesus and the angels carried her soul to rest under the altar of God, patiently waiting for that great and glorious day when she will enter that beauti-

ful city where the walls are made of Jasper, the gates are made of Pearl and the streets are pure gold. She will receive a crown of life, all decorated with jewels and stars that she has put there by all her good deeds in life.

Written by Martha's sister-in-law, Rudell Taylor

*We loved her, dearly loved her, but Jesus loved her more,
He wanted her for a beautiful flower to bloom for evermore,
In that beautiful flower garden on heaven's golden shore
There will be no more sickness or dying over there, only joy, peace and gladness
And she will never shed a tear—for there will be no disappointments,
Heartaches, or fears, for she will always be in the Saviour's care,
She will feast at the welcome table,
Shout on streets of gold,
Oh! The joy that awaits her can never be told*

ASTOR FELTNER



On August 13, 1987 Astor Feltner was called home to be with his Lord and Savior. At the time of his death he was a member of the United Baptist Church at Lotts Creek, Kentucky.

Astor was born on May 2, 1917 to Wheeler and Matilda Smith Feltner. He was the father of two sons and three daughters: William Feltner; Austin Wayne Feltner; and Anna Gail Feltner, all of Lotts Creek; Reva Joyce Kilburn; and Nancy Kilburn, both of Middletown, Ohio. He is survived by: his children, one brother, Wayne Feltner of Harburbury, Kentucky, and six grandchildren.

He was a veteran of World War II who received several distinguished service awards. He was interred at Grigsby Cemetery on Lotts Creek where he received full military honors at his burial.

He leaves behind many relatives and good friends who think of him often as someone who was very good and dear to all whom he knew. He is greatly missed.

Written by his daughter, Anna Gail Feltner

DONALD ADAMS



With a sad and broken heart I will try to write the obituary of my beloved husband, Donald Adams. He was born to James Carl and Carrie Back Adams on March 8, 1934 and passed from this life into the arms of Jesus on September 2, 1986, being fifty-two years, five months and twenty-five days of age at the time of his passing. He is survived by: his wife, Jacqueline Hampton Adams, his mother, Carrie Adams; and four sisters: Olga Caudill; Ella Faye Turner; Sally Sue Back; and Marianna Wanner.

Don was preceded in death by his father, James Carl Adams, two brothers: Dale Adams; and Delmar Adams, and his brother Steve Adams joined him March 29, 1987.

Don was handicapped from infancy, but he never let that stand in the way of his ambitions or personality. He always had a special smile and greeting for everyone. He especially enjoyed cheering people up when they came in the hospital. He worked for the Whitesburg Appalachian Regional Hospital for twenty-two years.

Don and I were married on July 21, 1962. We spent twenty-four happy years together. He was my best friend, my buddy, my precious love, my life. We feel our loss is heaven's gain. Darling, I will meet you there some day.

Written in part by his loving wife, Jackie

*We all loved him and admired him,
And will miss his special smile.
But our faith knows we have lost him
Only for a little while.
A million times I will need you
And a million tears I will cry.
If love could have saved you,
You never would have died.
You bade no one a last farewell,
You said good-bye to none.
The heavenly gates just opened wide,
A loving voice said, "Come."*

DELMAR STAMPER



With the help of God I will try to write the obituary of dear brother. He made his home the last few years at the Knott County Home Health Center, where he made many friends.

Delmer was the oldest child born to the late Denver and Virgie Ison Stamper, on December 30, 1923 and was called home May 3, 1987. He joined the Old Regular Baptist Church August 26, 1961 and was a member at Cedar Grove.

Delmer leaves to mourn their loss, two brothers: Otis of Nashville, Tennessee; Harold Rudy (Big Turk) of Tipp City, Ohio; three sisters: Imogene Griffie of Hallie, Kentucky; Onita Caudill of Dayton, Ohio; Floretta Jones of Matthew, North Carolina; and a host of nieces and nephews. Two brothers preceded him in death: Edsel (Slim) in 1975; and James Lowell (Little Turk) in 1979.

He was loved by everybody and all were so good to him. We feel our loss is heaven's gain and he is gone away with a friend.

Written by his sister, Onita Caudill

WILLARD MOORE



Willard Slick Moore, son of Can and Polly Moore, was born April 2, 1910. He passed from this life at the Hazard ARH at Hazard, Kentucky on February 28, 1986, being seventy-five years, ten months and twenty-six days of age at his time of passing.

Willard was married to Glo Stamper on May 18, 1933. To this union were born four children. One son preceded him in death. Surviving him are two daughters and one son: Rachel of Mallie, Kentucky; Joyce of Athens, Alabama; Denzil of Mallie, Kentucky; and one sister and three

brothers: Myrtle of Pikeville, Kentucky; Delmar and Hiram of Mallie, Kentucky; and John B. of Bucyrus, Ohio. His grandchildren are: Barry; Charles; Dawn; Angela Sabrina; Denzil D.; and Matthew Lee. He had two great-grandchildren.

Willard never joined the church but professed a hope in the Lord which makes us all feel good. He was a loving husband and a good father. He worked hard for his family. He will be deeply missed by his family, the Reynolds Fork Church, and his many friends.

WILLIAM AND HAZEL McCool



With great love and respect we try to write the obituary of William McCool and Hazel Kathleen Fields McCool.

William was born on March 20, 1896 in Rome, Georgia. He passed from this life on July 1, 1962. He was survived by his wife, mother, children, and several brothers and sisters.

Hazel Kathleen Fields was born on November 20, 1906 to Betty Adams and Tensley Fields. She was preceded in death by several brothers and sisters.

William and Hazel were married on February 6, 1924. To this union were born eight children: Billy Junior McCool; Raymond McCool; Felmer McCool; Mose McCool; Curt McCool; Buleah McCool Fields; Mae McCool Sturgill; and Elmer McCool, who preceded them in death.

William worked in the coal mines and his wife worked at home. Together they did their best to raise their family. William passed from this life in a hospital in Johnson City, Tennessee. The family was told that he made things right with God just before he died. Hazel died after a very long illness which made her bedfast. She was cared for lovingly by her son and daughter-in-law, Raymond and Freda McCool, until her death. On the day she passed away, even though she could no longer speak, she was humming hymns in praise of our King.

Written by members of the family

MARTHA CHURCH COMBS



It is with a very sad and lonely heart that I try to write this obituary of my beloved wife, who was so dear to me. Martha was born October 19, 1919 in Boyd County, Kentucky, the precious daughter of John and Clara McDowell Church. She passed away April 24, 1987, making her stay here sixty-seven years, six months and five days. Martha was first married to Ward Elder of Georgetown, Kentucky. They had a long life together. After his death a few years later, Martha and I were married. We had six years, two months and twenty-two days together. They were blessed, wonderful years. I have never known anyone could be as lonesome as I have been without her. She was so good to me, always putting my comforts before her own, always making sure I had taken my medicine on time and if I was sick she always took me to the doctor. All these things linger with me but the thing that fills my heart with joy is when I think about the time she gave her little feeble hand to Brother Chester Gibson and told us she was ready to meet her Lord in peace and wanted to join the church. She wasn't ever able to be baptized in water but thanks be to God she was baptized by the Holy Spirit. That is what it takes to be born again and be able to go to heaven.

Martha was sick a long time before she finally gave up and went to the hospital where they found she had that dreaded disease, cancer. The doctors did everything they could for her but seven weeks and two days later she was dead. We buried her in a little cemetery with only the gentle wind and sunshine keeping watch over her. So sleep on, darling, it won't be long until I will be there with you where we will never have to be parted again. If I wrote all day I couldn't say all the good things that are in my heart about my beloved. Only God knows how much I miss her.

