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Ninety-Seventh Annual Session
of the
Indian Bottom
Association
of
Old Regular Baptist Churches
of
Jesus Christ



Held at the
Indian Bottom Association Building
Sassafras, Knott County, Kentucky
September 4, 5, and 6, 1992

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Tolson Creek
Mt. Olivet

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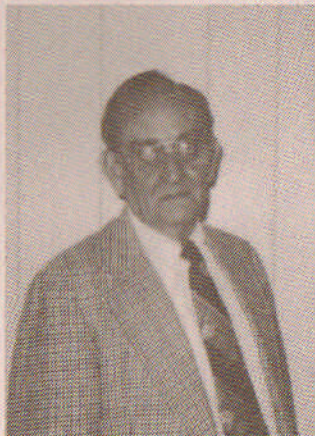
Indian Bottom Association Officers



Elder Elwood Cornett
Moderator



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Asst. Moderator



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Clerk



Elder Donald Pratt
Asst. Clerk

A Tribute To The Deceased Elders of the Indian Bottom Association



Colonel Eldridge



Lewis Craft



Jack Brown



Everett Everage



Granvil (Pearl) Combs

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

Their voices have grown silent, yet the fruits of their diligent labor continue to prosper. As their race came to a victorious finish, surely they could say, "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness."

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**Friday, September 4, 1992 and
the two following days**

The Indian Bottom Association, being in session, assembled at our Association Building at Sassafras, Knott County, Kentucky, September 4, 1992 and the two following days. Being hosted by the Tolson Creek and Mt. Olivet churches, the Association met in the congregational department of the Association Building for preaching services. After lifting our voices to our Lord and Master, Elder L.D. Mosley introduced the service and led in prayer.

After the introduction and prayer had been rendered, Elder H.B. Reedy Sr., who had been chosen by the delegates of the ninety-sixth session of our association to preach the Introductory Sermon of this ninety-seventh session, came to the pulpit and preached a soul-inspiring sermon.

The delegates were dismissed from the congregation and asked to assemble in the Delegate Room. Then came forth Elder Elwood Cornett, our moderator, who made a few remarks to the delegates and called upon Elder Frank O'Quinn to come to the pulpit. Elder O'Quinn rendered a warm, spiritual sermon. After a song, he humbly led in prayer.

The Association, now being assembled, was called to order by Elder Elwood Cornett, the moderator. He appointed a Finance Committee to wit: Johnny Walters, L.D. Mosley and Lonnie Gregory. Then he 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 Tolson Creek Church. The letter was read by the clerk. By a move and second, with no objection, it was received, along with all other church letters, as they were in regular form; the delegates were seated, and all requests and queries were referred to the Committee on Arrangements.
2. The Association was then organized by choosing the following officers:
 Elder Elwood Cornett, Moderator
 Elder Jim Fields, Assistant Moderator
 Brother Glenn Hampton, Clerk
 Elder Don Pratt, Assistant Clerk
3. The Moderator called for newly constituted churches desiring to take up fellowship with us. None responded.
4. Churches of our same faith and order who desired fellowship were called for. None responded.
5. By a move and second, with no objection, the reading of the Articles of Faith and the Constitution were omitted. The Rules of Decorum were read. All were directed to be printed in the minutes.
6. The moderator appointed a Committee on Ministry composed of one delegate from each church with the entire delegation from the Tolson Creek Church to arrange the preaching services for Friday afternoon and Saturday morning.
7. The moderator called for corresponding associations of our same faith and order who desired to correspond with us. The Union Association responded with a letter, delegates, and a file of minutes.
 Union: Jesse Lee Williamson, Frank O'Quinn, Paul McClanahan, Elmer Sexton, Carson Wright, Bill Campbell, Albert Hamilton, Ellis Amburgey, David O'Quinn, Jessie Viers, Dallas Ramsey, Barry Lucas, Jason Lowery, Hezekiah Osborne, Toby Bailey, Herman G. West, Bill Hess, Walter Mullins, Sam Erwin, Theodore Looney, Bill Hall, Alex Collier, Roger Hall, Paul Hogsdon, Winston Hall.

8. The moderator called for transient members and ministers and the following responded: Toby Breeding, Carl Mosley, Alonzo Mosley, Lonnie Sexton, Barry Tiller, Ted Everage, Jack Varney, John Reedy, Milburn Slone, Charles Craft.
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 Arrangements which was to be the same as the Committee on Ministry with the exception that the Tolson Creek Church should have only one delegate, together with the association moderator, assistant moderator, clerk, assistant clerk, transients, and the entire delegation from the corresponding association to meet Friday afternoon at 2:00 p.m. to arrange the business for Saturday.
11. The Committee on Ministry made the following report for preaching services:
 Friday afternoon: Jason Lowery, Herman G. West
 Saturday morning: Jessie Viers, Paul McClanahan, Frank O'Quinn
12. By a move and second with no objection the association adjourned until 9:00 a.m. Saturday morning.

The Committee on Arrangements met at 2:00 p.m. Friday afternoon in the Congregational Department of the Association Building. The session was introduced by Jason Lowery, who was well blessed. Prayer was rendered by the same. Elder Herman G. West preached a heart-warming sermon, after which the committee arranged the work for Saturday.

Saturday Morning

The association met pursuant to adjournment. After blending our voices together in singing praises to our Lord and Savior, Elder Elwood Cornett, our moderator, welcomed everyone and called upon Elder Carl Back to introduce the session. He soon had our spirits lifted high; then he humbly led in prayer.

1. The clerk called the roll and marked the absentees.
2. The report of the Committee on Arrangements was given. The work was approved and the Committee was discharged.
3. The ministers chosen to preach on the stand were excused to go to the Congregational Department of the Association Building.
4. The committee on Finance reported a sum of \$3,550 collected from the various churches. By a move and second, with no objection, the report was received and the committee discharged.
5. By a move and second, with no objection, the minutes of this session of the association were ordered to be printed. The clerk is to be secretary/treasurer; he is to have 3,400 copies of the minutes printed; and he is to receive \$50 for his services.
6. By a move and second, with no objections, the dates of the union, communion and memorial services are to be printed in the minutes.
7. The Circular Letter was read by Bro. Joe Steely, who had been chosen last year to write a Circular Letter for approval by the association this year. By a move and second, with no objection, the letter was warmly received and ordered to be printed in the minutes.
8. A. The committee on Ministry, being the same as on Friday, chose the following ministers to preach on Sunday, to wit: Elder Elwood Cornett to close, and he was to choose others from those present.
 B. The Committee on Ministry chose Elder Eugene Wilder to preach the Introductory Sermon for the 1993 session and Gary Mosley to be his alternate.
 C. The Committee on Ministry chose Bro. Willie Vernon Slone to write a circular letter for approval next year.
9. By a move and second with no objection, obituaries are to be printed in the minutes with a \$10 fee for printing pictures.
10. The treasurer's report was given. By a move and second, with no objection, the report was received. The report was as follows:

Balance on hand (9-7-91).....\$8,091.80

Collections

Church contributions	3,440.00
Pictures	260.00
Interest	420.24
Total in treasury	\$12,212.04

Expenses:

Printing minutes	\$5,040.00
Safety deposit box	40.00
Typing Permanent Record	25.00
Total expenses	\$5,105.00

Balance in treasury (9-5-92)\$7,107.04

11. By a move and second, with no objection, it was agreed to correspond with the Union Association and the clerk was directed to prepare a letter to same.

A. Union: to begin Friday before the third Saturday in September, 1992 at their association building at Ashcamp, Pike County, Kentucky and continuing the two following days. Delegates to attend: Elwood Cornett, H.B. Reedy Sr., Jim Fields, I.D. Back, Eugene Wilder, Ray Fields, John P. Eldridge, Chester Gibson, Hershell Short, Curl Dixon, James Slone, Lonnie Gregory, Clifford Hughes, Paul Watson, Ellis Adams, L.D. Mosley, John H. Reedy, Don Caudill, Ivan Amburgey, Jesse Bryant, Danny Amburgey, Monroe Bailey, H.B. Reedy Jr., Harve Creech, Don Pratt, Glenn Hampton.

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

Balance in treasury (9-7-91)\$2,926.86

Collections:

Church contributions	\$6,605.00
Sunday services	269.00
Donations	865.00
Concession stand	76.00
Total in treasury	\$10,741.86

Expenses:

Kitchen	\$1,457.50
Supplies	64.90
Utilities	781.10
Loan (principal & interest)	3,157.03
Labor	325.00
Insurance	959.00
Total expenses	\$6,744.53

Balance in treasury\$3,997.33

13. By a move and second, with no objection, we recognize the Merle Caudill side as Old Indian Bottom Association, an independent association of Old Regular Baptists, but not relinquishing our identity as Indian Bottom Association.
14. The request from the Blair Branch Church to host the 1993 session of the Association was read. By a move and second, with no objection, the request was granted.
15. There were identical requests from Poor Fork, Big Cowan, Reynolds Fork, Little Zion and Friendship churches. The request was read. The request as follows:
We, the Poor Fork Old Regular Baptist Church, met in regular session on the first Saturday night in July (4th), 1992. A motion was made, seconded and passed to send the following requests to the 1992 session of the Indian Bottom Association:

We respectfully request our association to authorize our churches to receive Godly members by recommendation from Regular Baptist churches or associations with which we formerly corresponded.

We believe persons of good report from such Regular Baptist churches, who desire membership with us, should not be required to be rebaptized, but should be received by recommendation upon application.

Done and signed by order of the Church.

(signed) Jim Fields, Moderator

Harvey Creech, Assistant Moderator

Bro. Joe Ison, Clerk

After some discussion, a move and second were made to grant the request. No objection was filed.

16. The request from the Mount Zion Church was read. The request is as follows:

July 12, 1992

We, the Mt. Zion Regular Baptist Church, met to worship God and do the work of the church. After a discussion concerning brothers and sisters wearing shorts, a move and second was made, with no objection, to send a request to the Indian Bottom Association to make an order against brothers and sisters wearing shorts. In the event any church is not willing to adopt this order, the association should then withdraw fellowship with said church. Done and signed by order of the Church.

Elder Earl Mosley, Moderator

Bro. Leon Short, Clerk

After a lengthy discussion, a move and second were made to grant the request. No objection was filed.

17. Bro. Don Pratt, chairman of the Committee on Council, reported that they had not done any official business for the year. By a move and second, with no objection, the report was accepted.
18. The moderator appointed the following to serve on the Committee of Council for the following year: Paul Watson, Phillip Wayne Caudill,

Danny Dixon, L.D. Mosley, Danny Amburgey, Gillus Reedy, and I.D. Back as chairman.

19. By a move and second, with no objection, the clerks were directed to write a Resolution of Appreciation to the host churches for hosting the 1992 session of the association.
20. By a move and second, with no objection, the clerks were directed to write a tribute to our deceased ministers.
21. By a move and second, with no objection, we omitted the reading of the minutes.
22. By a move and second, with no objection, we adjourned until the 1993 session of the Indian Bottom Association convenes on September 3, 1993. Elder Alex Collier came to the podium and humbly led us in prayer.

