

Minutes of the
One Hundred and Second 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 5, 6 & 7, 1997

Hosted By:
Little Dove, Happy Home, Summertown
and Reynolds Fork Churches

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A TRIBUTE TO OUR DECEASED MINISTERS



Elder Spurl Mullins



Elder Calvin Creech



Elder H.B. Reedy, Sr.

*“Let those that labor diligently for the Lord
be counted worthy servants”*

The voices of Elders Spurl Mullins, Calvin Creech and H.B. Reedy, Sr. have grown silent, yet the fruits of their labor and fond memories of their lives will remain with us for many years to come. As their frail bodies fell, their spirits went to God who gave them. They fought a good fight; they finished their course; they kept the faith; they have gone to receive their reward, a crown of righteousness and a home in Heaven.

**MINUTES OF THE
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INDIAN BOTTOM ASSOCIATION OF
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**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 1997 AND
THE TWO FOLLOWING DAYS**

The Indian Bottom Association, being in session, assembled at our Association Building at Sassafras, Knott County, Kentucky, September 5, 1997 and the two following days. Being hosted by the Little Dove, Summertown, Happy Home, and Reynolds Fork Churches, the Association met in the Congregational Department of the Association Building for preaching services. After lifting our voices in hymns of praises to our Lord, Elder Ellis Adams introduced the service and led in prayer. After the introduction and prayer had been rendered, Elder Roger Gibson came to the pulpit and preached a heart-felt sermon.

The delegates were dismissed from the congregation and asked to assemble in the Delegate Room. Brothers Alonzo Mosley, Junior Ruggles, Gary Mosley, and Frank Newsome were appointed to remain in the Congregational Department for preaching services. In the Delegate Room, Elder Elwood Cornett, our moderator, welcomed the delegates and called upon Brother John Preece to come to the pulpit. Brother John was blessed to give some heartfelt counsel and to lead in prayer. The Association, now being assembled, was called to order by Elder Elwood Cornett, the moderator. He appointed a Finance Committee to wit: Emory Caudill, John Reedy, and John Fields. 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 Little Dove Church. The letter was read by the clerk. By a move and second, with no objection, it was received, along with all other church letters, as they were in regular form; the delegates were seated, and all requests and queries were referred to the Committee on Arrangements.

2. The 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(The following were appointed to count the votes:
Brothers Bob Banks, Freddy Watts and Barry Tiller)

3. The Moderator called for newly constituted churches desiring to take up fellowship with us. None responded.

4. Churches of our same faith and order who desired fellowship were called for. Letters were read from the Big Leatherwood, Mount Olive, and Star of Bethlehem Churches. By a move and second, with no objection, the letters were received, the delegates were seated and the letters were referred to the Committee on Arrangements.

5. The Moderator appointed a Committee on Ministry composed of one delegate from each church with the entire delegation from the Little Dove Church to arrange the preaching services for Friday afternoon and Saturday morning.

6. 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.

7. The Moderator called for corresponding associations of our same faith and order who desired to correspond with us. None responded.
8. The Moderator called for transient members and ministers and the following responded: Roger Gibson, Barry Tiller and Layton Phipps
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 Little Dove Church should have only one delegate, together with the association moderator, assistant moderator, clerk and assistant clerk. A move and second, with no objection, was made to meet Friday afternoon at 1:30 p.m. to arrange the business for Saturday.
11. The Committee on Ministry made the following report for preaching services:

Friday afternoon: Terry Collins and Milburn Slone

Saturday morning: Junior Ruggles, Lonnie Gregory, and
Keith Thomas
12. By a move and second, with no objection, the Association was adjourned until 9:00 a.m. Saturday morning.

The Committee on Arrangements met at 1:30 p.m. on Friday afternoon in the Congregational Department of the Association Building. After singing, Brother Terry Collins introduced the session and Elder Ivan Amburgey led in prayer. Elder Milburn Slone then preached a soul-warming sermon, after which the committee arranged the work for Saturday.

SATURDAY MORNING

The Association met pursuant to adjournment. After singing some old songs of Zion, Elder Elwood Cornett, our moderator, welcomed everyone and called upon Elder Paul McClanahan to introduce the session. Elder McClanahan lifted our spirits with his anointed words and Elder L.D. Mosley led in prayer.

1. The clerk called the roll and marked the absentees.
2. The report of the Committee on Arrangements was given. The work was approved 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.

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

“We are a peculiar bunch of people and the world does not understand us. God’s people should be a separated people and the difference should be obvious in the way we talk and dress and in the way we act. The thing that makes us different from the world is the “Light” of our

lives. The life we live before our brothers, sisters, friends, neighbors, and, especially, our children is very important.

Let us remember that we are following in the steps of Christ. The world is intrigued by fame and misbehavior but we should not be. Let us give honor to those who serve the Lord. We should live our lives in such a way that the world knows what and who we are, as for me and my house we will serve the Lord. Let's show the world who we serve by talking, looking and dressing differently from the world. It should be obvious at all times that we are not of the world. We are saved by the grace of God and it should show in our daily lives.

To our preachers, let me say that the Bible teaches "how can you hear without a preacher and how can he preach unless he is sent." How can one preach unless he studies and understands the ways of the Lord? The ways of the Lord are revealed from Genesis to Revelations. We need to understand the Old and New Testament in order to rightly divide the words of truth. A sermon has a beginning, a message, and an end. It must have fire in the words to be the gospel and to feed the sheep. The fire is the spirit of the Lord.

We have great preachers in our Association. However, we need to move slowly with ordinations. It is better to err in slowness than to be hasty and ordain someone too soon. Remember, our ministers represent the Lord as well as their church and our Association. Let us be more careful with our ordinations.

Each and every member of our church and association is important. We should be humble, and not boast or brag for we are all unworthy servants. We are all of the body of Christ. It is His love that makes me love you all."

4. The Committee on Finance reported a sum of \$6,695.00 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 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 Elder Jimmy Hall, 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: Howard Owens and Elwood Cornett, also giving Elder Elwood Cornett the right to select others from the ministers present.

B. The Committee on Ministry chose Elder Clifton Hampton to preach the Introductory Sermon for the 1998 session and Elder Paul McClanahan to be his alternate.

C. The Committee on Ministry chose Elder Jim Fields 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 and 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 (9/7/96)..... \$4020.23

Collections:

Church Contributions \$6305.00

 Pictures..... \$392.00

 Interest..... \$147.96

Total in treasury..... \$10865.19

Expenses:

 Printing 3,400 Minutes.....\$7451.00

 Safety deposit box..... \$50.00

 Typing Permanent Record..... \$25.00

 Total expenses..... \$7526.00

Balance in treasury (9/6/97)..... \$3339.19

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 (9/7/96)..... \$4537.99

Collections:

Church contributions.....	\$8715.00
Sunday services.....	\$1657.00
Donations.....	\$866.00
Concession stand.....	\$120.00
 Total in treasury.....	 \$15895.99

Expenses:

Payments and loan interest.....	\$4980.42
Insurance	\$771.00
Kitchen.....	\$1657.37
Supplies.....	\$102.87
Utilities.....	\$1064.63
Labor.....	\$440.00
Dehumidifier and Cooler	\$874.98
 Total expenses.....	 \$9891.27
 Balance in treasury.....	 \$6004.72

12. The report from the Committee on Council was given by Elder Elwood Cornett. He reported that the Committee had met with the Big Leatherwood and Mount Olive Churches and had taken the two churches under its watchcare. The minutes of those meetings will be read when those church letters are discussed. The Committee had also met informally to advice to the moderator.

The moderator reappointed Alonzo Mosley, Emory Caudill, Elmer Caudill, Carl Slone, Jerry Day, H.B. Reedy, Jr., and John Preece to serve as the Committee on Council for the next year.

13. The request from the Little Bull Creek Church to

- remove Elder David Jent's name from the list of ordained ministers was read. The request was granted by a move and second, with no objection.
14. The request from Mount Olivet Church to host the 1998 session of the Indian Bottom Association was read. By a move and second, with no objection, the request was granted.
15. The request from Tolson Creek Church to cohost the 1998 session of the Indian Bottom Association was read. By a move and second, with no objection, the request was granted.
16. The request from the Friendship Church to move their communion time from the third Sunday of July to the third Sunday of August was read. By a move and second, with no objection, the request was granted.
17. The request from the Friendship Church to remove Elbert Allen Tolliver's name from the list of ordained ministers was read. By a move and second, with no objection, the request was granted.
18. The request from the Friendship Church to have the standing orders and rules of the Indian Bottom Association printed in the minutes this year and hereafter was read. By a move and second, with no objection, the request was answered by assigning the Committee on Council and a representative from each church the responsibility to meet during the upcoming year to list the procedures and practices of the association. The results of these meetings will be brought back to the 1998 Association for consideration.

19. The request from the Hemphill Church to move their memorial meeting time from the first weekend of July to the first weekend of October was heard. By a move and second, with no objection, the request was granted.
20. The letter from the Big Leatherwood Church and the appropriate minutes of the Committee on Council were read. By a move and second, with no objection, the church was received into full fellowship of the Indian Bottom Association and the delegates were given the right hand of fellowship.
21. The request from the Big Leatherwood Church to print in the minutes the change of their monthly meeting from the second weekend to the third weekend was read. It was granted by a move and second, with no objection.
22. The letter from the Mount Olive Church and the appropriate minutes of the Committee on Council were read. By a move and second, with no objection, the church was received into full fellowship of the Indian Bottom Association and the delegates were given the right hand of fellowship.
23. The letter from the Star of Bethlehem Church was read. By a move and second, with no objection, the church was received into full fellowship of the Indian Bottom Association and the delegates were given the right hand of fellowship.
24. By a move and second, with no objection, the clerks were directed to write a tribute to the deceased ministers of the Indian Bottom Association.
25. By a move and second, with no objection, the clerks

were directed to write a Resolution of Appreciation to the Little Dove, Summertown, Happy Home, and Reynolds Fork Churches for hosting the 1998 session of the Indian Bottom Association.

26. There was a move and second, with no objection, to have services at the Association Building on the following odd-Sundays: November 30, February 1, May 31, and August 30.
27. By a move and second, with no objection, we omitted the reading of the minutes.
20. By a move and second, with no objection, we adjourned until the 1998 session of the Indian Bottom Association convenes on September 4, 1998. In closing, Elder Clark Hays expressed his love for the Indian Bottom Association and his precious hope for a Heavenly home. Elder H.B. Reedy, Jr. led us in an humble prayer of thankfulness.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 1997

On the ending day of the 1997 Association meeting, a large crowd gathered at our Association Building. After greeting each other with love, hugs, and handshakes, we lifted our voices in the glorious hymns of Zion. Shouts and tears of joy expressed our thankfulness and love for each other and the Lord. Our Moderator, Elder Elwood Cornett welcomed everyone and his humble remarks were heartfelt by all. Elder Squire Watts, amid shouts of joy, introduced the service and Elder Bob Combs led in prayer. They were followed by Elder Howard Owens who was blessed to preach that Jesus was rest and shelter for a troubled soul. Elder I.D. Back then

came forth to proclaim that we should “pay heed to the voice of the Lord.” Elder Bill Tackett came forth to tell the sweet story of how and where he found the Lord. Elder Elwood Cornett came to close and was inspired by the spirit of the Lord to preach upon the invitation of Jesus to “come and dine”. Amid shouts of joy and much rejoicing, he brought the one-hundred and second annual session of the Indian Bottom Association to a close. The church door was announced open for the receiving of members by experience and baptism. None responded, Elder Don Pratt led us in a closing prayer.

RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION

We, the Indian Bottom Association, take this opportunity to express our heart-felt gratitude to the Little Dove, Happy Home, Summertown, and Reynolds Fork Churches for a good job well-done. For all the hours you spent cleaning, cooking and serving the good food which you so graciously prepared and served; for each handshake, each embrace and even just a smile, we appreciate and thank you for it. Our prayer is that God will bless you fourfold for all you so graciously did. God bless you!

Indian Bottom Association

CIRCULAR LETTER

Brothers and Sisters of the Indian Bottom Association:

I don't feel worthy, but greatly honored to write the Circular Letter for the year of 1997.

Jesus said: "Now is my soul troubled; and what shall I say? Father save me from this hour: but for this cause I came unto this hour." We begin to die the day we are born and will come to this hour ourselves. He said, "It is expedient for you that I go away; for if I go not away, the comforter will not come unto you. But the comforter, which is the Holy Ghost whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you."

He said: "And behold I send the promise of my Father unto you, but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high." They were waiting in Jerusalem for this wonderful promise to come not knowing how, where, what, or why. They probably were expecting the comforter to come to the temple in Jerusalem. But it came to downtown Jerusalem into an upper room where they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from Heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. What a Holy Ghost meeting this must have been as they experienced this comforter for the first time.

This came on the day of Pentecost, which is a Jewish festival, celebrated on the 50th day after Passover. Now, Jesus was in the heart of the earth 3 days and 3 nights, and walked upon the earth 40 days after His resurrection, this being 43 days means the comforter came 7 days after Jesus ascended to the Father. With God one day is as a thousand years and a thousand years as one day. We are entering in the year 2000, 7000 years or the 7th day since the beginning of time. Should

we look for him somewhere around this 7th day? Jesus will descend from Heaven with a shout, with the voice of the Archangel, and with the trump of God: And the dead in Christ shall rise first; then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: And so shall we ever be with the Lord. Brothers and Sisters, I believe we are living in the midnight hour of time as we know it on this earth.

I thank God for the comforter, the same one that came to Paul on the road to Damascus, to Stephen as they stoned him, to Peter in prison, to Paul and Silas in prison, to sinners to save their souls, to the children of God when we sing, when we pray, when we shout, when we preach, and when we give glory and honor to His Holy name.

When the comforter came they were all with one accord in one place. One accord means agreement and harmony. When the children of God gather out, if we are all with one accord, even though we are in different areas of the country we can still all be in one place. That place being, in the spirit on the Lord's day, in the carcass of the Lion of the tribe of Judah, in the cleft of the rock of Ages, in a shelter in the time of storm, and most of all delivered from all our enemies.

This comforter can help us to hold fast to that which is good, abstain from all appearances of evil, be a light to the world, pray for our enemies, and rejoice evermore.

Let us strive to always gather out with one accord in one place. I believe this comforter will be with us in the hour of death. It will come to our children, friends, and neighbors to teach them what they are by nature and what they must be by the Grace of God. We need to depend on this comforter to bless us, our children, and all man kind.

I hope to be with you all when this comforter, Jesus Christ, the son of the living God, takes us all home to live forever in a land of perfect peace and joy

Your Brother in Christ, Elder Jimmy W. Hall

UNION, COMMUNION AND MEMORIAL SERVICES

FEBRUARY

STAR OF BETHLEHEM:

Union meeting: Fourth Saturday and Sunday in February

Ministers called: Elwood Cornett, John Preece,
Toby Breeding

Communion: Fourth Sunday in March

Memorial: Fourth Sunday in April

Ministers called: Barry Tiller, Lonnie Sexton,
Paul Watson, H.B.Reedy, Jr.