Martha never had any children of her own. Her father, mother and one brother, Hager Church, passed away before she did, and one brother, Ray Church, was lost in service in Korea. She leaves to mourn their loss: two brothers: Bill Church of Ohio; Richard Church of Softshell, Kentucky; two sisters: Opal

Smith and Mabel Smith of Leburn, Kentucky; six step-sons: Edmond Combs; and Walter Combs, both of Kentucky; Ray Combs; French Combs; Robert Combs; and Orville Ray Combs, all of Ohio and three stepdaughters; Shirley Combs, at home; Edith Mae Shick; and Judy Fay Hansley; a step-grandson: Donald Combs, that she loved very much; several nieces, nephews and step-grandchildren. I hope and pray that they will all fall out of sin, be born again and go to heaven with us.

Written by her heartbroken and lonesome husband, Kell Combs

MARTHA DEAREST

When you went away, it was hard to believe that you had gone to stay. You had been with me six wonderful years and in sickness you were always there to see me through. You took such good care of me. You were good to everyone. I could tell my troubles to you. We all depended on you. But God sent for you to come home and enter into your rest where all your labors and troubles are over and you are fully blessed. My life now is lonely and sad, Martha, but my God will see me through until at the end of my life's short day, I shall come to be with you.

Your husband, Kell

HERBERT GRIFFIE



Herbert Griffie was born on March 1, 1921 and passed from this world on July 10, 1987, making his stay here on earth sixty-six years, four months and ten days. Left to mourn his passing are his wife: Imogene Stamper Griffie, whom he married on March 27, 1946, and seven children: Brenda Caudill; Sharon Adams; Wanda Long; Dwayne Griffie; Loretta Blair; Carmon Griffie, who preceded him in death on August 11, 1987; and Terrell Griffie; also twelve grandchildren; two

brothers and three sisters: Clarence Griffie; Marlin Griffie; Mary Bowling; Dellre Cornett; and Travis Ison.

Brother Herbert was a veteran of World War II, serving his country from July 1942 thru January, 1946. On June 13, 1982 at the Big Cowan Church, he joined another army by telling the church that he believed God had pardoned his sins and he wanted to be baptized. On June 27, 1982 he was baptized and placed his membership in the Cedar Grove Church of Old Regular Baptist. He loved beautiful singing and old time preaching. We have visited his and Sister Imogene's home many times and they always wanted us to sing and hold prayer. God's spirit was manifested each time and we could always leave uplifted. He loved his niece, Sister Claudette, very much and called her his own special singer.

Though Brother Herbert is gone now, his memory will live on. We that are left and especially his family need to hold on to those good memories; we need not dwell on bad memories for there are so many things we will never understand. The great God of heaven knows when to call his children home.

Written by Elder Squire Watts

WILLIAM CLARENCE "HAWK" DIXON

With a sad and lonely heart I will write this obituary of my dear husband, William Clarence "Hawk" Dixon. Clarence was born May 12, 1927 and departed this life August 10, 1987 making his stay on earth sixty years, two months and twenty-nine days.

We were married on April 12, 1949 and had thirty-eight precious years together. Clarence was a loving and faithful husband.

I have lost a wonderful companion and my home is so sad and lonely since

he has gone. I hope by the will and grace of God I can be with him soon.

He is also survived by three sisters: Essie; Maxine; and Irene; several nieces and nephews and a large host of other relatives and friends.

On July 5, 1959, Brother Hawk Dixon joined and was baptized into the Old Regular Baptist Church. Shortly afterwards



he felt and answered a call from God to preach the gospel. God bestowed upon Brother "Hawky" a clear, strong and beautiful voice. Many hearts and souls were touched by sermons he preached and songs he sang. Many people have stated that sermons preached by Brother "Hawky" helped them realize their lost condition and call upon the Lord.

We will all miss Brother "Hawky." He was a faithful and dedicated servant. The life he lived was an inspiration to all who knew him. Our hearts are sad and lonely but we feel that our loss is heaven's gain.

Written by Louetta Dixon, his loving wife and
Danny Dixon, brother in the Lord

WILLIAM AND MARY SUMPTER



It is with great respect and loving memories that we try to write this obituary of William Sumpter and Mary Emmalene Herron Sumpter. William Sumpter was born on June 2, 1986 into the family of William and Susanna Day Sumpter. He departed this life on September 26, 1979. Mary Emmalene Herron was born on July 22, 1906 into the family of Thomas Herron and Matilda Robinson Herron. She departed this life on January 31, 1974.

They were married on March 2, 1926. To this union were born fifteen children, seven of whom preceded them in death. Surviving are: Ray Sumpter, Thelma Sumpter Suffridge, Freda Sumpter McCool; and grandson, Tommy McCool, whom they raised. William is also survived by two children from a previous marriage: Sterling Sumpter; and Juanita Sumpter Luckey. They also leave a host of grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

William was survived by two brothers: Lawrence and Earnest Sumpter; and two sisters: Lina Boggs and Callie Shepherd. Mary was survived by two brothers: Nurge Herron and Buck Herron; and two sisters: Doanie Fields and Edna Doxon.

William Sumpter worked as a coal miner to support his

family, and his wife worked just as hard at home and in the fields. William never officially joined a church here on earth, but taught his children to believe in God, and before his death left them a good witness that he was ready to go. He missed Mary very much since she died five years before him. Mary joined the Pentecostal Church as a young woman and helped teach their children about the Bible and God.

Written by members of the family

A.B. NEWSOME



For over thirty-four years I was blessed to have this man in my life. As a husband he was loved, as a father he was respected and as a grandfather he was cherished.

Alsie Berry Newsome was born on January 12, 1907 to Abraham and Lexsetty Newsome in Pike County, Kentucky. He passed from this life on July 15, 1987 at Hazard Appalachian Regional Medical Center. His stay on earth was eighty years, six months and three days.

He met and fell in love with Hannah Powell and they were united in marriage on July 3, 1930. To this union were born seven children. He leaves behind to grieve for him: his wife, Hannah Newsome of Little Leatherwood; four sons: Darrell of Fusonia; Harold of Little Leatherwood, George of Sadieville; and Berry, Jr. of Cumberland, Kentucky; three daughters: Lois Logan of Pikeville; Doris Callahan of Little Leatherwood; and Brenda Newsome of Cumberland; twenty grandchildren; and seventeen great-grandchildren. Two grandchildren preceded him in death.

He saw his family through good times and bad. He worked hard as a coal miner until he was forced to retire. He could not enjoy the last years of his life because black lung claimed his health, but in later years he turned it over to God, and on the fifteenth of July, 1979, he was baptized into the Big Leatherwood Old Regular Baptist Church.

Along with other complications he became bedfast for the last two years. His wife and children loved and cared for him

throughout his illness. We know he is in better hands and that his pain and suffering are over. So we thank God for the time we had with him, for the love and happiness he gave us in return. Bye for now my precious grandfather but by the Grace of God we'll see you again someday.

Written by your granddaughter and sister in Christ, Debbie Sexton

WATSON WHITAKER



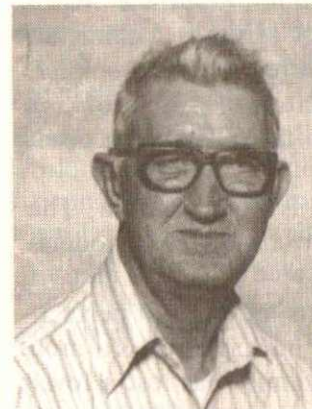
Watson Whitaker was born into the home of Elijah and Minnie Stamper Whitaker on November 30, 1902. Dad entered into eternal life the evening of June 26, 1987, making his journey here on earth eighty-four years, six months and twenty-six days. Early in life, Dad met a pretty girl by the name of Alma Mitchell. They were married for sixty years. Alma is left to mourn their loss along with their ten children: Lavine of Gatesville, Texas; Hiram Ray of Roxanna, Kentucky; Earnest and Wendell of Aurora, Indiana; Willia of Laurenceburg, Indiana; and Wilma Holden of Laurenceburg; Linda Day and Larcena Graves, both of Connersville, Indiana; Mary Halcomb of Hamilton, Ohio; and Lola Hogg of Royal Oak, Michigan. Watson also left twenty-two grandchildren and eleven great-grandchildren; one brother Jepp of Roxanna, Kentucky; and one sister, Mary, of Premium, Kentucky.

