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OF THE

# INDIAN BOTTOM ASSOCIATION

OF  
OLD REGULAR BAPTIST CHURCHES  
OF  
JESUS CHRIST



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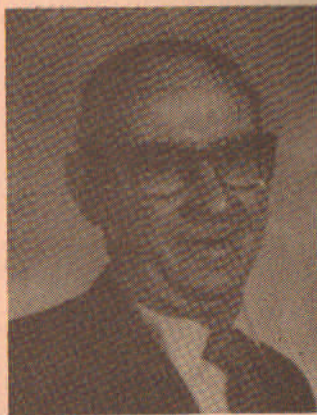


**Indian Bottom Association Officers**

(Left to Right) Elwood Cornett, Moderator; Jim Fields, Assistant Moderator; Glenn Hampton, Clerk; Morris Shepherd, Assistant Clerk



**Manus Ison**



**Corbett Hall**



**"Let the elders that rule well be counted worthy of double honor, especially they who labour in the word and doctrine."**

Elder Manus Ison was a great leader. He served the Indian Bottom Association as assistant moderator and from 1968 to 1979 as moderator.

His labor was well done, especially in the word and doctrine. Under the leadership of Brother Manus we saw a manifestation of love, strength, compassion and hope. For this he is due double honor.

Even as we mourn our loss, we can see what God has accomplished through him: his gracious and graceful guidance of the church, his loving care of his family, his personal generosity to friends, his model of godly life for all who had eyes to see and ears to hear.

Brother Manus devoted himself to the care of the church. He did it from inner necessity. It was his life. God had called him to feed and care for God's flock. But the way he did his work was as important as what he did. He graced many with his soft-spoken steel and tough-minded compassion. For many he



became a father, gently, yet firmly, pointing them to the cross and the crown.

He left us a glimpse of what makes a marvelous human being, for in him we saw what is decent and good and hopeful in Christian life.

He gave us good memories; and these memories, now that he is no longer here, will become for us a resource for new strength, courage and hope.

In the words of Brother I. D. Back, his fellow traveler, "To me he was a father in the gospel, like Paul was to Timothy. His great wisdom he always shared with me. No young preacher had any better help or teacher than I did. When he would visit our home he would always speak with a sweet smile and visit with the family first, then he would talk on church matters. I miss him so much, but I see his works following after him."

Brother Manus prayed for wisdom. Many nights his pillow was wet with tears as he prayed for wisdom. God answered those prayers.

Not only was Brother Manus a powerful, effective and consoling preacher, teacher and leader, he went through the rain and snow seeking help for someone in trouble.

As Brother Manus traveled among the churches seeing to their welfare, it was often said, "There goes a good man." As we who knew him best, his brothers, sisters, family, friends, and fellow servants in the army of the Lord Jesus Christ saw his final journey, it was proclaimed, "There goes a good man."



**Minutes Of The  
Ninety-Third  
Session Of The  
Indian Bottom Association  
Of  
Old Regular Baptist Church  
Of  
Jesus Christ**

**Friday, September 2, 1988  
and the two following days**

The Indian Bottom Association, being in session, assembled at our Association Building at Sassafras, Knott County, Kentucky, September 1, 1988, and the two following days. Being hosted by the Mt. Olivet and Happy Home Churches, the Association met in the Congregational Department of the Association Building for preaching services. After lifting our voices high in singing praises to our God, Eld. Alonzo Mosley introduced the service and led in prayer.

After the introduction and prayer had been rendered, Eld. Earl Mosley, who had been chosen by the delegates of the 1987 session of our Association to preach the Introductory Sermon of this 1988 session, came to the pulpit and proclaimed the goodness of God to a large and attentive crowd.

The delegates were dismissed from the congregation and asked to assemble in the Delegate Room. Then came forth Eld. Elwood Cornett, our Moderator, who made a few remarks to the delegates and called upon Eld. Fon Bowling to come to the pulpit. Eld. Bowling soon lifted our spirits high. After a song, Eld. Hobart Bates 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 Mt. Olivet 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: Johnny Walters, Agnan Back, Joe Steely.

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

Eld. Elwood Cornett, Moderator

Eld. Jim Fields, Asst. Moderator

Bro. Glenn Hampton, Clerk

Eld. Morris Shepherd, Asst. Clerk

4. The Moderator called for newly constituted churches, desiring to take up fellowship with us, and none responded.

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 Articles of Faith was omitted, but they were directed 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: Dexter Dixon, Grover Adkins, Hiram Adkins, Hobert Bates, Walter Akers, Woodrow Dye, Hollie King, Jimmy Dye, Woody Pack, Troy Hall, Lawson Jacobs, Cliven Caudill, Edward Hall, Estil Slone, Glenn Hall, Frank Slone, Coy Combs, Don Parker, C. B. Smith, J. D. Clarke, Jay Lee Hamilton, Orville Hamilton, Johnny Wright, Lonnie West, Elford Holbrook, Bradley Biliter Jr., Aaron Boyd, Norman Conn, Windell Hamilton. The letter was read and by a move and second with no objection, it was received, the delegates seated, and given the right hand of fellowship.

B. Union: Fon Bowling, Paul McClanahan, Grant Akers, Terry Bright, Carson Wright, Jimmy W. Hall, Astor Eldridge, Ellis Amburgey, Dallas Ramsey, Baxter Osborne, Eugene Elswick, Paul Coleman, Frank O'Quinn, Joe Coleman, Frank Coleman, Sam Irwin, Garland Mullins, Jimmy Dale Sanders, Dewey Sexton,

Jesse Viers, Bob Baker, Albert Hamilton, Arnold Belcher, Andy Bates, Walter Bryant, Bill Hall, Hezekiah Osborne, Otis Rowe, Charles Wright, Herman West. The letter was read and by a move and second with no objection it was received, the delegates seated, and given the right hand of fellowship.

8. The Moderator called for transient members and ministers and 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 Mt. Olivet and Happy Home Churches 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 Mt. Olivet and Happy Home Churches should have only one delegate together with the Association Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk, Assistant Clerk, and the entire delegation from the corresponding association to meet Friday afternoon at 1:30 p.m. to arrange the work for Saturday.

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

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

Friday Afternoon: Woodrow Dye and Frank O'Quinn

Saturday Morning: Hiram Adkins, 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. in the Congregational Department of the Association Building. After uniting our voices in singing God's praise, Eld. Woodrow Dye warmly introduced the session and Eld. Baxter Osborne humbly led us to the throne in prayer. Then Eld. Frank O'Quinn caused our spirits to soar as he expounded the goodness of God.



The Clerk called the roll; then we arranged the work for Saturday.

**Saturday Morning  
September 3, 1988**

The Association met pursuant to adjournment. After a beautiful hymn of praise was sung, Elder Elwood Cornett, our Moderator, made some words of welcome, then called upon Eld. Baxter Osborne to come to the pulpit. He preached a short, warm message; then Eld. Herman West led in prayer.

1. The clerk called the roll and marked the absentees.
2. The report of the Committee on Arrangements was given. By a move and second with no objection, the report was approved and the Committee discharged.
3. The ministers chosen to preach in the stand were excused to go to the Congregational Department of the Association Building.
4. The Committee on Finance reported a sum of \$3,290.00 contributed by 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 clerk was directed to have 3,500 copies of the Minute Books printed. He is to be Secretary/Treasurer and is to receive \$50.00 for his services.
6. By a move and second with no objection, the dates of the Union, Communion and Memorial Services are to be printed in the minutes.
7. The Circular Letter was read by Bro. Don Pratt, 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: Coy Combs, Herman West and Elwood Cornett.
  - B. To preach the Introductory Sermon for 1989: Jim Fields, and Charles Shepherd is to be his alternate.

C. To write a Circular Letter for approval for 1989: Roger Gibson. By a move and second the report was received and the Committee discharged. No objection was filed.

9. By a move and second, obituaries are to be printed in the minutes with a \$10.00 fee for printing of pictures. All obituaries are to be typed, double-spaced. No objection was filed.
10. The Treasurer's Report was given, and by a move and second with no objection, the report was accepted and ordered to be printed in the minutes. The report is as follows:

Balance on Hand, (9-5-87).....	\$6,427.70
Church Contributions .....	3,262.00
Pictures .....	530.00
Interest .....	379.83
Total In Treasury .....	\$10,599.53

**Expenses:**

Printing Minutes .....	\$3,150.00
Safety Deposit Box .....	35.00
Typing Permanent Record.....	20.00
Total Expenses .....	\$3,205.00
Balance in Treasury (9-3-88) .....	\$7,394.53

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, 1988, at Minnie, Floyd County, Kentucky, at their Association Building, and continuing the two following days. Delegates to attend: John P. Eldridge, H. B. Reedy Jr., Hurley Short, John W. Reedy, Ivan Amburgey, Ted Everage, Clark Hays, Jim Fields, Chester Gibson, Lonnie Sexton, Alonzo Mosley, Tim Cornett, Harvey Creech, Joe Steely, Elwood Cornett, Rodney Ison, Earl Mosley, John Preece, Paul Watson, Arnold Thacker, Dennie Am-



burgey, Agnan Back, H. B. Reedy Sr., Morris Shepherd, Ellis Adams, Glenn Hampton.

- B. Union: To begin on Friday before the third Saturday in September, 1988, at Wise, Wise County, Virginia, and continuing the two following days. Delegates to attend: John P. Eldridge, John W. Reedy, Ivan Amburgey, Ted Everage, Clark Hays, Jim Fields, Chester Gibson, Lonnie Sexton, Harve Creech, Joe Steely, Virgil Combs, Elwood Cornett, Rodney Ison, John Preece, Earl Mosley, Marcus Watson, Don Pratt, Agnan Back, H. B. Reedy Jr., H. B. Reedy Sr., Morris Shepherd, Ellis Adams, Glenn Hampton
12. The report of the Committee on Council was read by the Clerk. The Committee had met at the Little Zion Church for the purpose of merging the Little Zion and Rose of Sharon Churches. The merger was successfully completed and the two churches are now known as the Little Zion Church. By a move and second with no objection the report and the work of the Committee were received.
  13. The request from New Home Church to have the pictures of Eld. Manus Ison and Eld. Corbett Hall placed in the Minute Book below the picture of the Association officers was read by the Clerk. By a move and second with no objection, the request was granted. By a move and second with no objection, a special tribute is to be made to Eld. Manus Ison. Eld. Elwood Cornett is to be responsible for writing the tribute.
  14. The request from the Happy Home Church to set their Union, Communion and Memorial Services back one month was read by the Clerk. By a move and second with no objection, the request was granted and the change will be printed in the minutes.
  15. The requests from the Blair Branch, Little Zion, Dixon Memorial and Big Cowan Churches to host the Association for 1989 were read by the Clerk. By a move and second with no objection, their requests were granted with Blair being the host church and Little Zion, Dixon Memorial and Big Cowan being co-hosts.
  16. The request from Northern New Home Church advising the Association that Eld. Ernel Ison had been excluded

from the church and to remove his name from the roll of ordained ministers was read by the Clerk. There was a move and second to grant the request to remove Eld. Ernel Ison's name from the roll of Ordained Ministers. An objection was filed, but after some discussion the objection was withdrawn. The request was granted.

17. The request from the Little Mary Church to have the time of day of our Saturday Services printed in the minutes was read. There was a move and second to grant the request by putting another column in the Statistical Table, in which the time of the Saturday Service would be entered. No objection was filed.
18. The request from the Little Bethany Church to change their meeting time from the third Saturday and Sunday of each month to the fourth Saturday and Sunday of same, as they felt it would accomodate more people of the area. By a move and second with no objection, the request was granted.
19. The treasurer of the trustees, Bro. Glenn Hampton, gave his report. The report is as follows :

Balance in Treasury (9-5-87).....\$1,862.41

Collections :

Odd Sunday Services..... 860.00

Donations ..... 238.00

Concession Stand ..... 120.00

Church Contributions .....5,950.00

Total in Treasury.....\$9,030.41

Expenses :

Repair: Supplies & Labor .....\$2,215.74

Food & Kitchen Supplies .....2,550.99

Utilities..... 915.89

Insurance..... 986.58

Total Expenses .....\$6,669.20

Balance in Treasury (9-3-88).....\$2,361.21

By a move and second with no objection, the report was accepted.