MARCH

LITTLE ZION:

Union meeting: Second Saturday and Sunday in March.

Ministers called: Emory Caudill, Ellis Adams, Alonzo
Mosley, John Fields

Communion: Second Sunday in June.

Memorial: Second Sunday in July.

Ministers called: Virgil Combs, Toby Breeding,
Don Fields, Howard Owens

SUMMERTOWN:

Union Meeting: Second Saturday and Sunday in March

Ministers called: All of the same faith and order.

Communion: Second Sunday in September

Memorial Meeting: Second Sunday in May

Ministers called: All of the same faith and order.

APRIL

DEFEATED CREEK:

Union Meeting: Second Saturday and Sunday in April.

Ministers called: Toby Breeding, Emory Caudill,
Roy Slone, Charles Shepherd

Communion: Second Sunday in August

Memorial: Second Sunday in July

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

MOUNT ZION:

Union Meeting: Second Saturday and Sunday in April.

Ministers called: Michael Everage, Billy Mosley, Bobby
Amburgey, Carl Slone, Danny Dixon

Communion: Second Sunday in May.

Memorial: Second Sunday in June.

Ministers called: Gary Mosley, L.D. Mosley, Nelson
Craft, Mickey Amburgey, Bordis Slone

BLAIR BRANCH:

Union Meeting: Third Saturday and Sunday in April.

Ministers called: Alonzo Mosley, Howard Owens,
David Smith

Communion: Third Sunday in July.

Memorial: Third Sunday in June.

Ministers called: Elwood Cornett, I.D. Back and
home ministers

ROCK FORK:

Union Meeting: Fourth Saturday and Sunday in April

Ministers called: Elwood Cornett, Charles Shepherd,
Barry Tiller, Assistant Moderator, Moderator

Communion: Fourth Sunday in July

Memorial: Fourth Saturday and Sunday in September

Ministers called: John Preece, Frank Newsome, Jim Fields, Paul McClanahan, Assistant Moderator, Moderator

Memorial at Bolyn Cemetery: May 24, 1998 at 4:00 p.m.

Ministers called: Earl Slone, Jerry Manns, Don Pratt

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, Elwood Cornett, H.B. Reedy, Jr., Billy Mosley, Jim Fields, Alonzo Mosley, Charles Shepherd, Ellis Adams, Curl Dixon, Squire Watts, Benny Slone, Don Pratt, Frank Newsome, Felden Ruggles, Jr., Coburn Ison, Clifford Hughes, Emory Caudill, Jimmy Hall, Tim Smith

Communion: Fourth Sunday in August.

Memorial: Fourth Sunday in June.

LITTLE BETHLEHEM:

Union Meeting: Fourth Saturday and Sunday in April.

Ministers called: Harvey Creech, Danny Dixon,

Felden Ruggles, Jr.

Communion: Fourth Sunday in August.

Memorial: Fourth Sunday in September.

Ministers called: Don Pratt, Bobby Amburgey,

H.B. Reedy, Jr., Mickey Amburgey

MAY

POOR FORK:

Union Meeting: First Saturday and Sunday in May.

Ministers called: Elwood Cornett, Danny Dixon, Lonnie Gregory, John Preece, Felden Ruggles, Jr.

Communion: First Sunday in July.

Memorial: First Sunday in August.

Ministers called: Squire Watts, Roger Gibson, Jim Fields, Ellis Adams

MOUNT OLIVET:

Union Meeting: First Saturday and Sunday in May.

Ministers called: Howard Owens, Don Pratt, Frank Newsome, Moderator

Communion: First Sunday in August.

Memorial: First Sunday in July.

Ministers called: Danny Dixon and home ministers

HEMPHILL:

Union Meeting: First Saturday and Sunday in May

Ministers called: H.B.Reedy, Jr., Squire Watts, John Preece, Ellis Adams, Danny Dixon, Lonnie Sexton

Communion: First Sunday in June

Memorial: First Saturday and Sunday in October

Ministers called: Jerry Manns, Paul Watson, Jim Fields, Ivan Amburgey, Roy Slone

Spurl Mullins Memorial: First Sunday in August, 1998

Ministers called: Jim Fields, Jimmy Hall, Danny Dixon, Virgil Combs

BETHANY:

Union Meeting: First Saturday and Sunday in May

Ministers called: Nelson Craft, L.D. Mosley,
Marvis Short

Communion: First Sunday in June

Memorial: First Sunday in October

Ministers called: Squire Watts, Howard Owens

LITTLE DOVE:

Union Meeting: Second Saturday and Sunday in May

Ministers called: Elwood Cornett, Danny Dixon, Howard
Owens

Communion: Second Sunday in July

Memorial: Second Sunday in June

Ministers called: H.B.Reedy, Jr. and home ministers

EMMANUEL:

Union Meeting: Second Saturday and Sunday in May

Ministers called: Danny Dixon, Elwood Cornett, Barry
Tiller, Jim Fields, Lonnie Sexton, Don Halcomb

Communion: Second Sunday in June

Memorial: Second Saturday and Sunday in July

Ministers called: John Preece, Ivan Amburgey, Ellis
Adams, Paul Watson, Squire Watts, Paul
McClanahan

REYNOLDS FORK:

Union Meeting: Third Saturday and Sunday in May.

Ministers called: All of the same faith and order

Communion: Third Sunday in June.

Memorial: Third Sunday in July.

Ministers called: All of the same faith and order

LITTLE BULL CREEK:

Union Meeting: Third Saturday and Sunday in May.

Ministers called: Toby Breeding, Emory Caudill,

Frank Newsome, Squire Watts

Communion: Third Sunday in August.

Melton Cemetery Memorial: Second Sunday in June

Deceased Members Memorial: Third Sunday in June

Jent Cemetery Memorial: Third Sunday in July

Ministers called: All of the same faith and order.

GARDEN OF LOVE:

Union Meeting: Third Saturday and Sunday in May.

Ministers called: Felden Ruggles, Jr., Lonnie Gregory,
Bill Halcomb

Communion: Third Sunday in June.

Memorial: Third Sunday in September

Ministers called: Don Pratt, Earl Mosley, Jim Fields

JUNE

KINGDOM COME:

Union Meeting: First Saturday and Sunday in June.

Ministers called: Roy Slone, Clifton Hampton, Ellis
Adams, Wayne Caudill, Danny Dixon

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,

CLEAR FORK:

Union Meeting: First Saturday and Sunday in June.

Ministers called: Charles Shepherd, Don Pratt, Jim
Fields, Bobby Amburgey, H.B. Reedy, Jr., Ivan
Amburgey

Communion: First Sunday in July

Memorial: First Sunday in October.

Ministers called: Elwood Cornett, Bob Combs, John
Preece, Emory Caudill, Harvey Creech, Don
Halcomb

NEW HOME:

Union Meeting: First Saturday and Sunday in June.

Ministers called: Frank Newsome, Felden Ruggles, Jr.,
Jim Fields, Bill Halcomb, Bobby Amburgey,
John Preece

Communion: First Sunday in July.

Memorial: First Sunday in August

Ministers called: Alonzo Mosley, Mickey Amburgey,
Harlis Watts, Milburn Slone, Ronnie Robinson,
Bill Moore

HAPPY HOME:

Union Meeting: First Saturday and Sunday in June.

Ministers called: Bordis Slone, Clark Hays, David Smith,
H.B.Reedy, Jr., Ollie Mullins, Don Pratt, Robert
Combs, Carl Back

Communion: First Sunday in July.

Memorial: First Sunday in August.

Ministers called: All of the same faith and order

MOUNT OLIVE:

Union Meeting: First Saturday and Sunday in June.

Ministers called: Emory Caudill, Danny Dixon, Elwood
Cornett, Frank Newsome

Communion: First Sunday in July.

Memorial: First Sunday in May.

Ministers called: Odus Ritchie, Alonzo Mosley,
Don Pratt

FRIENDSHIP:

Union Meeting: Third Saturday and Sunday in June.

Ministers called: James Slone, Hurley Short, Howard
Owens

Communion: Third Sunday in August.

Memorial: Third Sunday in May.

Ministers called: Barry Tiller, John Preece, Ellis Adams

BIG LEATHERWOOD:

Union Meeting: Third Saturday and Sunday in June.

Ministers called: Paul McClanahan, Toby Breeding,
Don Halcomb, Jim Fields

Communion: Third Sunday in August.

Memorial: Third Sunday in July.

Ministers called: Elwood Cornett, Harvey Creech,
James Caudill, Squire Watts, Danny Dixon

DIXON MEMORIAL:

Union Meeting: Fourth Saturday and Sunday in June.

Ministers called: All of the same faith and order.

Communion: Fourth Sunday in July.

Memorial for deceased members: Fourth Sunday in
September

Ministers called: All of the same faith and order.

Cemetery Memorial: Fourth Sunday in May

Spring Branch Memorial: Second Sunday in June

BIG COWAN:

Union Meeting: Fourth Saturday and Sunday in June.

Ministers called: Virgil Combs, Jim Fields, Squire Watts,
Jerry Mann, Benny Slone, Toby Breeding

Communion: Fourth Sunday in July.

Memorial: Fourth Sunday in September.

Ministers called: Harvey Creech, Barry Tiller, Ellis
Adams, Clifton Hampton, Emory Caudill,

Paul Watson

IVY POINT:

Union Meeting: Fourth Saturday and Sunday in June.

Ministers called: Clark Hays, Harvey Creech, Darrell Slone, Benny Slone

Communion: Fourth Sunday in July.

Memorial: Fourth Sunday in August.

Ministers called: Virgil Combs, Danny Yates, Dwayne Mullins, James Rush

TOLSON CREEK:

Union Meeting: Fourth Saturday and Sunday in June.

Ministers called: Jim Fields, Elwood Cornett, Don Halcomb, Don Pratt, Howard Owens

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, Don Pratt, Danny Dixon, Barry Tiller

Communion: Fourth Sunday in July.

Memorial: Fourth Sunday in August.

Ministers called: Elwood Cornett, Lonnie Gregory, Roger Gibson, Jim Fields, Don Halcomb

BETHLEHEM:

Union Meeting: Third Saturday and Sunday in June

Ministers called: Barry Tiller, Squire Watts, Lonnie Sexton, Don Halcomb, Ellis Adams

Communion: Third Sunday in July

Memorial: Third Saturday and Sunday in August

Ministers called: Ivan Amburgey, Elwood Cornett, Jim Fields, John Preece, Paul Watson, Harvey Creech

CEDAR GROVE:

Union Meeting: Fourth Saturday and Sunday in June
Ministers called: Toby Breeding, Roger Gibson, Don Halcomb, Paul McClanahan, I.D. Back

Communion: Fourth Sunday in August.

Memorial: Fourth Sunday in May

Ministers called: Squire Watts, Danny Dixon, Elwood Cornett, Felden Ruggles, Jr.

LITTLE DAVID:

Union Meeting: Fourth Saturday and Sunday in June
Ministers called: Harvey Creech, Paul Watson, Don Halcomb, Keith Thomas, Alonzo Mosley

Communion: Fourth Sunday in July

Memorial: Fourth Sunday in August

Ministers called: Toby Bailey, Lonnie Sexton, Jimmy Hall, Danny Dixon, Elwood Cornett

JULY

NEW BETHLEHEM CHURCH:

Union Meeting: Third Saturday and Sunday in July
Ministers called: Eugene Thacker, Don Collins, Don Pratt

Communion: Third Sunday in August

Memorial: Third Saturday and Sunday in September

Ministers called: Everett Owens and home ministers

LITTLE BETHANY:

Union Meeting: Fourth Saturday and Sunday in July

Ministers called: All of the same faith and order
Communion: Fourth Sunday in August
Memorial: Fourth Sunday in September
Ministers called: All of the same faith and order

AUGUST

HURRICANE GAP:

Union Meeting: Third Saturday and Sunday in August.
Ministers called: H.B.Reedy, Jr., Emory Caudill, Charles
Shepherd, Danny Dixon, Bobby Amburgey, Bert
Fields, Bill Halcomb, Elwood Cornett
Communion: Third Sunday in August.
Memorial: Third Sunday in October.
Ministers called: H.B.Reedy, Jr., John Preece,
Toby Breeding, Charles Shepherd, Jimmie Ray
Bailey, Jim Fields, Don Halcomb, Harvey Creech,
Freddy Frazier

SEPTEMBER

LITTLE MARY:

Union Meeting: Second Saturday and Sunday in September.
Ministers called: Keith Thomas, Jim Fields, John Preece,
Harvey Creech, I.D. Back
Communion: Second Sunday in October.
Memorial: Second Sunday in August.
Ministers called: Toby Bailey, Barry Tiller, Charles
Shepherd, Gary Mosley, Elwood Cornett

LILY OF THE VALLEY:

Union Meeting: Third Saturday and Sunday in September

Ministers called: Bennie Slone, Gary Mosley, Hurley
Short, Charles Shepherd, Alonzo Mosley,
Elwood Cornett

Communion: Third Sunday in October

Memorial: Third Saturday and Sunday in May

Ministers called: James Slone, Lonnie Gregory, Bill
Halcomb, Layton Phipps, Jim Fields