Dad was a member of the Tolson Creek Church of Old Regular Baptist and filled his seat regularly. Watson retired from the L&N Railroad after thirty-two years and six months. After retirement Dad enjoyed being with his children as well as grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. Dad will be greatly missed by all his family and all the many friends who loved him, but we trust our loss is heaven's gain.

A memorial service will be held at Tolson Creek Church the fourth Sunday in August each year in honor of Dad and all the deceased members of the church.

Written by the family

ELDER GREEN FIELDS



Elder Green Fields, son of Eliza Jane and Wilson Fields, was born in Letcher County, Kentucky on September 16, 1914. He passed away at his residence at Carcassonne, Kentucky on July 25, 1987 after having lived seventy-two years, ten months and nine days.

On July 28, 1938 he married Florence Fields. They had thirteen children. They had almost forty-nine years together until his passing. Five of the children preceded him in death: Daniel; Little; Alford; David; and Bill. Those that survive are: Lucille Back; and Jeanette Dixon of Williamsburg, Ohio; Jim of Hallie, Kentucky; Beckham of Williamsburg; Wayne of Blackey, Kentucky; and Clifford of Carcassonne, Kentucky. Seventeen grandchildren and four great-grandchildren also survive. He also is survived by six sisters.

Elder Green was always ready to give a reason for his hope. He said so many times: "In the fall of 1942 I got into very deep trouble over my life; the sins I had committed. I lived in Norwood, Ohio at the time, but came back to Kentucky seeking peace, but I couldn't find it. I made a promise that if God would save my soul, I would do anything to serve Him the rest of my days. I believe that God saved my soul in the fall of 1942 while I was walking up a little path beside a fence on the head of Bull Creek. So, in February, 1943, I joined the Doty Creek Old Regular Baptist Church. The next weekend I was baptized by Elder Roy Whitaker and Brother Crit Eldridge into full membership with the James Memorial Church."

Soon after Elder Green's conversion and baptism he believed he was called to the ministry. After preaching for approximately ten years he was ordained as an Elder in May, 1953.

Elder Green preached for forty-four years until he could not go anymore. He officially preached his last sermon at the Bull Creek Old Regular Baptist Church in May, 1987. Just a few days ago, just before his passing—just before his discharge, he sang the song, "I'm Going To Die On The Battlefield." In preparing this account we realize, "Yes, he did die on the battlefield." Now he

is discharged, now he is absent from his tired old body—but at home with the Lord.

Elder Green sacrificed many times to serve as a minister. Through the hardships and sacrifices he endured as a good soldier. He has obtained a witness that he was righteous. Now, looking back over his earthly pilgrimage, we realize that "He being dead, yet speaketh..." Heb. 11-4.

Elder Green was very dedicated to his home church, The Rose of Sharon. He led in its establishment and was its moderator until his death. Elder Green's life indicated he was a man of God, a soldier of the cross. He had his faults, he was not perfect—but he was striving for perfection. Now he has laid his armour down and is resting from his labors. The family has lost a loved one, a great pillar. The Indian Bottom Association has lost a great supporter. The Rose of Sharon Church has lost her leader. The community will miss him. Yes, the loss is tremendous. May God help us to take comfort in the thought that our loss is heaven's gain and that we may meet again, never to part, on heaven's streets of gold.

Written by the family and friends

ROBERT BRYANT HOLCOMB



As the natural beauty of nature takes the autumn leaves, nature can also take a loved family member.

Grandpa Bryant Holcomb was born June 25, 1892 and passed away October 24, 1986 after a long illness. His stay here on earth lasted ninety-four years, three months and twenty-nine days...much longer than most of us could hope for.

He left behind: his wife, Arizona; one son: Herbert Hoover of Isom; one daughter-in-law, Josephine; two grandsons: Ronnie Holcomb of Hindman; and Robert Holcomb of Isom; three great-grandchildren: Shane; Kristi; and Brandon. Also left to mourn his passing are: one brother: Charlie Hol-

comb of Delphia, Kentucky; one stepsister: Atha Frazier of Cowan, Kentucky; and many relatives and friends are also left. One brother, Fred Holcomb, preceded him in death.

Bryant worked as an engineer for the L&N Railroad from 1917 to 1954. From 1954 to 1985, Bryant and Arizona operated Holcomb's Grocery and Hardware Store at Isom. Their faith and working together made a beautiful relationship for Bryant and Arizona, lasting over sixty years. Someday God will bring them together again to sing and rejoice.

His wife, son and family will miss him dearly, but his heavenly place has been prepared. He has gone to reside there and will never again suffer earthly pains. May we all see him again!

Written by his grandson, Ronnie Holcomb

DOROTHY EVERAGE



Dorothy Polly Everage was born February 25, 1922 and passed from this life December 31, 1986. Her stay on earth was sixty-four years, ten months and six days. Dorothy was the daughter of Leslie and Della Polly, who preceded her in death. Dorothy was from a large family. She is survived by: brothers: Elijah Polly of Austin, Indiana; Melvin Polly, also of Austin; four half brothers: Abraham Polly of Mt. Vernon, Kentucky; John Polly, also of Mt. Vernon; Lee Polly, of Mt. Vernon; and Ira J. Polly

who is deceased; four half sisters: Anna Mae Patrick; Ruth Ann McIntosh, both of Austin, Indiana; Mary Collins of Mt. Vernon; and Bessie Cricket, also of Mt. Vernon. Early in life she was married to George Everage and to this union were born five children: James Everage of Austin, Indiana; Billy Everage of Amburgey, Ky.; Marie Everage of Austin, Indiana; thirteen grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. More than thirty years ago, Dorothy felt a great burden of sin was taking her soul to a lost world and she didn't want to go there. She, having a broken heart, began to repent. When she became willing to lay her body down if God would save her soul, the burden was lifted and her sins were cast into the Sea of Forgetfulness. About thirty years ago she came to

the Little Bethlehem Church, desiring to have fellowship with us and told a wonderful experience of grace, and was received into full fellowship after being baptized. She was a faithful member until death. Now to the family, friends, and neighbors, Sister Dorothy has gone the way of all the earth which is death, but we feel her soul is resting under the altar of God, waiting for a glorified body, never to suffer anymore. She will praise God forever around the snow white throne. So repent and meet Mother in heaven.

Written by Elder H.B. Reedy

GRACE BACK



Grace Back was the daughter of Wiley and Tallie Gayheart Jent. She was born December 28, 1911 and departed this life March 1, 1987.

Grace married William Back, who preceded her in death. To this union were born two sons: Thomas; and Jimmy; and one daughter: Gale Back, all of Mt. Carmel, Ohio.

She was a retired cook at the Carr Creek Elementary School.

Grace was a member of the Mt. Olivet Regular Baptist Church and served the Lord with great faith and courage. She was truly a Christian and proved this by the good life she lived. She took loving care of her husband who suffered a severe stroke and was ill for many years.