20. Bro. Glenn Hampton reported that Bro. Steve Adams had asked him to report to the Association that he (Steve Adams)



wanted to resign from the Board of Trustees as he was unable to serve anymore. There was a move and second to accept the report and to release Bro. Steve as a trustee. No objection was filed. Bro. John Preece made a move that the Moderator have the power to make any temporary appointments to the Trustee Board to be approved by the Association when in session; with this move the Clerk was also directed to write a tribute to Bro. Steve for his untiring service to the Association. This was seconded without objection.

21. The Moderator appointed a Committee on Council consisting of the following: I. D. Back, Chairman; Enos Sturgill, Harvey Creech, Ellis Adams, John Preece and Alonzo Mosley.
22. By a move and second with no objection the Clerk was directed to write a Resolution of Appreciation to the Mt. Olivet and Happy Home Churches for hosting the 1988 session of the Association.
23. The Clerk read the minutes of this 1988 session of the Association. By a move and second with no objection, the minutes were approved as read.
24. By a move and second with no objection, we adjourned until our next Association convenes on September 1, 1989. Eld. Andy Bates then came to the pulpit and with a few remarks caused our souls to rejoice. Eld. Woodrow Dye humbly closed with a soul-stirring prayer.

Elder Elwood Cornett, Moderator

Elder Jim Fields, Asst. Moderator

Bro. Glenn Hampton, Clerk

Elder Morris Shepherd, Asst. Clerk

#### **Sunday Morning, September 4, 1988**

A good, orderly crowd began to gather at the Indian Bottom Association Building, greeting each other with love and warmth.

The closing day of our ninety-third session of the Indian Bottom Association began with beautiful singing of the songs of Zion.

Opening remarks were made by Elder Elwood Cornett, our beloved Moderator.

Elder Coy Coy Combs, Elder Herman West and Elder Elwood Cornett had been chosen to preach Sunday. Elder Coy Combs was absent, because of a funeral.

Elder Elwood called on Elder H. B. Reedy of the Indian Bottom Association to open the services, and to make prayer. He gave a short, warm sermon and a good prayer. Elder Herman West of the Union Association came forth and preached a warm sermon. Elder Ivan Amburgey was called upon and preached a warm, inspiring sermon. He was well blessed by the spirit of God.

Elder Elwood Cornett, our Moderator, came forth to close. He preached on God's love, and was blessed with the Spirit of God. He extended the privilege of accepting members, but none responded; thus bringing our ninety-third session of the Indian Bottom Association to a close. Elder Jim Fields dismissed by prayer.

#### **Tribute to Steve M. Adams**

We, the Indian Bottom Association, would like to express our deep appreciation to Steve M. Adams, a trustee of the Association Building for twelve years. For all the love, interest, and concern you showed; for all the hours of hard work, leadership, and just supervising the work being done, we thank you. The Indian Bottom Association is deeply indebted to you and will always remember your years of service.

The Indian Bottom Association

#### **Resolution of Appreciation To Host Churches**

We, the Indian Bottom Association, would like to express our humble thanks to the Mt. Olivet and Happy Home Churches; and also to everybody who participated in any way in hosting this ninety-third session of our Association. For all the long hours of hard work; for all the good food you so graciously prepared and served; and for every smile, handshake, and embrace you gave to us and to our visitors, we thank you and pray that God will bless you four-fold.

The Indian Bottom Association



## Circular Letter

To My Beloved Brothers and Sisters of the Indian Bottom Association :

Being young in this battle, I feel very unworthy in attempting to fulfill your request to write a circular letter. Only through and by the help of a great and merciful God will I be able to do so.

Our God is truly a God of love. He makes His love manifest to the world through the lives of those who love and serve Him. Jesus said, "By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one for another. This is my commandment. That ye love one another, as I have loved you." God fills us with His love when He hears our feeble cries, extends His mercy, and forgives our sins. Brothers and sisters, the love of God should be the guiding light of our lives. In order to serve as a "light to all that are in the house," we must show love to each other, to our corresponding brothers and sisters, and to the world around us. We must overlook the differences of others, pray for each other, and walk together with love, patience, tolerance and acceptance. Peter said, "Of a truth, I perceive that God is no respecter of persons." Let us strive to do likewise. David wrote, "Behold, how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity." The unity and prosperity of the Indian Bottom Association are the results of heartfelt expressions of God's love by our brothers and sisters. I am proud to be a part of you and to have experienced your outpouring of love. As differences and problems arose during the past year, I witnessed my brothers working together with love, humbleness and patience. In the midst of trouble, God can surely draw us closer together if we will only "draw nigh unto God."

John said, "He that loveth his brother abideth in the light." If we are born of the Spirit, we are the children of the light. Let's also remember the words of Jesus, "Ye are the light of the world, take heed therefore that the light which is in thee be not darkness." Our lives bear witness of the light and love that dwells within us. Our daily walks, our conversations, our dress, and our actions should show the world that we are the children of the light. Paul advised Timothy, "Be thou an example

of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity." We should be different from the world because the children of God are "chosen out of the world." Peter said, "Ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a peculiar people, that ye should show forth the praises of Him who hath called you out of darkness into His marvelous light." Our lights should not be hid, nor must we let the cares and troubles of the world choke the word of God. Our lives – every second, every minute, every hour – should be lived to the glory of God.

However, "this is a day of trouble for God's people." Jesus promised that the world would hate and despise those who loved and served Him. He said, "Think not that I am come to send peace on earth; I come not to send peace, but a sword. For I am come to set a man at variance against his father and the daughter against her mother." Separation from the world does bring persecution and heartaches from those we love and the world. Each day it becomes more needful for the children of God to cast aside old differences and to stand united and firm in the old path. The souls of our loved ones are in danger. Our battle is not against each other, but against the devil who "walketh about seeking whom he may devour." The way we live our lives and the love we show to others may serve to light the way for some lost sinner boy or girl who is seeking the Lord.

In conclusion, I beg you, brothers and sisters, to watch and pray, to let your loins be girded with the love of God, and to keep your light burning. "If God be for us, who can be against us?" May God's blessings be with you throughout this life and eternity.

Your Brother in Christ,  
Brother Don Pratt



## UNION, COMMUNION AND MEMORIAL SERVICES

### March

**Little Zion:** Union Meeting fourth Saturday and Sunday in March. Ministers called: Eugene Wilder, Bill Moore, Charles Shepherd, Virgil Combs and Ellis Adams. Communion: second in June. Memorial: Bob Combs, John Preece, Chester Gibson, Clark Hayes and Morris Shepherd.

### April

**Mt. Zion:** Union Meeting second Saturday and Sunday in April. Ministers called: Jim Fields and Ralph Slone Jr. Communion: second Sunday in June. Memorial Meeting: second Sunday in May. Ministers called: Elwood Cornett, Donald Collins and L. D. Mosley.

**Blair Branch:** Union Meeting: third Saturday and Sunday in April. Ministers called: Ellis Amburgey, Jerry Manns, Elwood Cornett, Harve Creech, Squire Watts, Ivan Amburgey. Communion: third Sunday in July. Memorial Meeting: third Sunday in June. Ministers called: I. D. Back, Ellis Adams, Toby Breeding, Agnon Back, Danny Dixon and Roger Gibson.

**Northern New Home:** Union Meeting: fourth Sunday in April. Memorial Meeting: fourth Sunday in June. Communion Meeting: fourth Sunday in August. Union Meeting: fourth Sunday in April. Ministers called: Bob Haney, Billy Ray Jones, John Preece, Danny Dixon, John B. Hamilton, Lonnie Sexton, Ron Little, Lonnie Gregory, Melvin Watts, Ellis Amburgey, Albert Osborne, Elwood Cornett, Jim Fields, Kenzie Ison, Clark Hayes, Monroe Breeding and Jeff Little.

### May

**Poor Fork:** Union Meeting: first Saturday and Sunday in May. Ministers called: Teddy Honaker, Roger Gibson, Darrell Newsome, Danny Dixon, Squire Watts, Charles Shepherd and Ellis

Adams. Communion: first Sunday in July. Memorial Meeting: first Sunday in August. Ministers called: Teddy Honaker, Toby Breeding, Squire Watts, Danny Dixon and Elwood Cornett.

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

**Happy Home:** Union Meeting: first Saturday and Sunday in May. Ministers called: Squire Watts, Hezekiah Osborne, Danny Dixon, Bill Hall, Roger Hicks, Carl Back, Virgil Combs, Harve Creech. Communion: first Sunday in June. Memorial Meeting: first Sunday in July. All of the same faith and order are welcome.

**Little Dove:** Union meeting: second Sunday in May: Squire Watts, Elwood Cornett, Carl Back, Baxter Osborne and Dallas Ramsey. Communion: second Sunday in July. Memorial: second Saturday and Sunday in June. Ministers called: Danny Dixon, I. D. Back, Bill Moore and Donald Pratt.

**Reynolds Fork:** Union Meeting: third Saturday and Sunday in May. Ministers called: Jerry Manns, Clark Hayes, Bill Halcomb, Jim Fields and Ellis Amburgey. Communion: third Sunday in June. Memorial: third Sunday in July. Ministers called: Hauley King, Jimmy Hall (Hemphill), Alonzo Mosley, Curtis Hall and Bill Moore.

**Little Bull Creek:** Union Meeting: third Saturday and Sunday in May. Ministers called: Danny Dixon, Agnon Back, Toby Breeding and Elwood Cornett. Communion: third Sunday in August. Memorial: third Sunday in June. Melton Cemetery: second Sunday in June. Ministers called: All ministers of the same faith and order are welcome.

**Cedar Grove:** Union Meeting: fourth Saturday and Sunday in May. Ministers called: Dallas Ramsey, Bill Moore, Agnon Back, Toby Breeding and Harve Creech. Communion: fourth Sunday in August. Memorial: fourth Saturday and Sunday in June.



**Little Bethlehem:** Union Meeting: fourth Saturday and Sunday in May. Ministers called: Paul McClannahan, Hiram Adkins, Woodrow Dye, Jimmy Dye, Earl Slone and Carson Wright. Communion: fourth Sunday in August. Memorial: fourth Sunday in September. Ministers called: Elwood Cornett, Charles Shepherd, John Preece, Bill Moore, Ivan Amburgey.

#### June

**Kingdom Come:** Union Meeting: first Saturday and Sunday in June. Ministers called: All of the same faith and order are welcome. Communion: first Sunday in July. Memorial: first Saturday in May and also the second Sunday in August. Ministers called: All of the same faith and order.

**Clear Fork:** Union Meeting: first Saturday and Sunday in June. Ministers called: Elwood Cornett, Ivan Amburgey, Danny Dixon, Roger Hicks, Roger Gibson and Donald Pratt. Communion: first in July. Memorial: first in October. All of the same faith and order.

**New Home:** Union Meeting: first Saturday and Sunday in June. Ministers called: Bill Halcomb, Ivan Amburgey, Ellis Adams, Jim Fields and Jimmy Hall. Communion: first Sunday in July. Memorial Meeting: first Sunday in October. Ministers called: Roger Gibson, Virgil Combs, Lonnie Sexton and Coy Combs.

**New Bethlehem:** Union Meeting: third Saturday and Sunday in June. Ministers called: All of the same faith and order are welcome. Communion: third Sunday in August. Memorial Meeting: third Sunday in September. Ministers called: All of the same faith and order.

**Friendship:** Union Meeting: third Saturday and Sunday in June. Ministers called: Hillis Reedy, Bill Halcomb, Ted Everage, Homer Smith and Charles Shepherd. Communion: third in July. Memorial Meeting: third in May. Ministers called: all of the same faith and order.

**Dixon Memorial:** Union Meeting: Zee Holbrook, Danny Dixon, Powers Caudill, Moderator and Assistant Moderator. Communion:

fourth Sunday in July. Memorial: fourth Sunday in May for two cemeteries. Fourth Sunday in September for deceased members.

**Big Cowan:** Union Meeting: fourth Saturday and Sunday in June. Ministers called: Dallas Ramsey, Jimmy Hall (Hemphill), Paul McClannahan and Hiram Adkins. Communion: fourth Sunday in July. Memorial: fourth Sunday in September. Ministers called: Toby Breeding, John Preece, I. D. Back and Ellis Amburgey.