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Cedar Grove Danny Dixon, Squire Watts, Eddie Lumpkins
New Home Milburn Slone, Chester Gibson, Euell Ratliff
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Reynolds Fork Paul Watson, Lonnie Sexton, Bordis Slone
Bull Creek Donnie Hall, Jim Caudill, Virgil Combs
Ivy Point Keith Thomas, Taulby Mosley, Monroe Slone
Little Dove Ivan Amburgey, John Preece, Johnnie Childers
Tolson Creek Emory Caudill, Luther Combs, Phillip Combs
Dixon Memorial Allen Whitaker, Roger Whitaker, Elmer Caudill
Big Creek Doug Gibson, Virgil Day, Arthur Pendleton
Happy Home Alger Mullins, Landis Everage, Duane Hall
New Bethlehem Robert Everage, Odus Ritchie, Carl Slone
Clear Fork Clarence Combs, Franklin Fugate, Delza Young
Northern New Home Dean Hall, E. Robert Miller, James Watts
Blair Branch Ellis Adams, Rodney Adams, Jerry Adams
Mount Olivet L.D. Back, Jimmy Adams, Oliver Mullins
Little Zion Jerry Caudill, Beckham Fields, John Fields
Hurricane Gap Hillard Halcomb, Ivan Cornett, Glen Sparkman
Kingdom Come George Roark, Bert Fields, Roger Fields
Poor Fork Harvey Creech, Monroe Bailey, Joe Steely
Big Cowan Carl Adams, Clifton Hampton, Junior Callahan
Little Mary Lonnie Gregory, Mike Spurlock, Coy Tolliver
Mount Zion L.D. Mosley, Carl Mosley, Nelson Craft
Friendship Harlan Eldridge, George Shea, Emil Eldridge
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Little Bethany James Slone, Mike Smallwood, Steven Hagerman
Garden of Love Tim Smith, Gary Mosley, Don Francis
Rock Fork Delmas Conley, Arlie Jackson, Lowell Shepherd
Summertown ... Marvin Sparkman, Garland Sumner, Randy Combs
Emmanuel John Spahr, Fred Phillips, Ralph Deel
Hemphill Alford Adams, Bob Sparks, Johnny Watts
Bethlehem..Walter Sheets, Johnny McClanahan, Jimmy Blankenship
Bethany Woodrow Tackett, Fred Ross, Charles Craft
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STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCH	Rec'd by Exp. & Baptism	Rec'd by Letter	Restored	Rec'd by Recomm./Applic	Dismissed by Letter	Lost by Death	Excluded	Total Membership	Meeting Time	Saturday Service Time	Contribution
Cedar Grove	11	0	0	0	0	3	1	174	4	9:30	\$400
New Home	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	42	1	9:30	150
Defeated Creek	1	0	0	0	2	0	3	31	2	9:30	220
Reynolds Fork	18	1	0	2	2	0	4	90	3	9:30	275
Bull Creek	1	3	0	1	3	0	8	75	3	6:00	100
Ivy Point	5	2	0	2	1	1	5	54	4	6:00	175
Little Dove	6	0	0	0	1	2	0	120	2	9:30	400
Tolson Creek	2	2	0	0	2	2	0	30	4	9:30	200
Dixon Memorial	1	0	0	1	5	3	0	36	4	9:30	100
Big Creek	1	1	0	4	0	1	0	42	4	3:00	150
Happy Home	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	31	1	9:30	125
New Bethlehem	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	23	3	9:30	150
Clear Fork	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	21	1	6:00	150
Northern New Home	7	3	1	0	0	0	0	92	4	6:00	200
Blair Branch	11	2	0	0	0	4	0	114	3	6:30	325
Mt. Olivet	2	0	0	0	0	4	0	122	1	6:30	400
Little Zion	0	3	0	1	0	1	0	32	2	6:30	150
Hurricane Gap	1	2	0	0	0	0	4	36	3	6:30	250
Kingdom Come	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	16	1	9:30	125
Poor Fork	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	26	1	6:30	250
Big Cowan	4	0	0	0	2	0	0	35	4	9:30	200
Little Mary	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	22	2	9:30	200
Mount Zion	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	18	2	6:30	100
Friendship	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	17	3	4:00	150
Little Bethlehem	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	37	4	9:30	200
Little Bethany	0	12	0	1	1	0	1	20	4	6:30	50
Garden of Love	2	0	1	0	0	0	1	24	3	7:00	150

	Rec'd by Exp. & Baptism	Rec'd by Letter	Restored	Rec'd by Recomm./Applic	Dismissed by Letter	Lost by Death	Excluded	Total Membership	Meeting Time	Saturday Service Time	Contribution
Rock Fork	10	1	1	1	0	5	6	120	4	9:30	200
Summertown	4	0	0	0	0	1	1	23	2	9:30	125
Emmanuel	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	26	2	5:00	150
Hemphill	1	0	0	1	0	1	2	21	1	9:30	100
Bethlehem	21	4	0	5	11	4	2	115	3	9:30	300
Bethany	2	0	0	1	0	1	0	25	1	6:00	200
Lily of the Valley	0	0	0	1	2	0	2	8	3	2:30	75
Little David	19	3	0	3	5	0	2	37	4	9:30	200
Big Leatherwood	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	32	3	6:30	200
Mount Olive	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	1	9:30	100
Star of Bethlehem	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	23	4	10:00	150
TOTALS	141	41	4	25	38	40	46	1820			7,145

Obituaries



LORA CAUDILL ADAMS

Lora Caudill Adams was born into the home of Henry and Ellen Caudill on January 27, 1915. She left for Heaven on January 25, 1997. Lora was married to Steve Adams on July 12, 1938 and to this union were born eleven children, with one son, Terry, dying at birth. Her husband, Steve, preceded her in death on December 22, 1982. Those left to mourn her passing are three daughters: Emma Lou Young, Jacqueline Himes, and Elva Lee Arnold. Also, seven sons survive: Ricky, Wayne, Rodney, Jerry, Danny, Jimmie and Bill. Bill, her oldest son was so faithful to stay with Mom and take care of her. We will never forget how kind and good he was to her.

Mom felt Jesus forgave her of her sins and she joined the Doty Creek Old Regular Baptist Church on August 10, 1974, where she was a faithful member the remainder of her life. Going to church gave her so much joy. While she was there, she was careful to shake hands with everyone who came to church. Even after her health began to fail and she had to use a walker to get around, the Lord gave her the strength to go all over the church to shake hands and fellowship with her church brothers and sisters. Her church family was faithful to her also, visiting with her and praying and singing the old songs that she loved.

In the days before she died, Mom went through some incredible pain and suffering. However, her faith never faltered and she never failed to pray for the will of God. Though we feel the grief of our loss on earth, we can picture Mom's joy

in Heaven. How blissful she must feel to be able to look on the face of Jesus. We can add nothing to the sermon that was Mom and Dad's lives to teach their children and grandchildren the way to Heaven.

Written with much love by her family.



AMANDA JO AMBURGEY

With a sad and broken heart, and God holding my hand, I will try to write the obituary of my darling daughter, Amanda Jo Amburgey. Mandy was born August 21, 1978 and went to be with Jesus May 24, 1996, making her stay on earth 17 years, 3 months and 24 days. Mandy left behind a broken-hearted mother, Kim Amburgey; one brother, Dustin

James Williams; grandmother, Eunice Amburgey Fields; step-grandfather, Randall Fields; 3 aunts: Lula Sexton, Debbie Sexton and Darlene Ritchie; two uncles, Bro. Lonnie Sexton and Bro. Manuel Ritchie; cousins:: Tonya, Tina, Tara, Shawn, Jessica, Robbie, Jeremy, Angie, Little Kim, Jamie Gibson; two second cousins, Tyler Austin Sexton and Jamie Kyle Gibson, whom she loved dearly; her boyfriend, Jamie Sparkman, and a host of friends and teammates. Mandy was preceded in death by her grandfather, Thelen Amburgey.

Mandy was a loving child with a loving heart with so much faith. At the early age of fourteen Mandy started praying for her sins. In nature we think what kind of sins did she have. Even though she had not done anything in our eyes, she knew that she still had to be forgiven, because she knew Jesus died for our sins. Mandy would pray at church and at home, but mostly in her bedroom. I can remember so well when she came and told me, Mommy the Lord saved my soul!! That

was the happiest day for her and me! She led the way for the rest of her cousins and family. Mandy took her fellowship to Reynolds Fork Church. How beautiful she looked in her white garments as she was led to the water. She was so proud, and so was I. Mandy's light shone to everyone. She was not ashamed to talk about the Lord to anyone. Mandy loved the game of basketball, but she knew God came first. She would talk to her teammates, and showed them how much God made a difference in her life. When I would get down and worry she always put her arms around my neck and say, "Mom, where is your faith? God will help us," and He always did. Now when I get down, broken-hearted, she still comes to me and says, "Mom, do not worry, God will see you through!" Mandy's life is not over it has just begun! Mandy will never know heartache or pain. Even though I miss her so very much I know she is happier than she has ever been! She is safe from all harm and sadness. Me, being a single parent and working, Mandy would clean house, wash clothes, take care of her little brother and cook dinner. She did all of this out of love for her mother. I thank God every day for blessing my life with an Angel like Mandy! I thank Him for sharing her with me for seventeen wonderful years! The love and joy she brought me and her family will never be forgotten. I just hope that sinners, and the rest of Mandy's cousins who have not been saved, will look at Mandy's life and want to go where she is. It is not the end because I will see my Little Angel again one sweet day, My prayers are now that my nieces and nephews and my precious son will seek after what Mandy found, and will meet her in Heaven. Mandy said not only were she and I mother and daughter, but sisters in the Lord who were going to Heaven together.

Written by her broken-hearted mother, but a thankful one, too, and sister in the Lord, Kimberly Amburgey

This is the testimony of Amanda Jo Amburgey, her expe-

rience with the Lord at the age of fourteen. She wrote this before her death.

“He Always Listens”

The room was dark and there I sat crying in the corner. For days depression had kept me down with the fear of dying. I prayed and prayed but to me God had bigger problems to solve. I felt so sorry for myself. It all started with a few people from church saying the end of time was soon.

Each day I would wake up with no reason to live. Nights were awful with terrible nightmares about hell. It seemed as if there were no tomorrow. Praying did not seem to help, so what could? My life was over, so it seemed. This depression took over my life. From daylight to dark that is all I thought about. There seemed to be no light through this deep, dark, cold tunnel. My room was becoming a hiding place from the whole world.

I went to church every Sunday with a mind to listen, though I got there and just goofed off with my friends. They made me forget about everything, because if they did not worry about death, then why should I?

One Sunday at church they had communion. It was my first communion I had ever been to. This was a very special day. I listened to some preachers who really reached my heart and soul. I felt this wonderful relief and joy. This feeling went through my whole body. I loved everyone, even my worst enemy. I wanted to tell everyone how I felt, but I did not. The devil kept telling me, you are too young. They won't accept you. You can't have fun anymore.” He talked me right out of joining the church and being baptized. The next day I was playing wheel of fortune on my computer. I had to guess an event. I had no idea of what it could be so I let the time run out. The answer was my first communion. My first communion was when I felt that wonderful feeling. I knew exactly what the answer meant. I told God if he would let me make it

until next church time I would join.

That night I had to tell someone about my feelings. I told my aunt. Chills ran up and down her body. She knew exactly how I felt. We both cried, but they were happy tears. My aunt and I went to tell my mom. My mom was so proud of me. Now my mom and I weren't just mother and daughter, but sisters that are going to Heaven together.

That whole week the devil tortured me, but I fought him with the good feelings I had. Church rolled around and I knew exactly what I had to do. Through the whole church I sat in the back crying. Then, at the end of church the preacher said, "If anyone would like to join the church please come up." I stood up and walked up there. The only thing I remember about walking up there is the first step.

It was like God carried me up there. Everyone hugged me and welcomed me to the church. I had a whole new family, God's family. Next was to get baptized, so I got the white dress and everyone accompanied me down to the creek. Myself and three other preachers walked into the middle of the creek. They sang a few songs and then they baptized me. I left my old, childish, depressing life under the water. I came up with a whole NEW LIFE!

I'm not perfect, and I get tempted sometimes. But then I remember in my mind everything God has done for me. All those times I thought I was alone in my room crying, praying, I wasn't really alone. God was there listening. He gave me a whole new chance at life with a new family and Heaven to go to when I die.

Amanda Jo Amburgey
August 21, 1978 to May 24, 1996



FREDA MAE AMBURGEY

In early spring, on April 3, 1920 in the lovely hills of Eastern Ky., Jackson, Breathitt County, a little girl graced the home of the late Jessie and Julie Brewer Oaks. Into their home they welcomed this little girl, as well as her other brothers and sisters. They chose to give the name, Freda Mae. Here she brought them joy and happiness, going to

a one room school, playing in the streams, roaming the hills, meadows and fields, picking wild flowers and listening to songbirds sing as they made music in early spring. Her days of childhood, along with memories of her playmates, brothers and sisters, were treasures she kept for so these many years, in her memory bank. In days to come, when she was sad and lonely, she would walk back down Memory lane, on Life's Pathway, meeting with those of yesterday. It was then she would smile as her clouds of sadness would be replaced with sunshine, thoughts of days when she was young and care-free. On Thursday, December 19, 1996, she gathered her robe around her, alone in the quietness of home. She slipped away, after being blessed to live upon God's good earth 76 years, 8 months and 16 days.

As days slipped away into weeks, weeks into months, and months into years, that little girl known as Freda Mae, became a fine young lady. Leaving her native land, coming to Louisville, it is here she resided, along with her husband, Bill Amburgey, whom she had taken by the hand to become his devoted, caring and loving wife, on February 15, 1947. They shared life's heartaches, sorrows and disappointments, along with its joys, happiness and pleasures for almost 50 years. God trusted into the hands of this devoted wife 3 sons. It's

then she became a loving and caring mother. She is preceded in death by one son, Phillip. Surviving, along with her husband, Bill, are two sons, George of Cincinnati, OH, Paul of Louisville, KY; four grandchildren; three brothers: E.C. of Arkansas, Loyd of Indiana, Jessie of KY; three sisters: Nell Bundy and Ruby Fortner, both of Ohio; Bessie Gross of Kentucky. Loved ones I am sure will miss the love and friendship of this precious wife, mother, grandmother and sister.

Freda was a faithful attendee of the Antioch Old Regular Baptist Church. It was here she was warm and friendly, becoming our friend, one that we enjoyed having in our services, one that we will miss. How well I remember Freda bringing food on the Sundays when dinner was served. Her gingerbread was a treat. I must confess, although I didn't feel condemned. I would hurriedly hide me several pieces to enjoy the following week. Since Freda is gone, yet I am sure she would say, "That's all right Brother Newsome, just don't let Sister Newsome catch you. " She was my friend and a special friend to the Antioch church. Many times I would talk to her on the phone, telling me that she was praying and so often she would say, "I love you. " She wasn't ashamed of her heritage, a simple lady, the changing ways of society didn't bother her. We had her yesterday, now she belongs to the ages, and as those ages roll on, and time slips away, we will have memories she left with us to comfort us in our time of sorrow:

We will not say, "Good-by or farewell to you our dear one, only good night, good night. "Sleep in the arms of Jesus, until the resurrection morning. It is then you will awake, and we trust take your flight with the holy angels to a land of pure delight. Where separation, sickness, sorrow or death will never come. In a low whispering voice we say,

"Good night, good night dear one. "In the stillness of the night, we will think of you, in early dawn, when the song birds sing, and a cool breeze is causing the flowers to sway in

the meadows, we will again whisper, "Good night, good night, good night Freda."



CALLIE BLAIR

With a sad and broken heart I will try to write the obituary of our precious mother.

Mom was born January 12, 1911 passed away on Monday, June 9, 1997 at the Hazard Appalachian Regional Health Care Center, after a long illness, being 86 years old.

She was the daughter of the late Elijah and Sarah Adams. She was a member of the Regular Baptist Church of Blair Branch for over 40 years. Mom lived a faithful life, attended church faithfully as long as she was able to walk, then she became bedfast.

She loved her church so much and all of the brethren and sisters. She was always so happy whenever friends and members came by to sing and pray for her. Always reaching her little feeble hand out to them as long as she was able.