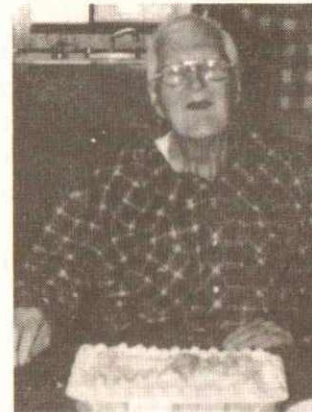
To mourn her untimely passing are three brothers: Arthur; Arnold; and Cleo; three sisters: Virgie Schooler; Louise Miller; and Nezzie Reynolds; three grandchildren: Michelle; Lisa; and Tony; and many other relatives and friends.

Grace was humble, honest, caring and a wonderful mother. She always looked forward to our visits. Mother loved everyone. We miss her so much.

If we will let her God be our God, we can be with her again in heaven some day. What an example she set for us.

Written by her sons and daughter, Thomas, Jimmie and Gale Back

GEORGE RALEIGH ISON



Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints. It's appointed man once to die and then the judgment. Fear none of those things which thou shalt suffer. Be faithful unto death and I will give thee a crown of life.

To everything there is a season and a time to every purpose under heaven, a time to be born and a time to die, a time to plant and a time to pluck up that which is planted, a time to kill and a time to heal, a time to break down and a time to build up, a time to weep and a time to laugh, a time to mourn and a time to dance, a time to cast away stones and a time to gather stones together, a time to embrace and a time to refrain from embracing, a time to love and a time to hate, a time of war and a time of peace.

God had many soldiers planted among mankind whose diverse missions span the globe and its many cultures. Some are preachers, some deacons, some elders, etc. But sometimes one is born who is not very well educated or very outspoken but who piles his stones high and solid. Grandpa was such a one upon whom rest and peace and reward had finally dawned.

George Raleigh Ison was born on December 26, 1889 and went on to be with God on March 12, 1985 making his stay here on earth ninety-five years, two months and seventeen days. He is survived by his children: Aaron; Newman; Verlon, all of Slem, Kentucky; Flossie Hack of Louisville, Kentucky; McClellan of Slem, Kentucky; Arle of Franklin, Ohio; Marble of Madison, West Virginia; and Reva Callahan of Cornettsville, Kentucky. He is also survived by three sisters: Leatha Frazier of Louisville, Kentucky; Martha Williams of Burnsville, North Carolina; and Bertha Eldridge of Somerset, Kentucky. He has twenty-seven grandchildren; thirty-five great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren. He is preceded in death by his wife, Ollie; one son: Hoover of Louisville, Kentucky; one daughter: Lona Griffie of Louisville, Kentucky; four brothers; four sisters, and three grandchildren.

His death is a sad occasion, I know, for all of his family. I believe it has saddened the heart of anyone who ever knew this old monarch. He tried desperately to utter something just before death came upon him. We don't know what that might have been but I believe very strongly that it had something to do with what surely must have been his hope and his dream that everyone follow his footsteps into that good land that flows rich in milk and honey. There is a way that seemeth right unto a man but the end thereof are the ways of Death. Grandpa was blessed with a long and prosperous life, a quiet and peaceful death. I believe he knew the right way.

A PRETTY, PRETTY PLACE

*Oh Lord how long must I travel
In a land so full of pain and trouble
Before I see my home above.
My heart grows tired of this struggle,
My soul yearns for endless love.
There'll be no sign of heartache,
No frown upon my face.
Tell my loved ones I'm on a journey
To a pretty, pretty place.
A time for me surely comes.
I'll stand on earth's bleak horizon,
My eyes upon the eastern sky.
Life here will end for George Ison,
But I'll be smiling when I die.
There'll be no sign of heartache,
No frown upon my face.
Tell my loved ones I'm on a journey
To a pretty, pretty place.
I now approach River Jordan,
My friends have all gathered 'round me,
And now we say our last good-byes.
Happiness at last has found me;
This world gives up its clutching ties.
There'll be no sign of heartache;
No frown upon my face.
Tell my loved ones I'm on a journey
To a pretty, pretty place.*

I appreciate your time and concern.
Your brother in Christ, Kenzie P. Ison

LACY TACKETT



It is with a crushed heart that I write the obituary of my uncle and brother in Christ, Lacy Tackett. My love for him will go to the grave with me.

Lacy Tackett was born on May 30, 1920 and left for gloryland on September 18, 1984, making his stay here on earth sixty-four years, three months and eighteen days. He was the son of the late James Ervin and Hannah Tackett Tackett.

He leaves to mourn his death his faithful and devoted wife, Leatha Hall Tackett; two daughters: Hannah Sue Sparks of Robinson Creek, Kentucky; Kimberly Renee Clevinger of Virgie, Kentucky; one son: Lacy Christopher Tackett, who lives at home. He also leaves to mourn his passing, one sister: Ilma Hall of Robinson Creek, Kentucky; two brothers: Eddie Tackett of Virgie, Kentucky; and Conley Tackett of Pikeville, Kentucky; three grandchildren: Bobby Brian Boyd; Robin Sparks; and Fallon Sparks, all of Robinson Creek, Kentucky.

Brother Lacy was only two years old when his mother passed away. She was heard one morning about the hour of 3:00 a.m., down on her knees, praying, "Oh Lord, I know I have to leave this world, so could I beg you dear God, have your angels watch over my children after I am gone." Growing up without a mother must have been so hard.

Years later he answered the call to help defend his country. He often told me of the last day in World War II when he was wounded. There had been one hundred and seventy-five men and now there were only seventeen left on top of a ridge in a far away country. The enemy was coming up on all sides and he said bullets were so thick in the air that you could see them. Being severely wounded, he radioed a ship at sea to shell around the ridge to keep the enemy off. For one hour and forty-five minutes he did this and I'll never forget the words he told them: "Boys, if you have ever done anything for anybody in your life, do it for us now. I believe those angels were there that day.

I remember the day he gave his hand to the church and was

baptized. I believe those angels were there that day. I remember the day he was ordained a deacon in the church. I believe the angels were there that day. Brother Lacy had such a humble way and a beautiful smile and helped everyone he came in contact with some way. He performed the duties of a deacon to the fullest extent.

He loved the Hemphill Church and was a pillar and solid rock in the church. The picture of the church with him in the coffin he kept at home where he could see it. Everyone who walked through the door would make his face light up.

I remember when Brother Lacy was rushed to U.K. Medical Center to have emergency surgery for an aneurysm. I believe those angels were there. They brought him back to serve the Lord for two and one half years. Then he had to have a triple by-pass and on September 18, at 6:14 p.m. I believe those angels were there to gently carry his soul home to the paradise of God.

Sister Leatha, you have no regrets. No one on earth could have been any better or done any more for him than you. Sister Hannah Sue, you gave him the rose while he lived. Kim and Chris, you both loved and were so good to your Daddy. I believe he will send those angels to you both to watch over you while he is gone.

The morning he was operated on he raised his hands, said and motioned, "Come on." There was no one but Sister Deatha there. We believe he saw Jesus and wanted to go.

Brother Lacy loved everyone so much and helped so many people. God loved him more than we did. I hope you all will be ready in the morning when Jesus comes riding on that great white cloud and Brother Lacy's soul will be coming to reunite with his body and come from the power of the grave with a spiritual body that will never die. What a smile will be on that beautiful face when he comes forth bright and shining as the sun. I can hear him shouting, "I have been redeemed, I have been redeemed."

Written by a broken-hearted nephew and
brother in Christ, Elder Jimmy W. Hall

ANITA AMBURGEY



God giveth and God taketh away. Blessed be His Holy name. With much weakness we will try by the help of the good Lord to write the obituary of our baby daughter, Anita, born May 20, 1968 and passed away October 15, 1986 due to an automobile accident at Alice Lloyd College.

She was special to us because she was a quiet and unusual girl. She was so good, so understanding, and never gave us any trouble in any way.