Elder Elwood Cornett, Moderator

Elder Jim Fields, Assistant Moderator

Brother Glenn Hampton, Clerk

Elder Don Pratt, Assistant Clerk

Sunday, September 6, 1992

On this beautiful Sabbath morning, we joined our voices in songs of Zion as the closing services of the ninety-seventh session of the Indian Bottom Association began. Our moderator, Elder Elwood Cornett, warmly and humbly welcomed a large congregation of brothers, sisters, and friends. Elder H.B. Reedy Jr. introduced the services and Elder Don Pratt led in prayer. Elder Jim Fields followed with the promise that God can "pick up the broken pieces" of our lives. Brother John Preece came forth and was blessed to preach upon the "goodness of God." Elder I.D. Back's sermon then assured all that "Jesus was the sinner's friend." Elder Elwood Cornett came forth to close the services and was blessed to proclaim, "who hath believed our report?" He then extended the privilege of receiving members. As we sang an old song of Zion, Brother Emory Caudill humbly came forth, told an experience of grace, and requested

fellowship. He was received under watchcare until baptized by a move and second, with no objections, and given the right hand of fellowship. Thus, amid much rejoicing, the ninety-seventh session of the Indian Bottom Association came to an end. Elder Lonnie Sexton closed with prayer.

Resolution of Appreciation

We, the Indian Bottom Association, wish to express our humble appreciation and many "thanks" to the Tolson Creek and Mt. Olivet churches for hosting the ninety-seventh session of the association. To each and every one who helped in any way, we say a big, "thank you," and may you be blessed four-fold. For all the good food that was so plentiful, delicious, and graciously served, we are thankful. For the friendly smile, kind handshake, and loving embrace, you are appreciated. Let us say, "God bless you."

Indian Bottom Association

Circular Letter

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

With much fear, I attempt to write this Circular Letter, knowing that Joe Steely is weak and unable to express the greatness of Jesus Christ. My prayer is that He might use this letter to reveal Himself to us, or more importantly, to some person who has not considered the eternal gift of life. When I was a young man, I felt I had control of my life and that through hard work I could achieve all the worldly pleasures my heart so desired. As each goal was reached, there was pleasure for a moment, but the flesh is never satisfied and soon I was looking for something bigger and better. I never considered that my health, my job, my home, my very life, was by the blessing of God. One day my world seemed to fall apart and God, through His mercy, let me realize that I had control of nothing in this life, already condemned to an eternal life of punishment and separation from Him.

He blessed me to see how evil and full of corruption I was, and how pure and perfect He was. I tried to pray, go to church, and live right, but my burden seemed to grow worse and worse. I thought surely there was no hope for me, and Satan made me think I had waited too late. But Jesus was everything I wanted to be, and through His love and kindness He caused me to want Him more than life itself. When He enabled me to cry from the heart, "Lord, I'm guilty, I can't do a thing for myself, take my mind, my life, my heart, and my soul, but have mercy on me. I believe in You, You have the power, and my only hope is in You." Words cannot express the joy, and I believe the inward man received a spiritual birth in Christ, covered with the righteousness of Jesus, and if He lives, I can live also.

I thought my troubles were over, but I soon found that this flesh our natural eyes behold is an enemy to the inward man, which is of God. I believe I can witness with what Paul said, "I find then a law, that, when I would do good, evil is present with me. For I delight in the law of God after the inward man. But I see another law in my members, warring

against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin, which is in my members." I fall short every day and cannot measure up, but I thank God we have a High Priest at the right hand of God and maketh intercession for us.

May God help us to pray and humble ourselves, so that the love of Christ may rule in everything we do. If we depend on our wisdom, no matter how good our intentions, it is so easy for us to err or hurt someone, but love worketh no ill to his neighbor.

In conclusion, I would like to share with you a verse I read that fits me completely.

I'm not all I could be

I'm not all I should be

But I thank God I'm not the man I used to be.

Submitted with love,

Joe B. Steely

Union, Communion and Memorial Services

March

Little Zion

Union Meeting: Second Saturday and Sunday in March

Ministers called: I.D. Back, Eugene Wilder, Don Pratt, Roger Gibson, Ellis Adams, Curl Dixon

Communion: Second Sunday in June

Memorial: Second Sunday in July

Ministers called: Danny Dixon, Harvey Creech, Jim Fields, Don Fields, H.B. Reedy Jr.

April

Mount Zion

Union Meeting: Second Saturday and Sunday in April

Ministers called: Franklin O'Quinn, Timothy Cornett

Communion: Second Sunday in May

Memorial: Second Sunday in June

Ministers called: Alonzo Mosley, Tim Smith, L.D. Mosley

Blair Branch

Union Meeting: Third Saturday and Sunday in April

Ministers called: Elwood Cornett, Squire Watts, I.D. Back
Jim Fields, Carson Wright

Communion: Third Sunday in July

Memorial: Third Sunday in June

Ministers called: Agnon Back, Ellis Adams, I.D. Back,
Danny Dixon, Ivan Amburgey, Toby Breeding

Little Bethany

Union Meeting: Fourth Saturday and Sunday in April

Ministers called: All of the same faith and order

Communion: fourth Sunday in May

Northern New Home

Union Meeting: Fourth Saturday and Sunday in April

Ministers called: Kinzie Ison, Gary Mosley, Toby Breeding, I.D. Back, Lonnie Sexton, John Preece, Melvin Watts, L.D. Mosley, Milburn Slone, Ellis Amburgey, Elwood Cornett, H.B. Reedy Jr., Lonnie Gregory, B.R. Jones, Hezekiah Osborne, Alonzo Mosley, Paul Watson, Charles Shepherd, Jim Field, John B. Hamilton, Ellis Adams, Curl Dixon, Don Pratt, Ivan Amburgey, Barry Tiller, Danny Dixon

Communion: Fourth Sunday in August

Memorial: Fourth Sunday in June

Little Bethlehem

Union Meeting: Fourth Saturday and Sunday in April

Ministers called: Jason Lowery, Savel Combs, Paul McClanahan, Dallas Ramsey, Eugene Wilder

Communion: fourth Sunday in August

Memorial: Fourth Sunday in September

Ministers called: Paul Watson, Harvey Creech, Agnon Back, Don Pratt, I.D. Back

May**Poor Fork**

Union Meeting: First Saturday and Sunday in May

Ministers called: Danny Dixon, Toby Bailey, Squire Watts, Barry Lucas, Ellis Adams, Kenzie Ison

Communion: First Sunday in July

Memorial: first Sunday in August

Ministers called: Danny Dixon, Squire Watts, Roger Gibson, Jim Fields, Kenzie Ison

Mount Olivet

Union Meetings: First Saturday and Sunday in May.

Ministers called: Eugene Wilder, Danny Dixon, Charles Shepherd,

Alonzo Mosley

Communion: first Sunday in August

Memorial: First Sunday in July

Ministers called: Virgil Combs, Ivan Amburgey, H.B. Reedy Jr., Bill Moore

Little Dove

Union Meeting: Second Saturday and Sunday in May

Ministers called: Jason Lowery, Elwood Cornett, Dallas Ramsey, Danny Dixon, Eugene Wilder, I.D. Back

Communion: Second Sunday in July

Memorial: Second Sunday in June

Ministers called: Squire Watts, Bill Moore, Roger Gibson, Barry Tiller, Don Pratt

Reynolds Fork

Union Meeting: Third Saturday and Sunday in May

Ministers called: Harvey Creech, Jim Fields, Bill Halcomb, Ellis Amburgey, Jerry Manns, Danny Dixon

Communion: Third Sunday in June

Ministers called: Milburn Slone, Earl Slone

Memorial: Third Sunday in July

Ministers called: Clark Hays, Chester Gibson, Hurley Short, Lonnie Sexton, John Preece

Little Bull Creek

Union Meeting: Third Saturday and Sunday in May

Ministers called: Milburn Slone, Toby Breeding, Ricky Tackett, Taulby Mosley

Communion: Third Sunday in August

Memorial: Third Sunday in June

Melton Cemetery Memorial: Second Sunday in June

Ministers called: All of the same faith and order are welcome.

Garden of Love

Union Meeting: Third Saturday and Sunday in May

Ministers called: Ralph Slone Jr., Hurley Short, Elwood Cornett

Communion: Third Sunday in June

Memorial: Third Sunday in August

Ministers called: L.D. Mosley, Earl Mosley, Bill Moore

Cedar Grove

Union Meeting: Fourth Saturday and Sunday in May

Ministers called: Dallas Ramse, Alonzo Mosley, Bill Moore,

Chester Gibson, Bert Fields

Communion: Fourth Sunday in August

Memorial: Fourth Sunday in June

June**Kingdom Come**

Union Meeting: First Saturday and Sunday in June

Ministers called: Roy Slone, Squire Watts, Danny Dixon,

Ellis Adams

Communion: First Sunday in July

Memorial: First Sunday in May

Ministers called: Don Pratt, Charles Shepherd, H.B. Reedy Jr.,

Bert Fields

Cemetery Memorial Meeting: Second Sunday in August

Clear Fork

Union Meeting: First Saturday and Sunday in June

Ministers called: Ivan Amburgey, Don Pratt, Danny Dixon,

Charles Shepherd, Roger Gibson

Communion: First Sunday in July

Memorial: First Sunday in October

Ministers called: Robert Combs, John Preece, Odis Ritchie

Ellis Adams

New Home

Union Meeting: First Saturday and Sunday in June

Ministers called: John Preece, Bill Halcomb, Roger Gibson,

Paul McClanahan, Taulby Mosley, moderator, assistant moderator

Communion: First Sunday in July

Memorial: First Sunday in October

Ministers called: Bill Moore, Harlos Watts, Ivan Amburgey, H.B.

Reedy Sr., Alonzo Mosley

Happy Home

Union Meeting: First Saturday and Sunday in June

Ministers called: Jerry Caudill, Hezekiah Osborne, Darrell Short,

Alonzo Mosley, Alan Whitaker, Paul Watson, Carl Back,

Roger Gibson

Communion: first Sunday in July

Memorial: First Sunday in August

Ministers called: All of same faith and order.

New Bethlehem

Union Meeting: Third Saturday and Sunday in June

Ministers called: Robert Combs, Earl Slone, Harvey Creech,

H.B. Reedy Jr.

