

Minutes of the
One-Hundredth Annual Session
of the

Indian Bottom Association

of Old Regular Baptist Churches
of Jesus Christ



Held at the
Indian Bottom Association Building
Sassafras, Knott County, Kentucky
September 1, 2 and 3, 1995

Hosted By:
Defeated Creek, Friendship, Hurricane Gap,
Clear Fork and Kingdom Come Churches

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History of the Indian Bottom Association

A history of the Indian Bottom Association must begin with a history of the Indian Bottom Church. The Indian Bottom Church was established on the third Saturday of November, 1810 as a part of the North District Association. It was located near Blackey, Kentucky on property that is now a part of the Arch Cornett farm. The presbytery that established the church was composed of Elder Election Thompson, Elder William Salisbury and Elder Simeon Justice. The first members of the Indian Bottom Church were James Webb, John Adams, Benjamin Adams, John Dixon, Issac Taulbee, James Harris, Stephen Caudill, Sarah Caudill, Rachael Adams, Mathis Kelley, Amy Kelley, James Caudill, Mary Caudill, Benjamin Caudill, Spencer Adams, Issac Whitaker, Archelous Craft and John Bunyard. Elder Election Thompson was selected as moderator and Issac Whitaker as clerk of the church.

The Regular Baptist family tree is rooted in the ministry of Jesus Christ. Baptists have an unbroken continuity of existence from the Apostolic days down through the centuries, including the early history of our nation and Kentucky. Throughout this long period they have been bitterly persecuted for heresy, driven from country to country, imprisoned, tortured, and slain by the thousands, yet they swerved not from their faith, doctrine, and adherence to their beliefs. Our origins are:

- a) Apostle John was with Christ on the Mount where the church was established;
- b) Polycarp, baptized by Apostle John, organized the Partus Church at the foot of Tiber in 150 A.D.;
- c) Tortullon, a member of the Partus Church, organized the Turan Church at Turan, Italy in 237 A.D.;
- d) Telesman, a member of the Turan Church, organized the Pontifossi Church in France in 398 A.D.;
- e) Adromicus, a member of the Pontifossi Church, organized the Darethea Church in Asia Minor in 671 A.D.;
- f) Archer Flavin, a member of the Darethea Church, organized

the Timto Church in Asia Minor in 738 A.D.;

- g) Balcola, a member of the Timto Church, organized the Lima Piedmont Church in 812 A.D.;
- h) Aaron Arlington, a member of the Piedmont Church, organized the Hillcliff Church at Wales, England in 987 A.D.;
- i) Dr. John Clark, from the Hillcliff Church, came to America and organized a church at Rhode Island, Connecticut, in 1638;
- j) The Rhode Island Church, along with others, formed the Philadelphia Association in 1707;
- k) The Philadelphia Association organized the Katockton Association in 1766;
- l) The Katockton Association organized the Hosten Association in 1783;
- m) The Hosten Association organized the South Elkhorn Association in 1784;
- n) The South Elkhorn Association organized the South Kentucky Association in 1878 which became the South and North District Associations in 1801;
- o) The North District Association organized the Burning Springs Association in 1813;
- p) The Burning Springs Association organized the New Salem Association in 1825;
- q) The New Salem Association organized the Sand Lick Association in 1876.

The following churches were released by the New Salem Association as an arm in order to form the Sandlick Association: Carrs Fork, Mallet Fork, Laurel Fork, Indian Bottom, Big Leatherwood, Colley Creek, Sandlick and Big Cowan churches. These churches met with the Indian Bottom Church on Friday before the first Sunday in November, 1876. The establishing presbytery was composed of Elders William Cook, Henry Day, James Williamson, John Creech and John Dixon. Elder Henry Day was selected as moderator and J.H. Craft as clerk. At this first Association meeting, Elder Wiley Morris preached the introductory sermon and Elder James Dixon prayed the prayer for the constitution. In the 1890's the Sandlick Association split over the doctrine of absolute predestina-

tion. A lawsuit resulted and the "hardshell" side won the Association name, records and the Sandlick church house. The other churches that had been a part of the Sandlick Association met and issued the following:

"Whereas, it appears of late that there is an adverse doctrine proclaimed in the camps of Israel, which has caused discord in our ranks, and being desirous of perpetuating the peace, love and fellowship of the churches on gospel doctrine; therefore, let it be known that on the 12th and 13th day of August, 1896 the following named churches met with the Indian Bottom Church by their ministers and messengers bearing letters from their respective churches."

The churches and their delegates were:

Indian Bottom Church:

Elder James Dixon, Elder James Caudill, John W. Dixon, W.B. Caudill, P.H. Gilly

Big Cowan Church:

Elder D. M. Maggard, Elder R. H. Fields, O. G. Holcomb, Ira D. Hall, John L. Day

Oven Fork Church:

Elder Charlie Blain, William Maggard, W. R. Boggs, Henry Boggs, Joseph Mullins

Poor Fork Church:

Elder John Creech, William Rice, Henry Rice, Henry Creech, Lemuel Stamper

Big Leatherwood Church:

Elijah Boggs, H. G. Pratt

Carrs Fork Church:

James Stamper, Samuel Stamper, Jeremiah Smith, W. P. Cody

Little Flock:

Silas Boggs

These, and other churches, continued to meet together each year. They met as "union meetings" since a lawsuit had resulted in the "hardshell side" winning the name of the Sandlick Association. On the second Friday, Saturday and Sunday of September, 1907 these churches met at the Oven Fork Church. During the work, the following item was

passed: "On motion of Elder Charles Blair, it is agreed and ordered that the name of the organization be now changed to the Indian Bottom Association and that the next session be termed the 13th as though the name had not been changed."

The churches present at this meeting were:

Church	Membership	Church	Membership
Carrs Fork	100	Poor Fork	20
Big Cowan	81	Clear Creek	65
Oven Fork	85	Mallet Fork	24
Big Leatherwood	75	Indian Bottom	61
Clover Fork	30	Kentucky	39
		(located in Missouri)	

These churches, their elders and members, were the foundation of the Indian Bottom Association as we know it today. Throughout this century, God has provided and blessed this Association with worthy brothers and sisters who have been willing to spend and to be spent, to endure, and to stand firm on "thus saith the word of the Lord." The years have not been without hardships, persecution, and heartaches, but by 1959 the Indian Bottom Association had grown to 29 churches with 1,377 members. However, in 1960 there came to be a separation of the Indian Bottom churches which resulted in the Indian Bottom Association and the Old Indian Bottom Association. Through the trials and the joys of the past one hundred years, God has blessed the Indian Bottom Association to continue to grow to its present 33 churches, with 1,677 members, that have gathered for this one-hundredth session of the Indian Bottom Association.

The information contained in this history came from:

- History of Regular Baptists*, published by Rufus Perigan, 1961
- History of Old Time Baptists in America*, by Elder Wesley Yonts, 1988
- Minutes of the Indian Bottom Association

MINUTES OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH ANNUAL SESSION OF THE INDIAN BOTTOM ASSOCIATION OF OLD REGULAR BAPTIST CHURCHES OF JESUS CHRIST

Friday, September 1, 1995
and the two following days

The Indian Bottom Association, being in session, assembled at our Association building at Sassafras, Knott County, Kentucky, September 1, 1995 and the two following days. Being hosted by the Defeated Creek, the Friendship, the Kingdom Come, the Hurricane Gap and the Clear Fork Churches, the Association met in the congregational department of the Association Building for preaching services. After lifting our voices in songs of praises to our Lord, Elder Toby Breeding introduced the service and led in prayer. After the introduction and prayer had been rendered, Elder Bill Halcomb came to the pulpit and preached a well-received sermon. In recognition of this one-hundredth session of our Association, Elder Elwood Cornett then reviewed the history of Regular Baptists and the establishment and growth of the Indian Bottom Association.

The delegates were dismissed from the congregation and asked to assemble in the Delegate Room. Then came forth Elder Elwood Cornett, our moderator, who welcomed the delegates and called upon Elder I. D. Back to come to the pulpit. Elder I.D. made a few remarks and 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 Defeated Creek Church. The letter was read by the clerk. By a move and second, with no objection, it was received, along with all other church letters, as they were in regular

form; the delegates were seated, and all requests and queries were referred to the Committee on Arrangements.

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

Elder Elwood Cornett, Moderator

Elder Jim Fields, Assistant Moderator

Brother Glenn Hampton, Clerk

Elder Don Pratt, Assistant Clerk

3. The Moderator called for newly constituted churches desiring to take up fellowship with us. A letter was read from the Lily of the Valley Church. By a move and second, with no objection, the letter was received, the delegates seated, and the letter was referred to the Committee on Arrangements.
4. Churches of our same faith and order who desired fellowship were called for. None responded.
5. By a move and second, with no objection, the Articles of Faith were read and the reading of the Rules of Decorum and the Constitution were omitted. All were directed to be printed in the minutes.
6. The moderator called for corresponding associations of our same faith and order who desired to correspond with us. A request was received from the Thornton Union Association and by a move and second, with no objection, referred to the Committee on Arrangements.
7. The moderator appointed a Committee on Ministry composed of one delegate from each church with the entire delegation from the Defeated Creek Church to arrange the preaching services for Friday afternoon and Saturday morning.
8. The moderator called for transient members and ministers and the following responded: Brother Barry Tiller and Elder Charles Craft.
9. By a move and second, with no objection, the moderator was directed to make all temporary appointments.
10. The moderator appointed a Committee on Arrangements which was to be the same as the Committee on Ministry with the exception that the Defeated Creek Church should have only one delegate, together with the association moderator, assistant modera-

tor, clerk and assistant clerk. A move and second, with no objection, was made 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: Brother Coburn Ison and Elder Randy Combs

Saturday morning: Brother James McClanahan, Elder Frank

Newsome, Brother Virgil Combs and Elder James Slone.

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. After singing, Brother Coburn Ison introduced the session and led in prayer. Elder Randy Combs then preached a soul-inspiring sermon, after which the committee arranged the work for Saturday.

SATURDAY MORNING

The Association met pursuant to adjournment. After lifting our voices in songs of praises to our Lord and Master, Elder Elwood Cornett, our moderator, welcomed everyone and called upon Elder Carl Back to introduce the session. Elder Carl caused us to rejoice in the Spirit of the Lord and then humbly led us to the throne of grace in prayer.

1. The clerk called the roll and marked the absentees.

Elder Elwood, our Moderator, then made the following remarks to the delegates of the Association:

"I am glad to be a Regular Baptist, but that, by itself, will not take me to Heaven. But, this way suits me more than anything else. I believe it does matter what you belong to, there are good people in most churches but not all. We need to be Regular Baptist if we plan to leave another 100 years of Regular Baptist tradition. We need to appreciate our Regular Baptist ways and maintain them. Let us be Regular Baptist! If you want to be something else, then be elsewhere. We do not beg anyone to be with us – everyone needs to be fully persuaded in their own mind. Our

forefathers sacrificed for us – they paid the cost for us in tears, blood, grief and sorrow. I am thankful for those who sacrificed, for those who went through the heat and cold, those who endured. We should bear the image of a child of the God that we have within us. It matters what you wear or don't wear - our image matters - our appearance (men and women) should show that we are not a person of the world. If our differences from the world are not showing then we are not bearing the image of our Heavenly Father. The Bible is clear that it is a shame for men to have long hair and that sisters should have long hair. We are instructed to dress modestly. I believe that God is more pleased if a woman wears a dress. Men or women who profess to be a child of God should not appear in public dressed indecently. There is a report that a few of the sisters have worn pants to funerals. I do not uphold this practice. Churches, it is necessary to counsel your members. Some say that we should have no boundaries, I disagree with this. I feel that we should do all we can to bear the image of our Heavenly father. If we plan to leave for the future our beliefs, traditions and practices, we must practice and live them day by day. Our Articles of Faith are also good guidelines for our conduct. If anyone is sick, the Bible teaches that we should call in the Elders for the laying on of hands. It plainly states *Elders*. We need to be close and to live as close to the Word of God as possible. We can't allow anything and everything if we are going to survive."

2. The report of the Committee on Arrangements was given. The work was approved by a move and second, with no objection, 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 \$6512.00 collected from the various churches. By a move and second, with no objection, the report was received and the committee discharged.
5. By a move and second, with no objection, the minutes of this session of the Association were ordered to be printed. The clerk is to be secretary/treasurer; according to the amount of money collected and the cost per minute, he is to decide how many copies he deems necessary to have printed.

6. By a move and second, with no objection, the dates of the Union, Communion and Memorial services are to be printed in the minutes.
7. The Circular Letter was read by Brother Bennie 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: Elder Paul McClanahan, Elder Harvey Creech, Brother John Preece, Elder Jimmy Hall and Elder Elwood Cornett
B. The Committee on Ministry chose Elder Jim Fields to preach the Introductory Sermon for the 1996 session and Elder Clark Hays to be his alternate.
C. The Committee on Ministry chose Elder Harvey Creech 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 of 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 and ordered to be printed in the minutes. The report is as follows:

Balance on hand (9/3/94) \$5,028.66

Collections:

Church contributions 4,865.00
Pictures 460.00
Interest 135.88
Total in treasury \$10,489.54

Expenses:

Printing Minutes \$6,699.00
Safety deposit box 50.00
Typing Permanent Record 25.00

Total expenses \$6,774.00

Balance in treasury (9/2/95) \$3,715.54

11. 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 (9/3/94) \$7,012.06

Collections:

Church contributions 7,955.00

Sunday services 801.00

Donations 600.00

Concession Stand 191.00

Total in treasury \$16,559.00

Expenses:

Kitchen \$1,484.39

Supplies 639.33

Utilities 562.67

Labor 1375.00

Insurance 975.00

Total expenses \$5,036.39

Balance in treasury \$11,522.67

There was a discussion of the installation and cost of the heat pumps that have been installed for the top floor of the Association Building. Elder Elwood informed the delegates that the cost was \$26,800.00 and the trustees had arranged a loan of \$20,000.00 for this purpose. These amounts are not included in the treasury report above. By a move and second, with no objection, the reports were approved and ordered to be placed in the minutes.