**Ivy Point:** Union Meeting: fourth Sunday in June. All brothers of the same faith and order are welcome. Memorial Meeting: fourth Saturday and Sunday in August. All brothers of the same faith and order. Communion: fourth Saturday and Sunday in July.

**Tolson Creek:** Union Meeting: fourth Sunday in June. Ministers called: Harvey Creech, Virgil Combs, Agnon Back, Elwood Cornett, Charles Shepherd, Moderator and Assistant Moderator. Communion: fourth Saturday and Sunday in July. Memorial meeting: fourth Saturday and Sunday in August. Ministers called: Carl Back, Charles Shepherd, Ellis Amburgey, I. D. Back, Danny Dixon, Moderator and Assistant Moderator.

**Big Creek:** Union Meeting: fourth Saturday and Sunday in June. Ministers called: Roger Gibson, Charles Shepherd, John Preece and Ivan Amburgey. Communion Meeting: fourth Sunday in July. Memorial Meeting: fourth Sunday in August. Ministers called: Squire H. Watts, Melvin Walls (Moderator), Colonel Eldridge and Al Osborne.

#### July

**Little Bethany:** Union Meeting: fourth Saturday and Sunday in July. Communion: fourth Sunday in August. Union brothers called: Harlas Watts, Bill Moore, Lee Mosley and James Rush.



## August

**Defeated Creek:** Union Meeting: second Saturday and Sunday in August. Ministers called: Danny Dixon, Agnon Back, Charles Shepherd, Harve Creech, Eugene Wilder and I. D. Back. Communion: second in August. Memorial: second in July.

**Hurricane Gap:** Union Meeting: Toby Breeding, Roger Gibson and Elwood Cornett. Communion: third Sunday in August. Memorial: third Sunday in October. Ministers called: Morris Shepherd, Eugene Wilder and Jim Fields.

## September

**Little Mary:** Union Meeting: second Saturday and Sunday in September. Ministers called: Jimmy Hall, Ivan Amburgey, Robert Haney and Danny Dixon. 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

## OWEN DAY



Our hearts are sad, our home is lonely, because one that was so dear to us has gone to join the Angel's Band.

Owen Day entered eternal life on Sunday, January 17, 1988, at the Whitesburg Appalachian Regional Hospital.

He was the son of Harvey and Stella Day of Kings Creek, Kentucky. He was born September 28, 1912, being 75 years, three months and nineteen days of age at the time of his passing.

Early in life, he met and married the girl he loved, Lovel Ison of Oscaloosa, Kentucky. They lived a happy, devoted life together for nearly fifty-one years. To this union were born two children, one daughter, Nina D. Stamper, and one son, Norman Gale Day.

He retired from coal mining after working for over 35 years. His death was attributed to the dreadful black lung disease from which he suffered for several years.

On May 23, 1982, Owen and his wife, Lovel, were baptized into the Tolson Creek Old Regular Baptist Church. He was later ordained as deacon of the Tolson Creek Baptist Church.

After he became a member of the church, he began working for the Lord. He enjoyed working to upgrade the church building and spent many hours there doing little jobs that he enjoyed doing in and around the church house, a place he loved. He enjoyed his salvation so much, and was a faithful member, filling his seat as long as he was able. The last few weeks he lived, he smothered so badly, but in the end he was still praising the Lord.

He leaves to mourn his passing his wife, Lovel Day; one daughter, Nina D. Stamper of West Chester, Ohio, one son, Norman Gale Day of Columbus, Indiana; son-in-law, Donald R. Stamper; and daughter-in-law, Linda Day.

He is also survived by four grandchildren: Jeffrey R. Stamper, Kimberly Adleta, Randall Owen Day and Nicole Day; two



great-grandchildren, Brittney Adleta and Heather Stamper. In addition to his wife and children, he is survived by one brother, James Day of Ohio; three sisters : Nora Raleigh and Dalna Ingram of Kings Creek, Ky. and Launa Raleigh of Ohio, along with a host of other relatives and friends.

He was a good Christian man, a wonderful husband, and caring father. He was so proud of his family. Some of his happiest moments were the times he spent with his children and grandchildren. He was a man with great patience and always had kindness and love for everyone.

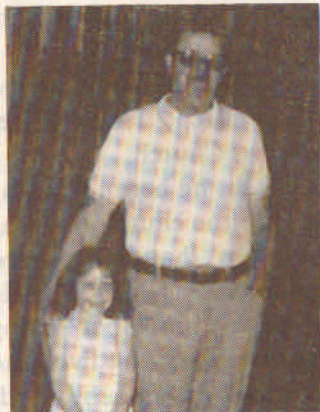
We feel that our loss is heaven's gain. We hope to meet him in that Eternal Home.

Written by his family

Life goes on and years go by,  
But precious memories never die,  
No longer here our lives to share,  
But in our hearts, you're always there.

### CLYDE RITCHIE

Clyde Ritchie was born 1921 and died June 6, 1988. He was married to Irene Chaffins. They were married April 1, 1946. To this union were born six children, two boys and four girls. The boys are Carl Ritchie and Garth Ritchie. The girls are Linda, Kathy, Carolene and Susan. According to what he told his wife, Irene, she has no worries about his soul resting under the alter of God. Here is a poem he wrote about his repentance in his own words. We feel our loss is Heaven's gain.



### Mountain So Hard To Climb

I was setting and thinkin of a mountain.  
It was always on my mind.

It was the one that led up to Heaven.  
The mountain that was so hard to climb.

I went to the foot of this mountain.  
I fell down on my knees and prade.  
To God to help me to conker this journey.  
And help me safe home on my way.

So I started to climb up this mountain.  
It was so steep and so ruff.  
He says son just keep on trying.  
For child you must not give up.

So I started up this mountain.  
I set down and prade a humble prayer.  
I said, O'God I am still trying.  
He said come on my son you almost there

So with fath and love in my Jesus.  
I just kept going I would not stop.  
And then I heard a voice saying.  
Don't give up my son you about on top.

And then, off in a short distance.  
A heavenly site I could see.  
It was the hand of my jesus.  
He was reaching out for me.

He said, you have made it my son.  
You won't have to climb that mountain no more.  
You are now in paradise.  
Your are on the heavenly shore.

Well just go through this gate he said.  
That go into your new home.  
I will introduce you to all the angels.  
Around the grate white throne.



And then I heard seet singin.  
Like I had never heard before.  
And all the angles is rejoicing  
And their gowns was white as snow.

And on there heads they wore a haillo.  
That shine brighter than the sun.  
And they gathered all around me.  
And on my head they placed one.

Written by the deceased, Clyde Ritchie

### MANUS ISON



Manus was born the son of George B. Ison and Ardellia (Caudill) Ison March 18, 1912, at the residence on Linefork Creek, Skyline, Kentucky, Letcher County. He shared this home, through his growing years, with a large family of brothers and sisters.

On April 19, 1936 he was married to Mary Watts, the daughter of Squire Watts and Celia (Caudill) Watts. Unto this union were born four daughters and three sons. Manus lived the greater part of his life on Linefork, working a variety of jobs while raising his family. He was a school teacher, insurance salesman, manager of several companies and in business for himself a couple of times. Whatever was required to support his family, Manus would be found doing it. No job was too meager or too great, when it came to caring for his family. A great turning point in Manus' life came to be when he became a soldier of God and joined the Christian Army of the Cedar Grove Old Regular Baptist Church, in the year of our Lord 1950, in the month of June. Four years later, on June 24, Manus was ordained as a minister. Clinging tightly to his Christian beliefs, Manus went on to become moderator of the Indian Bottom Association for several years, till failing health caused him to call

for younger help. Thanks to God, the needed help was available. I've said a great deal about Manus and his service to God. The reason being, he spent the bigger part of his life serving our Heavenly Father.

To say that Manus was a loving father, a devoted husband, and a devout Christian would be a great understatement, he was super in all of these areas. Ask his children, what kind of father he was. Ask Mary, his wife, what kind of husband he was. When you get to heaven, ask God what kind of Christian soldier he is. God will know, because if I know my father, that's where he is today.

His message to us today would be:

Don't mourn for me,

'Tis such a waste,

I'm waiting here at heaven's gate,

Tho' you can't see me you know I'm near

Just follow the Lord,

He'll bring you here.

By Manus Jr. and all the family,  
and sweet Mary, wife and mother

### FRANKLIN AND SUSIE 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 89 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. With this union, they were blessed with four children, two girls and two boys. Their names are Frances Hudson, Hazel Hudson, Luther Ashley, all living at 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 his sisters' names 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

Mom was born August 30, 1989 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 has four children, eight grandchildren and five great-grandchildren to survive her.

She was a kind, 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.

The children

## ELDER CORBET HALL



With a sad heart and the help of the Lord I will try to write the obituary of my beloved husband, Elder Corbet Hall. Corbet was the son of the late Joe Hall and Martha Reynolds Hall. Corbet and I were married on February 8, 1947 and the Lord blessed our home with five daughters - Lovely Honeycutt of Hindman, Janice Conley of Mousie, Gladys Martin of Litt Carr, Mabeline Watson of Plymouth, Michigan, Mary Sue Collins of Hindman - and five grandchildren. Corbet was a good husband and father.

Corbet realized the need of the Savior and after much praying to the Good Lord and Savior he felt the Lord had saved his

soul. Corbet joined the Old Regular Baptist Church on November 4, 1972. The Lord called him to the ministry, so on January 5, 1980 Happy Home Church ordained Corbet as a minister.

Corbet loved everyone and went to church as long as he was able. He had been sick for several years with heart trouble, then on December 1, 1987 we found out that he had a brain tumor. On December 2, 1987 he had brain surgery in Lexington. Corbet had that dreaded disease, cancer, and he was never able to help himself after the surgery. He was in and out of the hospitals a lot, but I never left his side. Me and at least one of our girls were with him at all times.

On March 21, 1988 at the hour of 7:45 a.m. at Hazard ARH, the Lord called Corbet home to live with Him. We all miss him. My home is so lonesome since he is gone, but I feel like our loss is Heaven's gain. Corbet has just gone away with a friend.

I want to thank all our Brothers and Sisters in the Lord for their great love and kindness and especially their prayers during Corbet's sickness and death. Thank you again.

Written by wife and sister in hope, Helen Hall

## TINA ISON



Tina Ison entered eternal life on Wednesday, January 20, 1988 at the Whitesburg Appalachian Regional Hospital.

Tina was the daughter of the late Green and Sarah Elizabeth Caudill Blair.

She was born on January 24, 1898, being 89 years, eleven months and twenty-six days of age at the time of her passing.

Tina was the wife of the late Burnett Ison.

Tina was a member of the Blair Branch Regular Baptist Church. She was baptized April 18, 1922.

Surviving are two sons, Verlin Ison of North Vernon, Ind., and Steve Ison of Mousie; five daughters: Mattie Frazier of Jere-



miah, Minta Kiloski of White River Junction, Vt., Martha Taylor of Jeremiah, Mary Caudill of Brownstown, Ind. and Margie Caudill of Jeremiah; two sisters: Nora Caudill of Winchester and Allie Breeding of Isom; twenty-seven grandchildren and thirty-six great-grandchildren, along with a host of other relatives and friends to mourn her passing.

Tina was preceded in death by five sons: Van, Danis, James, Denver and Clyde Ison.

### GORDON MADDEN



In loving memory I will try to write an obituary of our beloved Daddy, and a beloved husband to our mom. Gordon Madden was born on May 1, 1904 in Perry County. He was blessed to live 84 years, two months and twenty-three days. He was the son of John Madden and Lucinda Cody Madden, who preceded him in death; also three sisters, five brothers, one daughter and one son.

