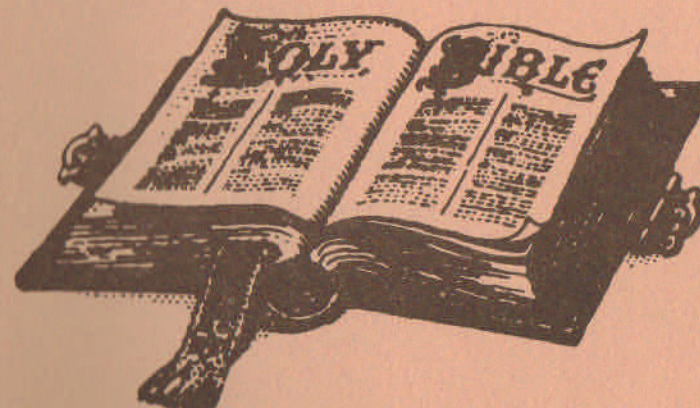


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Held at the
Indian Bottom Association Building
Sassafras, Knott County, Kentucky
September 3, 4, and 5, 1993

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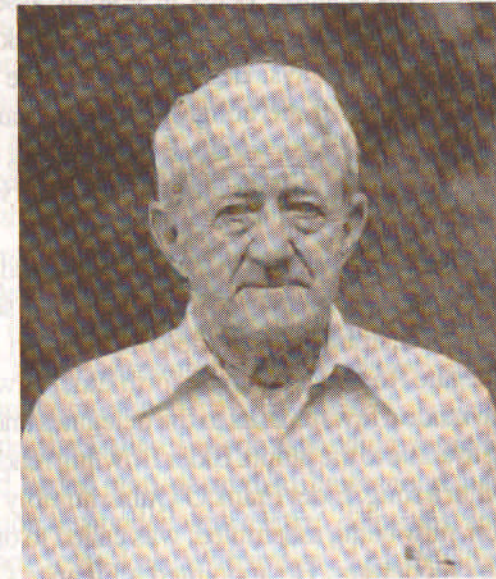


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A Tribute To Agnan Back

"Let those that labor diligently for the Lord be counted as worthy servants."

None labored more diligently than Bro. Agnan Back.
He surely is worthy of honor and respect.



His voice has grown silent, yet the fruits of his labor shall long be remembered. As his little body fell and his voice became silent, I believe his soul took its flight to Glory Land, where he will "bless the name of my God" while eternity rolls on.

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**Friday, September 3, 1993 and
the two following days**

The Indian Bottom Association, being in session, assembled at our Association Building at Sassafras, Knott County, Kentucky, September 3, 1993 and the two following days. Being hosted by the Blair Branch Church, the Association met in the congregational department of the Association Building for preaching services. After lifting our voices to our Lord and Master, Elder Ellis Adams introduced the service and led in prayer.

After the introduction and prayer had been rendered, Elder Gary Mosley 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 Fon Bowling to come to the pulpit. Elder Bowling rendered a warm, spiritual sermon. After a song, Elder Frank O'Quinn 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: Keith Smith, 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 Blair Branch 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. Letters were read from the Rock Fork and Summertown churches. By a move and second, with no objection, the letters were received and referred to the Committee on Arrangements.
5. By a move and second, with no objection, the reading of the Articles of Faith, the Rules of Decorum and the Constitution were omitted. 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 Blair Branch 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, J.M. Mullins, Bill Campbell, Herman West, Jimmy D. Sanders, Elmer Sexton, Barry Lucas, Bill Ison, Paul Hogston, Terry Bryant, Jason Lowery, David O'Quinn, Ellis Amburgey, Bill Hall, Carson Wright, Billie R. Jones, Alex Hall, Ted Depriest, Richard Hale, Fon Bowling, Hezekiah Osborne, Dallas Ramsey, Sam Irwin, Billie Campbell, Paul McClanahan, Amos Bartley, Jimmie Hubbard, Frank M. Coleman, Charles Tackett, Sollie Collier, Frank Short, Clyde

Blankenship, James McClanahan, Alex Collier, Joey Justice and Onis Hogston.

8. The moderator called for transient members and ministers and the following responded: Jack Varney and H.B. Reedy Sr.
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 Blair Branch 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: David O'Quinn, Paul McClanahan
 Saturday morning: Fon Bowling, Frank Newsome, Dallas Ramsey
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 the uplifting prayer of Brother Billie Campbell. Elder Paul McClanahan then preached a heartwarming sermon, after which the committee arranged the work for Saturday.

Saturday Morning

The Association met pursuant to adjournment. After lifting our voices high in praises to our Lord and Master, Elder Elwood Cornett, our moderator, welcomed everyone and called upon Elder Fon Bowling to introduce the session. He soon was carried away in the spirit. After

causing us to be lifted up, he called on Elder Paul McClanahan to lead in prayer. He humbly led us to the throne of grace.

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 \$3,535 collected from the various churches. By a move and second, with no objection, the report was received and the committee discharged.
 Brother Glenn Hampton, the clerk, reported that the money churches gave for the minutes did not, in many cases, agree with the amount the churches had voted to send to the Association; also the amount being sent by each church was not enough to pay for the number of minutes they were receiving. Next year each church should multiply the number of minutes they want times \$1.50 and send that amount to the Association to pay for the minutes.
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 decide how many copies he deems necessary to have printed, and he is to have \$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. Willie V. Slone, 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 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: Brother Jason Lowery to introduce and Elder Elwood Cornett to close. Elder Elwood was to choose whomever he desired to fill in between the introduction and closing.

B. The Committee on Ministry chose Elder Squire Watts to preach the Introductory Sermon for the 1994 session and Elder Lonnie Sexton to be his alternate.

C. The Committee on Ministry chose Brother Emory Caudill 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. They are to be typed, double spaced.
10. The treasurer's report was given. By a move and second, with no objection, the report was received. The report is as follows:

Balance on hand (9/5/92)\$7,107.04

Collections

Church contributions	3550.00
Pictures	300.00
Interest	284.61
Total in treasury	\$11,241.65

Expenses:

Printing minutes	\$4,896.00
Safety deposit box	40.00
Typing Permanent Record	25.00
Total expenses	\$4,961.00

Balance in treasury (9/4/93)\$6,280.00

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.

Union: to begin Friday before the third Saturday in September, 1993 at their Association building at Ashcamp, Pike County, Kentucky and continuing the two following days. Delegates to attend: Jim Fields, Don Pratt, Elwood Cornett, Glenn Hampton, Taylor Watson, H.B.

Reedy Sr., Harvey Creech, Joe Slone, Hershel Short, James Slone, Clifford Hughes, Ellis Adams.

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 (9/5/92)\$3,997.33

Collections:

Church contributions	\$7,105.00
Sunday services	466.00
Donations	698.00
Concession stand	150.00

Total in treasury\$12,416.33

Expenses:

Kitchen	\$1,770.47
Supplies	128.01
Utilities	1,028.71
Labor	401.00
Insurance	975.00
Sound system	700.00
Total expenses	\$4,952.19

Balance in treasury\$7,464.14

13. The request from the New Home Church to change their memorial service from the first Sunday in October to the first Sunday in August was read. By a move and second, with no objection, the request was granted and will be shown in the minutes.
14. The request from the Defeated Creek Church to change their union meeting from August to the second Saturday and Sunday in April was read. By a move and second, with no objection, the request was granted and will be shown in the minutes.

15. The request from the Big Creek Church to have printed in the minutes their starting time of 3:00 o'clock instead of 6:30 on Saturday was read. By a move and second, with no objection, the request was granted and will be shown in the minutes.
16. The request from the Big Cowan Church to host the 1994 session of the Association was read. By a move and second, with no objection, the request was granted. The Little Zion, Poor Fork and Reynolds Fork Churches volunteered to help as co-hosts.
17. The request from the Friendship Church to change their Saturday meeting time from 5:00 o'clock to 4:00 o'clock and to change the road to the church from 328 to the Ike Singleton Road was read. By a move and second, with no objection, the request was granted and will be shown in the minutes.
18. The clerk read the reports of the Committee on Council's work with the Rock Fork and Summertown churches. The moderator appointed the same members to serve on the Committee on Council for the following year: Paul Watson, Phillip Wayne Caudill, Danny Dixon, L.D. Mosley, Danny Amburgey, Gillis Reedy, and I.D. Back as chairman.
19. The letter from the Rock Fork Church, requesting fellowship in the Indian Bottom Association, was read and after some discussion, a move and second, with no objection was made to receive the Rock Fork Church into full fellowship. They were then given the right hand of fellowship.
20. The letter from the Summertown Church, requesting fellowship in the Indian Bottom Association, was read and after some discussion, a move and second, with no objection, was made to receive the Summertown Church into full fellowship. They were then given the right hand of fellowship.
21. There was a move and second, with no objection, to have church at the Association Building on the following odd Sundays: October 31, May 1, and July 31.

22. By a move and second, with no objection, the clerks were directed to write a tribute to our deceased minister.
23. By a move and second, with no objection, the clerks were directed to write a Resolution of Appreciation to the Blair Branch Church for hosting the 1993 session of the Association.
24. By a move and second, with no objection, we omitted the reading of the minutes.
25. By a move and second, with no objection, we adjourned until the 1994 session of the Indian Bottom Association convenes on September 2, 1994. Elder Alex Collier came to the podium and humbly dismissed us with prayer.

Elder Elwood Cornett, Moderator
 Elder Jim Fields, Assistant Moderator
 Brother Glenn Hampton, Clerk
 Elder Don Pratt, Assistant Clerk

Sunday, September 5, 1993

A large crowd gathered at the Association Building on this Sabbath day, joyfully coming together to worship the great God of all glory. As our voices blended together to proclaim in hymn, "Jesus, Thou Art the Sinner's Friend," "On Jordan's Stormy Banks I Stand," and "Beside the Gospel Pool," we felt the uplifting power of the Spirit of the Lord. Elder H.B. Reedy, Sr. humbly introduced services and led in prayer. He was followed by Elder Jerry Mann, who caused our hearts to rejoice. Rejoicing continued as Elder Squire Watts came forth and preached the gospel. Amid shouts of victory and tears of joy, Elder Elwood Cornett, our moderator, then was blessed to bring the ninety-eighth session of the Indian Bottom Association to an end. Elder Charles Shepherd closed with prayer.