Early in life she met and married our father, Fred Blair and to this union were born 7 sons and one daughter: Charles, S.T., Odell, Landon, Harold, Mack, and Linda; one stepson, J.T., whom she raised from fours years old and loved him as her own; one sister, Hermie Townsend of Midway, is also left to mourn the loss. She had ten brothers and two sisters; one son, Jack Welch, and husband, Fred, and stepson, J.T., preceded her in death.

Mom lived with me the last six years. She suffered so much, never complaining and bore her pain, not wanting us children and families to worry, always telling us when she was able about Jesus. She would say many times "I want to

go home. “ She knew she had suffered enough. Oh, how we loved her and did everything we could to ease her pain. God knew she had suffered long enough and called her home to suffer no more.

I cherished her, loved her, and waited on her until the end. It is so lonely without her and I miss her so much, but slowly day by day we could see her leaving us. Our lives will never be the same, our home is so lonely. She worked so hard to raise us and always taught us the right ways of life. Precious memories will live on and stay with us forever. She’s with sweet Jesus now, and one of the prettiest angels up there. If she could speak to us now, she would say, “Children, I’m so happy now and in no pain.”

Our lives were so blest, we had the best of God’s wondrous works called Mother and our angel is resting now.

“Mother”

*She shared our every dream,
She added to our esteem,
She helped us and did favors, big and small.
She cared with all her heart,
She loved us from the start,
Mother was full of true wisdom and strength,
of loveliness, insight and grace.
She’s someone whose love we will cherish forever,
For no one can take “Our mother’s” place.*

Thank God for a wonderful mother, who loved us and we all loved her and will as long as time stands. Rest Mother, we know your crown was waiting for you. Your loving children miss you so much. You were our guiding light and it will always shine.

Loving You Always,
Linda, sons, and grandchildren

*Granny
I remember growing up
and sharing special times
with you.
You always thought
of fun things to do
and interesting things?
to see and talk about.
But what I remember most
is the love you showed me.
Your warmth and kindness
made me feel as special
as the times we shared.
I'll always hold those memories
close to my heart and will
cherish our time together
because even though I've grown
and changed in so many ways
I'm still just as proud
that you were my granny.*

Loving you always,
Grandson Fred



CARL BOWEN

It is with a sad and broken heart, I will try to write the obituary of my beloved husband, Carl Bowen. He was born into the home of the late Arlie and Martha Taylor Bowen on October 31, 1922, making his stay on earth 74 years 2 months and 3 days. Early in life he met and married Maggie Smith Bowen, December 8, 1943. To this union were born twin

sons, Karl Dean and Kyle Gene Bowen. Carl worked for Baker Maytag Co. for 35 years. Later in life, in 1970, he got in trouble over his sins, repented and joined Mt. Olivet Regular Baptist Church at Blackey, Ky. He was a faithful member as long as he was able to go. He leaves to mourn their loss his devoted wife; 2 sons, daughters-in-law, 3 grandchildren: Greg, Kyle Edward and wife, and a granddaughter, Lisa; one brother, Wilgus Bowen, who passed away ten days after Carl's death. 2 sisters, Alpha Amburgey, Holiday, Florida and Georgia Rollins, Campbranch, Kentucky; uncle, cousins, friends and neighbors; 1 step-great-granddaughter, Rachel Imhoff. Preceding him in death were his father and mother, and one great-grandson, Kyle Lee Bowen. So sleep on Carl, you won't have to suffer anymore. I love you and miss you so much.

Written by your loving wife, Maggie



OPAL BACK BRYANT

Opal Back Bryant passed away Wednesday, May 21, 1997 at the Whitesburg Appalachian Regional Health Center.

Opal was the daughter of the late Green and Celia Blair Back. She was born January 13, 1930 being 67 years, 4 months and 8 days of age at the time of her passing. Opal was the widow of George Bryant.

Surviving are 2 daughters: Patricia Bryant Ison of Jeremiah and Genia Bryant of Isom; 2 brothers Steve Back of London and Carl Back of Jeremiah; 2 sisters, Evolena Adams of Jeremiah and Eva Profitt of Franklin, Ohio and 4 grandchildren: Bridget Hodges, Margaret Burchfield, Bryan Ison and Joshua Ison along with a host of other relatives and friends to mourn her passing.

Opal was preceded in death by a daughter, Mary Volena Burchfield.



VICTOR CAMPBELL

With sad and lonely hearts we write the obituary for our father, Victor Campbell. Dad was born on March 7, 1928 to the late Cooley and Tessie Mae Logan Campbell. He was one of 4 sons and 2 daughters born to Cooley and Tessie Mae. He passed away on January 1, 1997 at the Hazard ARH Medical Center, making him 68 years, 9 months and 25

days of age at the time of his passing.

Dad, known to everyone as "Big," and our Mom, Molly Hope Back were married on February 5, 1949. Over the years their family grew to include 2 sons, Randy and J.P. and 2 daughters, Becky and Anna Gay, 6 grandchildren: Adrienne, Brian, Kelly, Kristy, Willie and Patrick and one great-grandson, Devin.

On February 23, 1986 Dad joined the Cedar Grove Church. On March 23, 1986 Dad and Mom were baptized together on Line Fork. Dad's faith in and love for the Lord was strong and comforted him to the end of his life.

We love and miss you Pa.

Written by his children, with loving memories.



HIRAM CAUDILL

Hiram Caudill, age 83, of Letcher County, Kentucky, formerly of Waynesburg, Kentucky, passed this life February 27, 1997. Hiram was the son of Silas and Nancy Caudill. Hiram leaves his wife, Maude Caudill, and two children, one son, Clyde Caudill, and one daughter, Charlene Dixon; three sisters, one brother,

six grandchildren, and ten great-grandchildren.

Brother Hiram joined the Mount Olivet Regular Baptist Church on February 14, 1960. Brother Hiram was a faithful member and was loved by all who knew him.

Written by a brother in the Lord, Bro. George Shea



MINNIE CAUDILL

Minnie Caudill, 89, died February 20 at her residence at Isom. Born in Letcher County, she was the daughter of the late I.D. and Peggy Collins Stamper. She was the widow of Charlie Caudill. Mrs. Caudill was a member of the Doty Creek Old Regular Baptist Church.

Surviving are three sons, I.D. Caudill and Paul Caudill, both of Isom; and H.B. Caudill of Wooton; seven daughters: Loretta Sexton; Jeremiah; Millie Mae Wells, Smilax; Elsie Adams, Reneva Barrett, Gertrude Combs, Peggy Whitaker, and Colleen Caudill, all of Isom; three sisters, Matilda Raleigh, Roxana; and Mary Banks, Michigan; two brothers, Steve

Stamper and Hiram Stamper, both of Isom; a friend Margaret Slone, Blackey; 37 grandchildren, 45 great-grandchildren and three great-great grandchildren.

In Loving Memory of Our Mother, Minnie Caudill

What is a mother, it's somebody that rocks you, loves you, sings about God, and reads the bible to you - that was our mother.

Mom, the home place is so lonesome since you went away. It's so hard for us to go there night or day.

Mom, each time we think about how you loved us so, it makes our hearts leap with glow; for mom we love you so.

Mom, you had that sparkle in your eyes, that made our hearts melt inside.

Mom, you worked so hard down here below and you wanted us to love each other so. For us to get along was her final wish.

Mom, the day God called you home; we knew God and the angels rejoiced so.

Mom, we can see the smile on Daddy's face when he met you at heaven's gate.

Mom, in the end, you suffered so, each time we touched you our hearts broke.

Mom, life is so lonely since you went away; we wish you could have stayed a few more days.

Mom, your laughter, your smile, your eyes so bright; you filled our hearts with such delight.

Mom, you and dad have gone away and we hope to meet you both in heaven some day.

Mom, when your little arms reached out to hug us tight our hearts felt so light.

Mom, you were the love and light of our hearts below and when you left us we grieved for you so.

Mom, when your little hands would wave to us good bye; it was one of the happiest moments of our lives.

Mom, the last Christmas we had with you was the best Christmas we have ever had together. We each knew in our hearts that it would be the last; Christmas will never mean the same again.

God, we thank you for giving us such a dear, sweet mother like ours.

Mom, we love you with all our hearts!

Your loving family



REX CAUDILL

Rex Caudill passed away Thursday, January 23, 1997 at the Harris Northwest Hospital in Axle, Texas.

Rex was born to the late Ezekiel Caudill and Martha Back Caudill on April 14, 1915, being 81 years, 9 months and 9 days of age at his passing.

Rex was a member of the Blair Branch Church for many years, and a veteran of World War II.

He was the widower of Laura Hampton Caudill.

Surviving are: 1 son: Jack Caudill of Weatherford, Texas; 1 daughter: Cora Lee Adams of Whitesburg, Ky. 3 brothers: Riley Caudill of Lexington, Ky., Henderson Caudill of Ohio, and Ellis Caudill of Indiana; 5 sisters: Ada Caudill, Lilly Back, Prudy Stanley, Dalna Caudill and Alma Statum, all of Ohio. 4 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren and a host of other relatives and friends to mourn his passing.

Rex was preceded in death by 1 son: Ricky; 1 daughter: Clarice; 1 granddaughter: Alethea; 1 half-brother: Purcle Back and one sister: Delphia Bailey.

Rex came into our family about 62 years ago. To your writer he became the brother I never had. Also a brother to

my sisters. I have a lot of precious memories of my growing up years with him. We both walked the ways of the world for so long. But by God's great mercy I received salvation. A few years later Rex came to me and told me what great things the Lord had done for him. He later joined the church that I belonged to. The same day his sister-in-law (my sister) Mertie Caudill and his brother-in-law H.B. Caudill joined also. We then walked together again in the Lord till his death. We miss him, but we feel our loss is heaven's gain.

We would like to thank the members of the Blair Branch Church for their help and their prayers during out time of sorrow. Thanks to the Brothers and ministers who gave their time and support. They were all so well blessed.

We want to thank Sterlin and Mertie and his other neighbors for all the help in caring for him as long as they could. Also, to Jack and Ruth for their care in his last days. We will only say so long until we shall all be gathered together over home, in that beautiful, that blessed forever.

Brother-in-law, Eld. Clifton Hampton

GRANT COMBS, JR

"Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. In my Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also."

Grant Combs faced a great storm of illness and disease during the last few days of his life. His body was weak and filled with pain. Yet, he turned to the great Physician and heard the words, "Peace, be still" as Jesus replaced the despair and pain with hope and longing for a land filled with peace, joy and freedom froth the agony of this world. Jesus promised that if we lose our life for Him, He will give us eternal life. The faith and courage that could be heard in Grant's words:

and the peace with which he faced eternity was evidence that Grant had received the promise of eternal life and looked for the fulfilling of that promise.

Grant Combs was called home to the rejoicing of angels on November 12, 1996, having lived 71 years, 7 months and 14 days. He was born to John H. Combs and Bertie Combs on March 29, 1925. Grant is survived by his wife, Wava; three daughters: Vicki Smith, Judy Combs and Eleschia Kay Jent; one brother, Harold; seven grandchildren, Kim, David, Shanna, Amanda, Brandon, Cheyenne and Christ; and two great grandchildren, Kristen and Tyler. He was preceded in death by one son, Paul Combs; two grandchildren, Jarred Grant and William Kenyan, and one sister, Ether.

Grant was a good husband, father, grandfather, neighbor and friend. He was a quiet, friendly and helpful man who opened his home and heart to everyone. He was always willing to help others and showed his care and kindness throughout the illness of his mother-in-law, Martha Caudill and the recuperation of his brother-in-law, Jerry Caudill. All visitors were made to feel welcome and loved. During the many home services and visits, Grant would be quietly sitting in the kitchen or on the porch listening to the singing, prayer and preaching. Grant also loved his country. As a young man, he served during World War II and received a Purple Heart for his dedication and efforts.

The community of Redfox will miss Grant Combs. The little white home will be a lonely place for Wava, the children and the grandchildren. Today and tomorrow may be lonely, but God will give comfort and hope during the empty hours. God has provided a way for all to come to Him and reunite around His throne. Grant realized and sought this promise of eternal life. He has joined that reunion in Heaven and is waiting for the coming of the remainder of his family. God has promised that "Blessed are they that die in the Lord." So rest on Grant, the weeping of your loved ones will endure

for a night but, through the mercies of our God, they can find "joy in the morning" as we believe that you have.

A friend, Elder Don Pratt

**PATRICIA ANN DEEL
COMPTON
1953-1997**



It is with great sadness we will try to write an obituary of our sister and daughter, Patricia Ann Deel Compton.

Pat was born June 18, 1953, making her life here 43 years, nine months and nineteen days. Pat was a wonderful wife and mother to her son. She was the daughter of Joseph and Minnie Deel of

Birchleaf, Va. She had three brothers, Jim and Gallie Deel of Birchleaf, Va, and Ronnie Deel of Bristol. She had two sisters, Joan Coleman and Marcella O'Quinn, both of Birchleaf, Va. She had five nieces, two nephews and two great-nieces.

She was a faithful member of the Big Prater Baptist Church for several years. She loved the Lord and the church very much and she had proven that to everyone.

She loved older people, children and animals. She enjoyed so much doing things for other people, always seeing to their needs, never thinking of herself. She was very big-hearted, visited the sick and helped them.

She is missed so much by her family, and she had lots of friends and they miss her so very much, and her beautiful smile and good disposition, but we believe there will be no more pain or suffering for Pat. We trust we will meet her in Heaven.

Pat worked as a secretary to Dr. Baxter and she worked at their business on Slate Creek, Bryan's Stop and Shop (a gro-

cery and hardware store). She tried very hard there and worked long hours. A week before she died, she said, "Sis, will you pray for me?" I told her "I do pray for you all the time." She said, "Especially now." I, not knowing we'd be losing her, or all the reasons for this request, prayed for her from the bottom of my heart, asking the good Lord, if it be His will, to take care of her.

We want to thank everyone for all their help and support throughout this troublesome time.

Our friends and their prayers are very important to us.

Written by her sister, Joan Coleman, and niece,
Renita Thacker.

DRINDA CORNETT



It is with much sadness and great sorrow that I attempt with the help of Jesus, to write the obituary of my precious Mommy.

Drinda Cornett was born May 6, 1911 to Alamander and Sally Ison Caudill, being 86 years, 3 months and 19 days at the time of her passing. She married Clifton Cornett on September 11, 1926 and to this union were born 13 children: Sophie, Eugene, Chelsie, Ralph, Kenis, Richard Gay, Stanley, Paul, Phillip, Maxine, Susie, David and Martha.

Mommy was preceded in death by Daddy, Clifton Cornett, in 1970 whose loss she never seemed to recover from. Also preceded in death by 4 children: Sophie, Eugene, Stanley, and Chelsie. She was a faithful member of The Old Regular Baptist Church for 56 years.