In 1932 he married Leo Dicie (Mullins) Madden and was blessed to have fifty-six wonderful years together. To this union were born four girls and four boys. He left to mourn his passing: his wife, Dicie Madden; three girls: Glenna Sue Ramsey, Betty Jean Amburgey and Andy Christine Amburgey; three boys: John S. Madden, Charles G. Madden and Eddie Dean Madden; one brother, Truman Madden; three sisters: Ada Madden, Martha Slone and Jewel Collin; nineteen grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. He has been a member of the Old Regular Baptist Church since 1952. He loved to go to church and sing the good old songs. The day he died he was singing with his brother and sisters from the Church. He helped with one of the songs and said he thanked the good Lord for blessing him to sing one more time. When he died they were singing "A Better Place To Go." He never met a stranger and he loved everybody. We had a wonderful daddy. He will be missed very much by a host of family and friends,

but we feel our loss is heaven's gain.

Written by his family

A million times we needed you,

A million times we cried

If love alone could save you

You never would have died.

In life we loved you deeply,

In death we love you still;

You hold a place within our hearts

None else could ever fill.

It broke our hearts to lose you

The day God took you home.

Death cannot break the ties

That bind our lives together;

We loved you then, we love you now,

We'll love you, Dad, forever.

### DORA ASHLEY



Dora Ashley was born January 18, 1907 and the Lord called her home August 6, 1988, making her stay here with us 81 years, six months and nineteen days.

She was the daughter of Jasper and Elizabeth Jent Mullins. Early in life she met and married Moses Ashley, and to this union were born fifteen children, seven of whom preceded her in death. She leaves to mourn her husband, Moses Ashley; three sons: Troy, Carlos and Kermit; five daughters:

Emma Slone, Mary Everage, Virginia Jacobs, Opal Caudill and Billie Jean Barlow. She has 67 grandchildren and a host of great-grandchildren. She also leaves one brother, Troy Mullins.

Some years ago Sister Dora became dissatisfied with her life; she felt something was missing, so she began to call on the Lord for help. She became such an humble person the Lord forgave her of her many sins. She told us so often about what



the Lord had done for her. So she finally came and gave her hand to the church and was baptized in September 1986: She was a faithful member and seemed so happy. I'm sure that she is now resting around the alter of God, waiting for her loved ones to come to be with her. So children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren, if you want to see her again, you will have to go to the same God she went to. And to Brother Troy, she is only sleeping in the arms of Jesus.

Written by an unworthy brother in the Lord,  
Ollie Mullins

### ELLIS JOHNSON



Ellis Johnson was born February 21, 1916 in Rowan County, Kentucky. He was the son of the late Tom Johnson and Rozennie Caudill Johnson. He was united in marriage to Anna Dean Waltz Johnson on July 10, 1947. They were blessed with 41 years of togetherness. Dean's love and devotion, to see him comforted and taken care of these last weeks, was a fine example of what a helpmate really means.

He is survived by five brothers and sisters: Keenis Johnson, Morehead, Ky., Ivan Johnson, Flemingsburg, Ky., Vernon Johnson, Hillsboro, Ky., Willie Johnson, Hillsboro, Ky., Tommy Johnson, Gary, Ind., Eva Bowers, Sun City, Ca., Ethel Binion, Flemingsburg, Ky., Nellie Eldridge, Morehead, Ky., Oma Faye Vice, Cincinnati, Oh., Clarice Wiley, Anderson, Ind. Two brothers, Russell and Earl, preceded him in death.

Ellis loved his fellowman, not in word only, but by deed and action that he exemplified each day. He was always there to lend a helping hand. He lived by the Golden Rule, "To do unto others as you would have them do unto you." He believed that scripture "That no greater love has no man than to lay down his life for a friend." He portrayed this reality during World War II when he received the Purple Heart and five bronze stars

for action in the Pacific theatre of war. But for men like this we would not have freedoms which we cherish today. Ellis never asked for anything in return for these great traits of character. Ellis demonstrated his love for children and young people. There was one special young person who visited him daily. They had been friends for a number of years. Regina called him "Pap," and he loved her dearly. Probably the happiest times of his life were those he spent here at the Little Mary Church. He often spoke of your love toward one another. Although he was not a member here, that was his greatest desire after he found that peace that passeth all understanding. I am sure he would say to those of us here today, "If you haven't already done so, make that good choice today." Ellis will be greatly missed by a host of friends and relatives, but his life and his love toward us all will live on in our memories.

### ALBERT AMBURGEY

March 9, 1910 - November 11, 1987



It is with much love and sadness that we try to write an obituary of our beloved father, Albert Amburgey.

Albert was born March 9, 1910 to William and Sally Amburgey, who preceded him in death. Albert met and married Sally Slone May 12, 1935, and unto this union were born ten children, five boys: Eston Amburgey of Pinetop, Ky., Agnel Amburgey of Pinetop, Ky., Kermit Amburgey of Flint, Mi., Ballard Amburgey of Des Plaines, Ill, James Arlie Amburgey of Chicago, Ill; and five girls: Anna Lee Honeycutt of Pinetop, Ky., Joyce King of Kite, Ky., Nannie Centers of Cromwell, Ind., Mary Ellen Campbell of Allogquin, Ill. and Norene Hall of Pinetop, Ky.; twenty-six grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren, and a host of family and friends.

We would like to express our deepest appreciation to Eston and Norene Amburgey for the love and care they gave Albert



during his long fight with cancer. Thank God for giving them the strength to bear up.

We thank God for that little band of Angels that came about 4:30 p.m. Wednesday and carried his soul to the paradise of God, where there will be no more heartaches or pain.

I will say in closing this obituary that if you want to go where Albert is, you will have to seek the same God that he sought.

Written by Elder Hauley King

### CLEMETINE THORNSBERRY



A beautiful flower has been taken from our family for the Master's Bouquet.

My heart is so broken as I make this attempt to write the obituary of my darling sister, Clemetine Thornsberry, also known as "Tee." Tee was born May 7, 1933, and died June 22, 1988, in an automobile accident in Penfield, Ohio. She was the daughter of Henry Tuttle (who preceded her in death in 1960) and Lillie Thornsberry Tuttle. In 1955 she married Ezra

Thornsberry, whom she loved very much. They had four children: Ricky of Garden City, Michigan, Randy of Elyria, Ohio, Vicky Stamper of Wellington, Ohio, and Mrs. Tim (Sandy) Hall of Vacaville, California; seven grandchildren: Chad, Vin, Meagan, Amanda, Samantha, Nicki and Dusty.

Tee was a graduate of Alice Lloyd College and Morehead State University. She taught school for twenty-nine years and was looking forward to retirement. But God wanted her home for retirement.

She was a member of the Pleasant View Church for thirteen years and served as a deaconess for eight years. She worked very hard and went an extra mile at whatever she did. She left a mark on every life she touched and was loved by all.

Besides her mother, husband, children and grandchildren, she leaves to mourn their loss three brothers and five sisters: Elder Hargis Tuttle of Elyria, Ohio, Hagar Tuttle of Canton, Michigan, Harold Tuttle of Topmost, Kentucky, Clovia Calhoun of Topmost, Kentucky, Hester Gregory of Morehead, Kentucky, Selinda Hamm of Paintsville, Kentucky, Afo Jean Jacobs of Pippa Passes, Kentucky, and Sharon Walters of Morehead, Kentucky.

To all her family and friends who don't know God in the pardon and remission of sin, her advice to you would be for you to make preparations to meet God. This was her great concern for her family and her many prayers are bottled in heaven and they availeth much.

She was so loved and needed by her family, but we know God had his reasons and we don't question "why." We thank God for her fifty-five years and the many memories of love she left behind.

Her words that she would always say, "love you much" will always be precious to us. So Sis, we'll meet you again some day.

Written by her sister,  
"Love you much"  
Hester Gregory

### CALLIE HALCOMB



Callie Halcomb was born January 16, 1904. She was the daughter of the late Joe and Sue Fields Roark. She was the wife of the late Willie Halcomb, who preceded her in death on February 28, 1967. One son, Henry Halcomb, and one daughter, Rudell Howard, also preceded her in death.

Callie entered eternal life on June 8, 1988 at Whitesburg Regional Hospital, making her stay on earth 84 years, four months and twenty-two days at the time of her passing.



She was a member of the Defeated Creek Old Regular Baptist Church.

Surviving her is one son, Bob Halcomb, and three daughters: Luvena Halcomb, Marlene Halcomb, all of Linefork, and Janice Rowe of Madison, Indiana; twenty-two grandchildren, thirty-six great-grandchildren and ten great-great-grandchildren. A great host of friends and relatives are also left to mourn her passing.

Callie was ill for many long years and was confined to her home, unable to attend her church. She patiently waited for her Lord with joy and love toward everyone.

I loved my mother very much and I really miss her. I hope that everyone that has a mother left here on earth will go see her and tell her how much they love her, because when they are gone, you can never tell them again.

Written by her daughter and grandson,  
Marlene Halcomb and Brother Don Halcomb

#### MONROE AMBURGEY



It is with great sadness that we try to write the obituary of our brother in the Lord, Monroe Amburgey.

Monroe was born August 8, 1899 to Jasper Amburgey and Tina Madden Amburgey. Brother Monroe passed from this life January 29, 1988.

Monroe met and married Francis Combs Amburgey December 31, 1930. To this union were born seven children, six boys and one girl: Miriam Berta Seals of Litt Carr, Ky., Stanley Amburgey of Burgey's Creek, Ky., Don

Amburgey of Jenkins, Ky., Eugene Amburgey of Burgey's Creek, Ky., J. C. Amburgey of Covington, Ky., Lausie Amburgey of Chicago, Ill., and Earl Amburgey of Georgetown, Ky.

Also left to mourn his passing are seventeen grandchildren, ten great-grandchildren, and a host of friends and relatives.

Brother Monroe was preceded in death by his wife, father, mother, four sisters and one brother.

Brother Monroe worked hard all of his life to raise his family at a variety of skills from a carpenter to a stone mason. He was a supervisor of building Pioneer Village at Red Fox, Kentucky. He also built many caskets at no charge for his neighbors, friends and relatives.

Early in life Brother Monroe saw the need of a Savior. He told many friends that he had made peace with God. We believe Brother Monroe is resting in heaven today from his labor. Brother Monroe piled up many stones along the way for his children to follow.

Brother Monroe was a man of great patience, kindness, and had a great love for his family and friends. He taught his family to trust in God.

To the family we may add, this is not the last of Brother Monroe. Jesus said, "As I live, ye shall live also." We believe Brother Monroe and Sister Francis are finally together in Heaven.

They left a light hanging in the window for their children to follow. If you want to see Dad and Mom again, get to know and obey the same Jesus they knew.

Written by his daughter, Sister Berta Seals, and her husband, Brother Ralph, and a brother in the Lord, Dwight Amburgey

#### VINA PATTERSON



Today the sun is shining brightly, the birds are singing cheerfully, people are going about their usual Sunday activities, but the town of Blackey is sad, for another of its good citizens has departed this life and gone to live with Jesus. Blackey is grieving over a good Christian, neighbor, and mother, but heaven is rejoicing because another angel has reached home.

Vina was the daughter of the late Bill and Callie Caudill Whitaker. She was the oldest of a large family and was a second mother to the other members of the family, especially



to Walt and I. D. She was born May 20, 1905, and departed this life February 26, 1988, making her sojourn here on earth 82 years, nine months and six days.

Early in life Vina met, loved and married Oscar Patterson of Tennessee. He preceded her in death and is buried at Petros, Tennessee. From this union is one son, Lewis W. Patterson; his wife, Annis; three grandchildren: Dan and Steve Patterson and Gail Waggoner; and five great-grandchildren, all of Indiana.

In March, 1960, at the home of Vernon Cornett, Vina joined the church. She was baptized into the fellowship of the Mt. Olivet Church on the third Sunday in April, 1960. This happened to be Easter Sunday. She was a devout Christian and truly lived a Christian life. She loved everybody, and to know her was to love her. She saw good in everybody and always had something good to say about them.

Vina was afflicted with cancer and spent the last few months of her life in the Hazard Nursing Home. Here she loved the people who took such good care of her, and they loved her. The family cannot express their appreciation and thanks for the love and care given her while a patient in their care.

Besides her son, daughter-in-law, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, Vina leaves to mourn her passing three brothers: J. Keller Whitaker of Cordia, Ky., Bill Whitaker of Morehead, Ky., I. D. Back of Blackey, Ky.; two sisters, Ruth Back of London, Ky. and Corsia Hale of Morehead, Ky.; also a host of nieces, nephews and cousins. She also leaves one aunt, Crittie Andrews, who has passed fourscore and ten years of age.