Communion: Third Sunday in August

Memorial: Third Sunday in September

Ministers called: Don Pratt, Charles Shepherd, Toby Breeding,
moderator

Friendship

Union Meeting: Third Saturday and Sunday in June

Ministers called: Elwood Cornett, Squire Watts, Paul Watson,

Agnon Back

Communion: Third Sunday in July

Memorial: Third Sunday in May

Ministers called: I.D. Back, Virgil Combs, Eugene Wilder,

Lonnie Sexton, Chester Gibson

Dixon Memorial

Union Meeting: fourth Saturday and Sunday in June

Ministers called: Willie V. Slone, Ellis Amburgey, Donnie Halcomb,

Alger Mullins, Ollie Mullins, moderator, assistant moderator

Communion: Fourth Sunday in July

Memorial: Fourth Sunday in September

Cemetery Memorial: Fourth Sunday in May

Big Cowan

Union Meeting: Fourth Saturday and Sunday in June

Ministers called: Eugene Wilder, Don Fields, Danny Dixon,

Bill Moore, Jim Fields

Communion: Fourth Sunday in July

Memorial: Fourth Sunday in September

Ministers called: Virgil Combs, Squire Watts, John Preece,

I.D. Back, Harvey Creech

Ivy Point

Union Meeting: Fourth Saturday and Sunday in June

Ministers called: Jimmy Hall (Hemphill), Gary Mosley, Dallas

Ramsey, John Preece

Communion: Fourth Sunday in July

Memorial: Fourth Sunday in August

Ministers called: Earl Mosley, Chester Gibson, Willie V. Slone,

H.B. Reedy Jr.

Tolson Creek

Union Meeting: Fourth Saturday and Sunday in June

Ministers called: Toby Breeding, Squire Watts, Kenzie Ison,

Carson Wright, Bill Halcomb, Milburn Slone, Bert Fields,

Ellis Amburgey

Communion: Fourth Sunday in July

Memorial: Fourth Sunday in August

Ministers called: Toby Breeding, Ellis Adams, Don Halcomb,

Ricky Tackett, Danny Dixon, Roger Gibson, Bill Moore,

Virgil Combs

Big Creek

Union Meeting: Fourth Saturday and Sunday in June

Ministers called: Charles Shepherd, Roger Gibson, John Preece

Communion: Fourth Sunday in July

Memorial: Fourth Sunday in August

Ministers called: Elwood Cornett, Don Pratt, Gary Mosley,

Jim Fields, Ted Everage, Jerry Caudill

August

Defeated Creek

Union Meeting: Second Saturday and Sunday in August

Ministers called: I.D. Back, Kenzie Ison, Charles Shepherd,

Eugene Wilder, Danny Dixon

Communion: Second Sunday in August

Memorial: Second Sunday in July

Ministers called: Agnon Back, Ellis Adams, Harvey Creech,

Squire Watts, H.B. Reedy Jr.

Hurricane Gap

Union Meeting: Third Saturday and Sunday in August

Ministers called: Toby Breeding, Barry Tiller, H.B. Reedy Jr.

Communion: Third Sunday in August

Memorial: Third Sunday in October

Ministers called: John Preece, Elwood Cornett, Eugene Wilder

September

Little Mary

Union Meeting: Second Saturday and Sunday in September

Ministers called: Danny Dixon, Carson Wright, Gary Mosley,
Toby Breeding

Communion: Second Sunday in October

Memorial: Second Sunday in August

Ministers called: Lonnie Sexton, Ellis Adams, John B. Hamilton,
Ellis Amburgey

Delegates to the 1992 Association

Cedar Grove Taylor Watson, Danny Campbell, Carl Smith
New Home Chester Gibson, Euel Ratliff, Birtchell Mosley
Defeated Creek Matt Cornett, Marvin Miller, Keith Smith
Reynolds Fork Paul Watson, Delmar Moore, Hiram Moore
Little Bull Creek Virgil Combs, Earl Combs
Ivy Point Albert Slone, Orbin Slone, Taulby Mosley
Little Dove Ivan Amburgey, John Preece, Danny Amburgey
Tolson Creek Quentin Day, Woodrow Whitaker, Coy Wright
Dixon Memorial Carl Back, Homer Smith, Allen Whitaker
Big Creek Doug Gibson, Coburn Ison, Billy Maggard
Happy Home Alger Mullins, Landis Everage, Ollie Mullins
New Bethlehem Robert Everage, Calvin Creech, Melvin Creech
Clear Fork Frank Fugate, David Grigsby, Burley Combs Jr.
Northern New Home ... E. Robert Miller, Mark Dotson, Frank Copley
Blair Branch Ellis Adams, Rodney Ison, Bob Banks
Mt. Olivet I.D. Back, Agnan Back, Jimmy Adams
Little Zion Gillis Reedy, Ross S. Hill, Jim Fields
Hurricane Gap Ivan Cornett, Freddy Frazier, Charles Shepherd
Kingdom Come Bert Fields, George Roark, Roger Fields
Poor Fork Harvey Creech, Joe Ison, Barry Newsome
Big Cowan L.D. Sumpter, Charles Raleigh, Jerry Day
Little Mary Clifford Hughes, Allen Tolliver, Lonnie Gregory
Mount Zion Donald Collins, Earl Mosley, L.D. Mosley
Friendship George Shea, Roger Gibson
Little Bethlehem H.B. Reedy, Sr., H.B. Reedy, Jr., Ricky Tackett
Little Bethany Hurley Short, James Slone, Hershel Short
Garden of Love Gary Mosley, Timothy Smith, Carlos Mosley

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HC 60, Box 6060, Litt Carr, KY 41834	
Ollie Mullins	642-3952
HCR 74, Box 2025, Amburgey, KY 41801	
Layton Phipps	877-2683
9577 Jackson Runyan Rd., Pleasant Plain, OH 45162	
Donald K. Pratt	642-3815
Box 705, Big Smith Branch Rd., Sassafras, KY 41759	
Euel Ratliff	324-9793
3409 Slem St., Ashland, KY 41101	
H.B. Reedy Jr.	436-4855
Hazard, KY 41701	
H.B. Reedy Sr.	785-5719
Box 31, Brinkley, KY 41805	
Odis Ritchie	251-3683
Talcum, KY 41765	
J. Nelson Seals	642-3094
Litt Carr, KY 41834	
Lonnie Sexton	642-3128
HC 60, Box 7130, Litt Carr, KY 41834	
Charles Shepherd	589-5458
HC 77, Box 90 Gordon, KY 41819	
Darrell Short	785-5396
Leburn, KY 41831	
Hurley Short	498-0669
Box 35, Jeffersonville, KY 40337	
Albert Slone	None Listed
Topmost, KY 41862	

Carl Slone	785-5595
Hindman, Ky 41822	
James Slone	None Listed
Means, KY 40346	
Milburn Slone	785-5863
Garner, KY 41817	
Homer Smith	633-0281
HC 71, Box 801, Jeremiah, KY 41826	
Timothy Smith	None Listed
237 N. Cherry St., St. Mary's OH 45885	
Irvin Stollings	(513) 631-7085
2274 Madison Ave., Norwood, OH 45212	
Woodrow Wilson Tackett	836-1458
2012 Court St., Fltwoods, KY 41139	
Jack Varney	(513) 575-4256
1379 Fay Rd., Loveland, OH 45140	
Paul Watson	785-5028
P.O. Box 15, Mallie, KY 41836	
Squire Watts	642-3504
Red Fox, KY 41847	
Allen Whitaker	633-9486
HC 71, Box 624, Jeremiah, KY 41826	
Roger Whitaker	633-8504
HCR 85, Box 2194 Premium, KY 41845	
Rulah Whitaker	633-5819
HC 85, Box 1882, Isom, KY 41824	
Eugene Wilder	848-5480
Box 178, Lynch, KY 40855	
Alton Young	785-3017
Mallie, KY 41836	

Statistical Table

Church	Rec'd by Exp. & Baptism	Rec'd by Letter	Restored	Rec'd by Recon/Appl. c.	Dismissed by Letter	Lost by Death	Excluded	Total Membership	Meeting Time	Sunday Service Time	Contribution
Cedar Grove	4	0	0	0	0	7	1	181	4	9:30	300
New Home	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	48	1	9:30	100
Defeated Creek	1	0	0	0	0	3	0	26	2	9:30	150
Reynolds Fork	6	0	1	0	0	1	2	52	3	9:30	160
A Little Bull Creek	3	0	1	0	1	1	2	74	3	6:00	100
Ivy Point	18	4	0	0	1	0	5	79	4	6:00	100
Little Dove	3	0	0	1	3	3	2	139	2	9:30	300
Tolson Creek	2	0	0	0	1	0	1	31	4	9:30	100
Dixon Memorial	1	1	1	0	0	3	0	52	4	9:30	125
A Big Creek	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	19	4	6:30	100
Happy Home	2	0	1	0	1	2	0	32	1	9:30	125
New Bethlehem	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	33	3	9:30	100
Clear Fork	6	0	0	0	0	2	0	36	1	6:00	90
Northern New Home	1	10	0	0	0	0	2	110	4	6:00	100
Blair Branch	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	92	3	6:30	225
Mt. Olivet	1	0	2	0	0	1	5	140	1	6:30	300
Little Zion	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	26	2	6:30	125
Hurricane Gap	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	36	3	6:30	125
Kingdom Come	3	2	0	0	0	3	0	15	1	9:30	75
Poor Fork	2	1	0	0	0	4	0	37	1	6:30	150
Big Cowan	1	0	0	0	0	1	2	41	4	9:30	150
Little Mary	0	1	0	0	3	1	0	29	2	9:30	150
Mount Zion	5	0	0	1	0	0	0	25	2	6:30	50
Friendship	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	3	5:00	50
Little Bethlehem	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	38	4	9:30	100
Little Bethany	2	0	0	0	4	0	1	13	4	6:30	50
Garden of Love	9	0	0	0	0	1	0	24	3	7:00	50
Totals	78	21	6	2	16	38	24	1,438			3,550

Obituaries

Miller Adams



As I sit here on my beloved daddy's front porch, with a soft breeze blowing and a gentle rain falling, it reminds me of how much Daddy enjoyed sitting here watching the rain or waving at passersby. It seems to make my loving task of writing this a whole lot easier.

Daddy was born Millard Adams on November 6, 1911 in the hills of southeastern Kentucky. He passed away July 8, 1991 in King's Daughters' Hospital in Madison, Indiana. He was 79 years old.

On May 24, 1936 he married his only love, Charma (Ferguson) Adams, who preceded him in death July 16, 1988. They had fifty-two beautiful years together. To this union were born six children: James Adams of Vevay, Ind., Shelby Jean Miles of Plainfield, Ind., Barbara Adams, who died as an infant, Bennett Adams of Dupont, Ind., Henrietta Lightle of Dupont, Ind., and Douglas Adams of Columbus, Ind.

Daddy worked in the coal mines of Kentucky from a boy up. After we moved to Indiana, he started working for Arvin's Industries in Seymour, Indiana and retired from there. He was also a farmer.

Daddy loved the Lord and he taught us kids to do the same. He never faltered in his faith and when times were lean he'd say, "Trust in the Lord, he'll provide the way," and He always did.

He was a member of the big Creek Old Regular Baptist Church of Dupont, Indiana, and he loved attending services. He treated everyone as he wanted to be treated. He was loved by many and missed by all.

Left to mourn his passing are his children, eleven grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren; one brother, Harrison Adams of Vevay, Ind.; and three sisters: Hattie Amburgy of Pinetop, Ky., and Dorothy Morgon and Lucy Venters of Lexington, Ky.

We miss him terribly, we love him totally and are thankful that he is in God's hands now, and we await the day we can be together again.