There's an empty seat at Big Cowan Old Regular Baptist Church that can never be filled. She wasn't ashamed to let

the world know whose side she was on, when she would raise her little arms and shout praising her Lord. There's also a little empty house at UZ that now stands silent of the laughter that myself and other family members shared with Mommy. Her sense of humor is something that we will long remember and cherish.

The Death Angel came August 25, 1997 and earned Mommy to her Heavenly home where there will not be any more pain and tears of sorrow at the loss of people she loved so.

Oh, Mommy how we will miss your laughter. There's such an empty place in our hearts.

We'll see you soon, Mommy. Until then the sadness of losing you is sometimes unbearable. You will be missed by everyone whose lives you touched.

Written by: daughter and sister in Christ, Maine Sexton

BROOKIE CRAFT



It is with much sorrow in our hearts that we write the obituary of our Granny. She was born to George and Martha Thornsbury on December 23, 1919 and was called home to heaven on, June 24, 1997, making her stay on earth 77 years six months and 1 day.

Granny was married to Maryland Craft who preceded her in death December 31, 1980. Unto this union were born 4 children: 1 son, Palmer Craft, and 3 daughters: Jenny Slone, Betty Lee and Judy Fraley.

Granny was a member of the Rock Fork Regular Baptist Church. She was baptized in 1985 by Elder Burton Howard and Elder Earl Slone at Wayland, KY. She loved the church

and was faithful to go until she became sick in 1994 and was too sick to attend regularly.

Left to mourn her passing are her children, 8 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by 2 brothers, 1 sister and 1 great-grandchild.

The last year and a half she was made so happy when her daughter Judy moved in with her and was her primary care taker. She was loved and cared for by all her children and grandchildren.

Granny worked for many years at the Golden Years Rest Home as a nurse's aide to support her family. She was a loving Grandma to her grandchildren and great grandchildren. She had a good sense of humor, and good words for everyone.

It made her so happy when brothers and sisters from the church would come to visit and sing for her. The family would especially would like to thank Brother Mike and Sister Janice for their many visits.

We will miss her so much, but we believe our loss is heaven's gain.

Written by her broken-hearted grandchildren



MYRTLE SEALS CRAFT

It is with a sad and broken heart that I will try, with the help of God, to write the Obituary of a dear friend, Sister, and Mother in the Lord.

Sister Myrtle was born June 2, 1918, in the home of Millard and Toni Craft Seals. She departed this life April 21, 1996, being 77 years, 10 months and 19 days of age.

Sister Myrtle was preceded in death by her parents, Millard and Toni Craft Seals; three husbands: Estill Pigman, who died in a mining accident in 1946, Carmin Combs, who died in a trucking accident in 1960, and Brother Lewis Craft who died in 1992. She was also preceded in death by one son, Jimmy O. Pigman, who died in a car accident in 1957.

She leaves to mourn her passing one son, Guy C. Pigman; three stepsons: Frank D. Craft, William H. Craft, and John F. Craft; one stepdaughter, Joella C. Collier. She also leaves three brothers: Luther Seals, Floyd Seals, and Ralph Seals, and five sisters: Dessie P. Amburgey, Grace Amburgey, Mattie Prim, Kathryn Kelly, and Joyce Metzger; and two grandchildren, five step-grandchildren, two great grandchildren, and four step-great-grandchildren.

In the world we live in today, few women can fit the description of virtuous woman described by Solomon. Sister Myrtle fit it perfectly. Her price was far above rubies. She looked well to the ways of her household and ate not the bread of idleness. Her children rose up and called blessed. She believed in setting an example for her children, and no one did better. She believed kindness and love was better than anger and revenge, and she lived it. Never in all the years that I knew her did I ever hear her raise her voice to anyone. Surely goodness and mercy followed her all the days of her life and now she shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever. No one loved their children or her Church more than she did.

In 1950, she saw the need of a Savior, and in October, 1950, she offered her hand to the Reynolds Fork Old Regular Baptist Church. She has been a faithful member and a pillar of her Church for almost forty six years. I believe we can say, she fought a good fight she kept the faith and she is resting from her labor. We can't talk to her physically now, but she will always be with us in spirit. She never asked for much but gave to everyone. She reminded me of one of her favorite songs, "Just One Rose Will Do." Now we are sad but remem-

ber the words of David, who said, “weeping may endure for the night but Joy cometh in the morning.” When we see her again she will outshine the Sun in the morning with her long white robe on and her arms outstretched to welcome her children home. She will rest for a season but she will be like Job when he said, “All the days of my appointed time will I wait, till my change come, thou shalt call and I will answer thee.” So shall she ever be with the Lord.

To the children I say, “weep not, but rejoice.” Mother was an angel to you here, but now she has her wings, because a band of angels carried her across to the other side of Jordan to the Promised Land. We all miss her but we will carry her love in our hearts forever. Part of her family is already there, and now she will wait for the rest. So if you want to see her again, just follow the stones that she laid to show you the way, and that is Jesus.

Dwight Amburgey

CALVIN CREECH



Calvin Creech was born March 26, 1931 to John M. and Matilda Roberts Creech of Knott County Kentucky. He served his country in Korea during the Korean conflict in the fifties and in the early sixties he turned to the Lord while working in the state of Indiana.

At the time of his death on July 15, 1997 he was serving as Moderator of the New Bethlehem Old Regular Baptist Church of Talcum, Kentucky. Elder Calvin Creech had fought the hard battles both physically and spiritually and stood the test of time.

Left to mourn his passing are a wife, Lorain Napier Creech, 2 sons, 2 daughters, 1 brother, 2 sisters, 4 grandchildren, 3 great grandchildren, and a host of relatives, neighbors, and friends.

Calvin will surely be missed by the New Bethlehem Church of the Indian Bottom Association as well as by the Christian community in general-our loss is truly Heaven's gain.



SHIRLEY JEAN MCNULTY CREECH

I have been asked to write this obituary of my mom - Shirley Jean McNulty Creech. She was born August 16, 1937 and died August 27, 1996. She was fifty-nine years old. She was the daughter of Edd and Dorothy Halcomb McNulty. She married James Harvey Creech. They had four children: Eddie, Greg,

Tammy, and Jamie. Four grandchildren: Eddie and Ashley Creech and Kelli and Steven Hogue.

When Mom was young she possessed exquisite beauty. She had it in later years as well, but now her beauty came from within. I began to see Mom's true beauty when she repented and gave her life to the Lord. She developed a genuine love and compassion for people and expressed it in thoughtful, quiet, indiscreet ways. Mom was always in the background of things and wanted it that way, but her quiet, loving works made it impossible to remain there. She never realized how her light shone or how many people's lives she touched. She loved the Poorfork Church and her church brothers and sisters desperately. They gave her more love and comfort than they could possibly ever know. Her declining health

caused her absence in church many times. She grieved deeply when she had to miss. She was her happiest with daddy and her church brothers and sisters in the house of the Lord.

She loved her family, especially her grandchildren, with an unshakable devotion. We all know how she loved us and she knew how we loved her. She raised us to love one another regardless of interferences from life or people. Anything less than love was unacceptable. We love one another. We always have and we always will. We don't know any other way. For this, I thank her. It was the best thing she ever gave me, but only one of the many things she taught me. Even though Mom is gone, I will be learning from her for the rest of my life.

The only peace I have in Mom's death is I know where she is. I know how she got there. She made sure of that. She spoke to me many times of the Lord, but most importantly she lived her life according to his instruction as best as she understood. It was her daily example of love and dedication to and faith and trust in her Lord that made the impression on me that I will carry with me the remainder of my life.

Written by her daughter, Tammy Creech Hogue



BONA DAMRON

It is with much sadness and broken hearts that we, with the help of our Lord, will try to write an obituary of our loving Husband and Father, Elder Bona Damron.

He was born April 8, 1921 and departed this life April 3, 1997, making his stay on earth 75 years, 11 months, and 26 days. He was the son of the late Bona Damron and Minnie McCown Damron. He was married to Peggy Jo

Humble on February 19, 1945 and to this union were born 5 children, 4 daughters: Brenda Hall, Judy Roberts, Dee Dee Bowling all of Robinson Creek, and Patricia Bradford of Coeburn, Virginia; one son, Alan "Budge" Damron also of Robinson Creek. He is also survived by 12 grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren, with one great-grandson preceding him in death.

Daddy became a member of the Old Regular Baptist Church in November of 1961, and was called to preach in 1965. He was a faithful member and filled his seat as long as he could. After he got too sick to go to Church, many of his good friends, his brothers and sisters of the Church, would come to the house and sing and hold prayer. He loved to rejoice in the Lord, and looked forward to their visits. Daddy served as Moderator of several different Churches, and was Moderator of the "Pilgrim's Prayer" Church until the Lord called him home.

Daddy was a wonderful father to his children and a loving husband to Mommy. He was more than a father and husband, he was the best friend-we ever had. We will all miss him so much and it's been so hard to give him up, but I guess the Lord needed him more than we did. We have so many loving and wonderful memories of Daddy to help us through and I believe that our loss is surely Heaven's gain.

We all Love you Daddy and we miss you more every day.
Written by his broken-hearted family



CLARCY ELAINE DEEL

It is in a loving memory that we write this obituary of a dearly loved mother and grandmother, Clarcy Elaine Deel. She was the daughter of the late R. D. and Vacey Blankenship. She was the wife of the late Vester Deel. She leaves behind on this earth her son Larry Blankenship and his wife Thelma. She also leaves behind three step-daughters:

Beatrice Steele, Ann Conaway and Brenda Bevins, and also two stepsons, Lindsey Deel and Charles Deel. She was survived by two sisters, Clara Raines and Vacey (Tootsie) Blankenship, and three brothers (Elder) David Blankenship, Charlie Blankenship and Melvin Blankenship. Also preceding her in death were one sister, Annabelle Deel, and two brothers; Joshua Blankenship and Monroe O'Quinn. She was blessed with four grandchildren: Renee Deel, Marilyn Newsome, Micky Blankenship and Lucas Blankenship. She also had one great-grandchild, Sarah Renee Deel. She also had several step-grandchildren and several step-great-grandchildren.

She was born on September 15, 1927 and left this earth on December 7, 1995, which made her stay on this earth 68 great years. She was a member of the Russell Prater Church of Old Regular Baptist. She was baptized on May 15, 1949.

No words can describe what a sweet and kind person our grandmother was to us. She made our lives full of happiness. Everyone that knew her loved her. She always had a smile for everyone. We all know that she is at peace in a better place now. We love you "mama" and we will all miss you so very much. We will all see your sweet smile again someday.

Written by loved ones



HOBERT DIXON

It is with deep sorrow, many precious memories and the help of the Lord, that I will try to write the obituary of my dear father, Hobert Dixon. Daddy was born March 27, 1939, and passed on into heaven September 29, 1996. He was the son of the late Robert and Tilda Dixon of Turkey Creek. When he left this earth, he left behind his dear family whom he

loved so much to mourn for his passing. My mother, Lorrene who loved and took care of him until his day of death; also four children: Marty Dixon, Scott Dewayne Dixon, Tammy Delene Cornett, and Amanda Dixon. From his four children he had five grandchildren: Holly Candida Dixon, Justin Scott Dixon, Zachery Hobert Dixon, Lori Delene Cornett, and Jacob Tyler Dixon. To all of his grandchildren there was nothing better than Grandpa. I want all the family to hold onto the good times he brought us all. I, myself, could have looked the world over and would have never found a better or more loving man to have been my dad. He will always remain on my mind and in my heart with the hopes that someday we will meet again in heaven. I love you, Daddy.

Amanda Dixon



BOYD ELDRIDGE

With a sad and lonely heart, I will write the obituary of my Daddy, Boyd Eldridge. Boyd Eldridge is the son of Ira Eldridge and Barbara Ellen Coots Eldridge, both deceased.

Daddy was born March 12, 1888 and deceased this life February 6, 1981. Daddy was 93 years old at the time of his death.

Boyd married Polly Caudill and to this union 10 children were born: Mable Sparkman, deceased; Bulah Mae Eldridge, deceased; Vonnie McGhee, deceased; Audrey Halcomb, Vera Banks, Carless Eldridge, Mantie Crase, Nannie Mae Rogers, Ersley Eldridge, Oma Jo Branson.

Daddy was a good Christian man and labored hard to provide for his family. He loved to go to church and worship his Lord. He taught his children about the Lord and told them what the Lord had done for him.

Daddy now is rejoicing with Mother in their heavenly home with God and the heavenly angel band, singing, "Thank You Lord For My Home in Heaven." Daddy was a member of the Mount Olivet Church at Blackey, where he was faithful to attend church when some one would take him to church.

Written by his daughter, Mantie Crase



POLLY ELDRIDGE

With a sad and lonely heart, I will write the obituary of my mother, Polly Eldridge. Polly is the daughter of Joe Caudill, deceased 1937, and Sallie Campbell Caudill, deceased 1952. Polly was born October 6, 1899 and deceased this life on December 14, 1995. Mother was 96 years old at the time of her death.

Polly married Boyd Eldridge.

To this union were born 10 children, one boy and nine girls: Mable Sparkman, deceased; Bulah Mae Eldridge, deceased; Vonnie McGhee, deceased; Audrey Halcomb, Vera Banks, Carlos Eldridge, Mantie Crase, Nannie Mae Rogers, Ersley Eldridge, Oma Jo Branson.

Mother was a good Christian lady, and the best mother to her children. She went to church every time she could get someone to take her to church. She loved her God, and praised and thanked him for every breath she breathed, and for her husband and children. She taught her children right from wrong, and most of all about the God she served. Mother was a member of the Mount Olivet Church in Blackey.

Mother was a very sick lady, in her last few years. She fought so much sickness, but now her pain, sorrow, sickness are no longer hers. She has a home in Heaven, rejoicing with Daddy and three daughters and God and the heavenly band, singing, "Thank You Lord for My Heavenly Home."

Written by her daughter, Mantie Crase



HENRY D. ELDRIDGE

Henry D. Eldridge, 89 of Waynesburg, Ky., died November 27, 1996, at Fort Logan Hospital, Stanford, Ky. He was born September 1, 1907. He was the son of the late Leander Bettie Day Eldridge. He was retired from the State Highway Department. He was a member of the Friendship Old Regular Baptist Church. He joined the Indian Bottom Association in 1951. He was a deacon of the church, and the widower of Lucinda Fields Eldridge.

Survivors are, six sons: Carl of Milroy, Indiana, Hubert of Blackey, Ky. Elmer and Arthur of Frankfort, Ky. Emil of Bronston, Ky., Raymond of Hallie, Ky.; three daughters: Betty Sue Williams of Shelbyville, Indiana, Stella Shelton of Crab Orchard, Ky.. Arlie Simpson of Waynesburg, Ky.; one brother, Astor Eldridge of Medway Ohio; two sisters, Elma Caudill of Blackey, Ky. and Arlie Shea of Waynesburg, Ky.; 43 grandchildren, and 80 great-grandchildren, and several great-great-grandchildren. One son, Elmer, passed on in March of 1997. He was preceded in death by one son and two daughters.