Resolution of Appreciation

We, the Indian Bottom Association, want to thank the Blair Branch Church and try to express our appreciation for the wonderful job you did in hosting this session of our beloved Association. Not only do we thank and appreciate you, we thank and appreciate the members of other churches that helped you to make this such a great success. The food was plentiful, of many varieties and very tasty. For all the various tasks you did, and all the time you spent preparing food, serving food and cleaning-up afterwards, we say, "thank you," and may God bless you four-fold.

The Indian Bottom Association

Circular Letter

To the Indian Bottom Association,

Many thoughts and prayers have I given to the writing of this letter. I thank you for your trust, as a fellow servant of yours. Are we saved by grace or by the law? That may be a question that you say anyone knows, we are saved by grace. People do not naturally love the doctrine of grace, and I think a large portion of people do not believe that salvation is of grace. We are not saved by the keeping of the law, but by the precious blood of our Lord.

One thing that has caused our people, our churches and our association so much pain is the forgiveness of adultery. Let me say here to our young people, not to take marriage lightly. It is one of the most important decisions you are going to make. Ask God to help you make this decision, ask God to give you a husband or wife that would be pleasing to Him. Make sure you love that person and are willing to spend your life with them. You ministers that perform the ceremonies should counsel and talk to the couple about their vows and ask God's blessing upon their marriage. Parents, make sure your children are mature enough to be given in marriage.

But for many reasons in our times, about fifty per cent of our marriages end in divorce, many of them marrying again. They break the law of God, they commit adultery. Can they be saved? Can they be made free? Are we saved by grace or by the keeping of the law? Jesus made it plain that the law against adultery had ended and forgiveness and freedom through Him had come. In the scripture of the woman that was taken in the act of adultery, John 8:3-11, the law said she had to be stoned to death. The men there with hearts as hard as the stones they held had to walk away, because Jesus was between her and the law. Love had taken the place of the stones, mercy and forgiveness reached out to her and said, "I do not condemn you. Go and sin no more." It was as if Jesus had put her sins into a bag, sealed them up, and threw them into a sea, out of existence, they are gone never to be found again. I Corinthians 6:9, 10, 11 tells us that adulterers were among a group of the offenders, yet they had all been

washed, they had all been justified, and all had been sanctified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God.

Brothers, we are all caught in this sin net. You may have been caught in a different part of the net, but you were held just as tight and when Jesus set us free from this net, we were all just as free. Jesus said, "When I set you free, you are free indeed." God said, "What I have cleaned, let no man call common or unclean." This is where most people believe the law has more power than grace. They are willing to forgive, but are not willing to give people freedom. Each time you call a man or woman a double-married person, you are saying they are still under the law, and by this you are saying they are unclean. Each time you are going behind a man or woman's experience of grace, you give him no freedom and no hope of escape.

What are people to do, who have had broken marriages in their sinful days and they want to now come to the Lord? In chapter seven of the book of Corinthians, Paul writes back to the church and tells them how to deal with each marriage. Verse twenty says, "Let every man abide in the calling wherein he is called." This is saying the marriage condition you are in when you are saved is the condition the Lord sees you in. Verse twenty-seven says, "Art thou bound unto a wife? Seek not to be loosed." That is, if when you are saved, then not to divorce the husband or wife you have at the present time. Still in Verse twenty-seven, "Art thou loosed from a wife, seek not a wife." Or, in other words, if you are a divorced person when the Lord forgives you, to not seek a husband or wife. Verse twenty-eight says if you marry you have not sinned. Verses twelve and thirteen tell us if the unsaved leaves the saved husband or wife, they are not under bondage. Verse ten tells us if both husband and wife are saved, they are to stay together, or remain unmarried if they separate, or be reconciled. When the Lord forgives people, their sins are thrown into a sea of forgetfulness. This makes them clean and free in the eyes of the Lord. I thank the Lord for that love and grace. And I thank the brothers and sisters of the Indian Bottom Association for the love you have shown me, the freedom you have given me, and for the home you have shared with me. I love you all.

Your brother, Willie Vernon Slone

Union, Communion and Memorial Services

March

Little Zion

Union Meeting: Second Saturday and Sunday in March

Ministers called: Paul Watson, Harvey Creech, Don Fields, Don Pratt

Communion: Second Sunday in June

Memorial: Second Sunday in July

Ministers called: Danny Dixon, Virgil Combs, Curl Dixon, Ellis Adams

April

Defeated Creek

Union Meeting: Second Saturday and Sunday in April

Ministers called: I.D. Back, Danny Dixon, Charles Shepherd, Roy Slone, John Preece

Communion: Second Sunday in August

Memorial: Second Sunday in July

Ministers called: Ellis Adams, Harvey Creech, Roger Fields, Squire Watts, Ivan Amburgey

Mount Zion

Union Meeting: Second Saturday and Sunday in April

Ministers called: Mickey Amburgey, Eugene Thacker, Hurley Short

Communion: Second Sunday in May

Memorial: Second Sunday in June

Ministers called: Harlos Watts, Jerry Mann, Nelson Craft, Bill Moore

Summertown

Union Meeting: Second Sunday in April

Ministers called: Taylor Watson, Charles Shepherd, Odus Ritchie, Clark Hays, Marion Slone, Bob Amburgey

Communion: Second Sunday in September

Ministers called: James Caudill, Calvin Creech, Paul Watson

Memorial: Second Sunday in May

Ministers called: James Caudill, Don Pratt, Ellis Adams, H.B. Reedy Jr.

Blair Branch**Union Meeting: Third Saturday and Sunday in April**

Ministers called: Jerry Mann, Squire Watts, Don Halcomb, John Preece, I.D. Back

Communion: Third Sunday in July**Memorial: Third Sunday in June**

Ministers called: Danny Dixon, Roy Slone, Ellis Adams, Don Pratt, I.D. Back

Rock Fork**Union Meeting: Fourth Saturday and Sunday in April**

Ministers called: Jim Fields, Paul Watson, Danny Dixon, John Preece

Communion: Fourth Sunday in July**Memorial: Fourth Saturday and Sunday in October**

Ministers called: Don Pratt, Earl Slone, Jerry Mann, Bill Moore

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: Barry Tiller, Toby Breeding, Jason Lowery, Paul Watson, I.D. Back, Lonnie Sexton, John Preece, Melvin Watts, Gary Mosley, L.D. Mosley, Milburn Slone, Ellis Amburgey, Elwood Cornett, H.B. Reedy Jr., Lonnie Gregory, Tennis Sturgill, B.R. Jones, Bill Campbell, Jim Fields, Hezekiah Osborne, Alonzo Mosley, Charles Shepherd, John B. Hamilton, Ellis Adams, Curl Dixon, Squire Watts, Danny Dixon, Don Pratt, Ivan Amburgey

Communion: Fourth Sunday in August**Memorial: Fourth Sunday in June****Little Bethlehem****Union Meeting: Fourth Saturday and Sunday in April**

Ministers called: Harvey Creech, Odus Ritchie, Roy Slone, moderator

Communion: fourth Sunday in August**Memorial: Fourth Sunday in September**

Ministers called: Ellis Amburgey, Don Pratt, Ivan Amburgey, Charles Shepherd, moderator

May**Poor Fork****Union Meeting: First Saturday and Sunday in May**

Ministers called: Danny Dixon, Squire Watts, Don Halcomb, Jerry Mann, Earl Slone

Communion: First Sunday in July**Memorial: First Sunday in August**

Ministers called: Roger Gibson, Squire Watts, Jim Fields, Paul Watson, Toby Bailey

Mount Olivet**Union Meeting: First Saturday and Sunday in May.**

Ministers called: Don Pratt, Danny Dixon, John Preece, moderator

Communion: First Sunday in August**Memorial: First Sunday in July**

Ministers called: Cliff Hampton, moderator, and others

Little Dove**Union Meeting: Second Saturday and Sunday in May**

Ministers called: Roger Gibson, Elwood Cornett, Charles Shepherd, Don Pratt, Dallas Ramsey, I.D. Back

Communion: Second Sunday in July

Memorial: Second Sunday in June

Ministers called: Jason Lowery, H.B. Reedy Jr., H.B. Reedy Sr.,
Squire Watts, I.D. Back

Reynolds Fork

Union Meeting: Third Saturday and Sunday in May

Ministers called: Elwood Cornett, Jim Fields, Harvey Creech, Danny
Dixon, Squire Watts, Bill Halcomb

Communion: Third Sunday in June

Ministers called: Clark Hayes, Milburn Slone, Chester Gibson

Memorial: Third Sunday in July

Ministers called: Bill Moore, Ivan Amburgey, Earl Slone, John
Preece, Ellis Amburgey, Jerry Mann

Little Bull Creek

Union Meeting: Third Saturday and Sunday in May

Ministers called: Don Fields, Benny Slone, Bill Halcomb, Homer
Smith

Communion: Third Sunday in August

Melton Cemetery Memorial: Second Sunday in June

Jent Cemetery Memorial: Third Sunday in July

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., James Slone, Alonzo Mosley

Communion: Third Sunday in June

Memorial: Third Sunday in August

Ministers called: Don Pratt, Bill Moore, Earl Mosley

Cedar Grove

Union Meeting: Fourth Saturday and Sunday in May

Ministers called: Toby Breeding, Jim Fields, Ricky Tackett, Dallas
Ramsey

Communion: Fourth Sunday in August

Memorial: Fourth Sunday in June

June

Kingdom Come

Union Meeting: First Saturday and Sunday in June

Ministers called: Toby Breeding, Don Halcomb, James Caudill,
Roger Gibson

Communion: First Sunday in July

Memorial: First Sunday in May

Ministers called: Clifton Hampton, Chester Gibson, Ellis Adams,
Squire Watts, Roger Fields

Clear Fork

Union Meeting: First Saturday and Sunday in June

Ministers called: Don Pratt, John Preece, Don Halcomb, Paul Watson,
Earl Slone, Harvey Creech