The good Lord knows how we miss her, but He said he would not put upon us more than we could bear.

We found in a diary she left when she was fourteen years old that she wanted to join the church when she was about twenty-four years old or before. We believe her soul is resting under the Altar of God.

Anita left her mother, father, one brother, Adrian, one sister, Joy, and one brother-in-law, David Osborne, one niece and three nephews.

One from us so dear is gone. A sweet voice around the home is stilled. There's a vacant seat in our home that can never be filled. Her sweet smile no more shall we see, but smiles in heaven there will always be. She's now in the arms of Sweet Jesus above where we will meet her someday on the wings of a dove.

Written by a broken-hearted Daddy, Mother,
Dennie and Esther Amburgey

*I cannot say, and I will not say
That she is dead—she is just away!
With a cheery smile,
And a wave of the hand
She has wandered into an unknown land,
And left us dreaming how very fair
Indeed it must be,
Since she lingers there.
So think of her faring on, as dear
In the love of There
As the love of Here
Think of her still as the same, I say—
She is not dead—she is just away!*

ADA K. BRASHEARS



As I attempt to write this obituary of my dearly beloved mother, Ada. K. Brashears, my sorrow is lessened when I realize that she is now in heaven with my beloved father where she has no more pain, but everlasting peace and joy.

Mother was born in Letcher County, Kentucky on June 1, 1903. She was the daughter of Wilburn and Hannah Hampton. On August 11, 1922, she was united in marriage to my father, Sam Brashears, Sr., who preceded her in death on July 22, 1984. To this marriage were born four children: Arnold Brashears, deceased; Ellen Ison of Pinehurst, North Carolina; Elmer Brashears of Columbus, Indiana; and Sam Brashears, Jr. of Hiram, Kentucky; twenty grandchildren and twenty-five great-grandchildren.

Mother was a loving and religious person, and was loved by everyone who ever met her. She truly loved her children. There was nothing she wouldn't do for them. All of the children loved her so much and we miss her terribly. She loved her neighbors and was always anxious to be of help in any way she could. Mother joined the Poor Fork Old Regular Baptist Church in the early forties. After several months in the Harlan Nursing Home and Hospital, where she suffered from arthritis throughout her body, she passed away on November 11, 1986 from a stroke. Funeral services were held at the Poor Fork Old Regular Baptist Church, and she was laid to rest in the Huff Cemetery, Cumberland, Kentucky on November 13, 1986, next to our beloved father.

Written by her loving daughter, Ellen Ison

SUSIE ASHLEY

Mom was born August 30, 1889 to Riley and Dicie Mullins. She departed from this life October 31, 1959, at her home. Many of her family are gone since her passing. She had four children,

eight grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren to survive her.

She was a kind and loving mother and a good friend to the community. She was a member of the Little Bethlehem Church and was a faithful member until her passing. She loved to cook and always invited everyone at church to go eat with her.

We still miss her, though the pain has lessened. She will always be in our memories.

Written by the children

DOCK V. SMITH



By the help of God I will try to write the obituary of Dock. V. Smith. He was born at Jeremiah, Kentucky on January 26, 1910. He deceased this life on April 24, 1987 at Pasco Medical Center in Zephyrhills, Florida. God blessed him to live seventy-seven years, two months and twenty-nine days. He was the son of the late James T. Smith and Margaret Fields Smith. On July 18, 1931 he married Dixie Caudill, the daughter of the late Rich Caudill and Julie Back. To this union were born four sons: Doyle and Danny, both of North Field, Ohio; Dempsey of Ravenna, Ohio; Charles of Stow, Ohio; and two daughters: June Abolos of Detroit, Michigan; and Julie Foster of Crystal Springs, Florida. Eighteen grandchildren and eleven great-grandchildren also mourn his loss.

He worked in the coal mines in Kentucky and worked in Ohio and Michigan for Chrysler Corporation and then retired and moved to Crystal Springs, Florida in 1972. He loved to go to the Old Regular Baptist Church. He drove for miles to church in Florida. He wanted a church near his home and at last that prayer was granted. He was very helpful in every way. Brother Dock and Sister Dixie were baptized together into the fellowship of the Star of Bethlehem Church. He was very happy and loved giving to the church. He helped all he could. He worked when he was not able. I believe he is at rest in the paradise of God where there is no pain or sorrow waiting for the redemption of his body. He was or-

dained as a deacon the third Saturday in February of this year. Sister Dixie, I know you will miss Brother Dock, but you have that promise that you will see him again around that great throne of God where there will not be separation. I feel that our loss is heaven's gain. I hope that all of his loved ones will desire to join him in that great reunion. Repent and be born again!

May God bless you all, Elder Walter Mullins

WILLIE TOMLIN AND FLORENCE COMBS TOMLIN



It is with happy and loving memories I try to write the obituaries of my loving brother, Willie Tomlin and his wife, Florence Combs Tomlin. Willie, born in Wolfe County April 12, 1889, died February 2, 1973. He came to the coal fields as a young man where he married Florence Combs. Florence was born March 16, 1898 and died in 1987. Both are buried in the Cornett Hill Cemetery at Sassafras, Kentucky. Brother Willie and Sister Florence joined the Clear Creek Church sometime in the 30's.

When trouble came into the church, they moved their fellowship to the Clear Fork Church. Later they moved to Dayton, Ohio and moved their fellowship to the House of Prayer. That was their home until God called them home to be with Him. Brother Willie and Sister Florence raised ten children. One preceded them in death as an infant. They have three daughters: Edna; Bessie; and Lena; their sons are: Thomas; Wesley; Roy; Wilbur, Orville; Eligah; and Eugene. All of the children live in Ohio except for Orville and Bessie. Edna died also; she lived in Texas.

Willie told the night before he died, of seeing Adam and Eve come into his room. The family thought he had been asleep, but he assured them he was awake.

After Willie and Florence moved to Dayton, as long as he was able to come back, they would come and stay with us and around among their old neighbors, months at a time. We really miss them and have a good hope of meeting them where there will be no parting.

Written by Willie's sister, Sister Sally Singleton

GEDRA NADINE CALHOUN



With loving memories, we write this obituary of our beloved mother, Gedra Nadine Calhoun. She was born January 17, 1922 to the late Samuel Smith, Jr. and Nancy Singleton on Clear Creek in Knott County. At the age of nineteen she married Mart Calhoun and moved to the Trace Fork of Irishman Creek near Amburgey. To this union were born three children: Nancy Nadine; Wallace; and Deloris Jean. Dad preceded her in death in 1979. Mother died on June 25, 1986 making her stay in this life sixty-four years, five months and eight days.

The three things Mother loved most were God, family and church. She joined Little Dove Baptist Church and served as a loving, faithful and obedient member as long as her health permitted her to attend and from then until her death in spirit. As Mother's health failed and body weakened, her faith and spirit grew beyond imagination. She knew God had a purpose in her sickness so she never questioned his wisdom to the end.

Although she will be missed by all who knew her, she will be missed most by us, her loving and caring family. Our comfort comes in knowing she now is at rest with God, in heaven.

Submitted by her family

*They needed the quiet
So he drew them aside
Into the shadows
Where they could confide*

*Away from the hustle
Where all the day long
They hurried and worried
When active and strong*

*They needed the quiet
Tho at first they rebelled
But gently, so gently
Their cross he upheld*

*And whispered so sweetly
Of beautiful things
Tho weakened in body
Their spirit took wings*

*To heights never dreamed of
When active and gay
He loved them so greatly
He drew them away*

*They needed the quiet
No prison their bed
But a beautiful valley
Of blessing instead*

*A place to grow richer
In Jesus to hide
They needed the quiet
So he drew them aside*

OMA H. FIELDS



The Book of Life is closed on another mother, grandmother, sister, friend and neighbor. Oma Fields departed this life on February 21, 1987, in the Whitesburg Appalachian Hospital. We believe Sister Oma fell asleep in the arms of Jesus, to everly be with him.