A move and second, with no objection, were made to accept the resignations of Johnny Walters and Victor Campbell and to appoint

- Emory Caudill and Jerry Caudill as Association Building trustees.
12. The request from the Thornton Union Association, asking to meet with a committee from the Indian Bottom Association for the purpose of seeking a better understanding between the two Associations, was read. It was also noted that this was not a request for correspondence. By a move and second, with no objection, the Indian Bottom Association Committee on Council was given the authority to meet with a committee from the Thornton Union Association. By a move and second, with no objection, it was agreed to allow Elder Gerald Hopkins, the moderator of the Thornton Union Association, to address the delegates of the Indian Bottom Association regarding this request. He expressed his appreciation for the opportunity to meet and seek a better understanding between the two Associations.
13. There was no report from the Committee on Council because it had not met during 1995. The moderator appointed Ellis Adams, Charles Shepherd, Don Halcomb, Clark Hays, Mike Halcomb, Roger Fields and Lonnie Gregory to continue to serve on the Committee on Council for the following year.
14. The request from the Cedar Grove Church to correct their membership roll to 170 members 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 Cedar Grove Church to host the 1996 session of the Indian Bottom Association was read. By a move and second, with no objection, the request was granted.
16. The requests from the New Home and the Little Dove Churches to show the names and addresses of our liberated brothers were read. After some discussion, a move and second, with no objection, was made to grant the request and to allow the clerks to decide the format and timing of this.
17. The request from the New Bethlehem Church to change their union meeting from the month of June to the month of July beginning in 1996 was read. By a move and second, with no objection, the request was granted.

18. The request from the Friendship Church to add the churches moderator's name in the minutes was read. By a move and second, with no objection, the request was granted and the clerks will decide the format and timing of this.
19. The request from the Garden of Love Church to change the starting time of Sunday services from 11:00 A.M. to 10:00 A.M. was read. By a move and second, with no objection, the request was granted.
20. The request from the Emmanuel Church to change their meeting time from the fourth Saturday and Sunday to the second Saturday evening at 5:00 P.M. and Sunday morning was read. By a move and second, with no objection, the request was granted.
21. The church letter and organizational work of the Lily Of The Valley Church were read. By a move and second, with no objection, the church was received, and the delegates were given the right hand of fellowship.
22. In recognition of our one-hundredth session, it was agreed, by a move and second, with no objection, to print a history of the Indian Bottom Association in the minutes. The officers of the Association were directed to write this brief history.
23. By a move and second, with no objection, the clerks were directed to write a Resolution of Appreciation to the Defeated Creek, Friendship, Kingdom Come, Hurricane Gap and Clear Fork churches for hosting the 1995 session of the Association.
24. There was a move and second, with no objection, to have services at the Association Building on the following odd Sundays: October 1, December 31, March 31, June 30, and September 1.
25. In response to a question by one of the delegates from the Bethany Church, the moderator advised the Bethany Church that any use of the term "tape ministry" was unacceptable. However, if the taping was done inconspicuously and copied and sent free of charge to those that requested them, it would be acceptable.
26. By a move and second, with no objection, we omitted the read-

ing of the minutes.

27. By a move and second, with no objection, we adjourned until the 1996 session of the Indian Bottom Association convenes on September 6, 1996.

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

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 1995

On the final day of the 1995 Association meeting, a large crowd gathered at our Association Building. After greeting each other with hugs, handshakes and expressions of God's love, we lifted our voices in the old hymns of Zion. Our Moderator, Elder Elwood Cornett humbly welcomed everyone and expressed his thankfulness for the goodness of the Lord. Elder Harvey Creech introduced the service and led in prayer. He was followed by Elder Jimmy Hall who was blessed to preach on the ten plagues of Egypt and how God can still deliver in times of trouble. Brother John Preece then caused our hearts to rejoice as he was inspired to warn us to keep our lamps "trimmed and burning". Elder Elwood Cornett came forth and was blessed to proclaim that "my help cometh from the Lord". Amid shouts of joy and much rejoicing, he brought the one-hundredth session of the Indian Bottom Association to a close. The church door was announced open for the receiving of new members by experience and baptism. None responded and Elder Jim Fields humbly led us to the throne of grace in a closing prayer.

Resolution of Appreciation

We, the Indian Bottom Association, would like to say a great big "thank you," to the Defeated Creek, Friendship, Hurricane Gap, Clear Fork and Kingdom Come churches for a job well done in hosting this, the one hundredth session, of our beloved association. You seemed to attack the hard work "with a vengeance." To all who helped in any way to make the hosting such a big success, we thank you and pray that God will bless you fourfold. Your untiring efforts to do a good job, your warm handshakes, your loving embraces, and your friendly smiles will always be remembered.

The Indian Bottom Association

CIRCULAR LETTER

September 2, 1995

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

We rejoice in our covenant; our agreement between God and man. It was not necessary for any of us to know the actual terms of our covenant, when we asked God to save our souls. We trusted God with our lives. Whatever His will for us, we were willing to do it.

Man's agreement under the *law covenant* is the ten commandments. God agreed that He would walk among them, and be their God, and they would be His people.

Some Christians believe that the *grace covenant* consists of good behavior. This is an attempt to live under new rules of the law covenant or *thou shalt not's*. It leads to an attempt by one person to impose His will upon another. The question asked by a person using this practice could be, "Who is my neighbor?" Whereas, a person living by grace is concerned with, "Whose neighbor am I?"

Our agreement, under God's grace covenant, is generally stated as, "Love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind; and thy neighbor as thyself." This statement is the essence of the ten commandments and is our new commandment.

The grace covenant requires complete surrender to the will of God. It is written of Jesus, "Lo, I come to do thy will, O God." Peter says, "Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God." Ephesians says, "Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is." Adam, ceasing to do the will of God, began to do his own will and fell by transgression. Jesus came to reconcile man back to God, partially by teaching and demonstrating the will of God. By which will, we were enabled to walk with God again.

The law covenant was unable to achieve this end in that it was imperfect. Christ fulfilled this covenant by empowering us to become sons of God, and giving us a greater covenant by the Holy Ghost. It is not

enough to abstain from coveting things that are our neighbors' but, under grace, we will share our property with the needy out of the grace in our hearts. Love replaced laws.

The entire New Testament is concerned with teaching us the will of God. What is called the Sermon on the Mount is a brief summary of our agreement. We love - joyfully, peacefully, patiently, gently, and humbly - those who can never repay us, and those who are unkind to us. We are to be filled with mercy and grace. We are not to judge by any rules. We are to forgive, and forgive, and forgive. This is what we agreed to do. This is our promise to God and to man. This is God's will.

This is not meant to imply that "anything goes" among Christians. We have a responsibility to inspect fruit, whether it is good or whether it is corrupt.

There remains God's part of the covenant. Jesus actually made a firm agreement, "Whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, He will give it you," and again, "Whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do." We agreed to do His will; He agreed to do ours.

Through this covenant we have mighty power with God. The power to walk with God in a higher level of life than the baseness of anger, bitterness, envy, jealousy and condemnation. We can walk with love, peace, and joy without fear. We can be proud to be called the children of God. We can be full of expectations; of hope.

Let us not accept mediocre salvation in ourselves or others. We need to encourage one another to give our best and to remind one another what the best is. We are letting our churches, our children and our neighbors down if we do less. Our goal; our purpose is that people be born again. We must do those things that cause that to happen. Let us be excited about salvation in singing, praying, preaching, shouting, and interceding for sinners. This is our covenant. May God give us grace, sufficient to love one another as He loves us.

Your fellow servant in Christ,
Bennie Slone

UNION, COMMUNION, AND MEMORIAL SERVICES**MARCH****LITTLE ZION:**

Union meeting: Second Saturday and Sunday in March.

Ministers called: Ross Wright, Elwood Cornett, Jimmy Hall
Jerry Caudill, Toby Breeding, Alonzo Mosley

Communion: Second Sunday in June.

Memorial: Second Sunday in July

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

SUMMERTOWN:

Union Meeting: Second Saturday and Sunday in March

Ministers called: Chester Gibson, Danny Dixon, Jerry Manns,
Alger Mullins, Odus Ritchie

Communion: Second Sunday in September

Memorial Meeting: Second Sunday in May

Ministers called: James Caudill, Reed Hampton, Robert Combs,
Donald Collins, H.B. Reedy, Jr.

APRIL**DEFEATED CREEK:**

Union Meeting: Second Saturday and Sunday in April.

Ministers called: I.D. Back, Harvey Creech, Charles Shepherd,
H.B. Reedy, Jr., John Preece, Roy Slone

Communion: Second Sunday in August

Memorial: Second Sunday in July

Ministers called: Don Halcomb, Ellis Adams, Roger Fields,
Emory Caudill, Elwood Cornett

MOUNT ZION:

Union Meeting: Second Saturday and Sunday in April.

Ministers called: Mickey Amburgey, Bennie Slone, Elwood
Cornett

Communion: Second Sunday in May.

Memorial: Second Sunday in June.

Ministers called: Virgil Combs, I.D. Back, Don Pratt, Squire
Watts

BLAIR BRANCH:

Union Meeting: Third Saturday and Sunday in April

Ministers called: Jim Fields, Elwood Cornett, Frank Newsome,
John Preece, I.D. Back

Communion: Third Sunday in July.

Memorial: Third Sunday in June.

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

ROCK FORK:

Union Meeting: Fourth Saturday and Sunday in April

Ministers called: John Preece, Jim Fields, Carl Slone, Barry
Tiller

Communion: Fourth Sunday in July

Memorial: Fourth Saturday and Sunday in October

Ministers called: Don Pratt, Paul McClanahan, Frank Newsome

LITTLE BETHANY:

Union Meeting: Fourth Saturday and Sunday in April.

Ministers called: Alonzo Mosley, Billy Mosley, Don Pratt

Communion: Fourth Sunday in May.

NORTHERN NEW HOME:

Union Meeting: Fourth Saturday and Sunday in April.

Ministers called: Barry Tiller, Toby Breeding, Paul Watson, Lonnie
Sexton, John Preece, Gary Mosley, L.D. Mosley, Milburn Slone, Don
Halcomb, H.B. Reedy, Jr., Lonnie Gregory, Jim Fields, Alonzo
Mosley, Charles Shepherd, Ellis Adams, Curl Dixon, Squire Watts,
James Caudill, Don Pratt, Paul McClanahan, James McClanahan,
Coburn Ison, Clifford Hughes, Emory Caudill, Jimmy Hall, Tim Smith

Communion: Fourth Sunday in August.

Memorial: Fourth Sunday in June.

Ministers called: Toby Breeding, Barry Tiller, Tim Smith, John Preece, Paul Watson, Coburn Ison, Milburn Slone, Gary Mosley, L.D. Mosley Lonnie Sexton, H.B.Reedy, Jr., Lonnie Gregory, Charles Shepherd, Alonzo Mosley, James McClanahan, Paul McClanahan, Jimmy Hall, Ellis Adams, Curl Dixon, Squire Watts, Jim Fields, Don Pratt, Emory Caudill, Clifford Hughes, Billy Mosley, Elwood Cornett, Don Halcomb, James Caudill

LITTLE BETHLEHEM:

Union Meeting: Fourth Saturday and Sunday in April.

Ministers called: Harvey Creech, Randy Combs, John Preece, Clark Hays, L.D. Mosley

Communion: Fourth Sunday in August

Memorial: Fourth Sunday in September.

Ministers called: Don Pratt, Ivan Amburgey, Bobby Amburgey, H.B. Reedy, Sr., H. B. Reedy, Jr.

MAY

POOR FORK:

Union Meeting: First Saturday and Sunday in May

Ministers called: Elwood Cornett, Bennie Slone, Ellis Adams, Barry Tiller

Communion: First Sunday in July.

Memorial: First Sunday in August

Ministers called: Roger Gibson, Danny Dixon, Jim Fields, Toby Breeding

MOUNT OLIVET:

Union Meeting: First Saturday and Sunday in May.

Ministers called: Danny Dixon, Don Halcomb, Ivan Amburgey

Communion: First Sunday in August.

Memorial: First Sunday in July.