I miss you Daddy. I'm so thankful that I got to be with you and care for you for the last four years of your life. You helped me, with God's help also, to get over Mom's death. There are still times I can hear you call my name — so I know that you are near. Rest now in God's loving arms, you and Mom can be together now and if it is God's will, we will all be as one again on judgment day.

Sadly missed and loved, by your daughter, Henrietta Lightle

Fannie Back



By the help of the Lord, I will try to write the obituary of Fannie Back. Fannie lived her life in Letcher County, was born August 3, 1916 and died July 17, 1992. Fannie's husband, Lou Back, passed away March 28, 1970. She was the mother of eleven children: Burchiss, James, Alta, Carolyn, Mary, Noah, Sharon, Rodney, Bennie, Roger and Jerry.

Fannie was truly a good mother and raised her family with much love and hard work. She taught them the best she could.

Fannie turned to the Lord late in life. We feel that our loss is Heaven's gain.

Elder Charles T. Shepherd



Jack Brown (1912-1991)

*Somewhere, under a bluer sky
In a higher realm than where eagles fly,
In a land of beauty beyond our knowing,
With trees and flowers and waters flowing,
And mountains of unearthly grace
Our loving Lord has made a place . . .
And one day, through an opening door
We find that glorious evermore.*

"For ye shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace: the mountains and the hills shall break forth before you into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands."

The chilly wind is blowing. The leaves have fallen. The mountains look so sad. But, angels are rejoicing that a child of the King has come home.

Jack Brown was a good man. He loved the Lord. He loved everybody and spent his Christian life persuading friends and strangers alike that Heaven is worth it all.

On December 31, 1912 a baby boy was born into the home of the late Jim and Sally Dixon Brown. They called his name Cecil, but everyone knew him as Jack.

He passed from this life on Friday, December 13, 1991 at the Whitesburg Appalachian Regional Hospital, making his life on earth 78 years, eleven months and twelve days.

On February 15, 1941 Jack married Irene Back. Last February 15, Jack and Irene celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary. The names "Jack and Irene" have that special ring that proclaim that they were meant for each other.

Jack and Irene were blessed to have and raise one daughter, Violet Watts of Blackey, Ky., and one son, Robert Brown of Louisa, Ky. They have three grandchildren: John Watts, Neil Watts and Marla Brown. Jack

was the kind of father that God wanted Rob and Violet to have. No man ever loved his children more. He was always there when they needed him. He was thankful to have Bernard Watts as a son-in-law and Anita as a daughter-in-law.

Brother Jack joined the church thirty-seven years ago. He felt the calling to the ministry and for almost thirty-six years he has served the Lord where he felt the Lord wanted him to be. Several months ago he told Irene and some of the brothers of his desire and intention to bring his membership back to the Mount Olivet Church. He wanted to be with Irene.

Jack worked as a carpenter. When the Mount Olivet Church was built, he laid every block in the building. He has laid other building blocks through life, as the church house provides shelter for his neighbors and their children.

In addition to his wife, children and grandchildren, Jack is survived by three brothers, Wendell and Ray of Ulvah, Ky. and Wayne of Indianapolis, Ind., and one sister, Mary Carr of Andover, Kansas.

Jack served in the army during World War II. He enjoyed life and had a special sense of humor. He was an honorable man with little concern for materialistic things.

When he was a little boy, he often looked at a big rock on top of a mountain near Ulvah and said, "Someday I'll have a house up there." In his later years, he built a little cabin on that mountain. He would go there overlooking the valley, enjoying nature and talking with God.

As much as he loved his cabin on top of the mountain, he has found a richer treasure. His journey goes far beyond the mountain to the land of the living. There in that city with the streets of gold and walls of jasper, angels are singing everywhere. The saints are rejoicing. Sickness and sorrow and death are over. Jack has reached home.

Homer Callahan



Homer Callahan was born on July 25, 1921. He was the first child of Mannon and Elizzie Callahan. He started working young and never went to school much.

He met and fell in love with Joyce A. Eldridge from Turkey Creek, and they were married July 27, 1953. From this union they were blessed with two sons and two daughters, Gary and Leon of Cornettsville, Patricia McIntyre of Fusonia, and Brenda Caldwell of Bledsoe in Harlan County.

He never had much money to raise his family, but he managed and did without himself. He was a good husband, father, and grandfather, and was loved by all.

We still have all our good memories of him and will always love and miss him dearly.

He was diagnosed with kidney cancer March 19, 1990. He was no Christian at this time, but he always believed in God and was raised by two very religious and good parents. He always had good values, never bothered anyone, and always paid his bills.

When the time was right for him, he called on God to forgive him for everything and joined Cedar Grove Old Regular Baptist Church in November, 1990.

He died January 20, 1991 at home with his family around him, which was what he wanted. He lived 69 years, five months, and nineteen days on earth, but he is out of his suffering and pain now. We will never forget him and always love him.

We miss you.

Written by his loving wife and children

Mannon Callahan (1897-1992)



With a sad and broken heart, I will try to write the obituary of my grandfather, Mannon Callahan. Mannon was the son of Jack Callahan. He was born March 14, 1897 in Perry County. He passed from this life on February 29, 1992 at the Hazard Medical Center. His stay on earth was 94 years, eleven months and fifteen days.

At age 21, he met and married Lizzie Ison. To this union were born five children. Left to mourn his passing are one daughter, Edna Brashear of Viper, Ky., and two sons, Verlin and Eugene Callahan of Cornettsville, Ky.; ten grandchildren, sixteen great-grandchildren, two half-sisters, two half-brothers, and many friends and relatives.

Mannon joined the church in 1975 and took his membership to the Cedar Grove Old Regular Baptist Church on Linefork.

Mannon was a wonderful father and friend to all who knew him. When he felt good, he would sit around and tell about things that had happened to him when he was younger, and laugh. But now Grandpa has gone on to rest and to be with his beloved wife of sixty-five years, Lizzie. They are now waiting for the rest of us to join them on Heaven's bright shore. We miss and love them both very much.

Written by his granddaughter, Deborah Back

Paul Eugene Cantrell



By the grace of God, and with the help of our family and dear friends, we will attempt to write this obituary of our dearly departed husband, father, and brother, Paul Eugene Cantrell.

Paul was born to Alvin and Orpah Cantrell in Dunham, Kentucky on June 2, 1928. He was a veteran of World War II, having served his country in the U.S. Navy. He was a retired employee of Pet Dairy company. He was baptized into the Northern New Home Old Regular Baptist Church, Goshen, Ohio on April 27, 1980. He had attended the

Indian Creek Freewill Baptist Church, Pound, Virginia for the past several years.

Paul is survived by Jessie Cantrell, his beloved wife of forty-one years; a son, Gregory P. Cantrell of Norton, Va.; one granddaughter, Alison D. Cantrell of Norton, Virginia; two brothers, Bruce Cantrell of Lakeland, Fla, and Earl Cantrell of Midland, N.C.; two sisters, Shelby Jean Hubbard of Pound, Va., and Roma Lee Rowe of Augusta, Ga. He was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers, Carl and Royce, and one sister, Florene Meade.

Paul passed away from this life and earthly existence on Tuesday, April 9, 1991. His stay here on this earth numbered sixty-two years, ten months and seven days.

We are all saddened by his passing and will mourn our loss. We are diminished by his departure, but we take heart in the fact that our loss is Heaven's gain.

Paul lived his life according to the twenty-third psalm. He knew the Lord promised him a better life after this one, but would never guarantee him he would see the next sunrise. He found comfort and security in that

promise and approached his life one day at a time as the Lord saw fit. He loved his God, his country, and his family.

We can all rejoice in the fact that he has gone to a better place where there is no more pain and suffering. We shall all cross the river one day to see him once again. He will be waiting with open arms on that crystal shore to welcome us into God's home. Reunion will be a joyous time.

We miss you Paul, but we know what is to come. We shall see you once again. Praise be to God.

Written by his beloved wife, Jessie Cantrell, and family

Nancy Ann Caudill



Mommy, I have helped you write many obituaries of other people, but I didn't think I would have to put your obituary you wrote yourself in the minute book this soon. If only you knew how much you are missed and needed. There isn't a day or night goes by that I don't talk to you and ask your advice. I know you hear me, because I feel your presence everywhere. Only the good Lord knows how much we loved you and Daddy.

Nancy Ann Caudill was the daughter of the late Joseph and Mary Caudill Hawkins.

She was born in Letcher County, Kentucky on May 23, 1909. She entered eternal life Thursday, December 12, 1991, at her residence at Kingdom Come at Premium, Kentucky being 82 years, six months and nineteen days of age at her passing.

Nancy was married to Arlie Caudill December 13, 1924. He entered eternal life March 9, 1982. She was a member of the Kingdom Come Regular Baptist Church since June, 1942.

She is survived by five sons: Lee Caudill of Pinellas Park, Fla., Grant Caudill of Premium, Ky., Boyd Caudill of Pontiac, Mich., Paul Caudill

of Taylor, Mich., Thomas Caudill of Des Moines, Iowa; six daughters: Emma Meade of Dayton, Ohio, Bessie Jones of Premium, Ky., Essie Mullins of Dearborn Heights, Mich., Sally Jones, Hazel Back, and Sandra Caudill, all of Premium, Ky.; one sister, Myrtle Ison of Oscaloosa, Ky. She is also survived by Jimmy Suffridge, who was like a son to Nancy.

Also surviving are thirty-seven grandchildren, fifty-five great-grandchildren, three great-great-grandchildren, and a host of other relatives and friends to mourn her passing.

Nancy was preceded in death by two sons, Estill Caudill and Lloyd Caudill.

The following was written by Nancy Caudill herself on Tuesday night, the eighth day of January, 1990:

The first things I want to say is to all my children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. I want you all to know that I dearly loved everyone of you, and I want you all to remember the life I lived before you and meet me in Heaven, where I believe with all my heart I am going. You all had a good old daddy, who has gone on before me, and a good brother, Estill. They are waiting for me. I know my little baby, Lloyd, is there too. Children, I want you to pray like you never did before. I believe with all my heart that Hazel and Lee are living a Christian life, and you all can too, if you will only turn everything over to the Lord. Hazel, I want to ask you the same thing Daddy did, please keep our church going on as long as you can in the same, old-fashioned way.

Dear brothers and sisters of the church, I love everybody, and I want you all to keep coming to our little church and help build it up.

I hate to leave all of my family, but I am homesick to go on to see my Savior. It is goodbye, children, on this old earth, but not forever. You can meet me and Daddy in our new home.

Written by me, myself, Nancy Ann Caudill

Ruby Caudill



With a sad heart, I will try to write the obituary of my mother-in-law, Ruby Caudill.

Ruby was born March 21, 1921 and was the daughter of the late Harm and Sarah E. Melton. She entered eternal life on December 21, 1991. Ruby married Bert Caudill on June 18, 1938. To this union were born three daughters and two sons. Two daughters preceded her in death. Ruby joined the Little Dove Church on April 15, 1979 and was baptized. She was a faithful member to attend church when she wasn't sick.

We, the family, will always miss her, but we hope to meet her in Heaven some day.

How Will I Be Remembered?

What will they say about me,

Those whom I hold so dear?