Written by daughters, Betty Sue Williams, Stella Shelton



DANIEL HACKNEY

In so much sadness, weakness, and sorrow and with God's help I'll attempt to write this obituary of Daniel Hackney.

Dan was born to Floyd and Cosby Tiller Hackney, June 23, 1932 making his stay on earth 64 years, 7 months and 4 days.

God loved him so much. He did not want to see him suffer anymore. God came Saturday evening around the hour of 4 o'clock and took his spirit home with Him.

Maggie was married to Daniel January 5, 1954 and by the grace of God, they were given 5 children to mourn his passing: Wes, Paul, Danny, Kelly and Jeff Hackney, all of Haysi, Va.; one daughter, Lovomme Lambert of Bee, Va.; 11 grandchildren, 1 great-grandchild. They all loved him greatly, everything was done for Daniel that could be done for his comfort.

We all shed many tears for our brother, Dan.

All the children went one by one the evening that his Lord took him away, and kissed him and said, "I love you, Daddy," and bid him a short good-bye.

And, by the grace of God, our almighty God, he can't come to us, but we can go to him. Dan leaves behind a wonderful record, and proved he loved everyone he came in contact with.

Dan united with the church of Bethlehem old Regular Baptist on December 1, 1996. He never got able to be baptized in water, but there was one that came and baptized him with fire and the Holy Ghost. He was a strong believer in Jesus Christ and as long as he could talk it was about the Bible.

It sure has been a blessing to have been in the family, and to have known such a wonderful man. Words can't explain the emptiness that will be left in all of us.

We know Dan you are finally at rest, and without pain. And the hope God gave you has simply been cause to look forward and hasten the coming of our Lord and Savior. When Christ who is our life appears, we shall appear with him in Glory, also. So to his precious wife, children and grandchildren and great grandchild, sisters, brothers, and friends, strengthen your humbled knees and raise your bowed down head and look forward to seeing Daddy again.

May the God of everlasting peace and consolation keep this loving family in His care, this is our prayer.

Written by Pinkie Deel, requested by the family



LILLIAN HICKS

It is with much sadness we will try to write the obituary of Lillian Hicks. Lillian was born on January 5, 1909 to the late Lee and Lydia Brown Hall in Rowan County, Kentucky and passed away on February 20, 1997 at Our Lady of the Way Hospital in Martin, Kentucky, following an extended illness.

In early life she met and married Foley Hicks, and had one son, Carl Hicks of Garrett, KY and one daughter, Ruby Ann Ramey, of Rome City, IN.

Lillian was a charter member of the Rock Fork Regular Baptist Church. She was baptized on February 17, 1974 by Elder Burton Howard and Elder Bill Justice. She was a faithful member of the Rock Fork Church, and loved to cook and work for the church as long as she was able to. She loved the church so much.

After Foley passed away she lost such a part of her that she was not content here anymore. She hated to leave us but she longed to be at rest and peace.

Lillian leaves to mourn her son, Carl; her daughter, Ruby Ann; 6 grandchildren; 2 sisters, Roxie Crosswhite and Hattie McKinney, both of Morehead, KY, and a host of nieces and nephews and friends.

We feel our loss is Heaven's gain.

Written by her family



LILY ISON

Lily Ison, son of the late Sherman and Matilda Ison, was born in Virginia March 18, 1912. He entered eternal life Saturday May 24, 1997 at the Whitesburg Appalachian Regional Hospital in Whitesburg, Kentucky, being 85 years, 2 months and 5 days of age at the time of his passing.

Lily was a member of the Tolson Creek Old Regular Baptist Church for 40 years. He was married to Judy Shell Ison for 67 years.

Surviving, other than his wife, are 1 son and 3 daughters: Sherman Ison and his wife, Eloise of Garden City, Michigan; Evaleen Billedeaux and husband, Joe of Detroit, Michigan; Bertha Schwartz of Taylor, Michigan; and Sadie Hayes of Taylor, Michigan. He was also survived by 10 grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren and 11 great-great-grandchildren, along with a host of other relatives and friends to mourn his passing.

*Why do we mourn departing friends?
Or shake at death's alarm
'Tis but the voice that Jesus sends,
To call them to His arms.*



ERTON JOHNSON

Erton was born May 12, 1933, into the home of Nathan and Judy Campbell Johnson. He entered eternal life Sept. 25 1996.

In 1956 he married Birtie Caudill Johnson. Erton leaves to mourn his passing: wife, Birtie, of 40 years; one son, Greg Johnson; one daughter, Tresea Whitaker; (one daughter preceded him in death, Deborah Johnson); son-in-law, Denzil Whitaker; daughter-in-law, Donna Johnson; three grandchildren: Brandon and Brianna Johnson and Venson Craig (Toodler) Whitaker. Also left are three brothers: Oakley Johnson, Claude Johnson and Creed Johnson; four sisters: Vera Jones, Vadis Lawson, Fredia Walker and Rudell Caudill. Two sisters preceded him in death, Truly Jones and Florence Johnson.

Brother Erton joined the Little Zion Church in 1996. He worked as a coal miner most of his life. Erton was raised and lived in the Little Leatherwood area all of his life. He loved to coon and deer hunt. He enjoyed spending most of his time with friends and family. He was well thought of and spoken about in the community by old and young. He will be greatly missed and will always be remembered.

I would like to say to Brother Erton's wife and children, I feel that Brother Erton is at rest where no pain or troubles can come about. Our loss is heaven's gain.

By request and help of the family written by
brother in hope, William Jay McCool



ROBERT VINCENT LANE

Robert Vincent Lane was born on April 27, 1967 to Tex and Elizabeth Lane. Robert was called home to be one of God's little angels the same day he was born. Our home and hearts were left empty and void. Even now that void in our heart is still as big as it was that day 30 years ago. Now and then, when my mind begins to wonder, I think

about the things he might be doing today.

I know he has been resting in God's arms and will continue to do so until we meet again on that homecoming day. He was preceded in death by his paternal grandfather, Henry Lane and his paternal grandmother Dolly Lane. Besides his father and me, he has a sister, Sherry, a brother-in-law Everett, and two nieces, Chanta, and Alisa, that he never got to meet. He is also survived by his maternal grandmother, Leon Spahr, and his maternal grandfather, Golder Sheets. My prayer is that we can all be together in Heaven.

Written by his mother who loves and misses him today



MARTHA R. LEE

It is with great honor and extreme sadness that I write the obituary of my mother, Martha R. Lee. Mommy was born at Lackey, Kentucky on February 22, 1932 to Branch and Mae Reed Roberston. She was one of twelve children.

She is survived by her husband, Clyde, of 41 years,; 4 chil

dren: Scott Lee and his wife Mary of Wayland, KY; Clyde Lee, Jr. and his wife, Billie Joe of New Lexington, Ohio; Mary (Liz) Crider and her husband John of Endicott, KY; and May B. Lee of Wayland, KY; 1 stepson, Jerry Lee and his wife, Nancy, of Springfield, Ohio; 9 grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild; four brothers: Denver Roberston of Lexington, KY, Reed Roberston, Jan Roberston and Stanton Roberston all of Waverly, Ohio, seven sisters: Bernice Hayes of Anderson, IN, America Nichols of Estill, KY, Gladys Boring of Lackey, KY, Boots Daniels, Yvonne Anderson and Mary Lou VanHoose all of Waverly, Ohio, and Jo Ann Knowles of Sciotoville, Ohio.

Mommy lived at Lackey, Kentucky until she went to college at Alice Lloyd and then graduated from Pikeville with her Masters Degree in Education. But her education didn't stop there. With four children at home and teaching full time, Daddy encouraged her to keep going. She went to Morehead during the summers and received her Bachelors Degree. Mommy taught school for 32 years, most of those years being at Wayland, Kentucky.

She told me the first time she saw Daddy he was driving a taxi and when he went by she told them, "that's the man I'm going to marry." Mommy always put Daddy and the children first before herself. I remember when we were little there was just Scotty and myself. We were having apple pie, and there were only two slices left. She gave us the pie, when we asked if she was having any she said she didn't like apple pie (it was Mommy's favorite).

She also believed in discipline. When we were older we were cleaning the ceiling and arguing, Mommy walked by and gave us both a good one with her house shoe. She always did use the first thing she could get her hands on.

Mommy was a quiet woman, but when she got mad you knew it. She didn't like controversy or bad news. When the doctors first diagnosed her with cancer she didn't want to

hear anything about it. The doctors told us she had three months but God gave us three more years with her. During this time she gave her heart to God and was baptized. Mommy belonged to the Rock Fork Regular Baptist Church where she was faithful to attend as long as her health permitted.

She never complained about the extreme pain. During her last days when she wasn't asleep she was always looking up, Mary asked her what she was looking at and she simply said, "I'm, praying". Her family will never forget her.

Written by her daughter



**NAOMI ELSWICK
McCLANAHAN
1911-1997**

With a sad and lonely heart, we will attempt to write the obituary of our dearly departed mother. Naomi Elswick McClanahan was born April 2, 1911 and left this world January 29, 1997. God blessed her to live 86 years on this earth. She was born into the family of George and Zelphie Elswick. Mother was preceded in death by three brothers and one sister. She was the last member of this family.

She married Troy McClanahan and to this union were born five sons and four daughters. The sons were Donald, Paul, Freddie, Junior, and Clifford. Daughters were Ella Mae, Peggy, Ruth, and Bertha. Mother had forty-two grandchildren, forty-three great-grandchildren, four step-grandchildren, and a host of relatives and friends to mourn her death.

Mother was a member of the Bethlehem Church of Old Regular Baptist for 35 years. Her husband Troy was killed in a coal mining accident on March 4, 1954. She was left to raise a big family alone. With love and patience, she worked

so very hard to raise us, never acting as if she regretted a minute of it.

It is very difficult and sad to lose the one that we love, especially someone as dearly loved as Mom was.

We feel that our mother and father are resting together with God around His throne. We love you and miss you very much, and we hope that we will see you when God calls us home. We have our memories of you and they will be with us always.

Mama's gone but not forgotten.

Written by a broken-hearted family

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's plan,
A step on the road to home.
When you are lonely and sick of heart,
go to the friends we know.
And bury your sorrows in doing good deeds,
Miss me-but let me go.



SARAH FIELDS MULLINS

Sarah Fields Mullins was born on March 25, 1905, to Frank and Polly Everage Fields. She passed away on June 15, 1997. She was preceded in death by her husband Carlie, two sons, two daughters, one daughter-in-law, her father, mother and all of her brothers and sisters. Left to mourn her passing are four sons: Lloyd, Guy, James Donald, and

Thomas Ray; three daughters: Beulah Ashley, Joyce Slinker, and Wanda Smith; eighteen grandchildren, seventeen great-grandchildren, four great-great-grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews.

Mama led a simple life, never wanting material things of this world. She worked hard to help provide for her large family. Daddy passed away in 1958, leaving her with four children to finish raising alone. She went through many hard times, but her strong faith kept her going. Her words were “we can’t give up.”

She never joined a church, but professed a hope in Christ many years ago. She liked and believed in the Regular Baptist Faith and Order. God blessed her with a long life, and we were blessed to have her for so long.

We miss her so much, but if we turn to our Lord and let him take charge of our lives, we all can meet again in that beautiful city to be with our loved ones forever.

Written by her daughter, Beulah Ashley



ELDER SPURL MULLINS

Elder Spurl Mullins was born December 2, 1929 at Dorton, Kentucky. He passed away July 12, 1997 at the Buchanan General Hospital, Grundy, Virginia, making his stay on earth 67 years. His parents were Love and Gustie Belcher Mullins. Spurl joined the army in 1945, serving in both World War II and the Korean conflict, and retired in 1966. He mar-

ried Carol McPeek on December 22, 1953 and to this union were born one son and two daughters. Spurl joined the Old Regular Baptist Church in 1980 and at the time of his death was an ordained minister in the Hemphill Regular Baptist Church of the Indian Bottom Association. He was preceded in death by his parents and fourteen brothers. Survivors include his wife, Carol Mullins of Dorton, Kentucky; one son, Ernie Mullins of Lexington, Kentucky; two daughters, Pamela Mullins of Richmond, Kentucky, and Tamera Gullett of Robinson Creek, Kentucky; one sister, Naomi McPeek of Detour Village, Michigan; one grandson, Matthew Hayes Gullett Jr.; and several nieces and nephews. Spurl was ever so proud of having served God and his country. His pain and suffering are now over and he has gone on to a better place.

Written by his wife and daughters



ADELL (ISON) PRATT

Adell (Ison) Pratt was born July 14, 1912, and departed this life February 8, 1996. She was 83 years of age. She was the fourth child born into the humble home of Eligah and Mary (Logan) Ison. This hard-working union was blessed with eleven children. They loved and helped each other and everyone who needed help.

Preceding her in death were her parents, 4 brothers, 2 sisters: Gid, Charlie, Dixie and William Ison, Sarah Campbell and Vernie Griffith. Surviving, Bee (Beatrice) Ison, Cornettsville, Ky. and Kelly Ison, Cincinnati, Oh. Sisters, Ether Maggard, Norton, Va. and Margaret (Willie) Huff, Lexington, Ky.

When a very young woman, she married J. W. Jim Pratt, November 1, 1930. They lived around Cornettsville, Ky. for most of their lives. Their home was at Jeff, Ky. at the time of their deaths. Rev. Jim Pratt died July 5, 1994. They worked and prayed much to raise their four surviving children: Eugene Pratt, Lexington, Ky.; Lena Day, Somerset, Ky.; Avon and (Faye) Pratt, Hazard, Ky.; Vernis and (Janice) Pratt, Nashville, TN. How blessed! All nine grandchildren and all ten great-grandchildren are surviving and well: Patricia (Jake) Brown, Eugenia Adel (Mike) Monday and Elvin Pratt of Lexington, Ky., Mike and Jimmy Day, Somerset, KY. Richard and (Rite) Pratt, Jeff and (Michell) Pratt, Viper, Ky. Tony and (Sonya) Pratt, Kevin (Sherri) Pratt, Nashville, TN. These great-grandchildren still remember and miss you: Josh and Elizabeth Brown, Mike and Lanie Monday, Matthew Pratt, Sara and Sean Day, Jonah and Kelli Pratt and Jett Coty Pratt.

Mother, I'm tearful and sad to be writing of you, yet I'm happy to recall all the love, kindness, gentleness, happiness

and joy shown by you to your family, neighbors and friends. You were truly an inspiration to all.

Yes, we grieve, but I know you were happy to join Dad, where there is no sorrow, sickness, nor death. You and Dad were such loyal soldiers. I hear Dad singing, "I'm a Soldier Marching On."