Ministers called: John Preece and home ministers

HEMPHILL:

Union Meeting:: First Saturday and Sunday in May

Ministers called: H.B.Reedy,Jr., Squire Watts, John Preece, Ellis Adams

Communion: First Sunday in June

Memorial: First Saturday and Sunday in July

Ministers called: Danny Dixon, James Caudill, Jim Fields, Ivan Amburgey

BETHANY:

Union Meeting:: First Saturday and Sunday in May

Ministers called: Nelson Craft, L.D. Mosley, Barry Tiller

Communion: First Sunday in June

Memorial: First Sunday in October

Ministers called: Elwood Cornett, Ivan Amburgey, Jim Fields

LITTLE DOVE:

Union Meeting: Second Saturday and Sunday in May

Ministers called: Elwood Cornett, Danny Dixon, H.B.Reedy,Jr., Squire Watts, I.D. Back

Communion: Second Sunday in July

Memorial: Second Sunday in June

Ministers called: Don Pratt, Jerry Mann and home ministers

EMMANUEL:

Union Meeting: Second Saturday and Sunday in May

Ministers called: Barry Tiller, Randy Combs, Squire Watts, Lonnie Sexton, I.D.Back, Alonzo Mosley, Frank Newsome, Paul Watson

Communion: Second Sunday in June

Memorial: Second Saturday and Sunday in July

Ministers called: Harvey Creech, Jim Fields, Elwood Cornett, Ellis

Adams, Ricky Tackett, Ivan Amburgey, Danny Dixon, John Preece, Don Halcomb

REYNOLDS FORK:

Union Meeting: Third Saturday and Sunday in May.
 Ministers called: Bill Halcomb, Elwood Cornett, Harvey Creech, James McClanahan, Benny Slone
 Communion: Third Sunday in June.
 Memorial: Third Sunday in July.
 Ministers called: Lonnie Sexton, Paul Watson, Hurley Short, Paul McClanahan, Jerry Manns

LITTLE BULL CREEK:

Union Meeting: Third Saturday and Sunday in May.
 Ministers called: Benny Slone, Don Fields, Danny Dixon, Toby Breeding, Wayne Caudill
 Communion: Third Sunday in August
 Melton Cemetery Memorial: Second Sunday in June.
 Jent Cemetery Memorial: Third Sunday in July
 Memorial: Third Sunday in June
 Ministers called: Carl Back and all of the same faith and order.

GARDEN OF LOVE:

Union meeting: Third Saturday and Sunday in May
 Ministers called: Jim Fields, H.B.Reedy, Jr., I.D.Back, Elwood Cornett
 Communion: Third Sunday in June
 Memorial: Third Sunday in September
 Ministers called: Earl Mosley, Hershel Short, Bill Halcomb, Alonzo Mosley

CEDAR GROVE:

Union Meeting: Fourth Saturday and Sunday in May.
 Ministers called: Randy Combs, Jerry Manns, Don Halcomb, Frank Newsome
 Communion: Fourth Sunday in August.
 Memorial: Fourth Sunday in June.

JUNE**KINGDOM COME:**

Union meeting: First Saturday and Sunday in June.
 Ministers called: John Eldridge, John Preece, Roy Slone, Squire Watts, Charles Shepherd, Ellis Adams
 Communion: First Sunday in July.
 Cemetery Memorial: Second Sunday in August
 Memorial: First Sunday in May.
 Ministers called: George Roark, Bert Fields, Don Pratt, Ellis Adams, Roger Fields, Gary Halcomb, Clifford Gilbert, Cliff Hampton

CLEAR FORK:

Union meeting: First Saturday and Sunday in June.
 Ministers called: John Preece, Danny Dixon, Don Pratt, Charles Shepherd
 Communion: First Sunday in July.
 Memorial: First Sunday in October.
 Ministers called: H.B.Reedy, Jr., Harvey Creech, Jim Fields, Bob Combs

NEW HOME:

Union meeting: First Saturday and Sunday in June.
 Ministers called: Ivan Amburgey, Paul McClanahan, John Preece,

Howard Owens, Danny Dixon, Frank Newsome

Communion: First Sunday in July.

Memorial: First Sunday in August

Ministers called: Alonzo Mosley, Don Pratt, Paul Watson, Harlos Watts, Milburn Slone, Bill Moore

HAPPY HOME:

Union Meeting: First Saturday and Sunday in June.

Ministers called: Don Pratt, Carl Back, Clark Hays, Howard Owens, James Caudill, Virgil Combs, Randy Combs

Communion: First Sunday in July

Memorial: First Sunday in August

Ministers called: All of the same faith and order

FRIENDSHIP:

Union meeting: Third Saturday and Sunday in June.

Ministers called: Jerry Caudill, Jim Fields, John Eldridge, Curl Dixon, Toby Breeding, Danny Dixon

Communion: Third Sunday in July.

Ministers Called: Elwood Cornett

Memorial: Third Sunday in May.

Ministers called: James Caudill, Squire Watts, Roger Gibson, Ellis Adams, Roger Fields, Emory Caudill

DIXON MEMORIAL:

Union meeting: Fourth Saturday and Sunday in June.

Ministers called: Paul Watson, Earl Combs, Everett Owens, Odus Ritchie, Ellis Adams, Don Pratt, Don Halcomb, Moderator

Communion: Fourth Sunday in July.

Memorial: Fourth Sunday in September

Ministers called: All of the same faith and order.

Cemetery Memorial: Fourth Sunday in May

BIG COWAN:

Union Meeting: Fourth Saturday and Sunday in June.

Ministers called: Don Fields, Benny Slone, Danny Dixon, Frank Newsome, Moderator, Assistant Moderator

Communion: Fourth Sunday in July.

Memorial: Fourth Sunday in September.

Ministers called: Elwood Cornett, Virgil Combs, Harvey Creech, Alonzo Mosley, Assistant Moderator, Moderator

IVY POINT:

Union Meeting: Fourth Saturday and Sunday in June.

Ministers called: Elwood Cornett, Jim Fields, L.D. Mosley, Clark Hays

Communion: Fourth Sunday in July.

Memorial: Fourth Sunday in August.

Ministers called: Benny Slone, Virgil Combs, Darrell Slone, I. D. Back

TOLSON CREEK:

Union meeting: Fourth Saturday and Sunday in June.

Ministers called: Don Halcomb, Randy Combs, Danny Dixon, Ellis Adams, H.B. Reedy, Jr.

Communion: Fourth Sunday in July.

Memorial: Fourth Sunday in August

Ministers called: All of the same faith and order

BIG CREEK:

Union Meeting: Fourth Saturday and Sunday in June.

Ministers called: John Preece, Charles Shepherd, Emory Caudill, Jimmy Hall, Don Pratt

Communion: Fourth Sunday in July.

Ministers called: Danny Dixon, Elwood Cornett

Memorial: Fourth Sunday in August.

Ministers called: Jim Fields, James Caudill, Moderator, home ministers

BETHLEHEM:

Union meeting: Third Saturday and Sunday in June

Ministers called: Frank Newsome, Alonzo Mosley, Lonnie Sexton,
Don Halcomb, Paul Watson, Squire Watts, Toby
Bailey

Communion: Third Sunday in July

Memorial: Third Saturday and Sunday in August

Ministers called: Harvey Creech, James McClanahan, Paul
McClanahan, Jim Fields, Ivan Amburgey, Elwood
Cornett, Ricky Tackett

JULY**NEW BETHLEHEM CHURCH:**

Union meeting: Third Saturday and Sunday in July

Ministers called: Everett Owens, L.D. Mosley, Ivan Amburgey

Communion: Third Sunday in August

Memorial: Third Saturday and Sunday in September

Ministers called: Don Pratt and home ministers

AUGUST**HURRICANE GAP:**

Union meeting: Third Saturday and Sunday in August.

Ministers called: H. B. Reedy, Jr., Randy Combs, Toby Breeding,
Jim Bailey, Bert Fields

Communion: Third Sunday in August.

Memorial: Third Sunday in October.

Ministers called: Freddy Frazier, Barry Tiller, John Preece,
Emory Caudill

SEPTEMBER**LITTLE MARY:**

Union meeting: Second Saturday and Sunday in September.

Ministers called: Jim Fields, Gary Mosley, Squire Watts, Layton
Phipps

Communion: Second Sunday in October.

Memorial: Second Sunday in August.

Ministers called: Elwood Cornett, Jerry Manns, Benny Slone,
Barry Tiller

LILY OF THE VALLEY:

Union meeting: Third Saturday and Sunday in September

Ministers called: Emory Caudill, Benny Slone, Curl Dixon, Barry
Tiller

Communion: Third Sunday in October

Memorial: Third Saturday and Sunday in May

Ministers called: Theodore Looney, Layton Phipps, Lonnie Gregory

DELEGATES TO THE 1995 ASSOCIATION

Cedar Grove	Randy Campbell, Hank Adams, Mike Halcomb
New Home	Euel Ratliff, Arnold Thacker, Chester Gibson
Defeated Creek	Matt Cornett, Delbert Jones, Keith Smith
Reynolds Fork	Paul Watson, Buster Amburgey, Delmer Moore
Bull Creek	Virgil Combs, Truman Jent
Ivy Point	Alonzo Mosley, Taulby Mosley, Eugene Thacker
Little Dove	Ivan Amburgey, John Preece, Devon Slone
Tolson Creek	Emory Caudill, Quentin Day, Bill Meade
Dixon Memorial	Homer Smith, Roger Whitaker, Elmer Caudill
Big Creek	Coburn Ison, John Eldridge, Carlos Cook
Happy Home	Alger Mullins, Duane Hall, Landis Everage
New Bethlehem	Melvin Creech, Carl Slone, Robert Everage
Clear Fork	Delza Young, Clarence Combs, Franklin Fugate
Northern New Home	Robert Miller, Frank Copley, Void Blanton
Blair Branch	Ellis Adams, Rodney Ison, Dennis Blair
Mount Olivet	I.D. Back, William Lusk, Jr., Jimmy Adams
Little Zion	Roger Gibson, Jay McCool, Jerry Caudill
Hurricane Gap	Ivan Cornett, Joe Pratt, Arthur Smith
Kingdom Come	Bert Fields, George Roark, Roger Fields
Poor Fork	Harvey Creech, Bobby Maggard, Joe Steely
Big Cowan	L.P. Sumpter, Benny Slone, Ray Fields
Little Mary	Coey Tolliver, Michael Spurlock, Lonnie Gregory
Mount Zion	Shelby Conley, Carl Mosley, Nelson Craft
Friendship	Emil Eldridge, George Shea, Harlin Eldridge
Little Bethlehem	H B Reedy, Jr., John Reedy, Bobby Amburgey
Little Bethany	James Slone, Mike Smallwood, Hurley Short
Garden of Love	Michael Everage, George Everage, Jr, Gary Mosley
Rock Fork	Earl Slone, Lowell Shepherd, Elliott Rowe, Jr
Summertown	Jay Young, Sim Shepherd, Randy Combs
Emmanuel	Tommy Prater, Theodore Looney, John Spahr
Hemphill	Alford Adams, Jimmy Hall, Bob Sparks
Bethlehem	Gary Carter, Daniel Stiltner, Walter Sheets
Bethany	Harvey Ross, Sr, Harvey Ross, Jr., Woodrow Tackett
Lily of the Valley	Joe Slone, Harold Yates, Clifford Hughes

CHURCH INFORMATION

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Ministers:

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NEW HOME CHURCH

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Linefork, Ky 41833

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Regular Meeting Time: Second Saturday and Sunday

Ministers:

None

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Highway 1393, Mallie, Ky

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Regular Meeting Time: Second Saturday and Sunday

Ministers:

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Clerk:

Luther Combs
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Regular Meeting Time: Fourth Saturday and Sunday

Ministers:

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DIXON MEMORIAL CHURCH

Highway 7, Jeremiah, Ky

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Clerk:

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Regular Meeting Time: Fourth Saturday and Sunday

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Clerk:

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Charlestown, IN 47111
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Eld. Miniard Ison
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HAPPY HOME CHURCH

Amburgey, Ky

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Clerk:

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Regular Meeting Time: First Saturday and Sunday

Ministers:

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Eld. Ollie Mullins
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Eld. Alger Mullins
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NEW BETHLEHEM CHURCH

Off Rt. 80, Talcum, Ky

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Emmalena, Ky 41740
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Clerk:

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Regular Meeting Time: Third Saturday and Sunday

Ministers:

Eld. Calvin Creech
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Eld. Carl Slone
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Eld. Chillestine Gibson
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CLEAR FORK CHURCH

Highway 1088, Lotts Creek, Ky

Moderator:

Eld. Charles Shepherd
HC 77 Box 90
Gordon, Ky 41819
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Clerk:

Eld. Robert Combs
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Regular Meeting Time: First Saturday and Sunday

Ministers:

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NORTHERN NEW HOME

Stumpy Lane, Goshen, Ohio

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Clerk:

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BLAIR BRANCH CHURCH

Highway 7, Jeremiah, Ky

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Regular Meeting Time: Third Saturday and Sunday

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Blackey, Ky

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Eld. James Caudill
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LITTLE ZION CHURCH

Highway 7 & 15, Jeff, Ky

Moderator:

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Hallie, Ky 41821
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Clerk:

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Regular Meeting Time: Second Saturday and Sunday

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Eld. Roger Gibson
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HURRICANE GAP CHURCH

Highway 160, Gordon, Ky

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KINGDOM COME CHURCH

Rt 588, Roxanna, Ky

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POOR FORK CHURCH

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BIG COWAN CHURCH

Highway 931 S, Big Cowan, Ky

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Hallie, Ky 41821

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Regular Meeting Time: Fourth Saturday and Sunday

Ministers:

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LITTLE MARY CHURCH

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MOUNT ZION CHURCH

Perkins Branch, Hindman, Ky

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FRIENDSHIP CHURCH

Ike Singleton Road, Somerset, Ky

Moderator:

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Box 383

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Phone: 476-8658

Regular Meeting Time: Third Saturday and Sunday

Ministers: None**LITTLE BETHLEHEM CHURCH**

Highway 160, Brinkley, Ky

Moderator:

Eld. H.B. Reedy, Sr.