What will they best remember,

When I am no longer here?

Will they recall mistakes I've made,

Battles I never won?

Moments of pain I've caused them,

Things I've left undone?

Will they censor my human failings,

And wish I'd been noble and strong?

Will they scoff at hopes I nurtured,

The dreams that somehow went wrong?

*Or, will they be moved by compassion,
Directed from Heaven above?
To temper their judgments with kindness,
And soften their memories with love.*

Written by Ruby's daughter-in-law, Phyllis J. Caudill

Amos Combs

(6-24-21 - 6-26-92)



With a sad heart and the help of the Lord, I will try, in a humble way, to write the obituary of my brother, Amos Combs.

Amos was the fifth child born to Fred and Lizzy Feltner Combs. He was born June 24, 1921 and passed away at the age of seventy-one on June 26, 1992.

Amos, at the time of his passing, left surviving him two brothers, Robert and Jimmy Combs, both of Hazard, Ky.; three sisters, Blanche Yates of Hazard, Ky., Georgia Thomas of California, and Louise Gayheart of Indiana; and a host of nieces and nephews.

When just a young man, Amos's country called upon him to serve in World War II and he gladly answered their calling. Amos received various military commendations for his time served. Amos served his country well, but like many others came home disabled. Amos came back to the old homeplace where he spent the rest of his life. The homeplace is now empty, a lonely place filled with lots of wonderful memories.

In 1990, Amos was found to have that terrible disease, cancer. He bore his sickness without complaint. One evening in 1991, as he and I sat alone, he informed me he needed to get his name on the Clear Fork Church Book. I inquired if he felt that he was ready and he assured me he had repented a long time ago. In May 1991, Amos gave his hand to the Clear Fork Church and was received with great joy. In the month of June 1991, although very sick, he was baptized into full fellowship of the church.

Amos's sickness kept him from attending church. Along with several other members of our family, we miss Amos, but we feel our loss is Heaven's gain.

So, to Amos's loved ones, we feel like we have a little family in Heaven. Like the old writer said, they can't come back to us, but by the help of God we can go to them.

Written by Elder Robert Combs

Pearl Combs



Elder Granvil P. Combs was born September 3, 1900 in Letcher County, Kentucky. He departed this life on March 7, 1990, making his stay here on earth 89 years, six months and four days. He was united in marriage to Doris Moore, who preceded him in death. To this union were born five children, three sons and two daughters. One son preceded him in death.

He later married Vodney Burk, who preceded him in death. He leaves to mourn his passing his wife, Lizzie Constable Combs; two sons, Charles of Piketon, Ohio and James of Indianapolis, Ind.; two daughters, Jacklin Darnell of Lima, Ohio and Gertrude McComas of Cridersville, Ohio; two stepdaughters, Dr. Sherry Hall of Waverly, Ohio, and Connie Stonerock of Piketon, Ohio; twelve grandchildren, sixteen great-grandchildren, one great-great-grandchild, and a host of friends.

He was a retired coal miner and a U.S. Army veteran. Granvil came to the Lord at an early age. He loved the Lord with all his soul and talked about Him with everyone that he met. His favorite song was "Great High Mountain."

This world's loss was Heaven's gain.

Written by brothers and sisters in Christ

Truby Cornett Husband, Father, Grandfather and Brother



My dad, Truby Cornett, was born on Dix Fork of Lotts Creek on June 25, 1924 to Nathaniel and Cora (Smith) Cornett. He was one of ten children, four of whom died of diphtheria at a very young age.

While serving in the army during World War II, Dad was severely injured in his right foot and leg. Although he never complained, pain was a daily reminder of his injuries. We, his family, would almost forget about his injury sometimes, except for a slight limp that was always evident in his walk.

After he was discharged from the army, Dad married his childhood sweetheart, Bonnie Jean Smith, on May 2, 1947. She is the daughter of Goodloe and Mariah Smith. I am the only child and daughter resulting from their marriage, and I feel very blessed to have grown up in a home where I received love and the proper guidance. As I was growing up, Dad always talked a lot about the Bible. I often wondered how he knew about the things he would talk of. I soon learned that his mother had taken her children to church when the only place they had to sit was a tree stump or a wooden stand built under the trees. His mother would also read the Bible to her children, and my dad listened and remembered.

Dad suffered a heart attack and had to have heart surgery in 1977. As a result, he had to retire in 1980, after 26 years as a heavy equipment mechanic for the Department of Transportation. During his illness in 1977, Dad remembered again the words his mother read to him from the Bible when he was a boy. It was then that he asked God to come into his life and save his soul.

God brought Dad through many health problems in the past fifteen years, and I am so thankful, not only for Mom's and my time with him,

but I'm thankful that my children, Shannon and Dustin, had the opportunity to know, love, and learn from their Papaw. He loved them very much.

Dad joined the Clear Fork Regular Baptist Church on April 19, 1987, and was baptized on May 2, 1987. He was always eager to tell us about his God and what he felt we had to do to become children of God. At night, he would talk to Mom about God and how he prayed to be taken quickly when his time came.

On Tuesday night, February 11, 1992, at age 67, while he sat in his chair at home, Dad's heart stopped beating. He was taken quickly. He leaves to mourn his passing his wife, Bonnie Jean, one daughter, Janelle Johnson, son-in-law, Larry Johnson, one grandson, Larry Dustin, and one granddaughter, Shannon Nicole, all of Fisty, Ky. He also leaves behind two sisters, Margaret Davidson of Hazard, Ky. and Vonnice Owens of Fisty, Ky.

There's a void in our hearts and our lives that can never be filled. The loneliness is always there. But when we are very weak and low, God reminds us of the many, many times Dad told us that he would take nothing in this world for the hope he had of going to Heaven. That is our strength and our comfort.

Dad, we all love you and miss you very much!

Your loving daughter, Janelle

Elder Lewis Craft

It is with a sad and broken heart that I will try, with the help of God, to write the obituary of Elder Lewis Craft.

Brother Lewis was born May 26, 1912 and departed this life April 2, 1992 being 79 years old.

He leaves to mourn his passing his companion, Sister Myrtle; one daughter, Joella Collier of Pikeville, Ky.; three sons, Frankie



Craft of Indianapolis, Ind., William Craft of Onsted, Mich., and Johnny Craft of Hyden, Ky.; one stepson, Guy Pigman of Louisville, Ky.; four brothers, Watson Craft of Florence, Ky., Morgan Craft of Millstone, Ky., Ira Craft of Junction City, Ga., and Archie Craft of Springfield, Ohio; one sister, Dricilla Davidson of Petersburg, Ky.; seven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. Preceding Brother Lewis in death were his parents, Archie and Pricy Adkins Craft, one companion, Henny Ritter, and eleven brothers and sisters.

Brother Lewis was a man who had values and lived by them. He worked hard to provide for his family and tried to give his children a good education. He worked as a miner for fifteen years, taught school for eight years, and in 1949 began to work at the Kentucky Power Company, where he retired twenty-five years later. In 1964 he met and married Sister Myrtle Combs, who always stayed by his side through the heat and cold. Together, they worked side by side in raising their children, always teaching them about God, and how to get along in this life. They were so proud of all of their children.

Early in life Brother Lewis saw the need of a savior, and in 1949 he gave his hand to the Sandlick Old Regular Baptist Church. Two years later Brother Lewis was called to preach. It was a job that God had given him and one which Brother Lewis performed well. Many times he would be called upon during the night and he and Sister Myrtle and the children would get up and go, never complaining. Sometimes it would be just to sing a song, for everybody loved to hear Brother Lewis sing. As I heard him sing, I thought of Solomon when he said, "The singing of the birds is come." Sometimes it would be just to hear him pray, for he could pray so beautifully.

Brother Lewis also served as moderator for years and helped many churches as clerk. Whatever his job was, he always tried to do it well. I believe he was one whom Paul said "was worthy of double honor." Many of you have seen Brother Lewis preaching with little Johnny in his arms. I believe Brother Lewis could truly say, like Paul, "I have fought a good fight, I have kept the faith," and now finally he has gone after his crown.

We all are sad now and weeping as we miss him already, but let's remember one of his favorite scriptures in the 30th Psalm, "Weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning." Another one was, "There's a time for everything. A time to be born and a time to die."

Brother Lewis's time came the other night when he finally got to live out his favorite song, "I Won't Have to Cross Jordan Alone," for surely Jesus was there waiting and I believe he said, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant. Come now and enter into thy reward." I can't keep on writing everything that is coming to me, for it's coming so fast and I feel the Spirit as I write this, but let's remember that Brother Lewis is now waiting like Job when he said, "All the days of my appointed time will I wait, till my change comes. Thou shalt call and I will answer thee."

So, in closing, I say to my friend and father in the Lord, Brother Lewis, just sleep on and soon we will join you. To Sister Myrtle I say, don't weep for Brother Lewis, for he is happy now and singing with the angels. He's not sick anymore. To the children I say, remember Sister Myrtle, for she loves you all and needs you now more than ever.

Written by a brother in hope, Brother Dwight Amburgey

Lewis B. Day



With a lonely heart, and the help of God, I will try to write the obituary of my loving husband, Lewis B. Day. He was the son of Samuel Day and Nancy Jane Amburgey. Born July 13, 1909, he departed this life October 20, 1991. He was preceded in death by two brothers and two sisters. Still living are Bertha Jones and Beatrice Turner.

In the year of 1927, he met and married Elizabeth Ashley. To this union were born five children, two sons and three daughters. One son preceded him in death, Lewis Day

Jr. Surviving him are his wife, Evelyn Day; one son, Chris Day, Oneida, Tenn.; Nadine Lewis and Lois Mullins of Glasgow, Ky. and Yvonne Day of Nashville, Tenn.; one stepdaughter, Anna Grizzle Hileman; fourteen grandchildren, fourteen great-grandchildren, three great-great-grandchildren, three step-grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews.

He joined the Old Regular Baptist Church, took fellowship with Little Home Church, and served as deacon, then later lifted his letter and took it to Little Bethlehem Church, where he served as an ordained minister and moderator, along with other churches, where he served as moderator also. His whole life's desire was to be a helper for the upkeep of the Old Regular Baptist faith and order. Later in life he moved to Virginia, where he met and married Evelyn Grizzle Hale. There he continued his love for the churches. He traveled many miles to be with his brothers and sisters in the churches. His door was always opened to all that would go home with him. By the life he lived, we believe our loss is Heaven's gain. He will be missed by all who knew him. To all his family and friends, get ready to meet him in a better world.

Written by a broken-hearted widow, Evelyn Day

Colonel Eldridge



Colonel Eldridge was born June 2, 1908 in Letcher County, Kentucky. He was the youngest son of William Preston and Elizabeth Crase Eldridge. In April 1928 he married Angelina Caudill, who preceded him in death in 1970. To this union were born five children: Gertrude Hicks, who preceded him in death in 1974, Kenneth of Milan, Clinton of Sunman, Clyde of Lawrenceburg, and Ida Richards of Tampa, Florida.

In September 1974 Colonel married Alice Watts, who brought him great happiness and comfort. She also survives him.