Mother, precious loving Mother, you had sweetly and peacefully gone to sleep! "Our Savior called and bid you come, to sing God's praises in endless days and you bid farewell to a vain world, and went to Heaven above, where all is love, and there'll be no sorrow there," to paraphrase some favorite songs, you had me write to be sung in your funeral.

I recall when we were very young children, you and Dad were powerful singers. You'd visit our Christian neighbors after supper and sing well into the night. We'd fall asleep and you and Dad would each carry one and lead one of us as we'd walk home.

I hear you sing with Dewey and Zola Adams, your brother, Gid and Opal, Floyd and Martha Huff, Sob and Ilie Logan, Rubin and Nerva Riddle, also uncles Dixie and Vernie, and Bee and Beatrice. The "Amazing Grace," inspired your voices to sing His praise.

I remember when you were baptized, Mother. Your dad, held onto Eugene and me. We were so little, yet it made an impression and we saw you keep your faith all our lives.

We get together as a family right on as you and Dad expected us to, at your house. We talk of how blessed we were for parents like you. We thank the Lord for all our blessings and we know our loss is Heaven's gain. But, we love and miss you and Dad so much. It's hard for me, Mother, because we were so close, we shared so much. The good times, the bad and sad times. We worked together, played together, laughed and prayed and cried together. I miss you Mother I love the memories - thank you.

Your only daughter, Lena Day



HILLIS B. REEDY

Hillis B. Reedy was born November 21, 1913, as the eldest son, to Emory A Reedy and Arminda Combs Reedy, at Amburgey, Kentucky. He died suddenly at his home on July 8, 1997.

He was married to Eliza Caudill on July 8, 1934. They were very close companions for almost 53 years. Into their lives were born six children: James Donald Reedy, who died at the age of 22 months; Ivetta Diane Washko of Milford, Ohio; Anita Christine Godsey of Hamilton Ohio; Hillis B. Reedy, Jr. Of Red Fox Ky.; John W. Reedy of Whitesburg, Ky; and Monette Reedy of Jenkins, Ky.

Besides his five surviving children, he leaves ten grandchildren; eleven great-grandchildren; four sisters: Dana Noe, Bertha Hall, Golda Calhoun and Rose Kirkland; two brothers, Gillis Reedy and Bobby Paul Reedy; his widow, Sylvania Reedy, and thirteen stepchildren. In addition to his parents, two sisters and one brother preceded him in death.

Dad enjoyed telling of his first job as a salesman traveling on "Old Barney" up the hollows and across the mountains of Knott County presenting the benefits of owning a gasoline iron. He bought one iron at a time from Sears-Roebuck & Co. And sold it for \$3.95. His family and acquaintances considered him to be a master story teller. As I write this brief history of his life, I can vividly recall how, by slapping himself on the legs, he enjoyed his own stories. It seemed to be an odd day if he had nobody to whom he could talk of "old times."

Dad loved more than anything else to tell the experience he had in 1939, with Jesus Christ, our savior. I don't remem-

ber a time when he told of that bright light coming from the head of Sugar Branch, but what he would become overjoyed from the memory. He joined the little Bethlehem Church of Old Regular Baptist in 1949. Mom joined at the same time, and they were baptized together. He believed he was called to the ministry of the gospel of Jesus Christ in 1949.

He served as moderator of the Little Bethlehem Church for over 30 years, and only stepped down from that duty two weeks before his death. One of his great blessings was believing he was assisting young ministers through regularly encouraging them to study the Bible. In his service to God and man he was once assistant moderator at big Cowan, assistant moderator at Little Bethlehem (before becoming moderator at Dry Fork, and moderator at Little Daniel. He was clerk of the Indian Bottom Association from 1957 to 1963.

After Mom died in March of 1987 he married Sylvania Ritchie Cornett. Sylvania and Dad enjoyed almost ten years together. Their praying, three times daily, at each meal, with hands joined around the table, was a very touching time for all of us who were privileged to be there and share in the good feeling of God's love.

After having worked in the coal mines at Kona and at Knott Coal Company in Yellow Creek for about five years, he went to Oak Ridge, Tennessee, where he worked on building the atomic energy plant, several TVA dams, then the Briggs Aircraft in Detroit, Michigan. He returned to Kentucky in 1945 for the purpose of opening his own business in Whitesburg.

Hillis B. Reedy has only laid down the body of clay. He longed so much to receive that crown of life. Now that clay awaits its day of redemption, that great family reunion in the sky.

Written by a son in nature and a brother by blood,
(and honored to be) Elder Hillis B. Reedy, Jr.



MARY AGNES RICHARDSON

Mary Agnes Richardson born to Mary and Simeon Amburgey February 28, 1934. She entered eternal life August 4, 1997. In her young life she met and married Athur Richardson, to whom she was married for 42 years, To them were born 3 children: Martin Richardson of Mallie, Kentucky, Gerald Richardson of Hallie, Kentucky, and Karen Richardson of Mallie, Kentucky.. Gerald and Karen still lived at home with them. Marty lives nearby. She had 4 grandchildren: David Richardson, Shanna, Kaylan, and Brittany Richardson. She had 5 living brothers: Alvery, Edgar, Ivol, Donald, and Hiram Amburgey. Two brothers preceded her in death, Burchell and Jay. She had 4 living sisters: Pansy, Hazel, Rena, and Lenora. Two sisters preceded her in death, Beatrice and Monzell. She also leaves a host of other relatives and friends.

She was a member of the Omaha Bible Church. She was a retiree of the Knott County Board of Education, loving, caring, unselfish, her family's pillar of strength. Those are just a few words to describe Agnes. Once an angel on earth, now she has joined Heaven's angel band. She so loved flowers and caring for plants and her greenhouse. Now she is tending Heaven's garden. She often would sit for hours watching birds outside her window. Now she is watching Heaven's white doves. On the day she said good-bye to the cruelties, pain, and suffering of this life, the sky was filled with some of nature's most amazing things, especially rainbows. Her niece, Kathy, driving from Ohio to Knott County saw nine rainbows on her way. We know she was smiling down on us and easing our pain in a beautiful way. She was a faithful

wife, who considered her children and grandchildren top priority above all else. Though a terrible void has been left in the hearts of her family and friends, we are able to go on knowing how happy God's newest angel is. We also know that we can see her beautiful face and loving smile again someday in Heaven if we choose to do so.

Written in love by her Sister, Rena Logan

*Her Journey's Just Begun
 Don't think of her
 as gone away
 Her journey has just begun,
 life holds so many facets-
 this earth is only one-
 Just think of her as resting
 from the sorrows and the tears
 in a place of warmth and comfort
 where there are no days and years.
 Think how she must be wishing
 that we could know today
 how nothing but our sadness
 can really pass away.
 And think of her as living
 in the hearts of those she touched...
 for nothing loved is ever lost-
 and she was loved so much.
 -- E. Brenneman*



LAURA SLONE

With much sadness, I will try to write the obituary of Laura Slone. Laura was born on May 25, 1911 to John and Nancy Jane Slone Huff, who preceded her in death, and passed away on March 11, 1997, after an extended illness.

In early life she married Golden Slone and unto this union 8 sons and 2 daughters were born. Golden, her husband and 2 sons,

Sherbert and Shelby also preceded her in death.

Laura joined the church as a young girl and raised her family as a Christian. She was a member of the Rock Fork Regular Baptist Church and loved going to church with her sister, Zonia Slone.

Laura is survived by 6 sons: John Dixon Slone, Silas Slone, Ray Slone, Claude Slone, Ollie Slone and Willard Slone; 2 daughters, Myrtle King and Annette Oliver; 2 brothers, Cecil Huff and Richard Huff ;and 1 sister, Zonia Slone, and a host of grandchildren and nieces and nephews and friends to mourn her passing. We feel our loss is heaven's gain.

Written by request for her family



FRANK SPARKMAN

Frank Sparkman, the son of Ira and Mary Belle Sparkman, was born in Letcher County of Kentucky on July 1, 1914. As a young man he married Ethel Roark who preceded him in death. To Frank and Ethel was born one son, Gail Sparkman, who also preceded Frank in death. In 1973 Frank married Velma

Fields, to whom he was married at the time of his death on February 9, 1995. Frank is survived by his wife Velma, two grandsons, Charles and Keith Sparkman and one great grandson, Joshua Gail Sparkman. For many years Frank was a faithful member of the Cedar Grove Old Regular Baptist Church.

A skilled carpenter and woodworker, Frank loved spending time in his shop creating everything from furniture and toys to unique crafts. His heart and home was always open to his many friends and family. Seldom did a visitor leave empty handed for Frank loved to share his handmade crafts as well as the bountiful produce from his garden. Each year during the Christmas holidays, every visitor left with a big red delicious apple that Frank bought especially to give to his neighbors and friends.

During his last years, the challenge of a stroke and complications of other illnesses were met with optimism and determination. The spirit with which he met each struggle was truly an inspiration to all who knew and loved him.



FLOSSIE McCLANAHAN STILTNER

Flossie McClanahan Stiltner of Bryan Ohio, formerly of Buchanan County died Thursday, July 3, 1997, at her home. She was the daughter of Freelin and Ida Stiltner McClanahan. She was preceded in death by one son, Douglas Stiltner, one granddaughter, Mandy Perkins, and one son-in-law, Bob Stiltner.

She is survived by her husband, Arvil Stiltner; four sons: Arthur and Michael of Bryan, Ohio, Jeff of Mount Pleasant, Ohio; and Charlie of Edgerton, Ohio; one adopted son, Ronnie

Stiltner; three daughters: Vickie Perkins of Harland, Indiana, Ida Friley and Charlotte Gingers of Bryan, Ohio. Also surviving are 25 grandchildren and 22 great grandchildren. Three brothers and four sisters and a host of friends are also left to mourn her leaving.

She was told she had cancer three years ago. She bore her sickness with patience. She never complained even when she became bedfast. She loved to have her family over on Sundays for dinner, so she asked the Lord to let her remain able to cook for them. She was blessed with this wish until about a month before she passed away. Her table was always full and her face would always light up when people gathered around to eat. She wanted to come to Virginia to attend the Stiltner reunion and the McClanahan reunion, but she was called home to be with Jesus instead.

We thank God that he did not let her suffer. when she got unable to talk, she would still try to whisper (I love you). When brother Paul and brother Gary went to visit her about two weeks before she passed away, she heard Paul's voice and threw her arms around his neck. She was so glad to see both of them.

She loved her Lord and it did her so much good to come in for Church. She would say that was her best medicine. She was a special person, and I believe she is resting with the rest of God's children. We spent many special hours together, and I will never forget her. She would call and ask, "When are you coming home?" It pleased her for John and me to go visit. She was more like a mother to us, and we thank her children for sharing her.

Written by her niece, Leon Spahr

Whisper of an Angel

*Soft sweet sounds caress her ears
 The gentle music of love she hears
 A soothing voice is speaking to her
 She remembers the way things used
 to be, the way things were
 She smiles a little and then she cries
 She cries for the days that just passed right by
 She thinks of her life and gives a weep
 And all her family, their love so deep
 Suddenly she stops and gives a sigh
 And a twinkle comes back into her eye
 She sees someone that's only in her sigh,
 Someone's telling her it will be all right
 A voice is saying she'll be okay
 And she'll make it through another day...*

Whisper of an Angel

*Now the angels are speaking to us
 Telling everyone we have to go on, we must
 She carried us as far as she could
 She taught us well and helped us do good
 They remind us she's moving onto a greater height
 So we all hold on to our special memories tight
 We think of her in a beautiful place
 As we paint a picture of her voice and gorgeous face
 She's looking down upon us now
 And doesn't understand why we frown
 Angels are helping her and US along the way
 They're helping until we're all together again
 someday
 But for now when you hear soothing sweet sounds
 and gentle music of love
 Smile, for that's a kiss, hug, and some words of
 wisdom from Ma up above*

-- Emali Rebecca Perkins



ANN SPARKS TATUM

With such a lonely and sad heart, I will attempt to write an obituary of a very dear and sweet sister-in-law, Ann Sparks Tatum. Henry Sparks and Ida Blankenship Sparks became the proud parents of Ann on March 29, 1937 in Buchanan County, Va. Her childhood was spent in and around the Grundy, Va. area. Ann was preceded in death by her husband, Floyd, in February, 1994. She was also preceded in death by her parents, a brother, Still Sparks, and a sister, Edna Faye Sargent.

Friday, May 16, 1997 was a day of rejoicing in heaven as Ann passed from this pain-stricken life to one of peace. Less than a year before, she was given the news that she had cancer. Months of pain and nausea followed, but Ann was one that didn't give up. Working as a nurse for 27 years at Clay Memorial Hospital, Green Cove Springs, Florida may have prepared her for what was going to happen over the next year. She knew she was going to deteriorate; she knew that she was going to have lots of pain, but she never complained. This I believe is the best thing that God could have done for her. He gave her a chance to pray. Ann was a very independent person, but over the next year she realized she needed someone, she needed God.

Ann wanted to talk to her brother, Hershel (Bob). She felt he could help her, and he did. They talked for hours and she realized she needed prayer. Later she told her sister she was ready anytime God was ready to take her. Several times I saw tears flow from Ann's eyes. This alone made me realize that she had changed. Tears were something you never saw Ann shed. As I said before she was a very independent person.

But she became a very loving and humble person. Isn't it amazing what God's love can do!!!

Ann left behind a son, Brad, and his wife, Jeannie. She had three grandchildren: Jamie, Shea, and Alisha; five sisters: Vagel, Belle, Belva Jean, Gay, and Ruth; one brother, Hershel (Bob), who all loved her very much; and in-laws and nieces and nephews who will miss her when they visit Florida; many coworkers who will miss her, and many people she helped nurse back to health. Ruth and Clay were beside her bed when she passed from this life.

Ruth told me she saw her leave. She said she saw a white dove fly away as Ann's life left her body. What a great witness this is!!! All I can say now is I truly feel Ann is resting from all her labors. She was a very hard working person. She is gone from earth, but someday she will live again and you will have the chance to see her and live with her again. But you must do what Ann did. You must pray and ask God to forgive you and He will!!!

Written by a sister-in-law who loved her
very much, Hannah Sparks



SUSIE M. VARNEY

With a sad and aching heart we will write the obituary of our mother, Susie M. Varney

Mother was born March 2, 1914 at Goody in Pike Co. Kentucky. She was preceded in death by her parents, James L. Sandefur and Henrietta Pauley Sandefur; one son, Paul L. Varney; one sister and five brothers. She is survived by three sons: Ralph W. E.

Varney Jr. of Pikeville, Ky.; Jack R. Varney of Loveland Oh.; and Larry G. Varney of Frankfort, Ky.; two sisters, Roberta

Sandefur of Pikeville, Ky., Ruby Gillette of Minneapolis, Minn. James L. (Jim) Sandefur Jr. of Highview, W. Va. and Henry Sandefur of Suffolk, Va. . also nine grandchildren and 16 great grandchildren. Mother died July 10, 1997 at Vencor hospital in Louisville, Ky. after a short illness.