On January 28, 1907 God blessed the home of James and Susanna Caudill Hampton with a little daughter who soon became a young woman. She met, loved and married Johnny Fields on December 8, 1925. Johnny preceded her in death on July 22, 1973. To this union were born three sons and three daughters: Arnold Fields of Speedwell, Tennessee; Irene Jent of Red Fox, Kentucky; Iantha Adams of Speedwell, Tennessee; Doreen Blair of Blackey, Kentucky; and Bobby Fields of Blackey, Kentucky. Bobby lost his life in the service of his country in Vietnam on September 22, 1970. Also mourning her loss are ten grandchildren (one grandchild preceded her in death); eight great-grandchildren; and three sisters: Hattie Baker of

Indianapolis, Indiana; Critte Yeary, also of Indianapolis; and Hettie Wall of Eubank, Kentucky; two brothers: Sam Fields of Cincinnati, Ohio; and George Fields of Indianapolis, Indiana.

Time began to make a change in Sister Oma—all flesh is as the grass of the field; the grass withereth and the flower fadeth-- from dust thou art and unto dust thou shalt return.

According to what she told Brother I.D. Back and others, her soul is lingering under the alter of God and them that are asleep in Jesus, God will bring with him when he comes. Sister Oma will then get that new body that will never be sick or grow old anymore.

So, children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, brothers and sisters, in-laws, neighbors and friends, she can't come back to you but by the help of God you can go to her.

Written by Brother Agnon Back

ELIZA E. REEDY



Eliza E. Reedy was born on April 21, 1912 at Viper, Kentucky. She died at her home February 27, 1987 at Littcarr, Kentucky. She was seventy-four years, ten months and six days old at the time of her death.

She was preceded in death by her mother, father, five brothers, four sisters and one son. She became an orphan at an early age and was reared by her grandmother.

On July 27, 1934 she married Hillis B. Reedy of Amburgey, Kentucky. To this union were born six children: James Donald Reedy, deceased; Ivetta Reedy Washko of Milford, Ohio; Christine Reedy Godsey of Hamilton, Ohio; H.B. Reedy, Jr. of Whitesburg, Kentucky; John W. Reedy of Whitesburg; and Monette Reedy of Milford, Ohio. Also surviving are ten grandchildren: John Byron Washko, Anna Washko Sarbell, Lora Washko Andriot, William Mathew Reedy; Michele Reedy, Amy Godsey, Melissa Reedy Lemons, Mark Godsey; Tina Reedy, Stephanie Lynn Reedy; and one great-grandchild, Elizabeth Ann Sarbell.

About 1936 she came under conviction for her sins and saw

the need of a savior. She became a member of the Little Bethlehem Church in 1949. She put her light high upon a candlestick. It gave witness to all who knew her. Only Jesus Christ had perfect love, but this mother showed a very near perfect love. Love, compassion and meekness were treasures she possessed. This family cannot bring her back, but as David said concerning his son's death "By the Grace of God, we can go to her," in heaven. Mom would want me to say "Relatives and friends, death must come to us all, be prepared to live again."

Written by her two sons, who "By the Grace of God" are Brothers in the Lord, H.B. Reedy, Jr. and John W. Reedy

JONAH ROARK



By the help of God we will try to write a short sketch of the dear, loving friend, husband and father, Jonah Roark. He was born May 7, 1916 into the home of Joe and Susan Roark. Early in life he met and married Lona Cornett and to this union were born two children: Curliss; and Bertha. Later on Lona took sick and died. November 13, 1945 he met and married Opal Ellison and to this union were born six children, five boys and one girl: Garland of Eliza-

bethtown; Carrol of North Vernon; Tommy of Commiskey; Lonnie of Grantville, Kansas; Hasten of Kentucky; and Daniel; and Chenilla at home. He grew up in the mountains of Kentucky, worked in the coal mines until his health began to fail him. He got sick and saw the need of a saviour. He didn't want to die in the condition he was in so he went to the Lord and made his confession and joined the Big Creek Old Regular Baptist Church in 1965. A few years later he felt he was called to minister and he served faithfully until the end. He leaves to mourn their loss: his dear wife; nine children; two sisters: Bertha; and Callie; sixteen grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. To know Jonah was to love him. He leaves a host of friends and relatives to mourn their loss.

Written by Venon Miller and family

FRENCH COMBS



French Combs was born September 8, 1908 and passed away from this life April 1, 1987 at the age of seventy-eight years, six months and twenty-two days. At an early age, he married Loni Salyers and to this union were born five children: James; Darrel; Bethale; Elma-gee; and Gloria Anna.

He was baptized into the fellowship of Old Regular Baptist Ball Branch Church by Lee Mosley and Roger Hicks on the third Sunday in March, 1987.

God only knows how much he was loved by his wife, children, grandchildren, sisters, brothers and a great host of friends and relatives. Left to mourn are three brothers: Kell Combs; Green Combs; and Elliot Combs; and one sister: Gracie Mosley.

Gracie and I visited him in his sickness at his home when he was praying for the good Lord to save his soul. We all miss him so much. When the good Lord saved his soul, he was reaching his hand out to Jesus and I believe he got a drink of that living water he wanted so much.

Daddy, we miss you so much, but we hope to meet you in heaven some sweet day.

HE IS JUST AWAY

*He has left us now but not forever,
He still lives on in a beautiful country.
Beyond the storms of life on earth.
Beyond all heartaches, sickness and sorrow.
He will never know fear or pain anymore,
He is safe at home now, among the blessed.
His soul is at eternal rest.
His body will not stay in the grave forever.
When Jesus comes again,
soul and body will unite together,
And go home to stay forever and ever.*

Written by Lee Mosley

ELLA EVERIDGE



A few words to all of my children:
In the month of May, 1933 I began to see the need of the Lord. I saw I was lost if death came, so I began to seek the Lord. I asked for His hand and tender mercy and forgiveness. I went along, I didn't give up, I kept asking and on November 19, 1934 I made my true confession. He heard me and answered my prayer about three o'clock in the evening. He filled my heart with joy and lifted my burden from my heart. It has been forty-

five years at this writing and I feel I am ready to meet the Lord when He calls me in death to come. I have no fear.

Ella Pigman Everidge, daughter of William Pigman and Nancy Adams Pigman, was born in Knott County, January 20, 1900. She passed from this life on September 20, 1986 being eighty-six years and eight months of age at the time of her passing.

Ella was married to Ezra Everidge on February 7, 1916. He preceded her in death on January 8, 1972. Also preceding her in death were six brothers and three sisters.

She was baptized into the Old Regular Baptist Church in 1934 where she served her Lord faithfully until her death.

Ella is survived by daughters: Gladys Holbrook of Neon, Kentucky; Dicie Jania of Isom, Kentucky; Polly Ann Gibson of Isom; Samantha Hall of Colson, Kentucky; Nell Williams of Whitesburg, Kentucky; Wilma Preece of Hindman, Kentucky; sons: Emmitt Everidge and L. B. Everidge of Colson, Kentucky. Also surviving are fourteen grandchildren; seventeen great-grandchildren; five great-great-grandchildren, and sixteen step-grandchildren; one half-sister, Virta McGraner, and two half-brothers, Benton and William Pigman.