Amburgey, Ky 41801

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Regular Meeting Time: Fourth Saturday and Sunday

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GARDEN OF LOVE CHURCH

Jay Street, St. Mary's, Ohio

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Regular Meeting Time: Third Saturday and Sunday

Ministers:

Eld. Gary Mosley

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Clerk:

Michael Everage

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Eld. Tim Smith

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St. Mary's, OH 45885

LITTLE BETHANY

Sawmill Road, Jeffersonville, Ky

Moderator:

Eld. Earl Mosley

4122 Camaro Road

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Regular Meeting Time: Fourth Saturday and Sunday

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SUMMERTOWN CHURCH

Big Fork Road, Lotts Creek, Ky

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None

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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	1	0	0	0	1	5	3	170	4	9:30	\$375
New Home	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	41	1	9:30	150
Defeated Creek	9	0	0	1	0	3	0	34	1	9:30	220
Reynolds Fork	9	0	0	0	0	1	2	166	3	9:30	250
Bull Creek	2	0	4	0	0	4	7	76	3	6:00	150
Ivy Point	4	1	0	1	2	1	15	53	4	6:00	150
Little Dove	3	0	0	2	0	7	0	122	2	9:30	400
Tolson Creek	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	30	4	9:30	200
Dixon Memorial	0	0	0	1	2	1	0	46	4	9:30	125
Big Creek	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	30	4	3:00	150
Happy Home	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	32	1	9:30	135
New Bethlehem	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	29	3	9:30	150
Clear Fork	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	23	1	6:00	250
Northern New Home	3	0	0	0	15	0	26	81	4	6:00	150
Blair Branch	8	0	0	1	0	2	2	105	3	6:30	325
Mt. Olivet	1	0	0	0	0	2	2	129	1	6:30	400
Little Zion	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	17	2	6:30	250
Hurricane Gap	1	3	0	0	0	1	0	36	3	6:30	200
Kingdom Come	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	12	1	9:30	125
Poor Fork	0	0	0	1	1	2	1	30	1	6:30	250
Big Cowan	0	0	0	0	3	1	0	36	4	9:30	250
Little Mary	0	1	0	0	8	1	0	22	2	9:30	200
Mount Zion	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	19	2	6:30	100
Friendship	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	17	3	4:00	150
Little Bethlehem	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	35	4	9:30	200
Little Bethany	0	2	0	1	2	0	0	11	4	6:30	75
Garden of Love	3	0	1	0	0	0	4	23	3	7:00	100
Rock Fork	9	0	0	2	4	1	0	90	4	9:30	125
Summertown	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	21	2	9:30	125

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Emmanuel	4	0	0	5	2	0	0	22	2	5:00	\$82
Hemphill	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	24	1	9:30	300
Bethlehem	6	4	3	9	0	1	2	110	3	9:30	200
Bethany	1	13	0	0	0	0	0	25	1	6:00	200
Lily Of The Valley	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	3	2:30	75
TOTALS	72	25	8	26	40	42	66	1,725			\$6,587



Obituaries

HERMON FORD ADAMS

On October 6, 1916, as the bees were showing their beautiful colors, Hermon Adams was born into the home of James and Sarah Back Adams. Even though the trees were beautiful, I'm sure they did not rival the beauty of our precious one, Hermon.

Hermon was the youngest of twelve children. In this large family he grew to manhood. He learned the lessons that prepared him for life. He was taught to earn his living by the sweat of his brow. He was taught to be honest and to respect his fellow man. He was

taught to believe in God and to keep His commandments.

On Saturday evening, November 12, 1994, as the sun was sinking behind the horizon, Hermon's soul took its flight home to be with God and all of the saints, to sing and praise God while eternal ages roll on and on.

In 1939 Hermon was married to Lena Caudill. They lived a happy, devoted life for 55 years. They were true to their wedding vows. They were not blessed with any children, but nephews and nieces filled the void.

During World War I Hermon served in the United States as a telephone and telegraph lineman in Northern France, Ardenne, Rhineland and Central Europe. He was in the first wave ashore at Utah Beach in the Normandy invasion on June 6, 1944. He was awarded four Bronze Stars, a Good Conduct Medal and a Victory Medal.

In 1949 Hermon was forgiven from all his sins. Even though he never joined the church, he belonged to the Church on High. During his bout with cancer, he never complained and often spoke of how good the Lord was. He bore his afflictions like a valiant soldier.

Hermon was preceded in death by his parents, James and Sarah Adams; four sisters: Cindy Adams, Mary Ann Breeding, Julia Hampton, and Betty Breeding; five brothers: John P., David, Bill, Steve, and Charlie. He leaves to mourn his passing, his wife, Lena C. Adams; one sister,



Hattie Son; one brother, Fred Adams; 24 nephews; 23 nieces; and a host of other relatives and friends, too many to mention. Sleep on, Hermon, I'll meet you in the sweet bye and bye, where we'll sing and shout forever.



MABEL HOGG

Mrs. Mabel Hogg, 63, of 8115 Martz Paullin Road, died at 10:17 p.m. Sunday at Middletown Regional Hospital, where she had been a patient for nine days.

Mabel Hogg was born March 10, 1932 in Letcher County, Ky to Bob and Harriett Campbell Watts. She lived in Franklin, Ohio for 40 years and was a homemaker.

Mabel Hogg is survived by her husband of 41 years, Walter A. Hogg; a daughter, Bonnie Smith of Franklin; three granddaughters: Kimberly Brogan and Dawn Gardner, both of Franklin and Andrea Dickson of Middletown; a grandson, David Gardner of Franklin; four great-grandsons, Jesse Woods, Zack Milligan and Tony and Johnny Pantone, all of Franklin; two great-granddaughters, Kashmir Blanton and Laice Dickson of Middletown, a brother, Melvin Watts of Springboro; a sister, Mary Dixon of New Carlisle, and numerous nieces and nephews.

She requested Elders John Preece, I. D. Back, and Elwood Cornett the night before she passed away. We thank God for them coming all the way from Letcher County, and preaching with wonderful promises of God and singing such beautiful songs. May God bless these brothers. Funeral Services were at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at the Joseph R. Baker Funeral Home in Middletown. Burial was in Woodhill Cemetery in Franklin.

ARLIE ADAMS



With a sad and aching heart, I will try to write a testimony on the life of my Daddy, Arlie Adams, who passed from this life, July 29, 1995, being 69 years, 10 months and 2 days of age. Arlie Adams was born September 27, 1925, to Willie C. Adams and Lona Craft Adams, both of whom preceded him in death.

As a teenager Daddy proclaimed his faith in God, and was saved. He never joined the church, but I, and everyone who knew him, knows that he lived his life praising his God.

On January 7, 1948, Daddy met and married Ila Blair Adams. To this union were born four children: Laramie Adams and Randy Lane Adams, both of Jeremiah, Lona Loraine Smith of Leatherwood, and Polly Evelyn Fleming of Shelbyville, Kentucky, both of whom were sisters in the church. Also to mourn his passing were 9 grandchildren, and 1 great grandchild, who loved him dearly.

Daddy loved all of us and worked hard, all of his life, in and around the mines. Better than 30 years were spent underground.

Daddy loved singing and spent many and many hours singing the Songs of Zion. Nothing pleased him more than having company or friends and family come visiting and sit around and sing and talk. He was a very simple man in that he never wanted the finer things in life. Never was a hungry person turned away from his table. And, if a kind word would help ease someone's pain or grief, Daddy always seemed to find the right thing to say. He loved to hunt and fish, spending many happy hours with his children and other young people he helped in these endeavors.

Daddy, you have left a void in our lives, that only God can help us fill. You will never be forgotten, because of the love you showed all of us, and the love we have for you, and will have for as long as God leaves any of us on this earth. We love you, Daddy, and hope to see you in Heaven someday.

Written by a heartbroken son and family,
Ila, Rame, Randy, Loraine, Evelyn

Gone Away With A Friend

*I looked into the face of an old Saint of God.
I thought your race has ended, your lifes' crown you've won.
Separated for the present, but soon to live again
And he's only gone away with a friend.
Gone away with a friend, someone closer than a brother.
With somebody who loves you more than children, dad, or mother.
And he holds your very soul in the palm of His hand.
Let it read on my tombstone, gone away with a friend.
He's a constant companion through life's joy and pain.
All my hopes and cares I hold in His dear name.
And when my soul breaks free from these ties that hold me here.
I'm going away with Jesus, no other friend so dear.*



JUNE (SHORT) ADAMS

In loving memory of Dad's precious wife, and our wonderful mom.

Mom was a blessing to Dad, her children, family, and all who knew her. She was always happy and cheerful. She had a bright smile and kind words for all. She welcomed everyone into her home with love and open arms. She will be sadly missed by Dad, her children, grandchildren, other family members, and friends, but God has taken her home where she will not suffer anymore.

Mom was born on January 17, 1921, to Hiram and Cathrine Short. On October 7, 1940, she married Tolbia Adams of Pinetop, Kentucky. They had a happy and loving marriage for 54 years.

After an extended illness of three months, Mom passed from this life to a better one on November 25, 1994, at St. Joseph Hospital, Lexington, Kentucky. She lived on this earth for 73 years, 10 months, and 8

days; she will live on forever in Heaven.

Mom will always be remembered with love and pride by her family, her husband, Tolbia Adams of Pinetop, Ky.; two sons and daughters-in-law: Odell and Irene (Terry) Adams of New Lebanon, Ohio and Shirl and Creva (Nickles) Adams of Pinetop, Ky.; one daughter and son-in-law: Cathlene (Adams) and Russell E. Rinehart Jr. of Chillicothe, Ohio; four grandchildren: Del and wife, Leslie Michelle (Mosley) Adams of New Lebanon, Ohio; Alisa (Rinehart) and husband, Kevin McAlhaney, of Chicago, Illinois; Justin Adams of Pinetop, Ky., and fiancée, Louanna White; Brian Edward Rinehart of Chillicothe, Ohio; two brothers, Lester Short of Mallie, Ky., and Curt Short of Winchester, Ind.; and two sisters: Ines Slone of Pippa Passes, Ky., Dovie Ritchie of Mallie, Ky.,

Mom was preceded in death by her parents, two sons, one sister, and four brothers.

Mom, we miss you so very much, but we will always have our precious memories and our love for you will last forever. You were an angel here on earth, sent from Heaven to take care of us for a while, now you are an angel in Heaven, waiting for us when God calls us home. We love you.

Written by Daughter, Cathlene



WILLARD BANKS

Former Letcher County resident Willard Banks, 75, died February 17 at his residence in Dupont, Indiana.

Born at Van, he was a son of the late Minnie Ison and George Banks. He was a retired coal miner and farmer, and attended the Old Regular Baptist Church at Middlefork, Indiana.

Surviving are his wife, Eva Sizemore Banks; a daughter, Lillie Banks, Dupont, Ind.; three sons: Billy Ray Banks, Paul Banks and Vernon Banks, all of Dupont, Ind.; five sisters: Geraldine Adams and

Irene Caudill, both of Premium; Pauline Cornett, Callie Neace and Bobbie Jean Cornett, all of Dupont, Ind., two brothers, Melvin Banks and George Banks Jr., both of Premium; six grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held February 19 at Vail-Holt Funeral Home in Madison, Indiana. Burial was in the Dupont Cemetery.



CURTIS C. BLEVINS

With a sad heart, but loving and precious memories, I will try and write the obituary of Curtis Blevins, which he was called by all his friends and neighbors. Curt was a wonderful husband, a great dad and loving papaw. We all miss him so much, but we know our loss is Heaven's gain.

He was born February 21, 1935, to Lawrence and Mary Jane Blevins at Big Laurel, Kentucky. He passed from this life at St. Joseph Hospital, Lexington, Kentucky, on September 15, 1994. He was laid to rest at Peaceful Acres Cemetery, Hiram, Kentucky.

He is survived by his wife, Della Blevins of Gordon, Ky.; one son, Randy Blevins, Loyall, Ky.; two daughters, Karen Edwards and Kimberly Blevins, both of Gordon, Ky.; and eight grandchildren: Melinda, Jennifer, David, Tessa, Joshua, and Jessie, all of Gordon, Ky., and Erik and Nicole of Loyall, Kentucky. Curtis is also survived by his father, Lawrence Blevins; two brothers: Billy Blevins of Gordon, Ky., and Rufus Blevins, Warren, Michigan; four sisters: Reba Cornett of Port Angeles, Wa., Mable Smith, Murfreesboro, Tn.; Louellen Osment, Taylor, Michigan, and Betty Decker of Dearborn Heights, Mi.

The circle has been broken here, but with my prayers, I know it will be complete again. We miss you so much, but we know you are so happy with God.

Written by his wife, Della Blevins.



GEORGE BRYANT

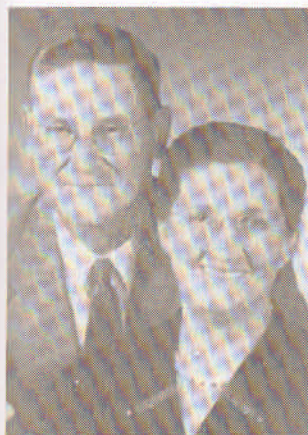
George Bryant passed away on Thursday, September 30, 1993 at the Whitesburg Appalachian Regional Health Care Center.

George was the son of Mildred Murphy Holland of Jeremiah and the late Frank Bryant.

He was born April 2, 1930, being 63 years, 5 months and 28 days at the time of his passing.

Surviving other than his mother are his wife, Opal Back Bryant; 2 daughters, Patricia Ison of Jeremiah and Genia Bryant of Isom; 1 sister Amy King of Oak Ridge, Tn., and 4 grandchildren, along with a host of other relatives and friends to mourn his passing.