Vina will be sadly missed by all who knew her, but we feel that our sorrow is heaven's gain. If she could speak to us today, I'm sure she would say, "Grieve not for me, my grief is o'er, weep not for me, I weep no more. For deep is my sleep though cold and hard, I rest in peace in the old churchyard."

Written by Glenn Hampton

## TINA (MADDEN) NICHOLAS



Tina Madden Nicholas, seventy-five, of Corbin, died June 5, 1987 at Corbin Hospital in Corbin, Kentucky. She was born in Perry County on February 7, 1919. She was the daughter of John Madden and Lucinda (Cody) Madden. She was preceded in death by her husband, Garlin Nicholas; two sons, mother, father, two sisters and five brothers. Left to mourn their loss are two daughters, Jervis Ann Helton of Corbin, Ky. and Doris June Beiusuer of Greenville, Ohio, four grandchildren, three sisters and two brothers.

She was a member of the Old Regular Baptist Church for a few years. We feel our loss is Heaven's gain. She is missed so much by the family.

Written by Christine Amburgey and Ada Madden  
A precious one from us is gone,  
A voice we love is still.  
A place is vacant in our home  
which can never be filled.

We watched you suffer day by day  
It caused us bitter grief, to see  
You slowly slip away, and we  
Could not give you relief.

God knows how much we miss you, Mother,  
Never shall your memory fade,  
Loving thoughts shall ever wonder  
To the spot where you are laid.

Our aching hearts are longing  
For your face we see no more,  
But we hope someday to see you  
on that bright, eternal shore.

Written by her family



## HENRY A. ISON



Henry A. Ison entered eternal life on Saturday, April 16, 1988 at his residence.

Henry was the son of the late William "Bill" and Mary Adams Ison.

He was born on January 1, 1906, being 82 years, three months and fifteen days of age at the time of his passing.

Henry is survived by his wife of fifty-six years, Osa Frazier Ison; three sons: Armond Ison of Westport, Ind., Donald Oneil Ison of Columbus, Ind., and David Henry Ison of Freetown,

Ind.; three daughters: Emellou Day of North Vernon, Ind., Annual Vone Halcomb of Nashville, Ind., and Mary Katherine Burnside of Freetown, Ind.; one half-brother, Charlie Halcomb of Delphia, Ky. Also surviving are fourteen grandchildren and thirteen great-grandchildren, along with a host of other relatives and friends to mourn his passing.

Henry was not a member of the Old Regular Baptist Church, but all of us closest to him knew how very much he always loved to go; and we feel very sure that he is at rest in God's care.

Daddy had the contentment of knowing that all six of his children and some of his grandchildren had accepted Christ as their Savior, and we know that his hope would be that all would turn their hearts over to Christ.

### On The Other Side Of Death

Death is a Gateway  
we all must pass through  
To reach that Fair Land  
where the soul's born anew,  
For Man's born to die  
and his sojourn on earth  
Is a short span of years  
beginning with birth  
And like pilgrims we wander  
until death takes our hand  
And we start on our journey

to God's Promised Land,  
A place where we'll find  
no suffering nor tears,  
Where Time is not counted  
by days, months, or years  
And in this Fair City  
that God has prepared  
Are unending joys  
to be happily shared  
With all of our loved ones  
who patiently wait  
On Death's Other Side  
to open "the Gate"!

Written by wife and children

## WILLIAM RILEY MULLINS AND MATILDA MULLINS



William Riley Mullins, born August 20, 1900 and deceased November 11, 1976, was the son of Spencer and Elizabeth Mullins. Matilda Mullins, born October 29, 1897 and deceased December 3, 1987, was the daughter of Valentine (Tobe) and Evelyn Ashley Mullins. They met and married in 1918, and to this union were born nine children, five boys and four girls.

Two sons and one daughter preceded them in death. Six children are left to mourn them, three daughters and three sons: Elma Pridemore of Amburgey, Ky., Maxine Johnson of Louisville, Ky., Virginia Mullins of Louisville, Ky., Brax Mullins of Louisville, Ky., William M. Mullins of Louisville, Ky. and Astor Mullins of Amburgey, Ky. Our mother has two brothers and one sister: Chester Mullins of Sassafras, Ky., William (Bill) Mullins of Michigan and Nora Franklin of Indiana. Our father has one sister, Dicie Mullins Madden of Pinetop, Ky. Also left are twenty grandchildren, forty-five great-grandchildren and eight great-great-grandchildren.

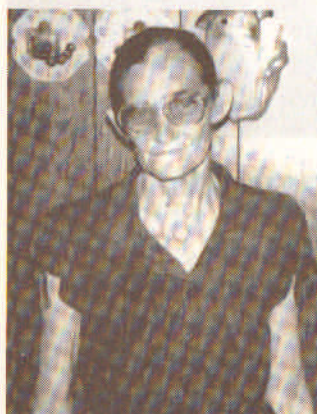


They are dearly missed by all who knew them. They both joined the Old Regular Baptist Church May, 1951 and lived a good life.

Our loss is heaven's gain; we hope to meet them around the Great White Throne.

Written with much love and sorrow by their family

### MALLIE DUFF



It is with many tears and a sad and broken heart that we try to write the obituary of our loving mother and wife. Mallie Neace Duff was born into the home of James B. Neace and Mary Colley Neace on the twenty-fifth day of February, 1923 and God called her home on the first day of September, 1987, making her stay here on earth 64 years, six months and six days.

Mom was married to our father, Irvin Duff, on the third day of October, 1942. This gave them forty-five wonderful years together and for this time our father is grateful. To this union were born ten children: William Duff of Indianapolis, Indiana, Hiram Duff of Westland, Mich., Dennis Duff of Ypsilanti, Mich., Mary Pilkin of Leatherwood, Ky., Margie Bailey of Cumberland, Ky., Beecher Duff of Cornettsville, Ky., Pauline Burke of Viper, Ky., Willie Duff of Slemph, Ky., Charles Duff of Glomar, Ky. and Wanda Sue Duff, still at home. Also surviving are three sisters: Bessie Jones of Grapevine, Ky., Katie Fugate of Combs, Ky., Omedia Fugate of Tennessee. There were eighteen grandchildren, one of whom preceded Mom in death; Hiram Matthew Duff died the twenty-fifth day of May, 1988. Other family members also preceded her in death.

Mom was a member of the Combs Bend Old Regular Baptist Church, but went to church at Poor Fork and Hurricane Gap for the last few years of her life. Mom loved to go to church. I remember after Mom got real sick, we would ask her if she felt

like going to church. She would say she was going to try. For Mom to have been so sick, she had a lot of willpower. We know in our hearts that God had to have given her strength to keep going. We all love Mom so much, she was always there for each and every one of us when we needed her. We miss her terribly. My heart aches for her every day, as I am sure my brothers and sisters feel the same way. Our father loves and misses Mom dearly. He talks and cries about her all of the time. He says he is just waiting for the day he can be with Mom again. Dad still has his children, and we still have him, but we know that no one can ever take the place of our mom. I know Mom would be so proud of Margie for joining church at Hurricane Gap May 22 of this year. Mom was in so much pain the last few days of her life, and it was so hard to see her suffer and not be able to do anything to help ease the pain. She kept saying, "Lord, take me home." Mom is not in any more pain, because she is gone to be with the Lord. And if we ever want to see our mother again, we will have to live a good life like Mom did. No matter how much we loved her, we had to give her up.

Written by Wanda Duff and Margie Bailey  
on behalf of the family

### 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 meant 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 she gave  
Me was the wonder of her love. Some  
Day she'll abide in a home in heaven above.



## VINA CAMPBELL SEXTON



Vina Campbell Sexton, born October 14, 1903, departed this life January 28, 1987, making her stay on earth 84 years, three months and fourteen days. She was the daughter of Steve and Sarah Halcomb Campbell, both deceased, and wife of Emmitt Sexton, who also preceded her in death. She was the mother of four children, one of whom also preceded her in death.

Granny always counseled me and told me about the Lord. She was a member of the Cedar Grove Church on Line Fork. She always loved to talk about the good things of God and His marvelous grace and mercy. Granny is sadly missed by her friends and loved ones, but I believe she is home where she always wanted to be.

A sad grandson, Elder Johnny Sexton

## JACK VANDERPOOL



It is with much sadness and a feeling of personal loss, I will try to write the obituary of my beloved husband, Jack Vanderpool

He was born March 17, 1903, and departed this life June 8, 1988, making his stay on this earth eighty-five years, five months and eight days.

On September 11, 1928, he was married to Maude Dyer Vanderpool. To this union were born three children: Billy Vanderpool of Waynesville, Ohio, Bobby Vanderpool of

Ft. Thomas, Ky., Peggy Ann Adams of Nashville, Tn. Also surviving are five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren; one brother, Jim Vanderpool, Garrett, Ky.; two sisters, Laura Conley and Polly Hall, both of Prestonsburg, Ky.; several nieces and

nephews.

He was the son of John Vanderpool and Martha Ann Patton Vanderpool. He was a coal miner for over forty years. He was a very devoted daddy and husband. He never joined any church, but he told us he believed he had a better home awaiting him.

Jack, sleep on. You have climbed the last mountain and crossed the last river. Your work on earth has ended. We miss you so much.

By the help of the Lord, I will meet you again on that great resurrection day.

Written by a devoted wife, Sister Maude Vanderpool

## RALPH W. E. VARNEY SR.



With God's help we will write the obituary of our dad, Ralph W.E. Varney Sr.

Dad was born January 31, 1908 at Road Fork in Pike County, Kentucky. He was preceded in death by his parents, A. M. Varney and Mary Magdalene Varney; one son, Paul Lester Varney; three brothers and one sister.

He is survived by his wife, Onie Ledford Mullins Varney of Forest Hills, Ky.; three sons: Ralph W. E. Varney Jr., Larry Gene Varney of Frankfort, Ky., and Jack R. Varney of Cincinnati, Ohio; one stepson, Michael Mullins of Vermillion, Ohio; three step-daughters, Mrs. Peggy Cornett of Avon Lake, Ohio, Ms. Lena Mullins and Mrs. Judy Martin of Northport, Fla.; nine grandchildren; eleven great-grandchildren; seven step-grandchildren; and one step-great-grandchild.

Dad worked for the Norfolk & Western Railway for forty years.

We were young boys when Dad came in and told us God had saved him. We went to the Salem Church and then to Tug River, where he was baptized. He began a journey that would last



almost fifty years. He fought the fight, he ran the race and not once did he waver. He was ready and willing to take up the cause of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, anytime. Our thoughts can go back and see him sitting, reading his Bible. He was well versed in God's laws. He had the ability to explain the mysteries of God and would at any opportunity. He never backed off one bit. He was holding up the cross as high when he died as when he first picked it up.

Jesus said, "I go to prepare a place for you and if I go I will come again in like manner to receive you so that where I am there you may be also."

Surely our dad will raise to meet Him in the air to go home to the mansion he went to prepare; there to live throughout eternity.

Dad cannot come back to see us, but we can go to see him. So, as we struggle to write this, let us say with a heart full of love, if you want to go where he is, Jesus said, "You must be born again." Don't fall short. Make preparations to go there while you have the opportunity. "God gives you breath and you live. He takes it away and you die." And after death comes the judgment. "If you die in sin you will be resurrected in sin," so prepare to go be with him. Seek Jesus while he may be found and go be with Dad.

Dad set an example for us that cannot be misunderstood. He loved and cared for us and never once complained.

His uncle stood at his casket and said, "A man of greater principles I never knew," and he was so right.

Dad is resting around the throne of God until He says it is finished. Let's all try to meet him there.

Written by his sons, Ralph W. E. Varney Jr.,  
Larry G. Varney, Elder Jack R. Varney

### Rest

Rest now Papaw, your work here is through  
But for the rest of our lives we'll be taught by you,  
Your humor, your kindness, your charm and wit,  
We pattern our lives by the pathway you lit.

Rest now Papaw, for all is well  
For all you've taught us how can we fail,  
We've patterned our lives by the values you set,  
Hoping that someday, like you, our goals will be met.