Colonel was a member of the Cedar Grove Old Regular Baptist Church and had been since the 1930s. He was called to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ and was ordained in the 1950s.

Besides Alice and his four surviving children, he leaves to mourn his passing twenty grandchildren and thirty-six great-grandchildren, as well as a host of other friends, relatives, and brothers and sisters in Christ.

Written by his grandson, Gary Lynn Eldridge

Bacil Evans

Bacil Evans was born January 22, 1904 to Jame Evans and Mary Belle Godsey Evans in Perry County, Kentucky. In February of 1930 he was married to Norma Smith Evans and to this union were born four children, three daughters: Peggy Lynn, Wilma Irene and Mary Lou; and one son, James S. Evans.

Basil was employed in the coal mining business until he was injured in a coal mine accident, after which he moved to Michigan and worked for the McLouth Steel Corporation. After his retirement from McLouth, he returned to the family farm, where he lived until his death on June 27, 1922.

Dad was proceeded in death by his wife, Norma, who died four and one-half years earlier. He suffered the loss of his right leg in 1989 and was bedfast for three years. Bacil had seventeen grandchildren and seventeen great-grandchildren. We, children and all of the grandchildren, mourn Dad's passing, but feel blessed to have Dad live to be eighty-three years old. He was interred in the family cemetery at Scuddy, Kentucky.

Dad joined the Little Dove Church in August of 1989.

Written by his girl, Peggy Lynn McIntyre

Nancy Everage



Sister Nancy was born in Knott County, Kentucky on June 20, 1942 to Linzy and Fannie (Tuttle) Mosley, and fell asleep in Jesus April 8, 1992. At a very young age she met and married George Everage, and to this union were born four sons: Michael, George Jr., Jimmy and Matthew, all of St. Mary's, and four daughters: Lorraine Everage, Mrs. James (Vicky) Beckman, Mrs. Matt (Jo Ann) Pendergraft, and Mrs. Paul (Denise) Cassidy, all of St. Mary's. She also leaves to mourn their loss ten grandchildren, her father, Linzy, and four sisters: Mrs. Olden (Jean) Burke, Columbus, Ohio, Mrs. Donald (Wanda) Francis, St. Mary's Ohio, Mrs. Sterling (Louvella) Marcum, Inez, Ky., and Mrs. John (Roshella) Calhoun, Clio, Michigan; and four brothers: Earl and Carl of Hindman, Ky., Cary and Carlos of Lima, Ohio. She was preceded in death by her mother.

I watched Sister Nancy grow with her family, and like all of us with big families, she went through some hard times, but it never seemed to dim her happy smile and warm greeting. When her family and friends would come to visit, she had a love that reached out and shone about her, and you would always feel uplifted when you came away. Even when she became ill with that dreadful disease, cancer, as we watched her walk in the shadow of death, her faith and trust in the Lord shone even brighter and she would still greet you with that loving smile and say, "I'm glad you came."

Sister Nancy felt the need for the Savior while still a young mother, and joined the Church at Lima, Ohio and was baptized November 16, 1969. She was faithful to her church and filled her seat right to the end.

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Only three days before she died, when she was so sick, she asked the brothers to come and have church in her home. She sat up in bed and sang,

"I'll Fly Away in the Morning," and shouted and praised and blessed the Lord, and the next three days she quietly and gracefully slipped away to Jesus.

Children, your mother taught you well and it showed in the kind, loving way you took care of her while she lay sick. Brother George, you and Nancy had the kind of relationship that most people only dream of having. Nancy was happy with her family, but now she has moved on to a happier home, where she can shout and give praise to the one she put her trust in forever. Surely the angels must have rejoiced when Sister Nancy took her flight and entered into that peaceful rest to await the voice of the Arch Angel, to awake them that sleep to an everlasting life. She will be missed at the Garden of Love Church, but deep in our hearts our spirit can witness how good it is to rest in the Lord.

By Sister Mary Triplett

Ella Fields



Ella Roark Fields was born in Letcher County, Kentucky, April 25, 1905 and entered eternal life September 11, 1991 at the Whitesburg Hospital at the age of 86 years, four months and seventeen days.

Ella is the daughter of the late George Roark, and Loiusa Fouts Roark. She was united in marriage to the late Elder R.H. Fields.

Ella is survived by seven children: Everette Fields, Edward Fields, Bruce Fields and Bert Fields, and three daughters: Verna Day, Elaine Hoegeman, Ruby Burns.

Other survivors include seventeen grandchildren, and twenty-five great-grandchildren.

Granny, you're gone now, and Kingscreek has lost one of its precious old gems, and you are missed by so many near and far, and Granny, although you never gave us any indication as to how you believed while on this earth, I am praying each and every day that you're up in Heaven, walking around in sweet Beulah land. I hope to meet you some sweet day after while, where we'll live on and I will forever see your smile. I love and miss you so much now, Granny, and I'm still grieving. I miss seeing you out working in your flowers and calling our house every day.

And Granny, I hope you're not lonely way up there, like you were down here many hours.

Granny, your children all miss you and Pa, and there's not a day goes by that you're not mentioned in their prayers. I pray you're happy, oh, Granny dear, and that you never have to shed another sad or lonesome tear. Sing us a sweet song from up there and tell all the angels that I'm coming up there. I want to tell the world when He called you, that you were a rare and beautiful flower. I'll always love you, Granny, and miss you forever.

Vina (Lusk) (Pratt) Fields



Vina Lusk was born August 27, 1910. she was the daughter of William H. and Elizabeth (Whitaker) Lusk. Vina departed this life on March 19, 1992, making her stay here 81 years, six months and twenty days.

Early in life Vina met and married Jephtha Pratt on May 14, 1922, and to this union was born one son, Hargis Pratt. Hargis was born dead in 1934. Jephtha preceded her in death many years ago.

Vina spent her life caring for the sick and elderly, who were unable to care for them-

selves. She went from house to house up creeks and hollows to help those who needed help.

She took her elderly grandmother into her home and cared for her until she died, as well as an uncle who had no one to help him, whom she kept until death claimed him.

Vina joined Big Leatherwood Old Regular Baptist Church and remained a member of the Church almost fifty years.

On December 7, 1979, Vina met and married Elder James D. Fields. James preceded her in death.



Verda Amburgey Franklin

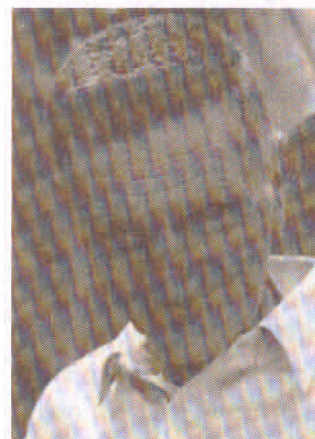
She was born October 27, 1918 and died April 24, 1992. She is survived by two sons, William and James, and five daughters: Nadine Handshoe, Carolyn Campbell, Janet Nickles, Glenda White and Doris Johnson. she is also survived by two brothers, Wiley and Monroe Jr., fourteen grandchildren, five great-grandchildren, and one step-great-grandchild.

Verda loved the church and she loved everybody in it. She was baptized into the Little Dove Church on November 15, 1987.

Our loss is Heaven's gain.

Written by her loving daughter

Clarence Griffie
(1916 - 1992)



Clarence Griffie was born on May 28, 1916 on Turkey Creek at Banks, Kentucky. He passed from this life on May 26, 1992, making his stay on earth two days short of seventy-six years.

Not counting the heartaches, disappointments and sickness, Brother Clarence had a long and rich life, filled with many wonderful blessings. It would be impossible to name every blessing the great God of Heaven has bestowed upon him, but I will try to set forth a few of them.

On June 15, 1935 he married Mattie Caudill, who remained a loving and devoted wife for the remainder of his life. To this union were born two fine sons and three precious daughters: Bobby Griffie of Cornettsville, Ky., Kenneth Griffie of Lexington, Ky., Claudette Watts of Red Fox, Ky., Renavae Malone of Lexington, Ky., Sandra Kerns of Wilmore, Ky. Also left to mourn his passing are seven grandchildren, three great-grandchildren, one brother and three sisters: Marlin Griffie, Mary Bowling, Dellree Cornett and Travis Ison.

Brother Clarence was an honest, hard-working man who raised his family by being a farmer, lumberjack and coal miner, until being disabled in 1963. Many years ago Brother Clarence realized his lost condition and his need to return to God. After praying until being delivered from his burden of sin, he joined the Big Leatherwood Old Regular Baptist Church and was baptized in 1957. The church began to see his good works and sincerity in serving God and shortly thereafter he was ordained as a deacon. In June 1973, Brother Clarence and Sister Mattie brought their membership to the Cedar Grove Old Regular Baptist Church, where they have remained. He has fulfilled his deaconship well by being a light and

inspiration to us younger brothers and sisters, to the Church, and to the community. He loved his family and always counseled and advised them in the ways of the Lord. God blessed him to see three of his children profess a hope in Christ and be baptized and come into the Church.

A book could be written about the life and sayings of Clarence Griffie. One of his favorite sayings was, "Now boys, the truth will stand when the world is on fire."

That which he hoped and prayed for above everything else, he has now attained. Surely we can see some stones piled up and know the way he has gone. So for now, it is just so long for a short while. For there will be a grand and glorious reunion.

Elder Squire Watts

Corbett Hale



With God's help, I will write the obituary of Corbett Hale, my friend and my dad.

He was born the son of Elam Hale and Virgie Madden in Bath, Kentucky, June 2, 1910. He was one of seven children by this marriage. The Lord called him to his eternal home on the first day of May, 1992.

Dad was united in marriage May 15, 1931 to Dovie Bentley. Just one year ago Mom and Dad were fortunate to celebrate their sixtieth wedding anniversary. To this union were born six sons and three daughters. The children are: Carlie, Charles, Maywood, Margaret, Ivan, Billy, LaVerne, Everett and Nathan. He also leaves twenty-four grandchildren and twenty-two great-grandchildren.

Dad was a big man, a logger for many years, standing over six feet tall, and carried the word of God and his worn and ragged Bible as he traveled. He was very proud to have been an Old Regular Baptist preacher for over forty-four years. He told all who would listen to his story of life as he

traveled fifty-seven trips from Washington state to the hills of Kentucky. Most of these trips were as a delegate to the annual sessions of the association. Some of you may remember his ever-present car top carrier, which stated, "Tacoma, Washington to Hindman, Kentucky."

Dad was always quick with a smile and a friendly conversation. He loved to discuss the Bible. He might call at any time and inquire about cross-references on a topic he may have been researching.

Dad lived 81 years, eleven months here on earth. We will always miss him, until we meet him again in Heaven, where joys will never end, where there will be no more pain or sorrow.

Dad called for me as he lay on his death bed, and as we talked, his concern was his children – where their souls were going, and what was needed to be done to prepare for a better, eternal home. He asked that we "keep the family circle together," and that we "love one another" and "remember the home that can be ours in Heaven."

He was very proud of his family and loved them very deeply. He loved to share with other people the memories of his lifetime. He cannot come back to us, but we can go where he is. Dad set a good example. Let us all try to meet him here. Let us all strive for a better life, so we can meet around the throne of God.