MOTHER

*There is a word called Mother
That's most beautiful to hear
She is the living symbol
Of all that I hold dear.*

*She has the highest standards
Of anyone I know
And that is just one reason
Why I do love her so*

*Of all the things she means to me
I think the first must be
Of how she worked and sweated
To raise her family.*

*She always tried to teach me
The truth of right and wrong
And the wisdom of her teachings
I'll remember my whole life long.*

*But the best gift that she gave me
Was the wonder of her love.
Some day she'll abide in
A home in heaven above.*

WILBURN HALL

Wilburn Hall was born on December 29, 1909 on Long Fork of Shelby Creek in Pike County, Kentucky. He was the son of the late Willard and Eunice Brown Hall. He departed this life on December 5, 1985 at 1:37 a.m. at the Methodist Hospital in Pikeville, Kentucky. He was seventy-five years of age.



He leaves to mourn his passing his beloved wife, Ilma Hall of Robinson Creek, Kentucky, and his only son Elder Jimmy W. Hall of Dorton and Jenkins, Kentucky. His son Jimmy and Sandra, gave him three grandchildren, who also survive. They are: Ricky, Cindy; and Jamie, all of Jenkins. He is survived by two great-grandchildren: Ashley Nicole; and Casaundra Ellen. He loved his grandchildren and great-grandchildren very much.

He leaves to mourn his passing, also, two sisters and two brothers: Stella Johnson of Indian Creek, Kentucky; Belle Tackett of Ashland, Kentucky; Allard Hall of Virgie, Kentucky; and Ed Hall of Virgie, Kentucky.

On August 31, 1928 he was married to Ilma Tackett. They had attended school together from childhood. Ilma was sixteen and Wilburn was nineteen when they were married. They shared life's joys and sorrows for over fifty-six years until death parted them.

Brother Wilburn worked for Consolidation Coal Company and Beth Elkhorn for a total of forty-five years. He enjoyed twelve years of retired life. He was so proud of a pin he received showing he was a member of the union for fifty years.

Brother Wilburn joined the Regular Baptist Church on May 10, 1953 and after telling an experience of grace, was baptized by Elder Mahon Burke and Elder Roy Hudson. He was a devoted and faithful soldier for the Lord for the rest of his life.

His fellow brethren began to take note of his devotion to the church. The low, still voice seemed to press on their minds to ordain him as a deacon. He was ordained a deacon at the Old Elkhorn Church. Brother Wilburn fulfilled his charge as a deacon with all sincerity. He loved the Hemphill Regular Baptist Church where his membership was at his death. He was always worrying about things that needed to be done at the church even after he got very sick.

One great joy of his life was having his son, Jimmy, walk by his side in the church for over ten years. Jimmy felt so honored to get to kneel down and wash his dad's feet and so proud to have his father's name. Brother Jimmy's given name is Wilburn Hall, Jr.

Wilburn was a humble, quiet man that did so many little things that we didn't notice until he was gone. He gave so much and asked for nothing in return. As the pains and trauma increased, his faith seemed to just get stronger. Then it just seemed like that low, still voice spoke again and said, "Wilburn, I am going to give you ease. I am going to take away all pain. I am going to let you see something you have never seen before."

Before he died he had been in a coma all day. That night he began to reach his arms toward heaven and he said four or five times, "I'm in heaven, I'm in heaven." His beloved companion said "Honey, did you see Jesus?" He said "Yes." Jesus knew how much Ilma and Jimmy and the family loved Wilburn. Perhaps that low, still voice just said again, "Wilburn, I'm going to give you a little more strength. You tell your family where you are." What more comforting words could there be? What better news could

be received than those precious words, "I'm in heaven."

Written by Elder Dewey and Sister Elenor Roberts

ADA WOODS

Ada Woods was born March 3, 1919 to Dave Slone and Mallie Huff Slone, both of whom preceded her in death. Ada passed from this life on May 24, 1987 at her home, making her stay here on earth sixty-eight years, two months and twenty-one days. She leaves to mourn her passing four daughters: Shirlene Jacobs, Christine Jacobs, Pauline Jacobs and Patty Slone; and three brothers: Richard Slone, Otis Slone and Roscoe Slone; five sisters: Leona Slone, Sophia Slone, June Martin, Alice Shorter and Sina Faye Waddell; twelve grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. Ada was a member of the Reynolds Fork Regular Baptist Church, where she moved her letter after joining the Hollybush Regular Baptist Church. Ada will be missed here on earth, but we hope that our loss is heaven's gain.



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

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

CONSTITUTION

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

1. The Association shall be called the Indian Bottom Association.
2. The Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches in our union, and duly sent to represent them in the Association, who shall be members whom they judge best qualified for that purpose, and producing letters from their respective churches, certifying to their appointment, these shall be entitled to a seat.
3. In the letters from the different churches shall be expressed their full number in fellowship, those baptized, received by letter, restoration, application, dismissed, excluded and deceased since our last Association.
4. The members thus chosen and convened shall have no power to lord over God's heritage nor shall they have any clerical power over the churches nor shall they infringe on any of the rights of any of the churches in the union.
5. The Association, when convened, shall be governed by a regular and proper decorum.
6. The Association shall have a Moderator and Assistant Moderator, Clerk and Assistant Clerk, and Treasurer, who shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.
7. New churches may be admitted to this union, which shall petition by letter and delegates, and if found upon examination to be orthodox and orderly, shall be received by the Association, and manifested by the Moderator giving the right hand of fellowship.
8. Every church in the union shall be entitled to representation in the Association.
9. Every query presented by the churches to the Association, being first debated in their own church, shall come under the consideration of the Association.
10. Every motion made and seconded shall be considered by the Association, except it be withdrawn by the party who made it.

11. We think it absolutely necessary that we have an Association fund for defraying the expense of the same. For the raising of which we think it the duty of each church in the union to contribute such sums voluntarily as they think proper, and send it by their delegates, to be deposited with treasurer, who shall be responsible to the Association for, and pay the same out as the Association may direct.
12. There shall be an Association book kept in which the proceedings of every Association shall be regularly recorded by the secretary, who shall receive annual compensation for same.
13. The minutes of the Association shall be read and corrected, if need be, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the Association rises.
14. Amendments to this plan of government may be made by majority of the union when in regular session, when so desired.
15. The Association shall endeavor to furnish the churches with minutes of the Association, the best methods of effecting the same shall be determined by the Association.
16. All matters coming before the Association shall be decided by will of the majority of the members present.
17. The Association shall have the power to decide for the general union of the churches and to preserve an inviolable chain of communion among same, giving churches all necessary advice in matters of church difficulty; inquiring into the cause why any church shall have failed to represent itself any time in the Association, appropriate the money received to any purpose it may think proper; appoint any member or members by their consent to transact any business which it may think necessary; withdraw from any church in the union which may violate any of the rules of the Association or deviate from the orthodox 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.