Communion: First Sunday in July

Memorial: First Sunday in October

Ministers called: Danny Dixon, H.B. Reedy Jr., Howard Owens,
Elwood Cornett, Calvin Creech

New Home

Union Meeting: First Saturday and Sunday in June

Ministers called: Howard Owens, John Preece, Danny Dixon, Jason
Lowery, Chester Gibson

Communion: First Sunday in July

Memorial: First Sunday in August

Ministers called: Ivan Amburgey, Bill Moore, Milburn Slone, Harlos
Watts, Willie V. Slone

Happy Home

Union Meeting: First Saturday and Sunday in June

Ministers called: Hezekiah Osborne, Elwood Cornett, Howard Owens,
Don Pratt, Carl Back, Ivan Amburgey

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: Bobby Amburgey, Danny Dixon, Howard Owens

Communion: Third Sunday in August

Memorial: Third Sunday in September

Ministers called: Elwood Cornett, John Preece, L.D. Mosley, moderator

Friendship

Union Meeting: Third Saturday and Sunday in June

Ministers called: Don Halcomb, Ellis Amburgey, Don Pratt, Toby Breeding

Communion: Third Sunday in July

Memorial: Third Sunday in May

Ministers called: Squire Watts, Ellis Adams, Emory Caudill

Dixon Memorial

Union Meeting: Fourth Saturday and Sunday in June

Ministers called: Earl Combs, Don Fields, James Caudill, Don Halcomb, Squire Watts, Alger Mullins

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: I.D. Back, Ivan Amburgey, John Preece, moderator, Harvey Creech

Communion: Fourth Sunday in July

Memorial: Fourth Sunday in September

Ministers called: Bill Moore, Don Halcomb, Danny Dixon, Ricky Tackett

Ivy Point

Union Meeting: Fourth Saturday and Sunday in June

Ministers called: Tennis Sturgill, Frank Newsome, Toby Bailey, Harvey Creech

Communion: Fourth Sunday in July

Memorial: Fourth Sunday in August

Ministers called: Milburn Slone, L.D. Mosley, Keith Thomas, Taulby Mosley, Hershel Short

Tolson Creek

Union Meeting: Fourth Saturday and Sunday in June

Ministers called: Danny Dixon, Bill Halcomb, Toby Breeding, Virgil Combs, I.D. Back

Communion: Fourth Sunday in July

Memorial: Fourth Sunday in August

Ministers called: Don Halcomb, Jim Fields, Ricky Tackett, Ellis Adams, James Caudill

Big Creek

Union Meeting: Fourth Saturday and Sunday in June

Ministers called: John Preece, Charles Shepherd, Ivan Amburgey

Communion: Fourth Sunday in July

Ministers called: I.D. Back, Ted Everage, Danny Dixon

Memorial: Fourth Sunday in August

Ministers called: Jim Fields, Jerry Hall, Jerry Caudill, Roger Gibson

August**Hurricane Gap**

Union Meeting: Third Saturday and Sunday in August

Ministers called: Don Pratt, Emory Caudill, Barry Tiller, John Preece

Communion: Third Sunday in August

Ministers called: Howard Owens, Elwood Cornett

Memorial: Third Sunday in October

Ministers called: Toby Breeding, Don Halcomb, Harvey Creech, H.B. Reedy Jr.

September**Little Mary**

Union Meeting: Second Saturday and Sunday in September

Ministers called: Charles Shepherd, Elwood Cornett, Jerry Mann, Earl Slone

Communion: Second Sunday in October

Memorial: Second Sunday in August

Ministers called: Ellis Amburgey, John B. Hamilton, Harvey Creech

Delegates to the 1993 Association

Cedar Grove Taylor Watson, Mike Halcomb, Carl D. Smith
 New Home Chester Gibson, Aaron Cornett, Birtchell Mosley
 Defeated Creek Matt Cornett, Delbert Jones, Keith Smith
 Reynolds Fork Lonnie Sexton, Paul Watson, Marion Slone
 Bull Creek Kirby Jent, Truman Jent, Earl Combs
 Ivy Point Keith Thomas, Don Francis, Taulby Mosley
 Little Dove Ivan Amburgey, John Preece, Danny Amburgey
 Tolson Creek Emory Caudill, Quentin Day, Bill Meade
 Dixon Memorial Allen Whitaker, Carl Back, Roger Whitaker
 Big Creek Doug Gibson, Coburn Ison, Billy Maggard
 Happy Home Landis Everage, Alger Mullins, Clark Hayes
 New Bethlehem Melvin Creech, Robert Everage, Odis Ritchie
 Clear Fork Delzie Young, Frank Fugate, Mart Shepherd
 Northern New Home Joe Back, E. Robert Miller, Frank Copley
 Blair Branch Rodney Ison, Gillus Reedy, Ellis Adams
 Mt. Olivet I.D. Back, Jerry Caudill, James Caudill
 Little Zion Roger Gibson, Jay McCool, Ross S. Hill
 Hurricane Gap Charles Shepherd, Ivan Cornett, Joe Pratt
 Kingdom Come Bert Fields, George Roark, Roger Fields
 Poor Fork Harvey Creech, Joe Steely, Theodore Looney
 Big Cowan Ray Fields, Leonard Younce, Ricky Tackett
 Little Mary Clifford Hughes, Lonnie Gregory, Bill Hamm
 Mount Zion Carl Mosley, Earl Mosley, Nelson Craft
 Friendship George Shea, Luther Combs, Harlin Eldridge
 Little Bethlehem Raymond Combs, John Reedy, H.B. Reedy Jr.
 Little Bethany James Slone, Joe Slone, Hershell Short
 Garden of Love Gary Mosley, Don Francis, Timothy Smith
 Rock Fork Earl Slone, Jerry Manns, Hubert Short
 Summertown Everett Owens, Arnold Ritchie, Randy Combs

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Statistical Table

Church	Rec'd by Exp. & Baptism	Rec'd by Letter	Restored	Rec'd by Recom/Applic	Dismissed by Letter	Lost by Death	Excluded	Total Membership	Meeting Time	Saturday Service Time	Contribution
Cedar Grove	9	0	0	0	3	1	1	185	4	9:30	\$300
New Home	0	0	0	0	4	1	1	42	1	9:30	100
Defeated Creek	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	27	2	9:30	150
Reynolds Fork	9	6	1	0	0	1	0	67	3	9:30	160
Bull Creek	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	71	3	6:00	100
Ivy Point	7	1	0	6	2	1	8	77	4	6:00	100
Little Dove	2	0	0	0	1	6	5	124	2	9:30	300
Tolson Creek	2	0	0	0	1	1	0	32	4	9:30	75
Dixon Memorial	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	52	4	9:30	125
Big Creek	1	2	0	0	0	1	0	21	4	3:00	100
Happy Home	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	30	1	9:30	125
New Bethlehem	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	30	3	9:30	100
Clear Fork	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	35	1	6:00	125
Northern New Home	4	4	0	0	0	0	2	116	4	6:00	100
Blair Branch	4	0	1	0	0	2	0	95	3	6:30	225
Mt. Olivet	1	1	1	1	0	5	3	136	1	6:30	300
Little Zion	0	2	0	0	0	2	3	25	2	6:30	100
Hurricane Gap	1	0	0	0	4	1	0	32	3	6:30	125
Kingdom Come	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	15	1	9:30	100
Poor Fork	1	6	0	0	0	2	0	42	1	6:30	150
Big Cowan	0	7	0	2	0	1	2	47	4	9:30	150
Little Mary	2	1	0	0	1	0	0	32	2	9:30	125
Mount Zion	0	0	0	1	0	0	7	18	2	6:30	50
Friendship	2	0	0	3	0	1	0	16	3	4:00	50
Little Bethlehem	3	0	0	0	0	0	1	40	4	9:30	100
Little Bethany	0	0	0	0	4	0	3	9	4	6:30	50
Garden of Love	6	0	0	0	0	0	2	28	3	7:00	50
Rock Fork	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	64	4	9:30	150
Summertown	0	0	0	3	0	0	1	19	2	9:30	50
Totals	56	32	4	16	22	31	46	1527			\$3,735

Obituaries

Veatrice Shepherd Adams



Veatrice Shepherd Adams was born on April 29, 1914 at Roxana, Kentucky. She was the first of ten children born to Richard Bruce and Verda Crase Shepherd.

On April 11, 1936, she married Steve M. Adams and to his union were born four daughters: Karen, Joan, Shirley and Sandra. They were also blessed with four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. She gave her life to Christ at the age of 19. As a member of the Blair Branch Old Regular Baptist Church, she served the church along-

side her husband, who served many years as deacon.

Matthew 7:20 says, "Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them." Veatrice's life was filled by these fruits spoken of in Galatians as the fruits of the Spirit.

Love – If ever a person loved her God, her family, and her friends, she did.

Joy – Her genuine love of life and the joy she expressed was an uplifting blessing to everyone around her.

Peace – Peace and harmony in her life influenced her everyday decisions.

Longsuffering – She showed patience and endurance in her trials and tribulations of life.

Gentleness – She had a gentle spirit in dealing with her family, friends, and community.

Goodness – She was truly a good person who expressed this through her kindness, benevolence, and generosity to others.

Faith – Her deep-seated faith in Jesus Christ guided her throughout her life.

Meekness – She was always willing to help others without desiring recognition.

Temperance – Her inner self-discipline guided her in choosing to do the right things pleasing to God.

Many of Veatrice's thoughts and feelings were expressed through the poetry she wrote. The favorite poem of her children is the poem she wrote to them after they had all left home. The poem follows:

A Prayer For My Children

*God bless my dear, sweet children
That I do love so.*

*Look over and protect them
Wherever they may go.*

*I know you answer prayers
If they'll trust and obey.
I pray that they will look to you
For guidance every day.*

*If danger lies ahead of them
As they travel life's highway
Be their shield and guard
Oh Lord, I humbly pray.*

*From me they have all gone now.
My home is oh, so quiet.
Be near them always, dear Lord
Is my prayer day and night.*

Written by Veatrice's children

Lavera Smith Amburgey



Lavera Smith Amburgey ("Verie") was born September 21, 1919. She passed away at her home, at the age of 73, on October 2, 1992.