Written by his son, Everett Hale

William H. Hamilton Jr.



William H. Hamilton Jr. was born September 14, 1947. He passed away suddenly May 1, 1992. He leaves behind his wife, Jo Ann, daughter, Amiee, father, Wm. Hamilton Sr., stepmom, Bea Hamilton, two brothers, Jim and Gayle Hamilton, one nephew, Wm. Hamilton III, as well as some aunts and uncles.

You are gone, but not forgotten, not a day or night I don't think of you. Your dad and

I visit your grave very often. Seems it's not real you had to leave so young. I had known William since he was twelve-and-a-half years old, and loved him as my own. He was always good to me, and we never got mad at each other or said an unkind word to each other. I always tried to do my best to help him. I feel William is at peace, as I have had some wonderful dreams about him. I'm looking forward to meeting him in Heaven someday. So rest in peace until we meet again.

With God's help, written by his stepmom, Sister Bea Hamilton

Albert & Naomi (Oma) Hill

"Dad saw visions . . . while Mom dreamed dreams."



Albert H. Hill, son of James and Pearl Whitaker Hill, and Naomi Wells, daughter of Preston and Mary Jane Lewis Wells, were married March 23, 1935. To this union six children were born: Darrell, James, Dale, Geraldine, Lois, and Glenda. They were both members of Poorfork Old Regular Baptist Church of Cumberland, where they served for many years as deacon and deaconess.

Albert departed this life on January 23, 1975. Services were held January 25, at one o'clock p.m. at the church. Interment fol-

lowed at Maggard Cemetery with Rev. Billy Stanton and J.D. Maggard officiating. In addition to his wife and children, he is survived by one brother and five sisters.

Naomi (Oma) left this life January 17, 1992. Services were held on January 19 at the church. Elders Jim Fields, Charles Shepherd, Eugene Wilder, and Harvey Creech officiated. Burial was beside her husband. The six children survive, along with two sisters.

Dad's vision . . .

"While working in a mine, I saw a ball of fire. It was so real I could feel the heat. I fell on my knees and started praying. I prayed for two nights. I looked up and saw an angel. I gazed upward to see the angel's face. It must have been twenty feet tall. I knew I was saved at that moment.

Mom's dreams . . .

Mom dreamed repeatedly about following Jesus up a mountain, always keeping a part of Him in sight. She also dreamed of eating manna while here on earth.

Elsie C. Huff



With much sadness and also with joy in my heart, I will try to write the obituary of Elsie C. Huff.

Elsie was born May 27, 1950 to Arnie and Perley Cornett and passed from this life January 1, 1991. She was a devoted member of the Hurricane Gap Old Regular Baptist Church. Although Elsie was bedfast, she attended church regularly. Elsie was loved by everyone and she loved everyone. Elsie will sleep in the Henry C. Cornett Cemetery until the good Lord comes to get all His saints. It has been a pleasure for me to have known Elsie and she inspired me in the spirit and encouraged me to go on when I was low in the valley.

Written by a brother in the Lord, and a friend,
Elder Charles T. Shepherd

Richard Eugene Jent



Richard Eugene Jent, son of James and Norma Jent, was born June 24, 1972 at Hazard ARH. He passed from this life January 30, 1992 in a vehicle accident at Hallie, Kentucky, being only nineteen years, seven months and six days of age at his passing. Richard worked at McDonald's in Hazard, Kentucky for about two years.

Richard is survived by his parents, James Jent and Norma Whitaker Jent, both of Hallie, Ky., and two sisters, Amanda Jent of Hallie, Ky. and Teresa Lynn Jent of London, Ky.

We would like to honor the loving memory of our son and brother with this poem:

Sands of Time

*The sands of time, stands so still,
While our hearts wait to heal.*

*Our lives are now empty; but our memories grow strong.
We loved each moment as they came along.*

*His smile warmed our souls, and touched our lives
We will never forget the shine of his eyes.*

*The kindness and love he showed us all
Gave us strength and made us tall.*

*He made us laugh, he made us cry,
He himself was the reason why.*

*The tears we shed for Richie, our brother,
Makes us grow closer to one another.*

*Richie, you'll never, ever know,
How much, Richie, we loved you so!*

Missed by all; Written by his loving parents,
James and Norma, and sisters, Amanda and Teresa

Kennis Johnson



Kennis Johnson was born March 3, 1920 in Rowan County, Kentucky, and departed this life August 2, 1992. He was the son of the late Tom and Rozennie Caudill Johnson.

Although he had been handicapped since early childhood, he never gave up and was a retired farmer. He married Eula Katherine Bumgardner on June 8, 1946. They were the parents of four daughters: Katrina McCarty, Sharon McCarty, Pam Buckler and Tam Easterling. He was also blessed with eight grandchildren and two step-grandchildren, whom he dearly loved. One grandchild pre-

ceded him in death.

He also left four brothers and five sisters to mourn his passing. Three brothers preceded him in death.

He was a faithful member of the Little Mary Church and will be greatly missed by family and friends.

Written by his wife, Eula Johnson

Delno Miniard



It is with much sorrow and sadness that we will try to write the obituary of our father, Delno Miniard. Dad was born to George and Sarah Shepherd Miniard August 12, 1903 and passed from this life August 16, 1992. Although our grief is new and hard to bare, we feel our father has gone to a better home. He was a good husband, father and grandfather. There were ten children born to Delno Miniard and Mamie Gross Miniard, nine of whom are still living: Vernon Miniard, Marjorie Holbrook, Nazie Caudill, Mabel Birkla, Tommie Smith, Odell Miniard,

Gladean Shepherd, Frances Cornett, and Carolyn Pratt. George Miniard is deceased.

He was a retired coal miner and farmer. He lived all his life in Perry County and was a faithful member of the Hurricane Gap Old Regular Baptist Church. Dad was never happy after our mother died, in November 1986, but we know they are happy together around the throne of God.

Written by broken-hearted children,

Gladean Shepherd, Carolyn Pratt, Tommie Smith

Opal Johnson Moore



It is with a sad and broken heart that I will try to write the obituary of Sister Opal, who was a very close friend and sister in the church.

Sister Opal was born October 9, 1919 and departed this life September 12, 1991, making her stay here on earth 71 years, eleven months and twenty-one days.

Preceding her in death were her parents, Ellie and William Johnson, and two sons, Delmar Paul and John Steven.

Left to mourn her passing are her husband, Hiram Moore; one daughter, Peggy Ann of Mallie; three sons: Gary Roger of Cleveland, Ohio, William Michael and Robert Lee of Mallie, Ky. Also surviving is one sister, Laura Johnson of Miniffee County, Ky., and ten grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Sister Opal and Brother Hiram were married on October 19, 1938 and she kept her promise to Brother Hiram and God, saying until death do us part, for over fifty-two years.

Early in life, Sister Opal saw the need of a savior, and in 1957 she was baptized into the Reynolds Fork Old Regular Baptist Church, where she remained a member until her death, being a member for thirty-two years. Sister Opal also served the church as deaconess for many years. She was a faithful member to the church, and she put her whole heart and soul into working to upbuild the church. Sister Opal loved her church and its members very much. When one of its members was in trouble, she was in trouble. We all will miss her very much in the church, but her seat will never be empty because she left a light shining for all the world to see, and for her children and grandchildren to see, and to know always that Mommy had been this way.

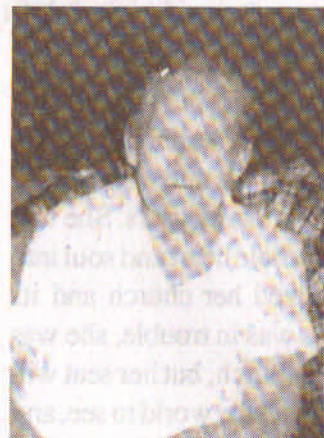
Sister Opal had the dreaded disease called cancer, but she never complained. She bore her sickness with the patience of Job.

To Brother Hiram and her children I will say, Sister Opal was happy here with you and she treasured the moments with you, but she is even happier now. She has no more pain and is suffering no more. God sent His angels the other morning to bring her home to be with Him. Part of her children are already there, and I hope the rest of you will meet her again, also.

Sister Opal was like the apostle Paul when he said, "The time of my departure is at hand. I have fought the good fight and I have kept the faith. Henceforth, there is a crown laid up for me." I believe she is wearing that crown now. She is like Job now when he said, "Hide me away in the grave, then appoint me a time and remember me. All the days of my life will I wait till my change come. Thou shalt call and I will answer." She is only waiting now. Soon she will get that new body.

Written by a brother just waiting in hope,
Brother Dwight Amburgey

Ella Mae Mullins



Ella Mae Mullins was born on December 6, 1910 to the late Enoch and Polly Mullins Pridemore. She deceased this life on December 29, 1991, making her stay on earth 81 years and twenty-three days. Early in life Aunt Ella met and married Uncle Elza Mullins and to this union were born five children, two sons, McKinley of Amburgey, Ky. and Larry Philip of Escanaba, Mich.; and three daughters: Deretha Bellas, Mary Lou Johnson and Jeanell Mullins, all of Amburgey. She is also survived by two sisters: Susie Mullins and Mable Amburgey,

both of Amburgey, Ky. She also has surviving seven grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Aunt Ella was a wonderful woman. She was so good to everyone. She had a smile that told everyone she was happy to see them. Although Aunt Ella was sick for a while, she bore her sickness in stride. She never complained about anything. She worked hard all her life and was very proud of her family.

Aunt Ella never joined the church, but I feel by the life she led and the talks we had that she has just gone on to be with Uncle Delza. I feel they are with Jesus, just waiting for the rest of the family to get there.

So children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, friends and relatives, if you want to see her and Uncle Delza again, you will have to go to the same God they believed in. So don't say "good-bye," just say "so-long for a little while." We will see you again on Heaven's bright shore.

This poem seems to fit Aunt Ella as she always seemed to take each day as it came.

*I place my faith and trust in God to face each new born day,
And know that with His guiding hand, I will not lose my way.
I'll not despair when things go wrong, as they will sometimes do,
Because I know my inner faith will serve to pull me through.
I know that when I need a hand that God is always near,
And I can face what lies ahead without the slightest fear.*

Written by her nephew, Elder Ollie James Mullins



Faye Packard

Faye Packard, beloved wife of the late Fred C. Packard, Sr., entered into eternal rest on June 8, 1992. She was the mother of James E. Packard, Delores Flachbart, William H. Packard, Florence Carroll, Richard C. Packard, Janet Hall, Fred C. Jr., and the late Robert Packard. She was the grandmother of thirty-two, great-grandmother of

65, great-great-grandmother of two. She also leaves a host of friends and relatives to mourn her passing. Her final resting place is in Cleveland, Ohio.

Grandmother went to the West Pack Baptist Church. She was born November 13, 1990. Grandmother was a friendly person who always liked to have people at her home. We believe that Grandmother is at rest in the arms of Jesus, and some day, if the family wants to see Grandmother in Heaven, make peace with God.