George was preceded in death by a daughter, Mary Volena Burchfield



HASSEL CAUDILL

Hassel Caudill, 92 years old, of Wayneburg, Kentucky, departed this life November 30, 1994, to be reunited with his beloved wife of 62 years, Matilda Jane Caudill, forever to dwell in that beautiful home that God has prepared for His children.

A native of Pike County, Kentucky., he was born September 28, 1902 to the late Jesse and Nancy Burke Caudill. He was a farmer in Lincoln Co. for many years.

He was preceded in death by 2 sisters and 4 brothers, and a beloved daughter, Kathleen Caudill Wallen.

He is survived by 2 sons: Willie, of Kings Mt., Ky., and Richard of Cincinnati, Ohio; and 5 daughters: Myrtle Owen of College Corner, Ohio; Dorothy Sims of Kings Mt. Ky.; Glenna Falconbery and Ivadean Fields of Cincinnati, Ohio; Rudy Ritchie of Oxford, Ohio; 25 grandchildren,

38 great-grandchildren, and 4 great-great-grandchildren.

He was a faithful member of the Friendship Old Regular Baptist Church.

He was a wonderful Christian father, who was an example to his children of his faith in the Lord, and always taught them to be honest and live the right kind of life.

Written by his daughter

LAURA HAMPTON CAUDILL

Laura passed away on Friday, February 10, 1995 at the Letcher Manor Nursing Home in Whitesburg, Kentucky.

Laura was the daughter of the late Alamander and Rainie Caudill Hampton.

She was born March 26, 1915 being 79 years, 10 months and 14 days of age at the time of her passing.

Laura joined the Doty Creek Church the second Sunday in December 1951, was baptized the second Sunday in January, 1952 and

on September 18, 1983, was accepted into the Blair Branch Church by recommendation.

Surviving are her husband of 60 years, Rex Caudill; 1 son, Jack Caudill of Weatherford, Texas; 1 daughter, Cora Lee Adams of Whitesburg; 1 brother, Clifton Hampton of Whitesburg; 4 sisters: Mertie Caudill of Jeremiah, Lois Back, and Betty Lou Morton both of Cincinnati, Ohio and Emogene Banks of Dearborn, Michigan; 4 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren, along with a host of other relatives and friends to mourn her passing.

Laura was preceded in death by a son, Ricky; a daughter, Clarice; a granddaughter, Alethea; a brother, Clarence and a sister, Lucy Brown.

Laura was a great sister. All of us, her family, looked to her as a second mother. We will always miss her, but we believe our loss is Heaven's gain. She was an old-time Christian. That is all she wanted to



be, and now she is in Heaven, where we all long to go.

Her husband, Rex, said she was born to love. She was loved by her family and by the brothers and sisters of her church. She had a special love for the Blair Branch Church, and was happy to belong there.

We would love to thank the members of the church, who gave so much love and support during her illness. I would like to thank all who helped care for her in her last few years. A special thanks to Rex, who gave his all for the love of his life. A special thanks to Mertie and Sterlin, who gave so much help, and is still giving to Rex's care. And a special thanks to the ministers who were so well blessed at the funeral; you made things easier for all the family.

We can't bring her back, but by the help of God, we can go where she has gone. I trust that we shall meet in that beautiful, that blessed forever.

Written by a brother, and, I trust,
a brother in the Lord, Eld. Clifton Hampton

MARTHA JANE (BLAIR) CAUDILL

Wisdom has built her house. She has hewn out her seven pillars, she has killed her beast. She has mingled her wine. She has furnished her table, she has sent forth her maidens. She cries upon the highest places in the city.

Who is simple, let him turn hither. As for him that wanted understanding, she said come eat of bread and drink of wine that I have mingled.

Forsake the foolish and live and go in the way of understanding.

Martha Jane (Blair) Caudill left to live in His understanding Sunday, the fourth day of June, 1995.

Born a bundle of joy in the house of Robert and Barbara Blair on November 24, 1917, she was united in marriage to Tildon Caudill on the



24th day of December, 1936. Tildon preceded her in death.

She left eleven children who will surely miss her sweet smile and sound counsel, four boys: Shelby and Bob of Louisville. Jerry of Christopher, and Curtis of Ermine; seven daughters: Lou of Mallie, Wava and Barb of Redfox, Bille of Thornton, Sherry of Georgetown. Brenda of Linefork, and De Lana of Taylorville; two brothers: Deb of Red Fox and Arlen Damon of Pinetop; thirty grandchildren, thirteen great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild.

Mom joined the Mt. Olivet Church in May of 1972. Her faith endured all the way to the end.

We feel that in her heart she was like old Paul, who said, "I have kept the faith; I have fought a good fight; I have finished my course. Henceforth, there is laid up for me a robe of righteousness and a crown of glory." She will be missed by the community, her family, and friends, and everyone who knew her. She is at rest and at peace under the Alter of God.

Jerry



HALBERT COLLINS

The red buds are blooming. The dogwoods are snow white. The tulips are in flaming color and the birds are singing everywhere. It is springtime. "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, the voice of the turtle is heard in our land. Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away." Halbert Collins has been invited to Heaven.

Halbert was born March 27, 1918 into the home of Bird and Sadie Adkins Collins. He passed from this life on Wednesday, April 19, 1995 at his residence, just 22 days past his 77th birthday.

Halbert was a good, hard-working man. He started working in the

coal mines when he was 14 years old. He worked in the mines to support his family until he retired in 1973.

There are many good memories. There are memories of childhood, youth and manhood. There are memories of joy and happiness, as well as sorrow and pain. Halbert will always be remembered for his faith, his Christian light, and how he smiled in the face of pain that would have conquered lesser men.

The family has a special little piece of blue paper. On this paper, in Halbert's own handwriting is a message that will warm the hearts of family and friend alike. His written message says, "(In) 1978, one night I met a man that spoke peace to my soul, clothed me in my right mind, gave me a drink of living water and a ticket for Heaven." With that glorious message Brother Halbert joined the Mount Olivet Regular Baptist Church just a few hours before the end of 1978 on New Year's Eve.

Early in life Halbert married Bertha Sexton Collins. To this union were born his daughter, Sheila Rose, and a son, David Byrd, who passed away at 17. His later life was richly blessed by a granddaughter, Billie Rose Burke. They loved and cared for Halbert and he was always there when they needed him.

Brother Halbert loved his family. He was a good husband, a good daddy, and a good granddaddy. His kind and gentle way touched not only his family, but everyone that met him. In return, the care that he was given by his family eased his pain and comforted him all the way to the end.

In addition to his wife, Bertha, his daughter, Sheila Rose, and granddaughter, Billie Rose Burke, Brother Halbert is survived by 4 brothers: Hoover of Isom, Ky.; Clifton of Sunman, Ind.; Clayton of Sunman, Ind.; Bruce of Hindman, Ky.; 5 sisters: Pebble Knoph of Sunman, Ind.; Eliza Rezner of Sunman, Ind.; Yvonne Collins of Oak Ridge, Tenn.; Goldie Moore of Aurora, Ind.; Ruby Hammond of Ghent., Ky., as well as a host of other relatives and friends to mourn his passing. "My beloved spake and said unto me, 'Rise up, my love, my fair one and come away . . .'" Brother Halbert has gone away with a friend, to a land of pure delight where there will be no pain. He will not be crippled there, but there he can sing and skip and run like the hinds of the fields.



MALTA COMBS

In fond memories, I will try to write an obituary for our beloved sister, Malta Combs.

Sister Malta was the daughter of the late Filas and Bessie Oliver Hurt. At an early age she met and married Burley Combs Jr. To this union were born four sons and two daughters. Sister Malta was born September 12, 1941 and died April 6, 1995, making her stay on this earth fifty-four years, six months, and twenty-four days at the time of her death. She is survived by her husband Burley

Combs, Jr.; her four sons: Ronald Combs, Curtis Combs, Earl Combs, and James Combs; her two daughters, Kathleen Ritchie and Connie Mosley; two sisters, Ernestine Hylton and Bertha Queen; one brother, Paul Sizemore; fifteen grandchildren and one great grandchild; and a host of nieces and nephews.

In the year of 1990, Sister Malta felt a need to repent and let Jesus come into her life. Sister Malta was baptized in fellowship at the Clear Fork Old Regular Baptist Church on October 14, 1990. She loved the church and was a very dedicated member. She was faithful to attend church gatherings, even after she took sick and many would have stayed home. After her voice left her, she would try to make us understand how much she loved the Lord. We sincerely believe by the testimony and the life she lived that she is at home with the Lord.

So to all her loved ones, you can see Sister Malta again, if you call on the one she called on when she was in trouble over her sins. That one being Jesus, who shed blood for the sins of the whole world. Yes, I believe our loss is Heaven's gain.

Written by a brother of the Lord, Elder Robert Combs



MARY PLEDGE COMBS

Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of a saint – and oh how precious Mom was to us. On March 22, 1995, God sent his angels into the house of Virgil and Freedonia Combs and called Sis. Mary Combs home to be with Him.

Sis. Mary was born March 12, 1912 into the home of Jim and Sally Combs Pledge, making her stay on earth 83 years and 10 days at the time of her passing.

Early in life Sis. Mary met and married Bro. Estill Combs, who preceded her in death. To this union were born ten children: six sons; Louie and Oakley who preceded her in death; Boney and Alex of Mentor, Ohio; Virgil Combs of Blackey, Ky.; and Earl Combs of Carcassonne, Ky.; 4 daughters: Lutisha Vance, Volina Mae Wendell, and Jeannie Packard all of Ohio, and Sara Mae McGee of Odelle, Illinois. Sis. Mary is survived by one brother; Spencer Jent of Isom, Ky., and Ida Jent of Detroit, Michigan, along with eighteen grandchildren and eleven great-grandchildren.

In June, 1983 Sis. Mary realized the need of a Savior and she called on the Lord to forgive her of her many sins and He did just that. She then joined the Little Bull Creek Old Regular Baptist Church and was blessed to have her three sons: Boney, Virgil, and Earl Combs and Elder Kirby Jent to baptize her.

We feel that Mom is sleeping in a peaceful sleep and if she could speak to us now she would tell us "Don't weep for me, but come and see me in my new home."

So children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and all of her loved ones, turn to the Lord to find peace for your souls, for He is standing with outstretched arms, waiting to take you in just as he did Sis. Mary Combs.

Written by Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Combs and Earl Combs



LANE DEATON JR.

With much sadness in my heart, I want to write the obituary of my dad. He was born February 7, 1921 and entered eternal life October 17, 1994. He was married to Maudie Deaton and to this union were born three sons: Bill Deaton, Covington, Ky.; Harmmie Deaton, Beaver, Alaska; and James Deaton, deceased.

After Maudie's death, he remarried to Nancy Jane Smith Deaton. He is survived by her and her four children: two sons; Dennis Tindle, Red Fox, Ky., and Edward Stearnes, Carcassonne, Ky., and two daughters, Mary Jane Back, Jeremiah, Ky., and Rhonda Eldridge, Carcassonne, Ky. He is also survived by four brothers: Ray, Eugene, Raymond, and Paul; four sisters: Bessie, Violet, Wilma, and Gladys; and a host of grandchildren and great grandchildren who mourn his passing.

He was a member of the Little Bull Creek Church around twelve years. He wasn't always able to go to church, but he surely enjoyed the services on the TBN channel. I only had him for four years of my life but, I can say those were the best years I ever had. Jr., It's so hard to live life without you. When you died, I thought, "What will Mom ever do without you?" One thing that keeps us going is knowing that you are in your Heavenly home and one day, hopefully, we will make it there to see you again. I love you and think about you every day. I know God is taking care of you until we are able to be together again. I'm glad you're not suffering any more. Rest, my sweet daddy.

*One night while I was sleeping
A man appeared to me,
He told me not to fear.*

*As I slowly awoke,
My daddy was standing by my side,*

*He told me to never more cry
He was now home with Jesus
where he wanted to be.
I cried, "Oh, Daddy, please stay with me."*

*He told me to live my life right,
So someday I could take my Heavenly flight.
He said, "I'll be waiting and I'll greet you,
at the pearly white gates."*

Written by his stepson, Edward Stearnes



GORDON ELDRIDGE

As I sit down to write this in memory of Gordon Eldridge, my mind goes back past the last five years of his life that he spent struggling with illness. I remember a man with a quick smile and a generous heart. His delight was to have his grandchildren and great-grandchildren around to tease and spoil. He was a man who would go out of his way to make everyone feel welcome in his home and he would give the shirt off his back to anyone he thought needed it.

Gordon was preceded in death by his wife, Mary Carter Eldridge. They were the proud parents of ten children. He was a member of Cedar Grove Old Regular Baptist Church. He passed from this life on Sunday, April 17, 1994. What a wonderful Sunday meeting that must have been!

Death that day was not a surprise to him. As family members cared for him and asked if he needed anything, he would smile and say, "I'm just waiting." All ten of his children were there that day and many of the grandchildren. That is the way he always wanted it to be. He had made it clear that he wanted to die at home with his family around him. He wasn't sad or in pain. He waited patiently for the Lord to say, "Time to go."

Nothing call fill the void of the loss of this wonderful couple to this family but they both left witness of how we can all be with them someday.

WILLIE ELDRIDGE

I will attempt to write a few things about the life of Willie. He was a good neighbor, a wonderful husband, father and grandfather. He was an inspiration to all those around him. He lived the last part of his life for the Lord. He was a member of the Dixon Memorial Church of the Old Regular Baptist.