Lavera was the daughter of William and Susie Smith of Carr Creek. Verie grew up in the Carr Creek area and was a graduate of Carr Creek High School. One brother, Gordon, preceded her in death; her two sisters, Lavena and Anna Lee, survive.

On April 30, 1945, Lavera married Edgar Amburgey, and the couple shared forty-seven happy years. Edgar and Lavera had three daughters, Phyllis Ann, Mary Sue, and Lavenia Michele. Verie was a devoted wife and mother whose family was always her priority. She was known among her neighbors and friends for her sweet and gentle spirit. Vera just naturally thought of others rather than herself, and was referred to often as a person whom everyone loved.

Lavera was an inspiration to those who knew her, especially in the last days of her illness. Even through her pain, Verie smiled, and her courage was a joy to those who visited and cared for her. Though her whole life was an example of Christian love, it was a special comfort to her daughters that she called them to her bed in the University of Cincinnati Hospital to tell them she was "ready to go on Home." The next day she repeated this to her husband. No one who saw the look of perfect peace on her face in those difficult days could doubt Verie's trust in Jesus and her longing to be with Him in Heaven.

Verie is very much loved and missed, and her memory will be treasured by her family and friends until she welcomes us Home.

Silas Ashley



It is with a saddened heart that I try to write the obituary of my dearly loved daddy, Silas Ashley.

He was born May 22, 1910 to Freelen and Manerva Ashley, and died September 17, 1992, making his stay here on earth 82 years and four months.

He is survived by his wife, Bessie, to whom he was married fifty-six years. He is also survived by four children, one daughter, Shelby, and three sons: Silas Jr., Avery, and John R.; and one sister, Lillie Pigman.

He has twelve grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren. Silas and Bessie had one son deceased, Linden.

Silas was a member of the Little Dove church for the last five years of his life. He was a retired miner and resided in Sassafras for fifty-six years.

He was one to never complain or show any pain during his sickness. He brought so much joy and love to his family and friends. Our family feels a great loss without him, but our loss is Heaven's gain.

Written for his wife, Bessie, by their daughter, Shelby Mullins

Agnan Back



"Bless the Name of My God!" What a blessing it has been to hear that victorious declaration. And can't you almost see those little "holy hands" lifted up unto the Lord?

The winter storm of the century has just ended. The robins are searching for food. The lilies are beginning to bloom. The voice of the turtle is heard in our land. It is the first of spring, and the winter is over for little Aggie.

Agnan Back was born October 4, 1913 into the home of the late Joe and Maggie Dixon Back. He passed from this life on Saturday, March 20, 1993 making his life on earth 79 years, five months and sixteen days.

On March 13, 1946, Agnan married Vera Dixon and to this union were born a son, Marcus, who lived only three days, and a son, Stevie, whom Agnan was so proud of.

Agnan's father died and left a young family. Agnan was the oldest son and became a father figure to the rest of the family. Aunt Mag had assured her dying husband that she and Agnan would raise the children – and so they did.

Agnan Back was a wise man. He loved people and people loved him. He never talked about his neighbor and neither did anyone else in his presence. Very few people ever saw him angry.

He had a special relationship with his family. "Ag and Verna" had that special ring that bloomed through the forty-seven years of happy togetherness. Steve and Ag had a relationship that few fathers and sons ever enjoy. He loved Linda as his own.

The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord: And he delighted in his way. We remember how Ag told of that Easter morning on a ship at sea. That was the beginning of his journey toward Heaven. Genuine humbleness and sincerity were demonstrated as he offered his hand to

Brother I.D. while on his knees. Oh, how he loved the Mt. Olivet Church! There have been many problems and concerns but he came to stay – and so he did. A few men deserve double honor!

Agnan Back was a preacher of the Gospel of Jesus Christ – through the demonstration of the Spirit. He made his first offering to the ministry at a home meeting in the house where Grandpap Back had lived.

After thirty-six years and hundreds and hundreds of sermons it was ever clearer – unless ye repent ye shall all likewise perish. God was first in his life, but the waves of Old Glory sent chills up his spine. He served his country in the army during World War II. He was stationed in England, France, Austria and Germany. He remained in the army and later served in Korea and stateside. He participated in campaigns in Normandy Rhineland, north France and central Europe. He received the FAME Theater Ribbon with a bronze star and the Good Conduct Medal. In Korea he received the National Defense Service Medal, United Nations Service Medal, and the Korean Service Medal.

Agnan was preceded in death by an infant brother and an infant son; two sisters at age five and seven, who died less than a month apart; a sister, Artie Campbell; and his mother and father. He is survived not only by Verna, Steve and Linda, but also four brothers: Ray, Reedus, James and John; three sisters: Irene Brown, Minerva Craft and JoAnn Walters. Also surviving are a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, friends, neighbors and brothers and sisters in the church.

And then there was a special friend that many thought was a natural brother. Brother I.D. Back and Brother Agnan Back walked, talked, laughed, prayed, cried, preached and served the Lord together! Few have been that close.

Artie wrote a poem about her father, Uncle Joe. Since Agnan became a father to her after Uncle Joe died, it seems fitting and proper to close with that poem:

*The winter days had lengthened
Spring waited in the wings
Remembering that lonely day
Still to my heart brings pain.*

*I see him in my family
When some kindly deed is done
I feel his presence near me
When a trial of life I've won.*

*His rules were by example
There was no idle talk
He lived a full measure of what man should be
Leaving footprints in which we could walk,*

*Ever honest, upright and gentle
The trademark of a great man
Living a good and simple life
Which sure is the master plan.*

*His presence will live on forever
With us who were his own
The great things of life we gained from him
May we to our children pass on.*

On the first day of spring amid the mountains that he loved, his soul took that Heavenly flight. We can still hear echoing through the ages, over and over again, "Bless the name of my God! Bless the name of my God!"

Thomas Caudill



I am going to try, with the good Lord's help, to write this obituary of our youngest brother, Thomas Caudill. The best news he could have left us all was when he told us he had made peace with God and he believed he was going to a better home. When the doctors first told him he had cancer he asked the Lord to grant him three wishes. The first one was to come back to the graveyard to visit his mom's and dad's graves, which he did. The second one was to see all of his sisters and brothers, which he did. The third one was to live to see his second grandchild

born, but he didn't live long enough.

Thomas was the youngest son of the late Arlie and Nancy Ann Hawkins Caudill. He was born September 13, 1946, making him 46 years, ten months and nine days old. He passed away July 22, 1993 at the Mercy Hospital Medial Center in Des Moines, Iowa. He was buried in the Rising Sun Cemetery in Rising Sun, Iowa.

Thomas moved to Des Moines, Iowa twenty-eight years ago. He was employed at Bridgestone-Firestone when he was told he had cancer.

Surviving are his wife, Sandi; a son, James Edward, and a daughter, Kathryn Ann Thompson; a son-in-law, Curt Thompson; and one grandson, Curtis Thompson, all of Des Moines. Thomas was so proud of little Curtis and he thought the world of him. Also surviving are five brothers: Grand Caudill of Premium, Ky., Lee Caudill of Pinellas Park, Fla., Boyd Caudill of Pontiac, Mich., Paul Caudill of Taylor, Mich., and Jimmy Suffridge of Fort Wayne, Ind.; six sisters: Emma Meade of Dayton, Oh., Essie Mullins of Dearborn Heights, Mich., Bessie Jones, Sally Jones, Hazel Back, and Sandra Caudill, all of Premium, Ky.

The good Lord called and Thomas answered. You are gone on home to live with our Savior, and Mommy and Daddy. You won't have any

more pain, no suffering of any kind, and best of all, you get to put on that long white robe and be able to walk again all by yourself. We will all miss you, Thomas, and you will be in our minds and hearts every day. We hope you believed us all when we tried to show you how much we loved you. There's another empty place in our circle now. But we can meet Thomas in Heaven, if we want to.

Written by the family

Rhoda S. Cook



Rhoda S. Cook was born June 7, 1915, the daughter of George and Cindy Owens. After a short illness, Rhoda passed from this life October 24, 1992.

Her surviving family includes one brother, George Jr., and three sisters: Edna Collins, Della Armstrong and Corna Cook. Her surviving children include her son, Danny Smith of Hindman; three daughters: Billie Sue Mullins of Marion, Ind., Etta Gayheart and Debbie Mullins of Mallie.

Rhoda is also survived by three grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Rhoda was married first to Watson Smith and together they raised the family. Watson preceded Rhoda in death and she later married Kenzie Cook. Kenzie, too, preceded Rhoda in death.

Rhoda took great pride in three things in this life: her church, her family, and her work as a cook for seventeen years for the Knott County Board of Education. Rhoda joined and was a faithful member of the Little Dove Church.

Next to her faith in the Almighty, her family was her life. Nothing would please her more than to have her children around her come Sunday afternoon. They were her pride and joy, and she would never pass up the

opportunity to tell of them and their accomplishments. It was this love and devotion that her family now finds missing in their lives. She held a special place in the eyes of all who knew her. But their loss is now Heaven's gain.

Respectfully submitted by her family

Buryl Oneil Cornett

Our hearts are sad, our home is lonely, because one so dear to us has gone home to be with Jesus.



Buryl entered eternal life on May 28, 1992 at his home on Linefork, being 53 years, eleven months and twenty-nine days of age. Buryl was the son of Matt Cornett and the late Susanna Cornett of Linefork. Buryl married Delana Sue Cornett on July 10, 1973. To this union were born four daughters: Marcella, Tammy, Tracy and April, all living at home.

Buryl worked hard to provide for his family. He tried to give his girls everything they wanted, and also taught them of the Lord. He told them to always put God first in life and everything would be all right. Buryl loved to talk about the Bible to anyone who would take time to listen. He joined the Defeated Creek Regular Baptist Church on December 2, 1990. Buryl loved the Lord, enjoyed his salvation, and was a faithful member of the church. Many times after Buryl joined the church, he would say, "Mom, this world is in awful shape, I can't wait to go home to be with Jesus."