Written by Mr. and Mrs. Earl Combs and Sister Lois Packard

Laura Roark



Laura Roark, a model mother, entered eternal life August 30, 1991. She was born June 19, 1907 into the family of Jeff and Mary Jane Halcomb Caudill, in Letcher County. Laura was married to John D. Roark, who preceded her in death. Laura reared sixteen children. This in itself would qualify her as a superwoman. Of these sixteen children, ten were her biological offspring.

She was a member of the Defeated Creek Old Regular Baptist Church, wherein she had been a member for approximately thirty-five years. Mama was an obedient servant of

God and cherished her fellowship in the Old Regular Baptist Association. Mama believed and proclaimed that Jesus was the solution to all problems. She never failed to express His wondrous ways and to recommend him as a savior for her children and others.

Mother had a wish that she echoed often, her wish to die in the spirit of the Lord. We, the children, other family members, and Christian friends, were by her bedside when she died. I feel that her obedience and devotion to God contributed to her wish being granted, because we witnessed spiritual events that convinced me that Mama died in the spirit of the Lord.

I feel that this eloquent passage from Jacqueline J. Hancock echoes Mama's thoughts, especially for her children. "I'd like to be the one who's there with you when you're lonely or troubled or you just need someone to hold on to. I'd like to do all this and more to make your life happy. But sometimes, it isn't easy to do the things I would like to do or give the things I would like to give," so trust in God.

Submitted by her children

Thelma Smith



With much sadness in my heart, I want to write the obituary of my dear Granny. She was born June 3, 1916 and passed away April 7, 1992. She was married to the late Herman Smith and to this union were born eight children, seven sons: Shelp Smith (deceased), Curtis Smith, Ray Smith, Edward Smith, all of Carcassonne, Ky., Joe Smith of Blackey, Ky., Lenvill Smith of Letcher, Ky., Herman Smith Jr. of Jeremiah; and one daughter, Nancy Jane Deaton, Carbon Glow. She is survived by two sisters, Mae Maggard of Ovenfork, Ky., and Rachel

Clark of Massachusetts. She also has a host of grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She was a faithful member of the Little Bull Creek church for thirty-some years.

She loved her church very much, but wasn't always able to go. She was a light in a lot of people's lives, especially mine. I grew up mostly in her home, and she gave me good advice and taught me a lot of good qualities. She talked to me a lot about the Lord, and I will always be grateful for that.

Granny, I miss you and it's hard to go to your house knowing that you're not there, but the home you're in now will be yours eternally, and hopefully your family will meet you there. I know God is taking care of

you, and I want to thank Him for that and for taking you home so you won't have to suffer any more. Sleep on, sleep on, dear Granny, and I hope to meet you someday. Sister Thelma is missed by the family members, friends, and neighbors.

Written by her granddaughter, Mary Jane Back

Ethyl Lynn Tolliver



Ethyl Lynn Tolliver, daughter of Granville and Ritter Quillen Hall, was born on April 30, 1938 at Halo, Kentucky. She is survived by her husband, Paul Tolliver, whom she married on October 9, 1965, and sons, Robin Paul and Mark Paige. She was a virtuous woman whose humble heart and gentle hands made their house a home.

She was a faithful member of the Little Dove Old Regular Baptist church at Sassafras, Kentucky for fourteen years. She felt the call of the Lord so strongly that she could not turn Him down, and she was blessed

with a spirit of forgiveness because she knew how it felt to be forgiven. It was with the love of a mother that she told her sons about Jesus.

Ethyl went to be with Jesus, whom she loved so much, February 5, 1992. Although she has gone from this life, her memory will live on in our hearts as a wife, mother, sister, aunt and friend, who was always there for us. Her presence was like a springtime breeze, her smile like a ray of sunshine, and when we remember "Auntie," we will remember only good things.

Your loving family

Travis Wilder



Travis Halcomb Wilder was born August 19, 1929. She was the daughter of Dewey and Mattie Shepherd Halcomb. Her brothers are Murrel and John Halcomb. Her sisters are Betty Cook and Glina Stitzel. She was married to Eugene Wilder and they had two children, John Patrick Wilder and Celeste Ralston. She is survived also by a lovely granddaughter, Carla Ralston, whom she was so proud of, and a little grandson, Christopher Ralston, whom she loved very much.

It is not an easy task to write about Travis in a short space. Several years ago, Travis saw the need of a savior, repented, and was born again. She was a member of the Poor Fork Old Regular Baptist Church. I don't know who enjoys their salvation or church membership more than she did. She went to church many times when she really wasn't able and always thanked God for allowing her to be with her brothers and sisters "one more time."

Travis tried to greet every person who came to the Poor Fork Church with a smile and a handshake. As a deacon's wife, she executed her duties well. When god called Gene to preach, she supported him whether she was able to go with him or not.

Travis had great faith in God, and I believe that faith raised her from her sickbed many times. I believe that faith enabled her to attend a family reunion in Tennessee and visit with her natural family the weekend before she died.

We all have precious memories of Sister Travis, and miss her very much. She always tried to keep us laughing and we miss that.

In June, 1991, God, in His infinite wisdom, decided to call Travis home. While we miss her, we are comforted that she is with the Lord.

Written by Dosh Fields at the request of Bro. Eugene

Articles of Faith

1. We believe in the one true and living God, and notwithstanding there are Three that bear record in Heaven, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, yet there is but one in substance, equal in power and glory, not to be divided and impossible to change in principle and practice.
2. We believe the Old and New Testament Scriptures are the true written words of God and were given by inspiration of God and there is a sufficiency in them contained for our instruction and they are the only rule of our faith and practice.
3. We believe the doctrine of original sin, and that man sinned since the fall, and that men 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 Super 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 member shall speak at a time, and shall rise from his seat and address the moderator when he is about to speak.
4. The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted in his speech by anyone except the moderator until he is done.
5. He shall strictly adhere to his subject and in nowise reflect on the preceding speaker, but define his ideas on the proposition for debate, so far as he can.
6. No person shall abruptly absent himself from the association without leave of the same.

7. No person shall rise and speak more than three times on any subject without permission from the association.
8. No member of the association shall have the liberty to laugh during the sitting of the same, nor whisper in time of public speech.
9. No member shall address another in any other form or term than that of "Brother."
10. The moderator shall not interrupt a brother or prohibit him from speaking until he gives his views on the subject unless he shall violate the Rules of Decorum.
11. The names of the several members of the association shall be enrolled by the clerk, and called as often as the association may require.
12. The moderator shall be entitled to the same privileges of speech as any other member, provided the chair be filled, but he shall have no vote unless the association be equally divided, in which event he shall give the deciding vote.
13. Any member who shall willfully and knowingly violate any of these rules shall be reprimanded by the association as it may think proper.

Constitution

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

1. The association shall be called the Indian Bottom association.
2. The association shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches in our union, and duly sent to represent them in the association, who shall be members whom they judge best qualified for that purpose, and producing letters from their respective churches, certifying to their appointment, these shall be entitled to a seat.
3. In the letters from the different churches shall be expressed their full number in fellowship, those baptized, received by letter, res-

- toration, 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 by, 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 and Clerk's Address
Cedar Grove	Venson Whitaker HC 63, Box 350, Ulvah, KY 41731 PH: 633-7659
New Home	Birtchell Mosley HC 75, Box 9950, Hindman, KY 41822
Defeated Creek	Keith Smith HCR 84, Box 1776, Linefork, KY 41833
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 1104 18th St., Columbus, IN 47201
Happy Home	Luther Ashley HCR 74, Box 2002, Amburgey, KY 41801
New Bethlehem	Melvin Creech HC 68, Box 395, Emmalena, KY 41740
Clear Fork	Robert Combs RR2, Box 206, Hazard, KY 41701 PH: 439-2198
Northern New Home	Void Blanton 5240 Rodford Drive, Morrow, OH 45152 PH: 899-3431
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 PH: 436-3633
Hurricane Gap	Fred Frazier Day Station, Box 4085, Whitesburg, KY 41858
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 PH: (606) 633-4747
Little Mary	Bill T. Ham HC 67, Box 7822, Paintsville, KY 41240
Mount Zion	Leon Short HCR 60, Box 1050, Hindman, KY 41822 PH: (606) 785-5490
Friendship	George Shea 480 Jake Faw Rd., Waynesburg, KY 40489
Little Bethlehem	Don Pratt Box 705, Big Smith Branch Rd., Sassafras, KY 41759 PH: (606) 642-3815
Little Bethany	Hershell Short P.O. Box 35, Jeffersonville, KY 40337
Garden of Love	George Everage 422 N. Front St., St. Mary's OH 45885

Church Addresses

Church	Address
Cedar Grove	off Hwy. 7, on Hwy. 1103, Hallie, KY
New Home	Hwy. 550, Leburn, KY
Defeated Creek	off Hwy. 1103 about one mile, Defeated Creek
Reynolds Fork	on Hwy. 1393, Mallie, KY
Little Bull Creek	Carcassonne, Blackey, KY
Ivy Point	on Hwy. 550, Garner, KY
Little Dove	on Little Dove Rd., off Hwy. 15, Sassafras, KY
Tolson Creek	Hwy. 588, Roxanna, KY
Dixon Memorial	on Hwy. 7, Jeremiah, KY
Big Creek	off Hwy. 7, Dupont, IN
Happy Home	Amburgey, KY
New Bethlehem	off Hwy. New 80, one mile marker, Talcum, KY
Clear Fork	RR2, Hazard, KY, on Hwy. 1088, Lotts Creek
Northern New Home	Stumpy Lane, Goshen, OH
Blair Branch	on Hwy. 7, Jeremiah, KY
Mt. Olivet	on Hwy. 588, Blackey, KY
Little Zion	on Hwy. 7 & 15, Jeff, KY
Hurricane Gap	on Hwy. 160 Gordon, KY
Kingdom Come	off Hwy. 160 on 588 (River Road)
Poor Fork	Cumberland, KY
Big Cowan	on Hwy. 931S
Little Mary	off Rt. 32 on Rt. 1895, 8 miles North of Morehead, KY
Mount Zion	off Hwy. 160 up Perkins Branch, Hindman, KY
Friendship	Hwy. 27, North from Somerset, then 228
Little Bethlehem	on Hwy. 160 Brinkley, KY
Little Bethany	off Hwy. 11 on Sawmill Rd., Jeffersonville, KY
Garden of Love	9th and Chaddom, Lima, OH

Form of Church Letter

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

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

Delegates:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Alternates

4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

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

The state of the church is as follows:

Ordained Ministers

Name:

Post Offices:

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

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

Done and signed by order of the church.

Elder _____ Moderator
Brother _____ Clerk

(Clerk's Address)

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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 1/2 mile to Association.
2. From Hindman, Kentucky, leave KY 80 on KY 160 South about 10 miles to KY 15; turn right, follow KY 15 about 4 miles to Sassafras, follow signs as in direction #1.
3. From Whitesburg, Kentucky, follow KY 15 West to Sassafras – about 20 miles; follow signs as in direction #1.
4. Accommodations for campers will be provided for and available on the building parking lot.