Willie was born August 20, 1914 being 77 years, five months and eleven days of age at the time of his passing. Willie was the widower of Annie Eldridge and Carrie Eldridge. He was also preceded in death by one son, Bobbie Brian Eldridge. Surviving are two sons, George Eldridge of Dry Ridge, Ky., and Curtis Eldridge of Crittenden, Ky.; two daughters, Susie Webster and Betty Holland, both of Dry Ridge, Ky. He was also survived by three brothers: Henry Eldridge of Waynesburg, Ky., Lloyd Eldridge of Milroy, Indiana and Astor Eldridge of Medway, Ohio; two sisters, Elma Caudill of Red Star, Ky., and Arlie Shea of Waynesburg, Ky. He was survived by 24 grandchildren and 23 great-grandchildren, along with a host of other relatives and friends to mourn his passing. He was the son of the late Leander and Betty Day Eldridge.

The family is deeply saddened by his passing, the loss of a father and a grandfather, but relieved by the fact he doesn't have to suffer anymore, and overjoyed that he is with his Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ.

Written by his brother, Astor Eldridge



MARTIN FIELDS

Martin Fields entered eternal life on Friday October 7, 1988 at Whitesburg Appalachian Hospital. Martin was the son of the late Mart and Emily Roberts Fields. He was born on November 13, 1926, being 61 years, 10 months and 24 days old.

Surviving are one brother, Ray Fields, and three sisters, Irene Day, Ella Maggard, and Mary Fields, but Ella and Mary have both died since. He was survived by seven nephews and six nieces. We all loved Martin very much. He was a big part of our lives. He never was baptized into a church but he always referred to the Cowan Pentecostal Church as his church, and I truly believe they loved him

Martin was so humble during his sickness. I feel he is surely in Heaven, because he was as good as God would have him be. We will meet him in Heaven.

Written by his niece and sister in the Lord, Barbara Boggs



MARY VICTORIA FIELDS

Mary Victoria Fields passed away on September 3, 1994 at Whitesburg Regional Hospital. Mary was the daughter of the late Crocket (Mart) and Emily Roberts Fields. She was born at Cowan on December 13, 1923. Mary was married to Jasper Fields, who preceded her in death.

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

Surviving are one son, Archie Ray Fields, and two daughters, Christine Fields and Kathy D. Wolf; one brother, Ray Fields; and two sisters, Irene Day

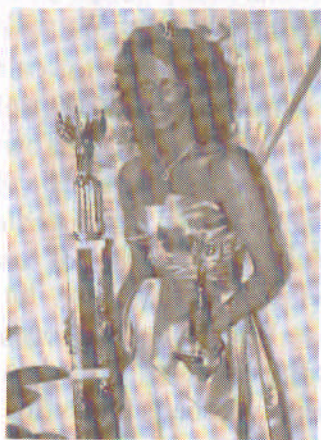
and Ella Maggard, who also went to be with the Lord on July 10, 1995.

Also surviving are seven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Mary was preceded in death by a son, Roger Galen Fields, a grandson, Marty Fields, and also great-granddaughter, Latoya Fields.

Mary was such a wonderful person, I miss her so much. She was a diabetic, which made her blind for years, but she never seemed blind. She was a blessing to so many people and she had so much courage. She couldn't go visit people, but she called people when they had trouble. She never wanted to miss church, she loved it so much. One of her favorite songs was *When My Feet Touch the Streets of Gold*, and I believe she is walking on those streets now. We miss her so much, but we hope to meet her again.

Written by her niece and sister in the Lord, Barbara Boggs



SHEILAH FULLER

It is with much sorrow in our hearts that we will try to write this obituary. We hope God in Heaven will bless us to write about our loving daughter, my little baby girl, Sheilah Deel Fuller. She left our house late one evening and told me, her mother, "Mommy, I love you." Lord, I told her, "I love you too." We never got to see her anymore. The next day we got a phone call that she had been found up in a little hollow. She

had turned her truck around and I believe she was trying to get back home. I also believe she was praying. God is good.

So far I have been blessed to see her two times in my dreams. In one she was wearing a snow-white suit and was happy.

Sheliah was 35 years old when she departed this world. She leaves to mourn her loss her only child, Daniel Carl Deel, who lost his father to a mining accident when he was a baby, also. Sheilah leaves her mother

and father, Fred and Glema Fuller of Haysi; three brothers: Kemper Fuller of Fort Long, Texas, Freddie and Joey Fuller, both of Haysi; one sister, Carol Stanley, and two grandmothers, Bessie Mullins and Fronie Fuller, all of Haysi, VA. Sheilah was preceded in death by one sister, Louise, and her grandfathers, Prentice Duggins and Bud Fuller.

God has taken a rose from our flower garden, leaving a vacant place in our hearts and home that will never be filled. God, I know I won't know my daughters and father in Heaven, and I thank You that You fixed it that way. If my hope is real, I will someday join them, for I have been trying to live for the good Lord for many years now

We would like to thank everyone who came to the house and to the funeral to share in our grief. We would like to give special thanks to Brother Frank and Sister Geraldine Newsome. Everyone, thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

Written by a broken-hearted mother, father and son

LUVENA HALCOMB

In loving memory we will write the obituary of our dear mother, Luvena Halcomb. She was born October 13, 1933 and died February 3, 1995, making her stay here on earth 62 years, 3 months and 29 days.

Early in life she met and married Ellis Halcomb. To this union six children were born: Wanda Hall, Teresa Roark, Terry Halcomb, Barbara Jones, Jerry Halcomb, and Darrell Halcomb. Also eleven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Callie Roark Halcomb, and her father, Willie Halcomb, one brother, and one sister.

She was a member of the Defeated Creek Old Regular Baptist Church. Mother was a loving and caring person who gave herself for the welfare of others. She was a constant companion to Daddy during their



forty-two years of marriage. She was a wonderful mother and grandmother to all of her children and grandchildren. She cared for us when she was barely able to go herself.

Her favorite pastime was her children, grandchildren and planting flowers.

We feel that the Lord felt she had suffered enough in her lifetime and it was time for her to receive her rewards.

Life is so lonely without Mom, but we realize that our loss is Heaven's gain.

Written by her children

Miss me - But let me go.
 When I come to the end of the road,
 And the sun has set for me,
 I want no rites in a gloom-filled room,
 Why cry for a soul set free?
 Miss me a little - but not too long,
 And not with your head bowed low.
 Remember the love that we once shared.
 Miss me - But let me go.
 For this is a journey that we all must take.
 And each must go alone.
 It's all part of the master plan,
 A step on the road to home,
 When you are lonely and sick of heart,
 Go to the friend we know,
 And bury your sorrows in doing good deeds.
 Miss me - But let me go.

-Unknown



DOVIE HALE

It is with much sorrow in our hearts that we tell you of the passing of our beloved mother, Dovie Hale. Mom passed away in her sleep on July 22, 1995, at the age of 81, in her home at Eatonville, Washington.

Mom was born the daughter of Marshall and Ida Mae Stamper Bentley, in Knott County, Kentucky, on October 21, 1913, and grew up in Wolf Pen Holler. She married our Dad, Corbett Hale, on May 15, 1931 and they were blessed with 61 years together before

Dad preceded her in death May 1, 1992. They moved to Washington state in 1940, where they reared their nine children, six boys and three girls, all of whom graduated from Eatonville High School. Mom was a homemaker who loved her vegetable garden and flowers. Family, friends and strangers were always welcome in her home, for Mom was "given to hospitality," and loved to cook and serve.

Mom is survived by nine children, sons: Carlie, Charles, Everett and Nathan, of Tacoma; Billy of Puyallup; and Ivan of Eatonville; and daughters: Maywood Workman of Tacoma; Margaret Nicholson of Seattle; and Laverne Hudson of Yelm, as well as twenty-four grandchildren and twenty-seven great-grandchildren. She is also survived by her sisters, Bonnie Fugate and Polly Amburgey, both of Enumclaw, Wa., and Marie Amburgey of Louisville, Ky.; and two brothers, Irvin Bentley and J.D. Bentley, both of Mallie, Ky.

Mom and Dad joined and were baptized in the Old Regular Baptist Church, Western Union, Washington in April of 1948. Her last wishes were fulfilled when our loving brothers, Donald Pratt and H.B. Reedy, Jr., came out from Hindman, Kentucky, to conduct her funeral services in the Eatonville Baptist Church. Now, Mom's earthly body had been laid to rest beside Dad's but their eternal souls are together in Heaven with the Lord.

We will miss you, Mom, but are glad you are with Dad and the Lord, and not suffering anymore.

The children of Corbett and Dovie Hale



ARNOLD HALL

With a sad heart and loving memories, I will try to write the obituary of my brother, Arnold Hall. He was born January 13, 1923, the son of the late Joe Hall and Parthenia Owens Hall. He departed from this life March 11, 1995, making his stay here on earth 72 years. He passed away at the Knott County Nursing Home in Hindman, Kentucky after a long illness.

Arnold was married to Lettie Williams May 11, 1944. Into this union were born seven children, two sons, Coshel Hall and Claude Hall; three surviving daughters: Jewel Hunter, Sandy Owens, and Patsy Perkins. Two daughters, Ileen and Cynthia Hall, died when they were infants. He has nine grandchildren, three sons-in-law, and two daughters-in-law left to mourn. Also left to mourn are two sisters, Cansala Slone and Lila B. Gibson, and one brother, Clayton Slone. He has four stepsisters; Florida Slone, Georgia Smith, Myrtle Slone and Delia Thornsberry. He was preceded in death by his parents and his stepfather, Leonard Slone, and by a son, Franklin Amburgey Hall. He had two brothers, Shelby and Meniffee Hall, and two stepbrothers, Millard and Orville Slone, who also preceded him in death.

Arnold was a United States Army veteran of World War II. He worked for the state highway department for many years. He was a strong, outgoing man until an awful stroke put him in a wheelchair several years ago. Even after that though, Arnold always had a smile for you. He told my husband and me many times that he was praying and would point up, saying he was going to Heaven. I believe he did. So sleep on Arnold, I believe we will meet again someday. He is sadly missed by his family and friends.

Written by sister and brother-in-law, Lila B. and Chester Gibson



EDNA BROWN HENDRICKS

Edna Brown Hendricks, of Eubank, Ky., passed from this life on Saturday April 8, 1995 at Fort Logan Hospital in Stanford, making her stay here 86 years and 4 months. She was born a native of Letcher County on August 13, 1908 to the late Felix Fields and Sara Elkins Fields.

Edna was a member of the Poor Fork Old Regular Baptist Church at the time of her passing. Though not able to attend her home church as often as she would have liked to, she was always present at the Friendship Church, which was near her home. When she would come and you asked how she was doing the answer was always the same, "I'm just thankful to be here."

Sister Edna leaves behind her husband, William Riley Hendricks of Eubank; three sons, Danny and Tommy Brown of Sidney, Ohio, and Odell Brown of Phoenix, AZ.; three daughters: Sue Thorpe of Lexington, Ky., Bernadette Wilson and Madge Centers of Sidney, Ohio; two sisters, Flora Little of Lexington and Vera Sumpter of Cumberland; 36 grandchildren 55 great-grandchildren; 6 great-great-grandchildren.

The kind, simple voice of Sister Edna will be missed by all that knew her, so it's not good-bye, only farewell for a little while.

Written by a Brother in Christ



HILLARD JOHNSON

With the help of the good Lord, I will try to write the obituary of a dear, dear friend and brother in the Lord. Hillard was born December 20, 1930, and passed this life July 1, 1995, making his stay here on earth 64 years, 6 months and 11 days.

He leaves to mourn his passing his wife, Earline Hall Johnson; one son Willard; three daughters, Trescia Dials, Lucy Hays and

Louise Johnson; one brother, Dillard Johnson; two sisters, Margaret Davis and Ethel Korte; eight grandchildren and one great grandchild; and a host of friends and relatives.

Hillard was the son of the late Vernie Johnson and Lucy Gibson Johnson. Hillard was born and raised in Knott County. Hillard was a coal miner, a hard-working man and a good provider, loving husband and a loving dad.

In his early life, Hillard met and married Earline Hall, and to this union were born four children, one son and three daughters. Later in life Hillard realized his lost condition and need of a savior. So, he turned his life over to the Lord, repented, and was born again in Jesus's blood. He then joined the Reynolds Fork Old Regular Baptist Church, where he was a good and faithful member.

I've known brother Hillard and his sweet wife and family for many years. My wife and I visited their little home many, many times. They always made us feel like family. Brother Hillard fought a good fight, he kept his faith and now has gone to receive his reward in Heaven. To all who knew him and loved him, and especially to his family, let this not be good-bye but just "So long for a little while" The Lord said, "Today is the day of salvation," so if you want to see Brother Hillard again, you must repent and be born again and you can meet him in Heaven, where there will be no more pain, sorrow and sad good-byes.

Written by Brother Paul Watson



RACHEL LONG

Rachel Long was born January 25, 1915 at Gordon, Ky. She passed from this life on February 6, 1995 at her home, being 80 years and twelve days old. Later in life, she married Delmon Long, who was a good and faithful husband to her for 39 years. To this union was born one son, Odell Long. Also left to mourn her passing is one granddaughter, Valerie Long, and daughter-in-law, Wanda Long. Also surviving are her stepdaughter,

Gypsy Caudill of Cowan, Kentucky, and two brothers, Jody Cornett of Gordon, Kentucky and Vadus Cornett of Linefork, Kentucky, along with a host of friends and relatives.