Buryl was a dear husband and a loving daddy, and he is missed greatly. Since Buryl passed away, his daughter has come home; Marcella was saved and joined the Defeated Creek Church.

Oh, Dad, how we love and miss you. Some of Buryl's happiest times were the times he spent with his girls. He was a very, very special daddy

and husband, and we miss him greatly, but our loss is Heaven's gain, and we have a hope of meeting him again some sweet day.

Written by family: wife, Delana, and daughters, Marcella, Tammy, Tracy and April
In our hearts you will always be.

Cinda Sparkman Cornett



Cinda Sparkman Cornett of Gordon, Kentucky passed away December 10, 1992 at the Harlan ARH. She was born June 23, 1907. She was married to Dave Cornett, who preceded her in death in November, 1974.

She is survived by one son, James Cornett of Gordon, Ky.; two daughters, Cora Caudill of Letcher, Ky. and Evelyn Holbrook of Gordon, Ky.; one brother, Frank Sparkman of Jackson, Ky., five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Cinda was a member of the Mount Olivet Regular Baptist Church. She loved to attend church as long as she was able.

Written by Sister Ruth Frazier and daughter, Evelyn Holbrook

Marion Day



Marion Day passed away on Friday, October 2, 1992 at the Whitesburg Appalachian Regional Health Care Center. Marion was the son of the late George and Polly Callihan Day. He was born February 3, 1913, being 79 years, seven months and twenty-nine days of age at the time of his passing.

Marion was a member of the Cowan Regular Baptist Church for thirteen years.

Surviving are his wife of fifty-four years, Marie Frazier Day; one son, Danny Keith Day of Anniston, Ala.; two brothers:

Coleman Day of Cowan and Quentin Day of Kingscreek; three half-brothers: Jack Day of Columbus, Ind., Dauphus Day of Kingscreek and Donald Wayne Day of Columbus, Ind.; two sisters, Mattie Lou Stamper of Columbus, Ind. and Luna Roark of Kingscreek; two half sisters, Regina Logan and Margaret Ann Stamper, both of Kingscreek; and two grandchildren, Tricia Maria Day of Murfreesboro, Tenn., and Danielle Day of Columbus, Ind., along with a host of other relatives and friends to mourn his passing.

Astor Fields



With a sad heart and the help of the Lord, I will try to write the obituary of our dear daddy, Astor Fields.

Astor Fields entered eternal life Tuesday, April 24, 1990 at Ingrams Creek, Kentucky. Astor was the son of Dona Fields and the late Alford Fields of Kingscreek, Kentucky. He was born July 14, 1929, being 60 years, nine months and ten days of age at the time of his passing.

Surviving, other than his mother, are his wife, Glenna Banks Fields; one son, David Astor Fields of Kingscreek, Ky.; eight daughters: Dean Roark, Marsha Kay Fields and Hester Steward, all of Kingscreek, Ky., Debbie Day of Whitesburg, Ky., Darlene Maggard and Margie Releigh, both of Big Cowan, Ky., Delana Cornett of Linefork, Ky., Pam Bartley of Jenkins, Ky.; four brothers: Lester Fields of Loyal, Ky., Eugene Fields of Bedford, Ind., Leroy Fields of Premium, Ky., Herbert Fields of Dry Fork, Ky.; four sisters: Dixie Eldridge and Maxie Ison, both of Roxana, Ky., Hester Fuson of Evarts, Ky., and last but not least, Linda Collins of Whitesburg, Ky.

Also left to mourn his passing are fifteen grandchildren, whom Daddy loved with all his heart, and a whole host of friends and relatives whom we each and everyone love and appreciate from the bottom of our hearts.

Our daddy was not just Daddy to us children, he was our best friend. He loved us all, and he loved the Lord. Our daddy was of the Pentecostal faith and was faithful in his church right up until the very end. Daddy loved to tell us and anybody who would listen about our precious Lord and what he could do for us, if we'd just let him into our hearts. A couple of us girls were lucky, we got to serve and live for the Lord alongside our daddy, and we thank God for this, and since our daddy has gone and left us for

Gloryland, I, too, have found the Lord and am serving Him. I hope someday to get home to see my daddy again.

There is not a doubt in our minds that Daddy is up in Heaven and he's singing a beautiful song, "Come Up Here My Little Children."

Daddy was a hard-working man throughout his days, right up until the day we found our dear daddy dead in the cornfields on Ingrams Creek, Kentucky. But Daddy, we know you are resting now up there in the arms of our Savior.

Daddy, I can see the sadness and loneliness in Mommy's eyes since you've gone away.

We all miss you so much, Daddy, but we hope and pray that someday if we'll all live right that we can come and see you in your new home.

Daddy, we also know that your children and grandchildren were the light of your life.

Daddy, we've each and everyone got special memories of you and we'll treasure them until we meet again.

Daddy, David Astor being your only son, we know he misses you more than we can ever express with our words, and we know he has lots of memories to tell his little boys as they grow up. Daddy, since your passing you have three more beautiful grandchildren, whom you may see someday after while.

Written by your loving daughter, Dean Roark, also left to mourn and miss you, your loving wife, Glenna Fields, and family

George Fugate



George Fugate was born on August 29, 1893 at Emmalena, Kentucky. His parents were Sam and Annie Fugate. When George grew up, he married Sally Francis. He also fought in World War I in France from 1917 to 1919. After coming back from the war, he and his wife raised six children from wages from working in the coal mines. Later on in years, George and Sally both joined the New Bethlehem Church at Talcum, Kentucky, and were baptized. Along with belonging to the New Bethlehem Church, George also donated the land that the church stands on

today, and helped to build the church house itself.

George and Sally were happy and lived a long life together. On November 17, 1976 Sally passed away and George was left by himself in this world with no companionship. He was very lonely. Finally, in June of 1980, George married Alma Patrick, and he once again found happiness in this world. While George and Alma were able, they loved to go to church and hear all the singing and preaching. George and Alma had thirteen very wonderful years together until George passed away April 1, 1993. He has been greatly missed by family, friends, church members, people of our community, and most of all, Alma.

Mary Dixon Fugate



The wind is cold. The snow has been blowing. The leaves have turned brown and fallen to the ground. Winter is swiftly approaching. Today is a sad day, for one we loved so much has left us and gone, never to return.

But for Sister Mary, today is not sad. For, lo, the winter is past, the rain is over and gone, the flowers appear on the earth; the time of the singing of birds is come and the voice of the turtle is heard in our land; the fig tree putteth forth her green figs and the vines with tender grapes give a good smell. Arise, my love, my fair one and come away. Saturday, November 14, 1992, Mary Dixon Fugate answered that call. She arose—loving, lovely and fair, and went away to be with her beloved.

Mary was born in Perry County on December 30, 1915 into the home of the late James D. Pratt and Delcena Francis Pratt. Her life on earth was 76 years, ten months and fourteen days.

Mary was married four times. John Hibbard, Garlan Hibbard, Shade Dixon and Farris Fugate all preceded her in death. She has one son who survives, John Marshall Hibbard, Ewa Beach, Hawaii, and three grandchildren. She is also survived by a host of nieces, nephews, friends and neighbors.

Mary was a virtuous woman for her price is far above rubies . . . She stretcheth out her hand to the needy . . . Strength and honour are her clothing; and she shall rejoice in time to come.

She was one of the warmest, kindest, Christians to walk this way. Whether it was her nieces, nephews, or friends, she called them "her children." She was a second mother to so many!

Mary was deeply loved by so many. The care she received in the hospital, in the nursing home, and in their homes, is a testimony to the love

they had for her, and the kind of person she was. Friends and relatives can take comfort and pride in the way they helped her.

In October, 1968 Mary joined the Mount Olivet Old Regular Baptist Church.

Few have been as dedicated and committed as Sister Mary. Her life was filled with singing, praying and serving her Lord. She expressed her love so intensely, so freely. She was the same everywhere and always. She was as likely to give a hug and a holy kiss on some street as in the church house.

Not many are like Sister Mary. She had heart surgery, she had sugar diabetes, she had cancer, and she was lonely. Her steps grew slower and slower—her voice grew shaky and her hands began to tremble. However, her faith never faltered, and she will sing a new song. She liked to sing "The Old Ship of Zion." You can almost hear her now . . .

*"As I step on board I'll be leaving
All my sorrows and heartaches behind.
I'll be safe with Jesus the Captain,
Sailing out on the Old Ship of Zion."*

Foley Hicks



With a sad and broken heart, I will try to write the obituary of my husband, Foley Hicks. Foley was born in Knott County on October 26, 1917. He was the son of the late Eli and Mallie Conley Hicks.

Foley and I were married on March 27, 1937. We were married for more than fifty-six years. The Lord blessed us to have a son, Carl, and a daughter, Ruby Ann.

Foley was baptized on February 17, 1974 by Elders Burton Howard and Bill Justice, into the Regular Baptist Church, and he went as long as he was able.

This past Saturday night, Foley was blessed to get to come to church again. In his sickness, he always talked about wanting to be able to go to church again.

Left to mourn his passing is one son, Carl, of Garrett, Ky., and one daughter, Ruby, of Rome City, Ind.; three sisters, Stella Shepherd, Lillie Inmon, and Elsie Bolen; five grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren, and many friends and neighbors.

We lost a grandson, Dwayne, in 1977 and Foley kept going down from that time on.

I know we will miss him, but we feel that our loss is Heaven's gain.

Written by his wife, Lillian

P.S. Foley, we loved you so much it has made our hearts sad without you. Hope to meet you in Heaven someday.

Lillian, children and grandchildren

Herman C. Hughes



Brother Herman C. Hughes was married to Lora Elkins Hughes for fifty-five years. They have five daughters: Leona Chafin of Logan, W. Va.; Shirley Dotson of Wayne, W. Va.; Linda Frost of Azle, Texas; Wanda Barboza of Vista, Ca.; and Marilyn Henson of Chesapeake, Ohio. They have two sons: Richard Vernon Hughes (deceased) and Clifford Hughes of Proctorville, Ohio. There are also nineteen grandchildren and fourteen great-grandchildren.