Our goals are yours and we can only pray  
To be just like you some day.  
The family name you handed down,  
But as leader of the clan, you wore the crown.

The crown of discipline, respect and truth  
All strong values that you taught us since our youth.  
From living rooms and kitchens to out on the lawn  
Your wisdom and morals we'll pass on.

Rest now Papaw and peace be yours  
As my heart cries but my spirit soars.  
I praise God for the man,  
With strength in his voice and gentleness in his hand.  
Rest now Papaw, your life is a book that will be read time & again  
Hoping like you. Someday life's victory to win.

Now as you sit at the Master's table don't worry, it's gotta be true,  
That even the saints in glory, like a good mess of squirrel stew.

Rest now Papaw, for like they say  
Your life's not over 'til all lives you've touched pass away.

Rest now Papaw, you're in heaven unblemished,  
You worked hard, but like the Master said, "It is finished."  
So rest now Papaw and rejoice  
For the next sound you hear will be the Master's voice,  
By the Master of all clans you shall be crowned,  
We'll think of this as your story is handed down.  
Go in God's love, Papaw we love you.

Written by his grandson, Daniel Varney



## EARLIS CORNETT



Earlis Cornett was born into the home of Kenton and Judy Roark Cornett at Gordon, Kentucky January 13, 1917. He passed from this life April 23, 1988, making his earthly pilgrimage 71 years, three months and ten days.

On December 23, 1939, Earlis was united in marriage to Mable Whitaker and this union was blessed with four girls, two of whom preceded him in death; Judith Ann Cornett and Sue Carolyn Cornett.

Left to mourn his passing are his wife, Mable W. Cornett of Roxanna, Ky.; two daughters, Earlene Williams of Whitesburg and Glenna Harris of Jeremiah; three grandchildren: Wendy Williams of Whitesburg, Nicole Williams of Whitesburg and Cory M. Harris of Jeremiah; three brothers: Otis Cornett of Bellview, Kermit Cornett and Eugene Cornett, both of Coldsprings; two sisters, Delma Cornett of Hallie and Jaunita Smith of Coldsprings.

Earlis loved his family dearly and provided well for them. He loved his friends, which were many, and his neighbors, but he especially loved little children. He kept a supply of goodies, such as children love, to treat them when they came to visit with Earlis and Mable.

On the evening of December 7, 1986 Earlis suffered a heart attack and was rushed to the hospital at Whitesburg and then transferred to St. Joseph Hospital in Lexington where he underwent heart surgery.

When he was able to sit up and thought he would soon be going home, he told his family the Lord had saved him and asked Elder I. D. Back to baptize him when he was able to come home. His family was blessed to be able to rejoice with him in his victory over sin. Earlis had grown to love the Tolson Creek Church and often spoke favorable of the ministers and their sermons.

He was able to come home, but never able to leave his bed, go back to church and know the joy of going to the water and being baptized.

His family loved him dearly and took special care of him; especially his wife, Mable, who stayed by his bed day and night. Earlis was loved deeply by friends and family and will be missed very much, but we believe that our loss is heaven's gain.

Elder Otis Cornett

August 12, 1988

## DILLARD LEE WILLIAMS



Dillard Lee Williams entered eternal life on Thursday, September 3, 1987, at the Knott County Nursing Home.

Dillard was the son of the late Haston Lafayette Williams and Mary Denson Williams. He was born in Gainesborough, Tennessee on February 10, 1910, being 77 years, six months and twenty-three days of age at the time of his passing. He is survived by his wife, Eveda Stamper Williams; one son, Michael Lee Williams of Premium; one step-son, Rocky Adams of Premium; one daughter, Tammy Williams of Premium; one stepdaughter, Bertha Adams Little of Premium; two brothers, Nevil Williams of Kingscreek and Virgil Williams of Louisville, Ky.; five sisters: Liza Couch of Premium, Lillie Ingram of Neon, Bertha Sexton of Whitesburg, Dora Jefferies of Indiana, and Ida Boggs of Kingscreek. He had eight grandchildren, along with a host of other relatives and friends to mourn his passing.

Dillard joined the Kingdom Come Regular Baptist Church on August 7, 1977. He attended the church every time he was able. He was a very good neighbor and friend to everyone.

Why do we mourn departing friends?

Or shake at death's alarm?

'Tis but the voice that Jesus sends

To call them to His arms.

Written by members of Kingdom Come Church



## HESTER WATTS



It has been said that a person writes his or her own obituary in the life he or she leads. This, then, is merely a tribute to a loving, hard-working mountain woman who deeply touched the lives of those who loved her.

Hester (Combs) Watts was born February 8, 1905 to Jonathan and Dora Combs.

On April 5, 1927 she married Jerome Watts, the son of Harlan and Sally Watts. They made their home in Watts Fork of Garner, Kentucky, and together reared six children -- five sons and one daughter. Times were often hard for them, but they loved each other with the simple devotion that remains a mystery to my generation. Hester and Jerome were both members of New Home Church, and strived to pass on to their children their own Christian values and morals.

Jerome passed away May 24, 1963. My grandmother missed him terribly. She remained a widow until her death, twenty-five years later.

On January 4, 1988, Hester entered eternal rest, at the age of 82. She is survived by five sons: John Watts of Dayton, Ohio, Jerome Watts Jr. of Battle Creek, Mich., Chester D. Watts of Pippa Passes, Ky., James Watts of Crab Orchard, Ky., and Lee Roy Watts of Garner, Ky.; one daughter, Beulah Sturgill of Hindman, Ky.; one brother, Chester Combs of Port Richey, Fla.; and four sisters: Madge Allen and Lee Ester Ramey of Mousie, Ky., Lula Shaw of Johnson City, Tenn., Nancy Moore of Lackey, Ky. Also surviving are nineteen grandchildren, twenty great-grandchildren and a host of relatives and friends.

In life, my grandmother was a source of warmth and laughter, a pillar for her children and a second mother to her grandchildren. In death, she remains an inspiration to us all.

Written in loving memory by her granddaughter,  
Debra Watts

## MASSIE DIXON BACK BROWN



"And what is it to cease breathing, but to free the breath from its restless tides, that it may rise and expand and seek God unencumbered? Only when you drink from the river of silence shall you indeed sing."

— Kahlil Gibran

Maggie Dixon Back Brown, the daughter of William Van and Dicy Combs Dixon, was born November 12, 1891, at Blackey, Kentucky. In 1911, she married Joseph Back who, as well as four of their thirteen children, preceded her in death. The nine surviving children are: Agnan Back, Irene Brown, Ray Back, Artie Campbell and Joann Walters, all of Blackey, Reedus Back of Morehead, Ky., James Back of Alexandria, Ky., Minerva Craft of Florence, Ky., and John Back of Lexington, Ky. In 1939 she married Henry Brown, who also preceded her in death.

She loved life and God who gave life. She did not complain when adverse circumstances came into her life. She tried ever diligently to pattern her life and teach her children from the teachings of Jesus. In 1956, she declared before the world that Jesus was her Savior and became a member of the Mount Olivet Old Regular Baptist Church at Blackey; a continuing source of comfort, gratitude and pride for her throughout her remaining years.

On the evening of March 22, 1988, as the twilight waned, she went peacefully home to her reward. We believe that at her Savior's beckoning, her spirit rose, expanded and sought God unencumbered, that she drank from the River of Silence; and began, indeed, to sing with the Angels as she passed through the portals of that glorious land and entered her eternal haven of rest -- free at last from the restless tides of earth.

We know that she would have us remember that God "Would not have us be ignorant concerning them which are asleep, that we sorrow not, even as others which have no hope." -- I Thess., IV:13. And so we shall take courage and strength and travel forward



refreshing ourselves with living memories of a dear and precious mother whom God allowed to be ours, and allowed us to keep for so many wonderful years. We believe that her life was not only a light to us, her children, but to all who knew her.

The family

## ORVILLE JONES



As we are sitting here tonight with a heart full of sorrow, we are thinking of our Dad and missing him so much. Dad was always such a loving and giving person.

Many years ago Dad discovered how sick he was. Though he had worked hard and solved many problems on his own, he knew this was one battle he could not face by himself. He knew he needed the Lord on his side. I have often heard him say that one of the happiest days of his life was when he walked into the water and was baptized.

As each day passed you could see him become more humble and accepting his fate, he came to love and trust the Lord so much.

On June 16, 1987, at 5:12 p.m., the Lord said, "Orville, the battle is over, you have won the victory, it is time to come home."

Oh, Dad, how we love and miss you. But when we lift our eyes in prayer we can see that you are rejoicing with Jesus and by the grace of God someday we can meet you there.

Orville Jones, son of the late Allie Jones and Anna Hall Jones, was born at Garrett, Kentucky June 12, 1922. He passed from this life at the High Point Regional Hospital in High Point, North Carolina, Tuesday, June 16, 1987, being 65 years and four days of age at the time of his passing.

Orville was a member of the Mount Olivet Old Regular Baptist Church at Blackey, Kentucky.

Orville was married to Hester Bates Jones on March 7, 1949. He was a retired coal miner. Orville is survived by his wife, Hester

Jones of High Point, N.C.; one son, Steve Jones of High Point, N.C.; four daughters: Carolyn Wright of Lexington, Ky., Ruth Ann Hatton of West Liberty, Ky., Sandra Erle and Brenda Lou Howard of High Point, N.C.; one brother, James Jones of Estill, Ky.; two sisters, Audrey Williams of Fisty, Ky. and Rhoda Hall of Louisville, Ky. Also surviving are seven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren, and a large number of relatives and friends to mourn his passing.

## WALTER TURNER



With a broken heart, I will write the obituary of my dearly missed husband, Walter Turner. Walter was the son of the late Monroe Turner and Ella Jane Day Turner of Harlan County, Kentucky. He was born August 6, 1935, and passed from this life into eternal life February 26, 1988, making his stay here on earth 52 years, six months and twenty days.

Walter married Bertha Roark, daughter of Rev. Jonah Roark and Lona Cornett Roark December 3, 1960, and to us were born two children - Glenda Sue Turner Polly and Michael Odell Turner, both residing at Linefork, Ky. He also left to mourn his departure three grandchildren - Darneshia Mae Polly, Toshia Lynn Turner, Chasity Nicole Turner - and seven sisters, who loved him dearly.

Walter had been in ill health a long time. In January of 1988 he was in the hospital, it was then that he told me he couldn't live like he was and knew he was in sin and needed the Lord. He called on the Lord and shared with me his experience. He said his bed shook like thunder and he knew it was his Savior. He also said he wanted to be baptized into the Old Regular Baptist Church because he felt like he'd never felt before about his soul and wasn't afraid now to die. I asked for a home service to be held at our house; it was there that he gave his hand into the church and was baptized February 14, 1988 into the Defeated



Creek Old Regular Baptist Church. He served his Lord a short time, but said he was so happy now, and regretted he had waited so long and missed so many happy days.

We miss him so much and shed a lot of tears as days go by, but we're so happy that he was ready when he had to die. I feel like he's in a better home, where he'll never smother again, never have any more sorrow, heartache, pain or sin and never have to die again.

A broken-hearted family, Bertha, Glenda and Mike

### SYLVIA ISON MILLER



By the help of the Lord, I will try to write a short sketch of a dear wife and mother. Sylvia Ison Miller was born on October 2, 1917. She entered eternal life on April 17, 1988, making her stay on earth 70 years. She grew up in the eastern part of Kentucky, where she met and married Venon Miller. To this union were born seven children, two boys: Richard Miller of Columbus, Ind. and Jeff Miller of Scottsburg, Ind.; and five girls: Janet Lauter of Hanover, Ind.,

Jean Davidson, Jessie Burns, Jewell Shanklin and Sheila Gross, all of Scottsburg, Ind.

In 1952 they moved to Indiana, where they raised their family. In 1975 she had a severe stroke and since has suffered bouts of sickness due to diabetes.

She leaves to mourn her passing her husband, her seven children, her nine grandchildren, her two great-grandchildren, and two sisters, Della Taylor of Columbus, Ind. and Okra Maggard of Louisville, Ky.

She was loved by all who knew her and we feel that our loss is heaven's gain. So sleep on, Mom, until that day when we can all be together again.