It was during a terrible snow storm that God called Rachel away, leaving us so troubled and hurt. But, only God knows when to call his children home. She believed and trusted in God for all things. During her many years of suffering from health problems, she called on him for help when no one else could. Rachel lived a good, clean life always putting others before herself. She loved the old-fashioned life and never changed. She was a hard-working woman who never wanted to give up. Her hands were always busy either gardening, cooking, quilting, or crocheting. She so lovingly cared for her aging husband and never complained. It was so hard to bury her in the deep, cold snow but, I know she is in the warmth of God forever more.

Written by Daughter-in-law, Wanda Long

You bade no one a last farewell,

You said good-bye to none.

The heavenly gates just opened wide,

A loving voice said "Come."

God saw that you were suffering,

That the hills were hard to climb.

So, he gently closed your weary eyes

And whispered "Peace be thine."

Your weary hours, your days of pain,

Your weary nights are past.

Your ever patient, worn out frame,

Has found sweet rest at last.

And while you lie in peaceful sleep,

Your memory we shall always keep.



LEO DICE MADDEN

It is with loving memories that I will try to write an obituary of my dear and precious mother.

Dicie Madden was born on October 29, 1908 on Irishman at Amburgey, Kentucky. Mom was blessed to live 85 years, 11 months and 29 days. She passed from this life on October 28, 1994, one day shy of her 86th birthday. She was the daughter of Spencer and Elizabeth Mullins, who preceded her in death.

Also preceding her in death was her husband Gordon, two sons, one daughter, and three brothers.

In March, 1932, she married Gordon Madden and they were blessed to have fifty-six wonderful years together before Dad died in 1988. To this union were born four boys and four girls. Mom left to mourn her passing two boys: Charles G. Madden and Eddie Dean Madden; three girls: Glenna S. Ramey, Betty J. Amburgey and Christine Amburgey; nineteen grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Mom has been a member of the Old Regular Baptist Church since 1952. She was a member of the Little Dove Church and loved to go and did until her health got bad. She loved to sing and we would hear her singing a lot of times. Next to Mom's faith in God, her family was her life. Nothing pleased her more than to have all of us kids come and eat with them every Sunday, she enjoyed cooking for us so much. I miss that so much today, but I thank God for letting us have them for many years. I know Mom and Dad are happy now, no sickness or sorrow, and I just live for the day when I can go and be with them again. Mom was very special, not only to us kids, but to everyone who knew her. We kids were her joy and she was everything to us. We love and miss her so much today but we feel that our loss is surely Heaven's gain. I believe she is an angel watching over me all the time.

Written by her daughter, Betty J. Amburgey

In the graveyard softly sleeping
Where the flowers softly lay,
Lie the two I loved so dearly
And tried to show them day by day.
You both have gone, but never forgotten,
As each day brings another year
In my lonely hour of thinking
Thoughts of you both are always near.
Two hearts of gold stopped beating
Their smiling faces are now at rest
God broke my heart to show
He only takes the best.
He took you first, Dad
But he didn't want you to go alone.
So he sent Mom a little later
So you both could go to His home.
It's so lonesome here without you
And sad had been the way of life for me,
It has not been the same since
He called you both away.
God needed someone to shine in Heaven,
He knew you'd be so true,
God knows how much we miss you,
But you'll be happy till we're there with you.
For every tear we cry means only we love you so,
Oh, how we miss you,
God's the only one who knows.
I know you're safe in Heaven
Until we meet again,
Then the circle no more will be broken,
And then our hearts will mend.



ELLA MAGGARD

It is with sad and broken hearts we will try to write the obituary of our dearest mommy and Momma. Ella Maggard was born September 3, 1914 to the late Emily Roberts Fields and Crockett M Fields. She was called home on July 10, 1995 at the home of her daughter, Audrey Dobson, with whom she had spent the last twenty-one years, making her stay on earth 80 years 10 months and 7 days. Very early in life Mommy grew up with and married Arch Maggard on December 24,

1930. Daddy preceded her in death on July 27, 1941. To this union were born six children: Curtis, Barbara, Billy R. and Audrey, and Havis and Evita Mae, who preceded Mommy in death. One brother, Ray Fields, also survives her, as well as one sister, Irene Day, 17 grandchildren and 28 great-grandchildren.

Mommy really loved to go to church and was a member of the Big Creek Old Regular Baptist Church in Dupont, Indiana. Mommy, we miss you so much and we will meet you, Daddy and our little sisters, and the circle will never be broken. So Mommy and Momma, rest on.

Written by daughter and Granddaughter, Audrey and Stacy Dobson

It's Mommy

*We'll stand with our backs very straight
as we pass through the Heaven's gates.*

*We thank the king that sits on high
as we pass through the beautiful sky.*

*We're proud He saw fit to give to us
the wonderful lady that we call "Mommy."*

*You stood by us though times were hard and
you gave your needs such small regards.*

We were shown the path that we should walk.

when with us - Mommy, you always had time to talk.

*We have for you unconditional love,
because we knew God sent you from above.*

*Because of you, Mommy our lives weren't spoiled,
for day by day we watched as you toiled.*

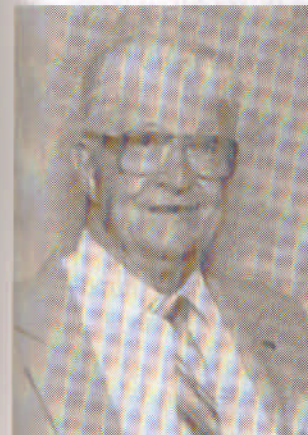
*You struggled so hard to keep us together,
nothing in life could have ever worked out better.*

*We grew up to be what we are this day
for we chose to listen to what you had to say.*

*We never could just simply call you Mother
we left that label for some other.*

*We recognize you as our dear Mommy.
we miss you so much because you're the greatest one to us.*

**Your children: Curtis, Barbara,
Billy R., Audrey, and Elder Hezekiah Osburn**



HEZEKIAH OSBURN

With broken hearts and many loving memories we will try, with the help of our dear Lord, to write an obituary of our beloved husband and daddy.

He was born in Wayne County West Virginia on June 27, 1911, the son of William R. and Susan Napier Osburn. He went to be with Jesus on August 27, 1994, making his stay on this earth 83 years and 2 months.

He was married to Virginia Berry on January 16, 1932. They resided in Wurtland, Kentucky, for the past 54 years. To this union were born four daughters, two of whom preceded him in death, JoAnn Hicks and Germaine Mitchell.

He leaves his wife Virginia; his daughters, Janet Williamson, of South Point, OH, and Marlene Cremeans of Ashland, KY.; 8 grandchildren; and 7 great-grandchildren to miss him very much.

He joined the Church in July, 1931. He was ordained to the ministry in the Old Regular Baptist Church in 1970 and traveled many, many miles to faithfully fulfill his duty.

He was assistant moderator of the Little Jewel Church at Ashland, Kentucky, at the time of his death. Daddy was also a wonderful singer. We will all miss his sweet voice, but now he can sing in that Heavenly choir.

We feel he is resting from all his labor now, where he won't have to worry about our Association and Churches anymore, and won't ever be sick again.

We love you Daddy.

Written by his wife, Virginia and daughters, Janet and Marlene



CLEVELAND JOHNNY OSBORNE

My heart is aching as I write a few words about our firstborn son, John. He was born Oct. 21, 1940, near Portsmouth, Ohio, to the late Elder Baxter Osborne and Dorothy Triplett Osborne. How happy they were with their first son. Johnny was a good son, never giving us any trouble, and when he grew up and went away we were very sad. After seventeen years he returned to live near us. What a blessing it was to have him near during the ill and passing of his beloved father. He was

always near to comfort and advise me and in so many ways, made life easier for me. He always said, "Mommy and Daddy prayed me back home."

His dad was blessed to baptize him and to have him assist in many baptisms. God called him to follow in his Dad's footsteps and preach gospel to a lost and dying world. He was faithful to his calling, dedicated

to do the will of his Heavenly Father. Many heartaches and trials beset him, but he remained faithful to his calling. A few days before God called him home he said, "Mom, I wish I could get to everyone and tell them all that I love them and hope to meet them in Heaven some day."

He leaves behind, his loving wife, Sherry; three sons: Charles, Johnny and Joseph; three daughters, Jenny, Michelle, and Lisa; three brothers, Steve, Baxter Jr. and Robert; two sisters, Martha Knipp and Sharon Tackett; a grieving mother, Dorothy Osborne, and a great host of nieces, nephews, aunts and uncles, and a great host of other relatives and friends who sadly miss him.

Johnny was a wonderful son, father, and brother and made many, friends wherever he traveled. On June 22, after a hard days work, God said, "My Servant, Johnny, would you like to come and see your father?" Johnny said, "Oh, yes!" So he went to see his dad and his Heavenly Father and it was so beautiful that he doesn't want to come back to this troubled world. Now, Brother John and Brother Baxter are walking, hand in hand, reunited as King David and his son, and they are having a real family reunion. I know, some day, this mortal life will cease for me. It won't be long, it may be soon. So I will look forward to the day when we will all be together in Heaven. I hope everyone receives that ticket that was paid for on Mount Calvary, by our Loving Saviour and go to that great homecoming in the sky.

By his grieving mother, Dorothy Osborne



ALMA SHEPHERD RITCHIE

With much sadness, I will try to write the obituary of my beloved mommy. She was born to the late William "Bill" and Martha Jane Shepherd in 1919. She met, loved, and married Hygie Ritchie in 1935. To this union were blessed nine children, two of whom preceded her in death as infants.

She was blessed with five sons and four daughters who loved her with all their hearts. God took our mom to be with him on September 20th, 1988.

She was a member of the Ivy Point Old Regular Baptist Church, which she loved very much. She attended church as long as she was able to get there.

She and Daddy had a hard time providing for us kids. But when times got hard, Mommy would always say, "Children, where there's a will, there is a way."

She and Daddy were together for fifty some years. She was a devoted mother and wife. Our lives and home have been very empty since God called her away. But I know that if she could speak to us, she would say, "Don't weep for me, but be good to each other. And spend your time getting prepared to meet Jesus, and be reunited never to be separated again. No more heartbreaking."

I believe with all my heart, our loss is Heaven's gain. I feel with all my heart, trusting in Jesus, I will meet her again in a better land.

Written by Her daughter, Evelena Slone



IMOGENE SAMMONS

With a broken heart, I will try, with the help of the good Lord, to write the obituary of my dear sister, Imogene Sammons.

Imogene passed away on Monday, November 14, 1994, at the U.K. Medical Center in Lexington, Kentucky.

Imogene was the daughter of the late James Madison and Sarah Back Smith. She was born on April 5, 1926, being 68 years, 7 months, and 9 days of age at her passing.

Surviving are one son, Robert Glen Sammons;

daughter-in-law, Mona Sammons; and grandson, Robert Jonathon Jewel Sammons, all of Jeremiah, Ky. In addition, there are two sisters: Christine Cornett of New Point, Indiana, and Florene Back of Batesville, Indiana; two brothers: Homer Smith and Jake Smith, both of Jeremiah, Ky.; along with a host of other relatives and friends to mourn her passing.

Imogene was preceded in death by her husband, Jewel Glen Sammons, and four brothers: James Smith, Jr., Willie Dean Smith, Henry Smith, and Leroy Smith.

Imogene was a member of the Dixon Memorial Church. She loved her church and was a faithful member, attending regularly until She became too ill to attend.

We miss Imogene. She has paid the price we all must pay and is resting in the arms of Jesus. We hope to meet her again when this life is over. We won't say good-bye, sis; we'll see you in the morning of all mornings.

Written by her loving brother, Homer Smith



PHILLIP SHEPHERD

With the help of the Lord I will try to write the obituary of our precious Phillip. Phillip was born on November 24, 1967 and passed away on January 5, 1995. He was preceded in death by his parents, Manis and Naomi Shepherd, and one sister, Ella Faye. Surviving family are: Claudine, Mattie, Dee, Sarah, Stella, Tim, Angie, Aaron, Arlie, Kermit, Ancil, April, Cody, Darrell, Jenny, Kelsea, Kourtney, Karlie, Greg, Lisa, Travis, Emilee, and Jeff, who loved him so much. Phil

was diagnosed with brain cancer on March 9, 1994. He took his illness with such patience.

He always said he needed us but we needed him so much. I pray that God will help us to go on without him.

He joined the Rock Fork Regular Baptist Church and was baptized on April 10 by Brother Earl Slone and Brother Jerry Manns. He was such a great light to his family and anyone who visited him.

I couldn't count the times in the day that he would say, "Thank the good Lord for what He has done for me."

The other girls would tell him we had to have a miracle but he

would say I've already had a miracle, the Lord saved my soul.

He worried so much about all of his family that don't know the Lord. I hope you will always remember his counsel that he gave you and remember what he said if you wanted to go to Heaven with him you would have to repent.

All day at the hospital I would tell Bud that God would take care of him and he would say, "I know He will." Not long before he died, the nurse came in and asked him about life support and he told her no. She asked if he was positive and he told her he was positive. She asked him if his heart stopped and he quit breathing what he wanted them to do. He told her to just let him go on. To hear him say those words, brought both sorrow and joy. Sorrow to know it wouldn't be long that we would have to give him up and joy to know he was ready to go to Heaven where he had longed to go.

He was so restless just before he died. Brother Jerry went over to his bed and held his hand to pray and Phil told him to "pray either way."

He was ready to go. When Brother Jerry left his bedside, he never moved around anymore. He just went to sleep in peace.