Dad was a member and deacon of the Kaiser Branch Church in Grahn, Kentucky. Dad was a faithful member for forty-one years in the Old Regular Baptist family.

He left a good report of his travel through this life. There is no reason for anyone to doubt his walk with the Lord.

The Lord prepared a place for him, and he came and received him unto himself – just as He had promised. Sleep on, Dad, in that perfect peace and rest that only the Lord can provide.

Remember, children, the little jewels that the Lord blessed Dad to pass out to each of you before he left for his eternal home.

Children, remember that Christ has made a way for us all and He is that way. But we all must repent to God and have our faith in Christ.

Until then . . .

Wife, daughters and son

Miles Mayo Lucas



In much sorrow and sadness I will write this letter to the church. He left me with a lonesome home and the keys to Heaven.

In loving memory of my grandpa, Miles Mayo Lucas, a man who walked so humbly with love and pride. He was proud because he knew he had a Savior waiting to bring him home to Glory.

I am proud to say that I've walked, talked and listened to this little servant of God. He loved everyone so much. He loved me and my children and we loved him. He had a special song that he would sing to my son, Jeffrey. The son is "Wondering Boy." It starts out, "I've been praying for you from the cradle, my boy. I have taught you the best that I know. But in all these temptations and trials you meet, I will still be praying for you."

Thank you, Lord, for letting me keep him long enough to teach my children that serving God, as he did, will give them life everlasting.

Ever where we went people wanted to hear my grandpap sing "Gabriel's Trumpet" and that pleased him so much. That was his favorite song.

He would walk hastily on Sunday mornings, he loved his duty to God because God cleaned him up and made him the humble, loving person that he was. He didn't have to speak a word, his walk up to the stand let everyone know that he came to praise his Lord another Sunday morning. He wanted to give God the glory for those 102 years with us. His walk in this life spoke for him.

Joyce Lucas

Dollie Collins Mosley



With a sad heart, but precious memories, I write the obituary of my mother, Dollie Collins Mosley. She was born October 17, 1925 and passed away from this life November 3, 1992, making her stay 67 years and seventeen days on earth.

Very early in life she married Clifton "Dock" Mosley, who preceded her in death. To this union were born nine children: Imalee Hall, Charlene Jacobs, Nancy Jacobs, J.D., Evalene Hall, J.C., and L.D., and Cordell and Betty Sue, who preceded her in death.

She was also preceded in death by her mother, Maude Hicks Collins, and father, Willie Collins.

Mother was a member of the Ball Fork Regular Baptist Church. She dearly enjoyed the church, but was unable to attend.

Before God called Mommy from this life, she was able to call her children to her hospital bed to hug them one last time. I expect to meet my loving mother again in Heaven. but before I do, my constant prayer to God is that all my brothers and sisters will turn to God before it is too late.

Mother is dearly missed by family and friends who knew and loved her.

Written by Elder L.D. Mosley



Elder Lee Mosley

*I am home in Heaven, dear ones,
Oh, so happy and so bright,
There is perfect joy and beauty,
In this everlasting light.*

*All the pain and grief is over,
Every restless tossing passed,
I am now at peace forever,
Safely home in Heaven at last.*

*Did you wonder, I so calmly,
Trod the valley of the shade?
Oh, but Jesus's love illuminated
Every dark and fearful glade.*

*And He came Himself to lead me,
In the way so hard to tread,
And with Jesus's arm to lean on,
Could I have one doubt or dread?*

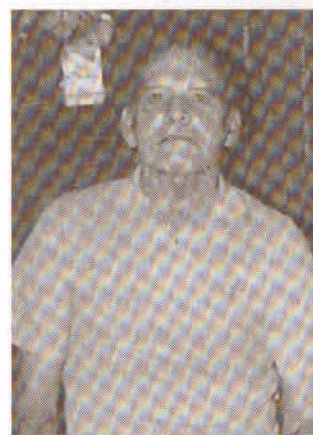
*Then you must not grieve so sorely,
For I love you dearly still,
Try to look beyond death's shadows,
Pray to trust our Father's will*

*There is work still waiting for you,
So you must not idly stand,
Do it now while life remaineth,
You shall rest in Jesus's land.*

*When that work is all completed,
He will gently call you home.
Oh, the rapture of that meeting,
Oh, the joy to see you come.*

Requested by his loving wife, Gracie Mosley, in remembrance of her husband, Lee Mosley. Gone, but not forgotten.

Albert Zine Mullins



With the help of God, I will try to write the obituary of my daddy.

Daddy was born August 18, 1921 and left this world of trouble on June 16, 1993, making his stay on earth 71 years, nine months and sixteen days.

He was born into the family of Monroe and Millie Gibson Mullins, who preceded him in death. Three brothers, George, Spencer, and Ray, also preceded him in death.

He leaves to mourn his passing three brothers, Hiram Jr. Mullins of Larkslane, Ky., Ollie James Mullins and Olliver Mullins, both from Amburgey, Ky.; and two sisters, Beatrice Cook and Cleo Everage, both from Amburgey, Ky.

Early in life he met and married Ollie Virgie Everage. To this union were born twelve children. Two sons, Darrel and Mitchell, and one daughter, Nancy Joan, preceded him in death. He leaves to mourn his passing his wife, Ollie Virgie Mullins; five sons: Alger and Morgan of Litt Carr, Ky., Vick of Wolfpen, Ky., Burl of Hindman, Ky., and Dean of Pikeville, Ky.; four daughters: Linda Hall and Gloria Dials of Pinetop, Ky., Charlotte Cable of Red Fox, Ky., and Brenda Slone of Hindman, Ky.

Daddy had forty-three grandchildren, two of whom preceded him in death, and five great-grandchildren, one of whom preceded him in death.

He also had six step-grandchildren and a host of friends and relatives who mourn his passing.

I feel in life that Daddy became so lonely, something was missing, and I believe after many sleepless nights of crying and begging, that God heard him and put him on the straight and narrow path that leads to life everlasting. I know that Daddy was happy then, but he wanted the world to know about God. He put his light on a candlestick to give light to his children and friends. He joined Happy Home Old Regular Baptist Church, and was baptized April 5, 1969. Daddy always loved to go to church to hear good news from Heaven and to feel God's presence.

But the time came when Daddy was not able to go to the church house anymore. Although he was in such pain with cancer and so many other things that were ailing his body, he always had a special smile for everyone who came to see him. Now he is gone, but the light that he left is Jesus. I am so happy for him, tears of joy flow as I write this to know that Daddy won't feel any more pain. You will not see Papaw any more here. If he could speak, he would say, "Love one another and be good, I am with Jesus now. And I beg you, when He knocks at your heart, don't turn Him away. Steal away and cry out to Him. He is everywhere. He is the only one who can get you to where I am. Goodbye for now. Love, Papaw."

Our loss is Heaven's gain. Written by his son, Alger, daughter, Brenda, and daughter-in-law, Cinda, with hope in Christ.

*God had an empty space,
Up in Heaven one day,
This is when He came,
And called Zion away.*

*He sent a little angel,
That said, "Zion, its time to go."
And Zion was so ready,
To leave this world below.*

*Zion had been yearning,
To walk through Heaven's door,
To a place where the roses,
Will never die no more.*

*Now everyone get ready,
For your journey to begin,
Because Zion is up there waiting,
For us to join him again.*

*God, just tell Zion,
It'll be another day or two,
Before our lives
Here on earth are through.*

*But we'll keep his memory going,
As long as we are alive,
So everyone will know,
What a special man we had
in our lives.*

*By Michelle Slone
June 21, 1993*



Nannie Mullins

By the help of the good Lord, I'll try to write a short obituary of Sister Nannie Mullins. She was a faithful member of the Friendship Church until she was no longer able to come. Sister Nannie and her husband were ordained deacons. Sister Nannie was 92 years old. Her husband preceded her in death, as did two sons and two daughters. Sister Nannie was loved by everyone who knew her. The Friendship Church lost a

great helper in the church. She will be greatly missed by all.

Her brother in the Lord, George Shea

Rex Russell Pridemore

(1930 - 1992)



Filled with fond and precious memories, I will try, with the help of God, to write the obituary of my loving father.

Rex Russell Pridemore was born on April 5, 1930. He was the son of Russell and Opal Collins Pridemore. He had one younger brother, Ray.

On November 15, 1950, he married Harriett Reynolds, who remained a loving and devoted wife to him for the remainder of his life, and to this union were born four children.

At the age of 18, Daddy joined the Navy and served four years before returning to Eastern Kentucky. He worked approximately thirty years for the Kentucky Department of Transportation before retiring. He loved his work because it allowed him

to help others. He continued to work until his health forced him to retire in 1985.

After retiring, he and several of his friends built a log cabin on his beloved Smith Branch, where he had spent many carefree days as a child. He enjoyed going to his cabin each day, where he and his friends raised pigs, chickens, and a garden together.

In his quiet, easy-going manner, Daddy provided his family with a home, love and direction. He taught his children by example. He worked hard and always paid his debts, and he was never too busy or too tired to help his neighbors.

In February 1992, we found out that Daddy had lung cancer. Although he was a fighter and was bravely determined to beat the disease, his body was too far gone. Realizing his lost condition and his need to return to God, Daddy prayed until being delivered from his burden of sin. He joined the Reynolds Fork Old Regular Baptist Church and was baptized on July 18, 1992. He immediately became a light unto God and testified to everyone he came in contact with. He was always eager to tell about his God and encourage others to become children of God.

Many nights when the pain in his body kept him from sleeping, Daddy and Mommy would spend precious moments talking about God's goodness and mercy and the prospect of a better life in Heaven.

On Thursday morning, September 17, 1992, Daddy passed away at the Hazard Appalachian Regional Hospital. He leaves to mourn his passing his wife, Harriett; his mother, Opal Pridemore; one brother, Ray Pridemore; four children: Raymond Russell Pridemore, Edythe Ann Pridemore, Robert Dean Pridemore, and Cathy Sue Combs; one daughter-in-law, Cheryl Lynn Pridemore; one son-in-law, Wendell Combs; four grandchildren: Trinity Craig, Joyce and Luke; and three step-grandchildren, Tommy, Jerry, and April.