CHURCH CLERKS AND ADDRESSES

Church	Clerk's Address
Cedar Grove	Venson Whitaker, HC 63 Box 350 Ulvah, Ky. 41731
New Home	Birtchell Mosley Leburn, Ky. 41831
Defeated Creek	Atlas Frazier, HC84, Box 1938 Whitesburg, Ky. 41858
Reynolds Fork	Dwight D. Amburgey, HC76, Box 670, Pinetop, Ky. 41843
Little Bull Creek	Virgil Combs, HC 67, Box 800 Blackey, Ky. 41804
Ivy Point	Alger Casebolt, Gen. Del. Carrie, Ky. 41725
Little Dove	Mike Caudill, HC 71, Box 472 Jeremiah, Ky. 41826
Tolson Creek	Luther D. 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 334, Trafalgar, Indiana 46181
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, R.R. 2, Box 201 Hazard, Ky. 41701
Northern New Home	E. Robert Miller, 405 Britton Lane, 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. 41821
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 Station, Box 4033, Whitesburg, Ky. 41858
Little Mary	Lonnie Bryant, Gen. Del., Lloyd, Ky. 41156
Mount Zion	Leon Short, HCR 60, Box 1050 Hindman, Ky. 41822
Friendship	George Shea, Kings Mountain, Kentucky 40442
Little Bethlehem	Donald Pratt, Box 705, Big Smith Branch Road, Sassafras, Kentucky 41759
Little Bethany	Hershell Short, Box 35 Jeffersonville, Ky. 40337

DELEGATES TO THE 1987 ASSOCIATION

Church	Delegates
Cedar Grove	Squire Watts, Victor Campbell, Venson Whitaker
New Home	Moses Maggard, Aaron Cornett, Chester Gibson
Defeated Creek	Matt Cornett, Delbert Jones, Marvin Miller
Reynolds Fork	Dwight Amburgey, Ralph Seals, Lonnie Sexton
Little Bull Creek	Kirby Jent, Danny R. Caudill, Eddie Sexton
Ivy Point	Lee Mosley, Alonzo Mosley, Chillestene Gibson
Little Dove	Ivan Amburgey, John Preece, Arnold Jent
Tolson Creek	Toby Breeding, Luther Combs
Dixon Memorial	Roger Whitaker, Willie Eldridge, Carl Back
Big Creek	Doug Gibson, Earl Cox, Billy Maggard

Happy Home.....Landis Everage, Alger Mullins,
Clark Hays
New Bethlehem.....Melvin Creech, George Fugate,
Morris Shepherd
Clear Fork.....Clarence Combs, Mark Shepherd,
Robert Combs
Northern New Home.....Jack Varney, E. Robert Miller,
Bill Halcomb
Blair BranchGillis Reedy, Ellis Adams,
Bob Banks
Mt. OlivetI.D. Back, Agnan Back,
William Lusk, Jr.
Little Zion.....Ross S. Hill, Tommy Logan,
Jay Lucas
Rose of SharonJim Fields, Roger Gibson,
Donnie Jent
Hurricane Gap.....Jay McCool, Charles Shepherd,
Less Shepherd
Kingdom Come.....Bert Fields, Powers Caudill
Poor ForkHarvey Creech, Eugene Wilder,
Berry Newsome
Big Cowan.....Ray Fields, Ted Everage,
Leonard Younce
Little MaryEuel Ratliff, Ronnie Little,
Willie Gregory
Mount Zion.....Earl Mosley, Carl Mosley,
L.D. Mosley
Friendship.....Herman Thompson, George Shea
Little Bethlehem.....H.B. Reedy, Sr. H.B. Reedy, Jr.,
John Reedy
Little BethanyJames Slone, Hurshell Short,
Hurley Short

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CHURCH ADDRESSES

Church	Address
Cedar Grove	Off Hwy.7, on Hwy.1103, Hallie, Ky.
New Home	Leburn, Ky., Hwy.550
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 Hwy. 550
Little Dove	Sassafrass, Ky., on Little Dove Rd., off Hwy.15
Tolson Creek	Roxanna, Ky., Hwy.588
Dixon Memorial	Jeremiah, Ky., on Hwy. 7
Big Creek	Dupont, Indiana, off Hwy. 7
Happy Home	Irishman, Ky., Hwy.1231
New Bethlehem	Talcum, Ky., off Hwy, New 80 one mile marker
Clear Fork	RR2, 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&15
Rose of Sharon	Fusonia, Ky., off Hwy.7, two miles up Big Branch
Hurricane Gap	Gordon, Ky.,on Hwy.160
Poor Fork	Cumberland, Ky.
Big Cowan	Cowan, on Hwy. 8H
Little Mary	8miles north Morehead, Ky. off Rt.32,on Rt 1895
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
Little Bethany	Jeffersonville, Ky., off Hwy. 11 on Sawmill Rd.

STATISTICAL TABLE

Name of Church	Received by Experience & Baptism	Received by Letter	Restored	Rec'd by Recommendation and/or Application	Dismissed by Letter	Lost by Death	Excluded	Total Membership	Meeting Time	Contribution
Cedar Grove	2	2	0	0	0	11	2	182	4	300
New Home	4	1	0	0	1	1	0	48	1	100
Defeated Creek	4	0	0	0	0	1	0	26	2	150
Reynolds Fork	2	3	0	0	1	2	1	33	3	80
Little Bull Creek	2	4	0	0	2	1	2	63	3	50
Ivy Point	2	3	1	0	6	0	0	31	4	50
Little Dove	6	0	0	0	3	5	0	134	2	300
Tolson Creek	0	3	0	0	2	3	0	22	4	75
Dixon Memorial	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	52	4	125
Big Creek	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	22	4	100
Happy Home	1	0	2	0	2	0	1	49	1	125
New Bethlehem	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	29	3	135
Clear Fork	4	0	0	0	0	3	0	21	1	80
Northern New Home	4	0	0	1	3	0	3	115	4	100
Blair Branch	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	81	3	225
Mt. Olivet	2	3	0	0	2	6	0	149	1	300
Little Zion	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	23	4	30
Rose of Sharon	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	25	2	85
Hurricane Gap	2	0	2	0	2	0	0	27	3	125
Kingdom Come	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	22	1	50
Poor Fork	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	32	1	100
Big Cowan	2	0	0	0	0	3	1	51	4	175
Little Mary	3	0	1	0	1	0	0	34	2	150
Mt. Zion	0	5	0	0	6	0	0	11	2	50
Friendship	0	3	0	0	0	1	0	10	3	50
Little Bethlehem	8	1	0	0	0	2	0	31	4	100
Little Bethany	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	6	3	50
TOTALS	50	34	6	1	38	44	15	1329	-	3260

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.

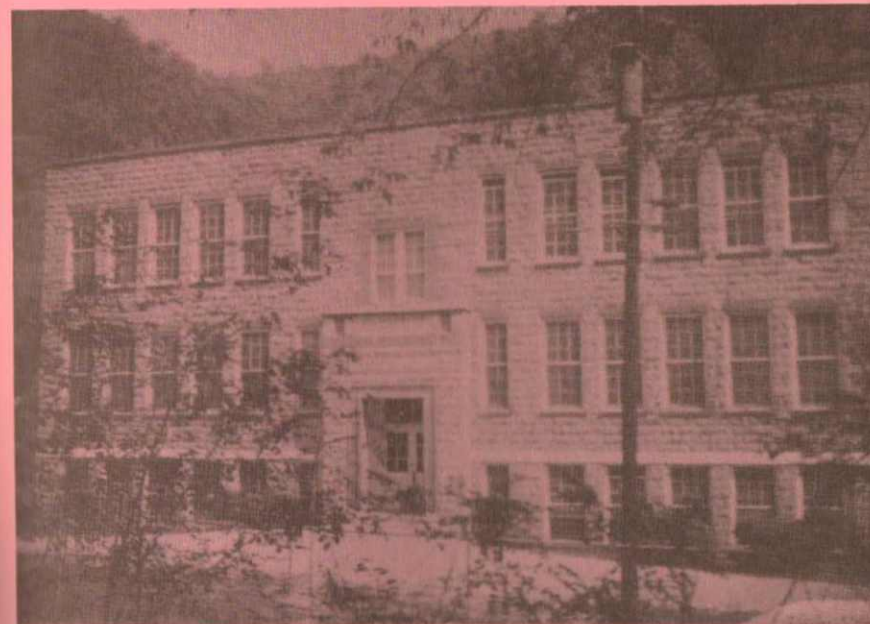
Dear Brethren, pray for us, that Zion may have a traveling spirit among us.

Done and signed by order of the church.

Elder _____, Moderator

Brother _____, Clerk

_____ (Clerk's Address)



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

DIRECTIONS TO THE INDIAN BOTTOM ASSOCIATION

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