Written by her broken-hearted husband and family

### HAROLD FIELDS



Harold Fields was born in Letcher County September 6, 1938 and passed from this life July 12, 1988 at the Whitesburg Appalachian Regional Hospital at the age of 49 years, ten months and six days. Harold was the victim of brain cancer and had suffered tremendous pain and became an invalid in the last three or four months of his illness. However, Harold endured his sickness with patience and tried very hard to do for himself until he reached the point where he could no longer

do for himself. Even then he was very considerate of his family and worried that he may ask too much of them.

Left to mourn his departure is his wife, Brenda Sue Roark Fields; three daughters: Delena Kaye Gilbert, Melissa Ann Fields, Mary Louise Fields; and a grandson, Jonathan Wayne Gilbert. Also surviving are four sisters and four brothers. Preceding him in death were his father and mother, Chester and Izetta Adams Fields.

Harold was a veteran of the U. S. Army and was employed by the Southeast Coal Company at the time of his diagnosis. After being diagnosed, Harold realized the seriousness of his condition, not only physically, but spiritually as well. It was then that he repented of his sins and was baptized into the De-feated Creek Old Regular Baptist Church in July of 1988.

The people who knew Harold, knew him for his willingness to help others and his generosity. However, after his conversion, we could also see a significant difference in Harold, part of the difference being he was not ashamed to praise the Lord, nor did he fail to thank Him daily for his blessings.

The girls and I miss Harold immeasurably, but we believe that he is now resting peacefully under the alter of God. Our hearts ache daily; however, having him to express and share with us his strong faith in God, and watching his condition worsen each day, makes having to give him up somewhat easier to accept.

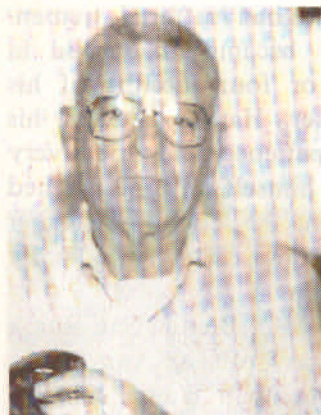
Pictured with Harold in the photograph is his grandson,



Jonathan, who was the apple of Harold's eye.

Submitted by wife, Brenda,  
and daughters, Melissa and Mary

### DEWEY MADDEN



Dewey was born on September 23, 1926, to Gobel and Fronia Ritchie Madden. Dewey was the second child in the family, with Audrey being the first. Dewey and Audrey shared a special relationship, especially during the recent years. This was obvious during Dewey's illness - Audrey was there for him and his family each day.

Four other children joined Dewey and Audrey: Guy, Luther, Bill and Phillip. These brothers also cared for Dewey very much and were with him frequently, doing what they could to comfort him.

At the age of 18, Dewey began working in the coal mines. He worked in the mines for over 27 years.

On May 10, 1954, Dewey married Eva Feltner of Lotts Creek. Over the years, Eva was a very faithful and loving wife to Dewey, and Dewey felt the same toward her. They lived in the community of Sassafras until 1963. They then moved to Irishman, where they made their permanent home.

In 1958, Dewey and Eva had a daughter, Debbie. In 1966 another daughter, Kathy, was born. Dewey provided for his family in every way - giving them material things, but above all, giving them his precious love.

In 1984, Debbie married Fred Back, who seemed like a son to Dewey. Although it is a small family, they are one of the closest families ever, helping and depending on each other during difficult times and sharing many special times together.

During his illness, Dewey had a wonderful experience in which God came into his life and helped him and his family through their darkest times. It was during this time that many

area preachers visited and held prayer for Dewey. These preachers were, and still are, very comforting to Dewey's family.

Dewey had many, many friends that were especially supporting and comforting to him and his family during their time of need. Dewey's family will always be thankful for you.

On April 26, 1988, this community lost a great husband, father, son, brother and friend. Our lives will never be the same, but we are so very thankful to have had Dewey in our lives for as long as we did. Dewey will always be remembered with much love and kindness, because this is what he gave to those around him.

Written by his daughter, Deborah Back

### JASPER FIELDS



Jasper Fields was born on February 22, 1918, and entered into eternal life on June 14, 1988 after being in the Veterans Administration Hospital in Lexington for almost four months. He had a hard time and was very sick, but we believe during that time that he got forgiveness for his sins, because he told his children that he was right with God. Jasper was the son of Willie and Susan Maggard Fields, who preceded him in death.

On December 7, 1943 he married Mary Fields and to this union were born four children; one infant son preceded him in death. Surviving are a second son, Archie Ray Fields of Cowan, and two daughters, Christine Fields of Greensburg, Ind., and Kathy Diane Fields Wolf of Cowan. Also surviving him are eight grandchildren, one great-grandson, and two sons-in-law. Many friends and relatives will mourn his passing. Although Jasper never joined a church, he always liked to go to the Cowan Old Regular Baptist Church with Mary. Jasper never met a stranger, and was always friendly with everyone he met. We will all miss



him but we hope to meet him again in heaven.

Written by his niece, Barbara Boggs

### HESTER ISON INGRAM



Though her departure has made me sad, my heart is filled with love and joyous memories as I write the obituary of my beloved grandmother, for I know that she is resting with the Lord.

Hester Ison Ingram was born in Letcher County on February 26, 1916, and passed from this life March 5, 1988 at her home in Linefork after a long illness.

She was the daughter of the late Kelly and Sally Ison. She was also the loving wife of McCoy Ingram and mother of three sons, Billy Roger Ingram and Marvin Stanley Ingram, both of Linefork, Ky., and Tommy Nelson Ingram of Partridge, Ky.

Other survivors include three brothers: Vernon Ison of Skyline, Ky.; Arnold Ison of Cumberland, Ky., and Aden Ison of Oak Ridge, Tenn.; and three grandchildren, Richard Allen, Tammy Sue Ingram and Marcella Celese Ingram.

She was a life-long resident of Letcher County and employed by the Letcher County Board of Education for eight years. She was also a member of the Defeated Creek Old Regular Baptist Church.

She was loved by all who knew her, and she will be greatly missed, but I am glad she finally has her rest without pain in the arms of the Lord.

Written by her loving granddaughter, Marcella Ingram

### LILLIAN MAE FRAZIER



Lillian Mae Frazier, born July 17, 1928, entered eternal life on May 13, 1988, being 59 years, nine months and twenty-six days old at the time of her passing.

Lillian is survived by her husband, Ralph E. Frazier; two sons, Fred Frazier and Ralph E. Frazier Jr.; five daughters: Joyce Croucher, Lois Bradley, Linda Murphree, Dana Board and Donna Frazier; six grandchildren and a host of other relatives and friends who mourn her passing.

Lillian was a member of the Big Cowan Regular Baptist Church.

We love and miss you so very much Mother. We hope we can follow your example and all be united again forever in heaven. All of us know that our loss is heaven's gain.

Written by a loving husband and children

### PAULINE SMITH



With a sad heart we will try to write the obituary of Sister Pauline Smith. She was born on March 16, 1938 and entered eternal life January 10, 1987 at her residence, Sharpsburg, Kentucky, making her stay on earth 48 years, nine months and twenty-four days.

She was the daughter of the late Beckham Caudill and Martha Jent Caudill and later in life she was married to Lenville Smith.

Sis. Pauline is survived by her husband, Lenville Smith; eight sons:

Henry Herman Smith of Blackey, Ky., Danny Jo Smith of Sharps-



burg, Ky., L. B. Smith of Lutz, Fla., Tommy Ray Smith of Lutz, Fla., Larry Dean Smith of Blackey, Ky., Elbert Lee Smith of Lutz, Fla., Ricky Wayne of Lutz, Fla. and Allen Smith of Sharpsburg, Ky.; two daughters: Betty Carol Eldridge of Blackey, Ky. and Tina Yvette Noble of Lutz, Fla. Also surviving her are four sisters and one brother, plus eleven grandchildren and her mother, Martha Caudill.

Later in life Sis. Pauline joined the Little Bull Creek Church, in the month of November, 1978. So we feel our loss is heaven's gain.

Written by her husband and  
Mr. & Mrs. Virgil Combs

### MAUDIE LEE DEATON



With a very sad heart we will try to write the obituary of our dear friend and sister in Christ, Maudie Lee Deaton. She was born January 18, 1928 at Carbon Glow, Kentucky and entered eternal life July 2, 1988 at her residence, making her stay on earth 60 years, five months and thirteen days.

Maudie was the daughter of the late Harm and Sarah Elizabeth Coots Melton. On April 1, 1947, she was married to Lane Deaton Jr., and to this union were born three boys, James, who preceded her in death, Bill Deaton of Letcher, Ky., and Harmie L. Deaton of Beaver, Alaska. Maudie is also survived by one brother, Henry Melton of Redfox, Ky.; three sisters: Ruby Caudill of Isom, Ky., Oma Mullins of Wayland, Ky., and Bertha Conley of Paintsville, Ky.; eleven grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Sis. Maudie joined the Little Bull Creek Church in November, 1982 and she had great faith in the Lord. We feel our loss is heaven's gain.

Written by her husband  
and Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Combs

### JIM BREWER



Brother Jim Brewer was born February 16, 1909 and deceased this life December 10, 1986. He married Cindy Williams, and God gave this union eleven children, three of whom preceded him in death. They also raised a grandson, making nine in all.

Brother Jim was a kind, gentle-spoken man, always eager to help the churches. He bought two bath outfits for New Bethlehem before he joined the church. He joined the Clear Fork Old Regular Baptist Church, and was a faithful member until death. He attended church regularly when he was able. He was a faithful member until death.

When he was near death, he always smiled and kissed your hand. He couldn't talk. Children, if you want to be with your Dad, repent of your sins and live a life for Christ.

Written by Elder Morris Shepherd

### COLUMBUS RITCHIE



Columbus Ritchie was born October 18, 1908 to David Crockett Ritchie and Delilah Francis Ritchie, both of whom preceded him in death. Columbus passed from this life on Tuesday, June 16, 1987, making his stay here on earth 78 years, seven months and twenty-eight days. He was a retired coal miner and a member of the United Mine Workers of America. He leaves to mourn his passing five sons: Paul Gene Napier, Amel Ritchie, Billy Ray Ritchie, Kenneth Ritchie and Eric Dean Ritchie; two daughters: Glenna Faye Ritchie and Ethel



Ritchie; six stepsons: Earl Patrick, Silas Patrick, Levi Patrick, Junior Ray Patrick, Robert Patrick and Billy Patrick; six step-daughters: Odessa Slone, Wanda Faye Conn, Shirley Dobson, Wilma Dobson, Ruby Conn and Opal Dobson; one brother, John Bud Ritchie; two sisters, Dora Fugate and Tennessee Ritchie; five grandchildren: Vicky, Melissa, Kimberley, Michael and Jonathan Columbus; one great-grandchild, Derick Scott Miller; forty-three step-grandchildren and twenty-nine stepgreat-grandchildren also survive. Columbus will be missed here on earth, but we hope that our loss is heaven's gain.

### LOLA HALCOMB



With the help of the Lord I will try to write the obituary of Lola Halcomb. Lola Halcomb entered eternal life on Sunday, October 25, 1987 at the Whitesburg Appalachian Regional Hospital.

Lola was the daughter of the late Joseph and Didema Worax Halcomb. She was born on April 22, 1927, being 60 years, six months and three days of age at the time of her passing.

Surviving are three brothers: Oscar Halcomb of Whitesburg, Dennis L. Halcomb of Melvindale, Mich. and James Halcomb of Whitesburg; one half-brother, Junior Halcomb of Monroe Falls, Ohio; two half-sisters, Bobby Coates of Tiffin, Ohio and Josephine Bell of Tiffin, Ohio, along with a host of other relatives and friends to mourn her passing.

I visited Lola while she was in the hospital. She was very sick, but was rejoicing in the Lord. She told me God had forgiven her of her sins and she had a better home waiting on her.

She loved the church, but never got able to come and join. I feel with all my heart she is sleeping in the arms of Jesus.