Daddy cannot come back to us, but we can go where he is. Let us all strive for a better life so we can meet with him around the throne of God.

Written by his daughter, Cathy Combs

Edna Rose



Edna Rose, daughter of the late George Johnson and Belva Lockwood Mullins Johnson, was born in Clintwood, Virginia on February 21, 1918. She entered eternal life Sunday, October 25, 1992 at the Jenkins Community Hospital, being 74 years, eight months and four days at her passing.

Edna was married to the late Acie Rose April 22, 1933, and he entered eternal life August 21, 1989. To this union were born sixteen children, six sons and ten daughters. The sons include: Walter of Clintwood, Va., Tommy, Gary, Larry and Gerald, all of Jenkins, Ky., and Wendell of Elyria, Ohio. The daughters include Gaynell Fields of Columbus, Ind., Dorothy Sowards of Pikeville, Ky., and Louise Vance, Bobby Duncil, Lavada Wright, Alice Lockwood, Belva Mullins, Becky Brown, Vanessa Rose and Freda Hall, all of Jenkins, Ky.

Mother was baptized into the Regular Baptist Church in August, 1949, and her membership was with the Dixon Memorial Regular Baptist Church at her passing. She remained a devoted and faithful member as long as she was able to attend.

There are so many cherished and loving memories racing through our minds as we attempt to continue this obituary. The family and community have lost a very loving, caring, humble person, but most of all, a person who touched the lives of all who knew her by her acts of kindness, her smile, and her readiness to help anyone, without hesitation. She loved her family and friends dearly, and it can truly be said of Edna Rose, "Ye shall be known by the fruits you bear." This was truly an individual who preached her own funeral by the life she lived and the example she set before her family and the neighborhood.

Edna and her dearly, departed husband, Elder Acie Rose, devoted their lives to the church. They attended each weekend, although at times

their health was not up-to-par. Yet, they would always seem to feel much better afterwards, especially after having received a spiritual blessing. Acie would sing the songs of Zion, and Edna was widely known for shouting the praises of God. Many times she and Acie were asked to pray for my family and me, an Edna would often tell us how good God had been to her and her family. God was the one who actually deserved the praise, glory and honor.

As they traveled side-by-side, Edna and Acie were so kind and thoughtful while visiting their friends, especially the sick. This was a couple most definitely joined by God, and they brought lots of joy and many a blessing to those unable to attend church. They would meet with friends and family, and Acie would sing and hold prayer while Edna would begin shouting the praises of God. A seat is now vacant in her home, at her church, and in the homes of her many friends whom she once visited. The emptiness in our hearts will forever be felt, but there is comfort in believing that she has made a glorious exchange from this earthly house to that Heavenly home.

Edna was a most kind and understanding mother, grandmother, and friend, but we need to remember that "God giveth and God taketh away." Those who believe in Him and follow in His footsteps are more likely to inherit eternal life. She is sorely missed, but her pain and suffering has ended as she now dwells in a better home with her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Losing Acie was a devastating experience for Edna, and all the sadness and loneliness caused her health to deteriorate more rapidly. Her family and friends tried so diligently to comfort her, but the only way she could ever be happy again would be when the Lord were to call her home to be with her dearly departed husband. Edna's son, Tommy, and his wife, Nina, moved into the house with her in order to better care for her. Edna received the best of care during her illness, but when God calls, each of us will have to answer. Yet, there is comfort in knowing and realizing that she was ready and willing to go.

It is very difficult and very heartbreaking to lose a loved one, especially one so dear and softspoken as Edna. A kind voice is no longer

with us, but the fond memories we shared with her will forever remain in our thoughts and hearts. Words cannot express how much we miss her, and it is a true honor to have known this wonderful lady.

Edna's funeral was preached by Elders I.D. Back and Jimmy Hall October 28, 1992. Her sweet body was laid to rest in Green Acres Cemetery, Ermine, Kentucky, where she was placed beside her late husband, Elder Acie Rose. She is another beautiful flower in the Master's bouquet. The family would like to take this opportunity to thank all of those who spoke kind words, or sent food or flowers, for being there with them during their time of bereavement or sorrow.

Written by her lonely and broken-hearted family, assisted by two special and devoted friends, Paul and Glenda Sue Baker

Naomi Shepherd



It is so very hard, but we will try to write the obituary of our mother, Naomi Shepherd.

Mom was born to the late George and Dellie Coburn Boleyn of May 2, 1918 and passed away at Our Lady of the Way Hospital in Martin, Kentucky on June 4, 1992.

In early life Mom married Manis Shepherd, who preceded her in death on July 24, 1986. They were blessed to have six daughters and one son.

Mom was baptized into the Rock Fork Old Regular Baptist Church on November 16, 1985 by Elder Earl Slone and Elder Jerry Manns. Mom loved the church, and went as long as she was able to go.

Left to mourn her passing are her son, Phillip Shepherd of Garrett, Ky., and five daughters: Claudine Shepherd of Garrett, Ky., Madylene

Boleyn of Topmost, Ky., Donna Shepherd of Garrett, Ky., Sarah Jackson of Garrett, Ky., and Stella Slone of Hueysville, Ky. One daughter, Ella Faye, preceded her in death. One sister, Viola Hayse of Ligonier, Ind.; two grandsons, Tim and Aaron; one granddaughter, Angie; and three sons-in-law, Arlie, Kermit and Ancil, also survive. Also left to mourn her passing are three step-grandsons, Daryl, Greg and Jeff, all of Indiana.

On Thursday, June 4, 1992, Mom passed from this life to a life of joy and peace. On our parents' tombstones the words "Ties That Bind" say how we feel about them and how they felt about each other. Love is the "ties that bind," and even death cannot break those ties.

Written by her broken-hearted children

Jasper and Effie Slone

With the help of the good Lord, I will try to write the obituary of my beloved Daddy and Mommy.

Jasper Slone was born January 30, 1908. He was the son of Isom "Salty Ice" Slone and Lindy Slone of Pippa Passes, Ky. He left this earth for a better home on November 6, 1989, being 82 years, nine months and seven days old at the time of his passing.



Daddy talked to a little girl in a window. He said she had long, blond hair and was the prettiest sight he'd ever seen. He said she was waiting for him. Daddy told me

he was going to a better home. He told me he'd been praying for long time. Although he didn't join the church, I believe with all my heart he is around the throne of God. I believe he made peace with the Lord before he left his old earth.

Early in life Daddy was married to Effie Slone. To this union nine children were born. Two sons preceded him in death, Luther and Delmos Slone. Left to mourn his passing are three sons: Bert Slone of Morehead, Ky., Alva Slone of Portsmouth, Ohio, and Corbett Slone of London, Ky.; four daughters: Ruth Prater of Hueysville, Ky., Melvie Slone of Garner, Ky., Irene Reed of Concord, Ohio, and Nadine Monroe of Sharrodsville, Ohio. He had forty-six grandchildren, fifty-two great-grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren. He also had one brother, Carly Slone of Florida, and one sister, Polly Slone of Hueysville, Ky.

Daddy was a hard worker. He worked in the coal mines for years. When he was out of work here in Kentucky, he went to Marion, Ohio where he worked for Cory Rubber Company until he retired. Daddy's work is over here on earth, but I believe he is at rest on the other side of the shore. We all miss him very much.

Effie Slone was born May 14, 1909. She was the daughter of Billy Slone and Rachel Slone of Pippa Passes, Ky. She left this old world of sorrow on October 22, 1991. Her stay here on earth was 82 years, five months and eight days. I believe Mommy is at rest in the arms of Jesus. When Jesus called, she just fell asleep.

Mommy had cancer and was in the hospital at Morehead, Kentucky. They wanted to do surgery, but she said she wanted to go home first and have church at her house. We took her home and called some of the Regular Baptist preachers in to have meeting for her. The preachers who came were Hershel Short, Hurley Short, James Slone and Earl Mosley. She really enjoyed this meeting. She clapped her hands and praised the Lord. I can just see her little hands as I write this. She gave her hand to Preacher Hershel Short to join the church. She said she wanted to be baptized if she became able, but she never did. I believe Mommy is better off than we are. I believe our loss is Heaven's gain.

Mommy was a hard-working woman. She worked in the gardens and fields. She also did some of the making and laundering of the white uniforms the girls used to wear at Alice Lloyd College. She tried her best to help raise us children.

Early in life Mommy was married to Jasper Slone. To this union nine children were born. Two sons, Luther and Delmos Slone, preceded her in death. Left to mourn her passing are three sons: Bert Slone of Morehead, Ky., Alva Slone of Portsmouth, Ohio, and Corbett Slone of London, Ky.; four daughters: Ruth Prater of Hueysville, Ky., Melvie Slone of Garner, Ky., Irene Reed of Concord, Ohio, and Nadine Monroe of Sharrodsville, Ohio. She has forty-six grandchildren, fifty-two great-grandchildren, and four great-great-grandchildren. She also has one sister, Connie Jacobs of Pippa Passes, Ky., and one brother, Milford Slone of Mousie, Ky. We all miss her very much.

So, brothers and sisters, if we want to see Daddy and Mommy again, we will have to let their God be our God. By the help of the Lord, we can all be a family again, parting nevermore.

"Daddy and Mommy, I hope we can meet again in Heaven someday. We miss you so very much."

Written by her daughter, Melvie Slone

The words to this little poem came to me as I was sitting on the porch the day my Mommy was buried.

*The autumn leaves were falling,
When God called that Daddy of mine,
It was in his plan to call Mommy
It was just a matter of time.*

*The autumn leaves were falling,
When God called Mommy early that day,
It had been one year, eleven months,
Since God called Daddy away.*

*They are now in Heaven.
Walking streets of gold in robes of white,
But oh, how sad for us children,
When they took their Heavenly flights.*

*Sleep on, sleep on, sweet Mommy,
Sleep on, sleep on, sweet Dad,
Sleep on, the two of you,
You were the best friends we ever had.*

Sadly missed by their daughter, Melvie Slone

Santanna Danielle Slone



With sad, but loving memories, I will try to write the obituary of my granddaughter. Santanna was born to Danny and Nicole Slone on November 3, 1992. She was born with a heart defect, and on November 27, 1992 her struggle for life ended when God sent his angels to take her home to be with Him up in Heaven.