I could write all day and never tell how much we loved him and how he loved all of us so much.

Our lives will not be the same, but by his strength in God I hope we will all become stronger. Girls, if he could speak, you know what he would say – repent and come to Heaven with me, Mommy, Daddy and Ella Faye.

We Love You Bud, Stella



UNA MAE SHORT

Una Mae Short passed away on Thursday, February 4, 1993 at the Whitesburg Appalachian Regional Health Care Center.

Una was the daughter of the late Samuel D. and Elizabeth "Betty" Hampton Blair.

She was born July 16, 1908 being 84 years, 6 months and 18 days at her passing.

Surviving, other than her husband, Lester Short is a daughter, Phyllis "Patti" Ann

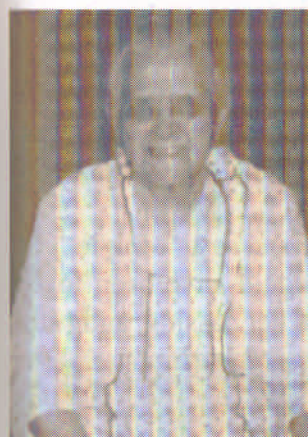
Short of Blackey, along with a host of other relatives and friends to mourn her passing.

Una was preceded in death by two sons, Rudolph Valentino Short and Emil Short.

Una was the last of the Samuel D. and Betty Hampton Blair family.

Florence Back told me when Una first got sick, that the way Una talked to her that she was right with the Lord. She is missed very much by Patti and myself.

Lester and Patti



LUCY MOSLEY SLONE

With the help of the Lord, I would like to write the obituary of my dear, sweet mother-in-law, Lucy Mosley Slone.

She was more like a mother to me than a mother-in-law. She treated me as if I were her own child. When I was sick, she wanted to take care of me. When I was sad, she wanted to cheer me.

Words cannot explain how much I loved her or how much she loved me. We were as close as friends could be. My husband, family, and I took care of Lucy for twenty-three years.

She went to sleep one night and when I called to her the next morning, she didn't answer. God had called her sometime through the night. He took her home to be with Him and her beloved husband, Judge Slone, whom she talked about missing so much, and her children who had gone on before her. Lucy always had a smile and a hug for everyone with whom she came into contact. She is missed by all those who knew and loved her.

Lucy Mosley Slone was born November 14, 1898. She was the daughter of Lindsey (L.D.) Mosley and Josephine Short Mosley. God called her home on January 18, 1994. She was 95 years, two months, and four days old at the time of her passing.

Early in life she met and married Judge Slone. To this union thir

teen children were born. She also reared one stepdaughter. Five sons: Steven, Lindsey, Denver, Robert, and Lee; and three daughters, Josephine Hall, and infants Anna Louise and Nancy, as well as her stepdaughter, Drutha Sexton, preceded her in death.

Lucy has five sons left to mourn her passing: James E. Slone, Farrisburg, OH; Albert Slone, LaRue, OH; Alvy Slone, Dayton, OH; Willie Slone, Garner, KY; and Johnny Slone, Garner, KY. She left five sisters: Nancy Mosley, Mt. Sterling, KY; Mandy Johnson, Ashland, KY; Edna Owens, Lexington, KY; Dora Shears, Fairborn, OH; and Hattie Slone, Littcarr, KY. Lucy had 41 grandchildren, 74 great-grandchildren, 15 great-great-grandchildren, and a host of nieces, nephews, friends, and neighbors who will always miss her.

A few months before Lucy's passing, she asked me to write her obituary. Although there are many other good things to be said about her, I've tried to do my best. I just hope to see her smiling face again some day around the throne of God.

I used to call her my baby. She would smile and say, "Melvie, you treat me like a baby." No other mother-in-law could have been loved more. It has been one year and seven months since her passing, and I still miss her so much, but, by the grace of God, I hope to see her again.

Written by Lucy's daughter-in-law, Melvie Slone

A Poem For Lucy

On one cold and snowy morning
God called sweet Lucy away.
He said, come on, my child
You must go with me today.

It was so sad for me
When I called and she was gone
I knew she had gone with Jesus
To His bright and happy home.

*I think of her smiling face
Each and every day
I miss her oh, so very much
Since she went away.*

*Now she is sleeping up on the hill
Grass has covered over her grave
But my memories of her linger still*

*When she went away
She took a part of my heart
I hope to see her again some day
And never more we'll part.*

Written by Lucy Slone's daughter-in-law, Melvie Slone



MARTHA SLONE and Son, RODNEY SLONE

It is with God's help that I will try to write the obituaries of my beloved Aunt and her son, Rodney.

Martha Madden Slone was born on March 21, 1918 to John and Lucinda (Cody) Madden.

She was blessed to live 76 years and 10 months. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, Edward Slone, and one son, Rodney, who died two weeks before she died. She passed from this life on January 21, 1995.

Aunt Martha met and married Edward Slone, and to this union were born two sons: Jimmy A. Slone and Rodney Glenn Slone. She left to mourn her passing: one son, Jimmy A. Slone, and daughter-in-law,

Mildred Slone of West Chester, Ohio; four grandchildren; four great grandchildren; two sisters, Ada Madden and Jewell Collins, both of Covington, Kentucky; and one brother, James Truman Madden of Carleton, Michigan.

Aunt Martha was a member of the Little Dove Church and she loved her church. Before she died, she talked to us in the hospital and told us all to be sure and serve the Lord and come to Heaven, that she would be waiting for us there. She was sick and lonesome after losing her brother, Gordon, and his wife, Dicie, and her son, Rodney, that she just wanted to go on to Heaven to be with them. She was a wonderful and loving person and everyone who knew her was blessed. We truly feel that our loss is Heaven's gain.

Rodney Glenn Slone, son of Edward and Martha Slone, was born an February 28, 1946. He passed from this life on January 9, 1995, two weeks before his mother passed away. He left to mourn his passing: two daughters, Teresa and Gina Slone both of Cincinnati, Ohio; four grandchildren; and one brother, Jimmy A. Slone of Ohio. He was preceded in death by his father, Edward Slone, and one son. Rodney had been sick for many years, but he kept on going because he loved his family. He was like a brother to me and I loved him dearly. He was a good man and he loved everybody and he served his Lord daily. He loved his Lord. Thank God he's not suffering anymore. He is missed by everyone.

Written by a loving niece and cousin, Betty J. Amburgey

Do not stand at my grave and weep,

I am not there, I do not sleep.

I am a thousand winds that blow,

I am the diamond's glint on snow,

I am the sunlight on ripening grain,

I am the gentle autumn's rain

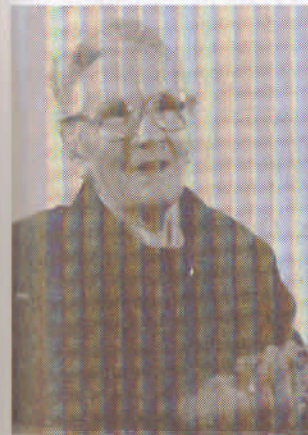
When you awaken in the morning's rush,

Of quiet birds in circled flight,

I am the soft stars that shine at night.

Do not stand at my grave and cry,

I am not there, I did not die.



LETTIE STAMPER SMITH

Lettie Stamper was born into the home of William Thomas Stamper and Elizabeth Adams Stamper on Smith Branch in Knott County on March 18, 1893. She passed away at her home at Sassafras, Kentucky on December 1, 1994, making her stay here on Earth 101 years, 8 months, and 13 days.

She married A.J. Smith on March 31, 1920. They had a full and happy life together. He passed away on March 19, 1971. Seven children were born to this union. The first born were twin sons, Raymond and Rankin. Raymond died at birth. Rankin died August 12, 1995. The surviving sons are Buford and Randolph; the surviving daughters are Beulah Couch, Ruby Moore, and Betty Lou Smith.

Lettie joined the Regular Baptist Church on October 5, 1963. Some of her happiest days were spent in the church. She attended as long as she was able. At the time of her death, she was a member of Little Dove Church. She was loved by everyone who ever knew her. We feel our loss is Heaven's gain.

Sadly missed by her children and grandchildren



CLAYTON STACY

In loving memory of a very special person, Clayton Stacy.

Clayton was my husband's uncle, but he was as close to me as my own. I believe with all my heart he was really a man of God because talking about God was his favorite conversation, and I loved to talk to him about the Lord.

Even though we were in different churches, we never disagreed. His face would light up, and you could feel God's presence and love when he talked about how much he loved his Lord. He was a hard worker, working in the coal mine all his life. The last few years he was afflicted with cancer and black lung, but his faith never wavered. I believe it became stronger because he wasn't afraid of dying. He said he "was looking forward to seeing his Lord and Savior, who had been so good to him."

He did dread leaving his good wife, who stood by him, but he told me one day when we were talking that he knew she loved God, and God would take care of her and his children. He said "It would be hard on them, but God will take care of them, won't He, Becky?" I said, Uncle Clayton, I wish I only had a small portion of your faith. No matter how down I was when I went around him, he would have me feeling better before I left.

Everyone who knew him loved him. He was a preacher in the Primitive Baptist Church. He really let his light shine for God. He never met a stranger, or if he knew of anyone who was sick, he never failed to pray for them. When you went to his home, he and his wife would make you feel as if you were right at home. Aunt Christine has lost a loving husband and his children have lost a good father, and all of us have lost a very special person in our lives. No, I can't say lost because if we have repented of our sins and made it right with God, we can all see him again in a better land where no cancer or black lung will ever be known. We love you and miss you Uncle Clayton, but by the Grace of God we will

meet you in that beautiful land you preached about so many times, and we can praise the name of our savior for eternity.

Your loving niece, Becky Stacy



ELIZABETH WATSON STAMPER

With a sad heart I will try to write the obituary of my dear mother, Elizabeth Watson Stamper.

Elizabeth Watson Stamper was born on November 24, 1903 in Knott County, Kentucky to Hazro Watson and Octavia Slone Watson. She passed from this life on Wednesday, April 20, 1994 making her stay here on earth 90 years, 4 months and 26 days. She was preceded in death by one son, Ermil Bentley; three daughters: Geneva Dials, Ogie Bentley and Lettie Joyce Slone. Elizabeth leaves to mourn her passing one daughter, Avanellel Hanshaw; two sons: Cecil (Teeberry) Stamper and Ray Stamper; one brother: Mitchell Watson; 12 grandchildren, 21 great-grandchildren; 2 great-great-grandchildren.

A while before she died, she told of having dreams of wearing a beautiful crown.

Elizabeth will be greatly missed here on earth, but we feel that our loss is Heaven's gain.

Written by her son, Cecil (Teeberry) Stamper



ELMON WATTS

It is with a sad and broken heart that I will write the memory of our father.

Elmon Watts passed away on Monday, June 27, 1994 at his residence. Elmon was the son of the late Blain and Eva Caudill Watts. He was born February 25, 1925 being 69 years, 4 months, and 2 days of age at the time of his passing. He was survived by his wife, Sarah Fields Watts, three sons, seven daughters, and thirty grandchildren. Dad belonged to the Mount Olivet Old Regular Bap-

tist Church. Even though Dad was a man of few words, all of us kids knew that we were well loved. Many mistakes and wrongdoing were committed by our Dad, but it is never too late to call on the Lord. Oh, how we miss our Dad! But, with hearts very heavy laden, we can look forward to the day that we will see our dear father.

Mom is so lonely here but she knows that Dad is in a much better place. Dad had a heart of gold, and I believe that many were touched by it.

Daddy

There's a place in this world
Much greater than this
I read in my Bible
The place is pure bliss

There will be no more pain
And a whole lot more love
To be with our Father
In Heaven above

The streets are all lined
With silver and gold

A place where you're free
To be with Jesus, I'm told.

As we sit by your bed
Day by day
We find in ourselves
More time to pray

We ask our sweet Lord
To be gentle and kind
Because a Daddy like you
Is hard to find.

Written by his daughter, Paula

I believe with all my heart that Dad is in Heaven with Jesus, and that if he could talk to us just one more time, it would be to tell us to keep living for Jesus. And that someday soon we will see him in his Heavenly home.

Daddy, we all love and miss you!

Written by his daughter, Marquita

Articles of Faith

1. We believe in the one true and living God, and notwithstanding there are Three that bear record in Heaven, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, yet there is but one in substance, equal in power and glory, not to be divided and impossible to change in principle and practice.
2. We believe the Old and New Testament Scriptures are the true written words of God and were given by inspiration of God and there is a sufficiency in them contained for our instruction and they are the only rule of our faith and practice.
3. We believe the doctrine of original sin, and that man sinned since the fall, and that men are by nature the children of wrath.
4. We believe in the impotency or inability of men to recover themselves out of the state they are in: therefore, a Savior is absolutely needed.
5. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God only by imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ.
6. We believe in the perseverance of the Saints. That by grace through faith they are born again and adopted into the family of Heaven; that they will become equal heirs with Jesus Christ in glory, and that He will raise them up at the last day.
7. We believe that Baptism and the Lord's 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.

Form of Church Letter

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

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

Delegates:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Alternates

4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

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

The state of the church is as follows:

Ordained Ministers

Name:

Post Offices:

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

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

Done and signed by order of the church.

Elder _____ Moderator
Brother _____ Clerk

(Clerk's Address)

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

Directions to the Indian Bottom Association

1. From Hazard, Kentucky, go east on KY 15 to Sassafras (12 miles) then follow signs up Yellow Creek about $\frac{1}{2}$ 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.