Written by Homer Smith  
by request of her brother, Oscar Halcomb

### NANCY MESSER RITCHIE



Nancy Messer Ritchie was born March 13, 1915, the daughter of Jeff and Berry Marshall Messer. She married Jodie Ritchie March 13, 1938 and had two children, Frank Ritchie of Browns Mills, N. J., and Eva Ritchie of Schaumburg, Ill.

Sister Nancy Ritchie's husband preceded her in death. She passed from this life February 1, 1988, after a long illness. Sister Nancy joined the New Bethlehem Church of the Old Regular Baptist about the month of June in 1942. Sister Nancy and her husband were ordained as deacons in the year of 1945. Sister Nancy will be missed at our church. But, we feel Sister Nancy's soul is resting under the altar of God, awaiting the redemption of the body. We loved Sister Nancy, but God loved her better and called her home February 1, 1988. Children, if you want to see Mother and Father again, you must repent. By the grace of God we will meet her in heaven some day.

Written by a brother in the Lord,  
Morris Shepherd



## 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, HC 75, Box 9950, Hindman, KY 41822
Defeated Creek	Atlas Frazier, HC 84, Box 1938 Whitesburg, KY 41858
Reynolds Fork	Marion Slone, HC 60, Box 1398 Mallie, KY 41836
Little Bull Creek	Gary Caudill, HC 85, Box 1866 Isom, KY 41824
Ivy Point	Alger Casebolt, General Delivery, Carrie, KY 41725
Little Dove	Mike Caudill, P.O. Box 34, Jeremiah, KY 41826
Tolson Creek	Luther Combs, HC 85, Box 1884 Isom, KY 41824
Dixon Memorial	Roger Whitaker, HCR 85, Box 2194, Premium, KY 41845
Big Creek	Billy Maggard, RR1, Box 334 Trafalgar, IN 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, RR 2, Box 201 Hazard, KY 41701
Northern New Home	E. Robert Miller, 405 Britton Lane, Monroe, OH 45050
Blair Branch	Bob Banks, HC 71, Box 277 Letcher, KY 41832
Mt. Olivet	Agnon Back, Box 213 Blackey, KY 41804
Little Zion	Ross S. Hill, Box 114, Jeff, KY 41751
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, Whitesburg, KY 41858
Little Mary	Lonnie Bryant, General Delivery, Lloyd, KY 41156
Mount Zion	Leon Short, HCR 60, Box 1050, Hindman, KY 41822
Friendship	George Shea, 480 Jake Fall Rd., Waynesburg, KY 40489
Little Bethlehem	Don Pratt, Box 705, Big Smith Branch Rd., Sassafras, KY 41759
Little Bethany	Hershell Short, P.O. Box 35, Jeffersonville, KY 40337

## DELEGATES TO THE 1988 ASSOCIATION

Church	Delegates
Cedar Grove	Freddie Watts, Mike Halcomb, Johnny Walters
New Home	Chester Gibson, Arnold Thacker, Aaron Cornett
Defeated Creek	Marvin Miller, Matt Cornett, Delbert Jones
Reynolds Fork	Lonnie Sexton, Dwight Amburgey, Paul Watson
Little Bull Creek	David Jent, Virgil Combs, Earl Combs
Ivy Point	Lee Mosley, Tim Cornett, Ancil Brown
Little Dove	Ivan Amburgey, John Preece, Arnold Jent
Tolson Creek	Luther Combs, Coy Wright, Steve Stamper
Dixon Memorial	Carl Back, Homer Smith, Willie Eldridge



Big Creek. ....	Earl Cox, Doug Gibson, Coburn Ison
Happy Home. ....	Taylor Watson, Landis Everage, Luther Ashley
New Bethlehem. ....	Morris Shepherd, Melvin Creech, George Fugate
Clear Fork. ....	Clarence Combs, Mark Shepherd, Wilson Combs
Northern New Home. ....	Bill Halcomb, E. Robert Miller Layton Phipps
Blair Branch. ....	Ellis Adams, Rodney Ison, Elmer Amburgey
Mt. Olivet. ....	I. D. Back, Agnon Back, William Lusk, Jr.
Little Zion. ....	Ross S. Hill, Roger Gibson, Jim Fields
Hurricane Gap. ....	Charles Shepherd, Jay McCool, Less Shepherd
Kingdom Come. ....	Powers Caudill,
Poor Fork. ....	Harvey Creech, Joe Steely, Berry Newsome
Big Cowan. ....	Clifton Hampton, Ted Everage, Enos Sturgill
Little Mary. ....	Ronnie Little, Jesse Bryant, Carson Back
Mount Zion. ....	Earl Mosley, Donald Collins Carl Mosley
Friendship. ....	George Shea, Riley Hendricks Squire Watts
Little Bethlehem. ....	H. B. Reedy, Sr., Don Pratt, Denny Amburgey
Little Bethany. ....	Hershell Short, Hurley Short

#### ORDAINED MINISTERS

Name	Address, Phone Number
Ellis Adams. ....	HC 71, Box 284, Jeremiah, KY 41826, Ph. 633-9740

Ivan Amburgey. ....	Pinetop, KY 41843 Ph. 785-4249
Carl Back. ....	Jeremiah, KY 41826 Ph. 633-4344
I. D. Back. ....	Blackey, KY 41804 Ph. 633-0749
Toby Breeding. ....	Jeremiah, KY 41826 Ph. 633-8836
Powers Caudill. ....	Box 2, Premium, KY 41845 Ph. 633-5410
Wayne Caudill. ....	Blackey, KY 41804 Ph. 633-5982
Donald Collins. ....	HCR 60, Box 1020, Hindman, KY 41822 Ph. 785-3774
Granvel P. Combs. ....	1975 Tennyson Rd., Piketon, OH 45661 Ph. 493-2374
Robert Combs. ....	RR 2, Box 206, Hazard, KY 41701 Ph. 439-2198
Elwood Cornett. ....	HC 71, Box 1027, Blackey, KY 41804 Ph. 633-9269
Charles Craft. ....	151 Todds Rd., Apt. 227, Lex- ington, KY 40509, Ph. 268-8714
Calvin Creech. ....	Star Rt. 1, Box 67, Emmalena, KY 41740 Ph. 785-4816
Harvey Creech. ....	Partridge, KY 40862
Curl Dixon. ....	14908 Chad Lane, Williamsburg, Ohio 45176 Ph. 724-7170
Danny Dixon. ....	Ulvah, KY Ph. 633-0804
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Lloyd Eldridge. ....	Sunman, IN 47041 Ph. 744-4050
Bert Fields. ....	HC 84, Box 1968, Whitesburg, KY 41858
Jim Fields. ....	HC 63, Box 1480, Hallie, KY 41821 Ph. 633-7014
Chester Gibson. ....	Leburn, KY 41831 Ph. 785-3709



Roger Gibson .....Box 383, Viper, KY 41774  
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40351, Ph. 876-3301

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KY 41858 Ph. 633-0428

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41804 Ph. 633-8091

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Bill Moore.....Leburn, KY 41831  
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41831 Ph. 785-3802

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Darrell Short.....Leburn, KY 41831  
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40337

Barney Slone.....Topmost, KY 41862

Carl Slone.....Hindman, KY 41822

James Slone.....Jeffersonville, KY

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Milburn Slone.....Garner, KY 41817  
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OH 45227 Ph. 271-5197

Manford Watts.....Louisville, KY

Squire Watts.....Red Fox, KY 41847  
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Roger Whitaker.....HCR 85, Box 2194, Premium,  
KY Ph. 633-2133

Alton Young.....Mallie, KY 41836  
Ph. 785-3017



## 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 one mile
Reynolds Fork	Mallie, Ky., On Hwy 1393
Little Bull Creek	Blackey, Ky., Carcassonne
Ivy Point	Garner, Ky., on Hwy. 550
Little Dove	Sassafras, 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. 1088, 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
Hurricane Gap	Gordon, Ky., on Hwy. 160
Kingdom Come	off Hwy. 160 on 588 (River Road)
Poor Fork	Cumberland, Ky.
Big Cowan	Cowan, on Hwy. 8H
Little Mary	8 miles 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

	Received by Experience and Baptism	Received by Letter	Restored	Rec'd by Recomm. and/or Applicat.	Dismissed by Letter	Lost by Death	Excluded	Total Membership	Meeting Time	Saturday Service Time	Contribution
CEDAR GROVE	5	2	0	0	1	3	3	182	4	9:30	300
NEW HOME	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	47	1	9:30	100
DEFEATED CREEK	2	0	0	0	0	4	0	24	2	9:30	150
REYNOLDS FORK	7	1	1	0	0	0	0	42	3	9:30	160
LITTLE BULL CREEK	0	0	0	0	0	1	5	57	3	6:00	50
IVY POINT	4	1	0	0	0	1	0	34	4	6:00	50
LITTLE DOVE	7	0	0	0	0	6	0	135	2	9:30	300
TOLSON CREEK	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	22	4	9:30	75
DIXON MEMORIAL	1	0	1	0	3	1	2	49	4	9:30	125
BIG CREEK	0	0	2	1	0	1	0	24	4	6:30	100
HAPPY HOME	1	0	0	0	2	3	1	44	1	9:30	125
NEW BETHLEHEM	2	1	0	1	1	2	0	33	3	9:30	130
CLEAR FORK	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	20	1	6:00	80
NORTHERN NEW HOME	0	0	0	0	4	0	10	101	4	6:30	100
BLAIR BRANCH	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	81	3	6:30	225
MT. OLIVET	3	0	0	0	2	4	1	145	1	6:30	300
LITTLE ZION	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	48	2	6:30	85
HURRICANE GAP	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	29	3	6:30	125
KINGDOM COME	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	22	1	9:30	50
POOR FORK	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	32	1	6:30	100
BIG COWAN	2	0	0	0	0	3	0	50	4	9:30	175
LITTLE MARY	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	38	2	2:00	150
MOUNT ZION	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	2	6:30	60
FRIENDSHIP	0	1	0	0	2	0	0	9	3	5:00	25
LITTLE BETHLEHEM	0	3	0	0	0	0	1	33	4	9:30	100
LITTLE BETHANY	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	8	3	6:30	50
TOTALS	41	15	4	2	16	35	23	1320	--	--	3290



## FORM OF CHURCH LETTER

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

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

Delegates:	Alternates:
1. _____	4. _____
2. _____	5. _____
3. _____	6. _____

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

The state of the church is as follows:

### Ordained Ministers

Name:	Post Offices:
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

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

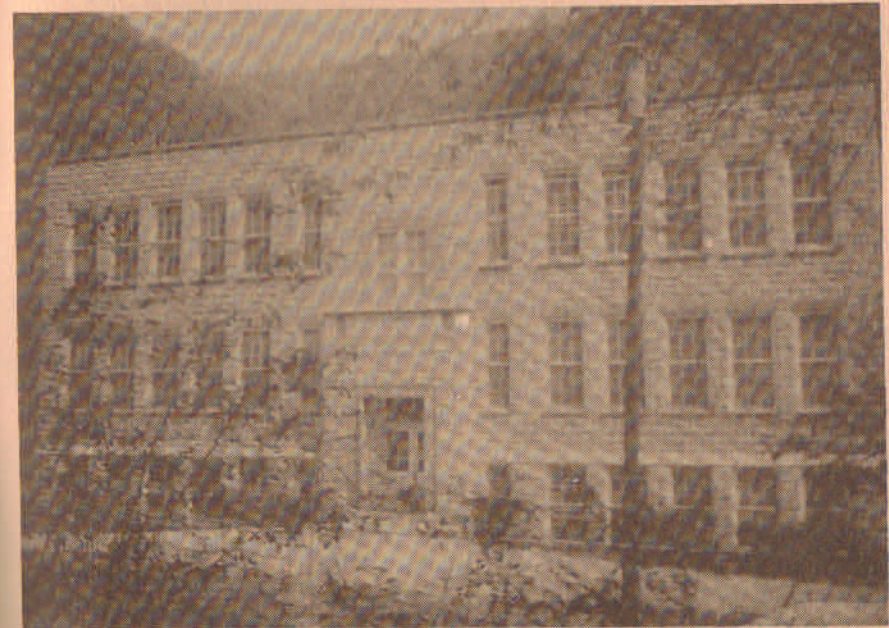
Dear Brethren, pray for us, that Zion may have a traveling spirit among us.

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.