Santanna was the granddaughter of Barb and Bordes Slone and of Ruth and Butch Gregory. She was the great-granddaughter of Ella and Burnice Reynolds and of Ada Gregory. Her few days here on earth were so precious to everyone. Darling, we miss you, but we know you are with Jesus.

Written by her grandmother

Virgie Stacy



Virgie was born into the home of J.T. and Margaret Smith on August 23, 1905 at Eoila, Kentucky. She was born into a large family, having nine whole brothers and sisters, four half-sisters, and one half-brother.

At a young age, Virgie, along with her family, traveled from Eoila to the Jeremiah area by covered wagon. Virgie, being one of the youngest, got to ride on the mule, but her sister, Mary, can remember having to walk alongside with the older brothers and sisters.

As a young woman, Virgie met and married Dan Adams. To this union nine children were born: Mamie, Margaret, James, Gid, Mary, Dock, Juanita, Blaine, Coreen and Ivan.

Virgie was widowed at a young age, and was left to raise her children, who ranged from ages six weeks to thirteen years old, alone. She kept her family together with a lot of love, hard work, and help from the older children.

With the love and support of her parents, Virgie would work at various jobs to provide for her family, including cooking, and working as a seamstress, waitress, and factory worker.

In September, 1958 she saw the need of a Savior. Along with her daughter, Margaret, she joined the Blair Branch Church during the memorial meeting on Horse Mill Point. They were soon baptized at the low water bridge below Virgie's home.

Virgie later married William B. Stacy, and lived a happy life until the time of his passing.

Virgie lost her daughter, Mary, to a sudden death, and also lost a son later in life, Blaine. She neglected her own failing health to make the trip to Ohio to see Blaine once a week until his death.

Virgie was always willing to help anyone in need, be it a hot meal, a kind word, or a prayer. When asked what could anyone do for her, Virgie would just say, "Send up a little prayer."

We ask today that on behalf of her family, you send up a little prayer to help them through this time of sorrow.

Virgie A. Stacy passed away on Monday, January 18, 1993 at the Whitesburg Appalachian Regional Healthcare Center.

Virgie was the daughter of the late J.T. and Margaret Lillian Fields Smith.

She was born August 23, 1905 being 87 years, four months and twenty-five days of age at the time of her passing.

Virgie was the widow of Dan Adams and William B. Stacy.

Virgie was a member of the Blair Branch Regular Baptist Church.

Surviving are three sons: James Gid Adams of Speedwill, Tenn., Dock A. Adams of Jeremiah, and Ivan D. Adams of Isom; four daughters: Mamie Engle, Margaret Caudill, Juanita McCrarey, and Coreen Pridemore, all of Jeremiah; one sister, Mary Adams of Jeremiah; twenty-two grandchildren; thirty-five great-grandchildren; eight great-great-grandchildren, along with a host of other relatives and friends to mourn her passing. Virgie was preceded in death by a son, Blaine Franklin Adams, and a daughter, Mary G. Denny.

Jessie Stewart Wright



Jessie Stewart Wright was born January 10, 1920 and departed this life on March 24, 1993, making her stay on this earth 73 years, two months and twenty-three days. She was the daughter of the late John R. Stewart and Sophia Belle Stewart. She was the wife of Coy Ellis Wright. To this union were born four children: Anna Belle Wright of Roxanna, Ky., Andy Wright of Roxanna, Ky., Billy Wayne Wright of Louisville, Ky., and John Douglas Wright, deceased. She is survived by one brother, Critty Stewart.

Jessie was baptized in 1972 and was a member of the Tolson Creek Old Regular Baptist Church.

Words cannot describe the kind of lady that Jessie was. She was truly a "great lady." She stamped her name into the hearts of all the people that ever came to know her. She truly made an impression on each one in a very special way.

Her memory will always live in the hearts of everyone that was blessed to know her. The school children loved her, her family loved her, her church loved her, and her community loved her. Jessie will be missed by all.

Articles of Faith

1. We believe in the one true and living God, and not withstanding there are Three that bear record in Heaven, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, yet there is but one in substance, equal in power and glory, not to be divided and impossible to change in principle and practice.
2. We believe the Old and New Testament Scriptures are the true written words of God and were given by inspiration of God and there is a sufficiency in them contained for our instruction and they are the only rule of our faith and practice.
3. We believe the doctrine of original sin, and that man sinned since the fall, and 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 Supper are Gospel Ordinances; that true believers are the proper subjects and we admit no other.
8. We believe that the true mode of baptism is by immersion, to baptize a person by their own consent, back foremost in the water, in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost.
9. We believe that washing of one another's feet is a commandment of Christ, left on record with His disciples, and ought to be practiced by His followers.
10. We believe in the resurrection of the dead and general judgment when all will be judged according to their deeds done in the body.
11. We believe the punishment of the wicked will be everlasting and the joys of the righteous will be eternal after death.

12. We believe that no one has the right to administer the Gospel Ordinances but such as are legally ordained and qualified there unto.
13. We believe it to be the duty of all church members to attend church meetings, and that it is the duty of the church to deal with them for neglecting same.
14. We believe it to be the duty of all church members to contribute to the support of the church by defraying all reasonable expenses of same, never neglecting the poor, according to their several abilities.
15. We believe that any doctrine that goes to encourage or indulge the people in their sins or cause them to settle down on anything short of saving grace in Christ for salvation is erroneous and such doctrine will be rejected by us.
16. None of the above articles shall be construed as to hold with particular election or reprobation as to make God partial directly or indirectly so as to injure children of man.
17. None of the above articles shall be altered without legal notice and free consent.

Rules of Decorum

1. The Association shall open and close with prayer.
2. The moderator and assistant moderator, clerk and assistant clerk, shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.
3. Only one 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, restoration, application, dismissed, excluded and deceased since our last Association.
4. The members thus chosen and convened shall have no power to lord over God's heritage, nor shall they have any clerical power over the churches, nor shall they infringe on any of the rights of any of the churches in the union.
5. The Association, when convened, shall be governed by a regular and proper decorum.
6. The Association shall have a moderator and assistant moderator, clerk and assistant clerk, and treasurer, who shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.
7. New churches may be admitted to this union, which shall petition by letter and delegates, and if found upon examination to be orthodox and orderly, shall be received by the Association, and manifested by the moderator giving the right hand of fellowship.
8. Every church in the union shall be entitled to representation in the Association.
9. Every query presented by the churches to the Association, being first debated in their own church, shall come under the consideration of the Association.
10. Every motion made and seconded shall be considered by the Association, except it be withdrawn by the party who made it.
11. We think it absolutely necessary that we have an Association fund for defraying the expense of the same. For the raising of which we think it the duty of each church in the union to contribute such sums voluntarily as they think proper, and send it by their delegates, to be deposited with treasurer, who shall be responsible to the Association for, and pay the same out, as the Association may direct.
12. There shall be an Association book kept in which the proceedings of every Association shall be regularly recorded by the secretary, who shall receive annual compensation for same.

13. The minutes of the Association shall be read and corrected, if need be, and signed by the moderator and clerk before the Association rises.
14. Amendments to this plan of government may be made by majority of the union when in regular session, when so desired.
15. The Association shall endeavor to furnish the churches with minutes of the Association; the best methods of effecting the same shall be determined by the Association.
16. All matters coming before the Association shall be decided by will of the majority of the members present.
17. The Association shall have the power to decide for the general union of the churches and to preserve an inviolable chain of communion among same, giving churches all necessary advice in matters of church difficulty; inquiring into the cause why any church shall have failed to represent itself any time in the Association; appropriate the money received to any purpose it may think proper; appoint any member or members by their consent to transact any business which it may think necessary; withdraw from any church in the union which may violate any of the rules of the Association or deviate from the orthodox principles of religion; admit any orderly minister of our faith and order to a seat in the Association and adjourn to any time or place it may deem necessary.

Church Clerks and Addresses

Church	Clerk 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, Leburn, KY 41831
Defeated Creek	Keith Smith HCR 84, Box 1776, Linefork, KY 41833 PH: 633-4180
Reynolds Fork	Marion Slone HC 60, Box 1398, Mallie, KY 41836
Bull Creek	Earl Combs HC 67, Box 820, Blackey, KY 41804
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	Ollie Mullins HC 74 Box 2025, Amburgey, KY 41801
New Bethlehem	Melvin Creech HC 68 Box 595, 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	Glenn Hampton
	HC 71 Box 712, Jeremiah, KY 41826 PH. 633-0357
Little Zion	Ross S. Hill
	Box 114, Jeff, KY 41751 PH: 436-3633
Hurricane Gap	Keith Smith
	HCR 84 Box 1776, Line Fork, KY 41833 PH. 633-4180
Kingdom Come	Bert Fields
	HC 84, Box 1968, Whitesburg, KY 41858
Poor Fork	Joe Steely
	P.O. Box 1662, Middlesboro, KY 40969
Big Cowan	Jerry Day
	HC 84 Box 1258, Whitesburg, KY 41858 PH. 633-7517
Little Mary	Bill T. Hamm
	349 Boyd Branch, Thealka, KY 41259
Mount Zion	Leon Short
	HCR 60 Box 1050, Hindman, KY 41822 PH: 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 PH. 498-7440
Garden of Love	Michael Everage
	315 Huffman St., St. Mary's OH 45885
Rock Fork	Arlie Jackson
	P.O. Box 12, Garrett, KY 41630
Summertown	Everett Owens
	Box 48, Fisty, KY 41743 PH. 785-0389

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 Ike Singleton Rd.
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
Rock Fork	Hwy. 80 at the Knott/Floyd Co. Line
Summertown	Off 1088 on Big Fork Rd., 1 mile up Big Fork

Form of Church Letter

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

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

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

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

The state of the church is as follows:

Ordained Ministers

Name:	Post Offices:
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

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

Dear Brethren, pray for us, that Zion may have a 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 $\frac{1}{2}$ 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.