Mother will be sadly missed by all who knew her. Nothing will bring her back but we can go where she is if we live for God having been born again.

The scriptures tell us her soul is resting around the throne of God. May we strive to go there when our life is over here on earth.

Written by her sons, Ralph W. E. Varney,
Jack R. Varney, Larry G. Varney



EDNA HALL WALLACE AND MART WALLACE

With a sad heart and the blessings of God, we will attempt to write the obituary of our beloved mother and father, Edna Hall Wallace and Mart Wallace.

Mom was born on May 8, 1921 in Dickenson Co. VA to the union of Sol and Rutha Hall. Dad was born on June 26, 1925 in Pike Co. KY to the union of Beverly and Bitha Wallace.

On June 13, 1994, our family circle was broken. It was a beautiful sunny morning around 10:15 when God decided to call one of His precious angels home - our mother Edna Wallace. Mom had been sick for several years after a stroke and had to walk with a cane. But she had her faith in God.

Mom was married first to Curtis Wallace and to this union were born 6 children, 3 sons and 3 daughters: Drannon, Clyde, and Arnold Wallace all of Elkhorn City, KY; Bertha Adkins,

also of Elkhorn City, KY; Barbara Mullins of Terpon, VA, and Lockie Wallace, who preceded them in death. Also to this union were 9 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren. Mom is survived by 3 brothers: Ray, Alfred, and Woodrow Hall all of Haysi VA, and 1 sister, Louisa Caudill, also of Haysi VA. She is preceded in death by her parents, Sol and Rutha Hall, 2 sisters, Edith Mullins and Ollie Johnson, and 3 brothers: Lonzo, George, and Jerry Hall.

Mom gave her life to God on June 14, 1980.

After her divorce from Curtis, Mom married Mart Wallace and to this union were born 12 children, 7 sons and 5 daughters: Elmer, Giles Victor, Michael and Ervin Wallace, all of Haysi, VA. Ralph Wallace of Elkhorn City, KY, and David Wallace who preceded them in death; Nell Sifers, Marie Rice, Melster Sweeney, and Rebecca Mullins, all of Haysi, VA and Ivel Potter of Tarpon, VA. Also to this union were 18 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

Dad was so lonely after God called Mom home. On December 28, 1996, 2 1/2 years later, God called our dad home. It was on a Saturday morning about 8:05 that God sent one of his angels to Dad's bedside where he was sleeping and took him home. Dad joined church on August 10, 1979. Dad is survived by 2 brothers and 2 sisters: Aaron Wallace of Tennessee, Caleb Wallace of Elkhorn City, KY, Minnie Dale Hill of Clincho, VA, and Judy Ingels of Tennessee. Dad is preceded in death by his parents - Beverly and Bitha Wallace; 1 brother, Curtis Wallace; and 3 sisters - Victoria Ratliff, Made Counts, and Nora Ratliff.

Mom and Dad, only God knows how much we miss the both of you. It's so hard to go on, but we have to put our faith in God. Because it says in His word to lean on Him. Mom and Dad, we pray that you are together and that one day our circle will be together again. We love you, Mom and Dad.

Written by the family



ODIS MICHAEL (MICKEY) WATSON

With a heavy heart, I will attempt to write an obituary of my beloved son, Odis Michael (Mickey) Watson. Born November 8, 1980, at Whitesburg, KY, he entered eternal rest February 10, 1997, at home in Monroe, MI, after an extended illness, making his stay on earth sixteen years, three months and two days.

Mickey was a sophomore at Airport High School in Carleton, MI.

Leaving to mourn are his father and stepmother Ealy C. and Opal Watson of Bulan, KY; his mother and stepfather, Carol A. and John Gibson of Monroe, MI; one brother, Joseph Scott Watson of Monroe, MI; two stepbrothers, David Gibson of Monroe, MI, and Howard Godsey of Snellville, GA; three stepsisters, Susan Marsee of Blacksburg, VA, Sherri Sander of Newport, MI, and Sonya Gibson of Monroe, MI; maternal grandparents, Donald and Maggie Adkins of Mallie, KY, and John and Rhoda Hatala of Lincoln Park, MI. Mickey was preceded in death by his paternal grandparents, Odis and Hattie Watts Watson.

A child who, although physically handicapped and small in stature, was truly a giant among men. A child who always had a smile on his face and preferred the simple things in life. A child with old-fashioned values, who loved reading and hearing of by-gone days. A self-reliant child who refused to allow anyone to do anything for him that he felt he could do for himself. A child who endured operation after operation, who never complained about his disabilities. A child who was more concerned about the needs of others more than his own. A child whom everyone said was wise beyond his years, and

loved and enjoyed life to his fullest capabilities.

A young man whose frail little legs could only support him for a few minutes at a time, whose electric cart was his “connection” with the rest of the world. A young man who asked for a new Bible last summer because his old one was almost worn out. A young man who said this past Christmas that Christmas wasn’t about giving or receiving expensive gifts, but being with one’s family. A young man whose favorite verse was “Footprints in the Sand.”

A young man who has already met the One who loved him even more than Mom, Dad, or brother, the One who, on that February morning, looked down with mercy and said, “Come home my child, you have suffered enough.”

A young man who will always be in our hearts. A truly remarkable young man who touched the lives of all who knew him.

Written by his broken-hearted Dad, Ealy C. Watson (Pop)

*An inspiration to all who knew you,
Oh, how we miss your sweet smile;
However, through the Grace of God
We'll be together after a while.*



ELDER MELVIN WATTS

Melvin was the son of the late “Bob” Watts and Harriet Campbell Watts. He was born May 8, 1927, in Letcher County, Kentucky near the town of Blackey. He passed away on November 12, 1996, making his sojourn here on earth 69 years, 6 months, and 4 days.

When just a young man

Melvin went to Ohio to seek employment. Here he met his wife, Jewell Gross. They married 42 years ago and settled in Franklin, Ohio. This union was blessed with six children; four girls: Christine Hall, Shelia Totten, Esther Williams, and Pam Lucas; two boys, Boyd and James “Jamie.”

Nearly forty years ago Melvin repented of his sins and joined the Little Family Old Regular Baptist Church. It was there that he felt the calling to the ministry and began standing for the Lord. In 1965 he was in the arm that set-up the House of Prayer Church. He has been the moderator of this church ever since its organization.

Brother Melvin was a good man, a true Christian and a good minister. His Christianity really was manifested in his everyday life. He was a very able minister. To me he was one of the best. Oh, the soul-stirring sermons I’ve heard him preach. They linger in my memory still.

He was well-read in the Bible and enjoyed discussing it with his Christian friends and anybody else who was interested. He and Brother Ellis Amburgey were very close friends. The three of us have traveled hundreds of miles going to churches somewhere. Our conversation was always Godly and enjoyable. If we weren’t talking about the Lord, we were singing about Him or to Him. Brother Melvin was a good singer and enjoyed singing. When word got out that he was coming to one of the churches down home, the people began to get their “meeting-clothes” ready. People were anxious to hear him.

Brother Melvin was preceded in death by his parents, “Bob” and Harriet Watts; a grandchild, Julie Lucas; a sister, Mabel Hogg; three half sisters, Maxine Caudill, Sarah Caudill and Carrie Jones; and a half-brother, John Logan.

Brother Melvin leaves to mourn his passing his wife, Jewell, his six children, 8 grandchildren; one sister, Mary Dixon; and a host of other relatives and friends. The House of Prayer Church has lost a good preacher and moderator;

Jewell a good husband; the children a good father, and I have lost a very special friend. To all who loved Brother Melvin, cheer up and prepare to meet him in that "Beautiful that Blest Forever." Bless the memory of this special friend.

*Why do we mourn departing friends:
Or shake at death's alarms:
Tis but the voice that Jesus sends,
To call them to His arms.*

A friend and brother in Hope,
Glenn Hampton



MATTIE WHITAKER

I will try to write the obituary of my wife, Mattie Whitaker. She was born on April 21, 1913 and passed away on August 25, 1996, being 83 years and four months. When she was 18 years old she married Press Whitaker on March 21, 1931. To this union was born one child, Charlie Whitaker. She had two grand-children and four great grand-children. She loved them all dearly.

We would be sitting in the living room at four o'clock and she would say, "Let's go eat before somebody comes," and they usually did come after we ate. She would get up and go fix them supper. She enjoyed cooking for friends.

When she had that heart attack, she said, "Press, I love you and you have a pretty clean house." That was about 6:30 and at 11:30 she passed away. There is an empty chair on the porch, an empty chair in the living room, an empty chair at the table, and no foot steps in the kitchen as there used to be.

Written by her husband, Press Whitaker



ABBY GAIL BENTLEY WRIGHT

Abby Gail Bentley Wright, daughter of Roosevelt and Christine Lanham Bentley was born in Letcher County, Kentucky, on August 15, 1962. She entered eternal life on November 15, 1996 at her residence in North Vernon, Indiana, making her stay on earth 34 years and 3 months.

Abby was a member of the Dorton Regular Baptist Church from April of 1983 to 1993 and moved to North Vernon, Indiana, where she was a member of the Big Creek Old Regular Baptist Church from 1993 until her death.

Abby was a graduate of Jenkins High School, class of 1982. She continued her studies first at Southeast Community College, a branch of the University of Kentucky, then moving to Ivy Technical State College where she was graduated "Cum Laude" in May of 1996, with an Associate degree in Applied Science. Abby maintained the Dean's List all through her college studies. She also received numerous scholarships, awards, and merits of study. When writing lengthy term papers (typed by her best friend Reba Lucas) she always reflected her walk with the Lord and referred to Him often.

Abby is survived by her husband of 3 years, 11 months, and 21 days, Ross Wright. She is also survived by her parents, Roosevelt and Christine of Jenkins; one son, Nathaniel, age 9, one daughter, Courtney age 7; two stepsons, Jefferson Wright of North Vernon, Indiana and Mark Wright of Indianapolis, Indiana; and 4 step-grandchildren.

Other surviving family members are four sisters: Gladys Murray of Ashland, Kentucky; Sonja Ovington of Mt. Ster-

ling, Kentucky, Nesheda Overstreet of North Vernon, Indiana, and Teresa Stamper of Whitesburg, Kentucky; one brother, Donnie Osborne of Pennington Gap, Virginia. She is also survived by seven nephews, three nieces, two great-nephews and two great-nieces.

Abby was preceded in death by one Brother, Danny Roosevelt.

Written by her broken-hearted family



COY WRIGHT

Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of a Saint, and how precious Brother Coy Wright was to all of us.

Today the community of Roxana is sad. The family of Brother Coy is grieving. The Tolson Creek Church has lost a great timber. But let us be comforted in knowing that the angels in Heaven are rejoicing because another tired and weary soldier has arrived home. They met him at the river and took him home to Heaven.

Coy Wright was born April 18, 1921 to Andy Wright and Ollie Holbrook Wright at Crafts Colley. Brother Coy served in the United States Air Corp and fought in World War II.

Eventually Coy met Jesse Stuart and they were married for 54 years. To this union were born 4 children: Anna Belle Wright, Andy Wright, Billy Wayne Wright, and a son who preceded him in death, John Douglas Wright.

Coy joined the Tolson Creek Church on August 23, 1987. He was a faithful and devoted member through good health and sickness.

Brother Coy was preceded in death by his wife, Jesse,

and 8 brothers and sisters. He has 2 surviving sisters, Bennie Ison and Lear Brown. Brother Coy passed from this life on June 30, 1997.

Rest on dear brother, we'll meet you in the morning around the Great White Throne of God.

Written by a Brother-in-Christ, Toby Breeding

Articles of Faith

1. We believe in the one true and living God, and not withstanding there are Three that bear record in Heaven, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, yet there is but one in substance, equal in power and glory, not to be divided and impossible to change in principle and practice.
2. We believe the Old and New Testament Scriptures are the true written words of God and were given by inspiration of God and there is a sufficiency in them contained for our instruction and they are the only rule of our faith and practice.
3. We believe the doctrine of original sin, and that man sinned since the fall, and that men are by nature the children of wrath.
4. We believe in the impotency or inability of men to recover themselves out of the state they are in; therefore, a Savior is absolutely needed.
5. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God only by imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ.
6. We believe in the perseverance of the Saints. That by grace through faith they are born again and adopted into the family of Heaven; that they will become equal heirs with Jesus Christ in glory, and that He will raise them up at the last day.
7. We believe that Baptism and the Lord's Supper are Gospel Ordinances; that true believers are the proper subjects and we admit no other.
8. We believe that the true mode of baptism is by immersion, to baptize a person by their own consent, back foremost in the water, in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost.
9. We believe that washing of one another's feet is a commandment of Christ, left on record with His disciples,

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

Rules of Decorum

1. The Association shall open and close with prayer.
2. The moderator and assistant moderator, clerk and assistant clerk, shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.
3. Only one member shall speak at a time, and shall rise from his seat and address the moderator when he is about to speak.
4. The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted in his speech by anyone except the moderator until he is done.
5. He shall strictly adhere to his subject and in nowise reflect on the preceding speaker, but define his ideas on the proposition for debate, so far as he can.
6. No person shall abruptly absent himself from the Association without leave of the same.
7. No person shall rise and speak more than three times on any subject without permission from the Association.
8. No member of the Association shall have the liberty to laugh during the sitting of the same, nor whisper in time of public speech.
9. No member shall address another in any other form or term than that of "Brother."
10. The moderator shall not interrupt a brother or prohibit him from speaking until he gives his views on the subject unless he shall violate the Rules of Decorum.
11. The names of the several members of the Association shall be enrolled by the clerk, and called as often as the Association may require.
12. The moderator shall be entitled to the same privileges of speech as any other member, provided the chair be filled, but he shall have no vote unless the Association be equally divided, in which event he shall give the deciding vote.
13. Any member who shall willfully and knowingly violate any of these rules shall be reprimanded by the Association as it may think proper.

Constitution

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

1. The Association shall be called the Indian Bottom Association.
2. The Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches in our union, and duly sent to represent them in the Association, who shall be members whom they judge best qualified for that purpose, and producing letters from their respective churches, certifying to their appointment, these shall be entitled to a seat.
3. In the letters from the different churches shall be expressed their full number in fellowship, those baptized, received by letter, restoration, application, dismissed, excluded and deceased since our last Association.
4. The members thus chosen and convened shall have no power to lord over God's heritage, nor shall they have any clerical power over the churches, nor shall they infringe on any of the rights of any of the churches in the union.
5. The Association, when convened, shall be governed by a regular and proper decorum.
6. The Association shall have a moderator and assistant moderator, clerk and assistant clerk, and treasurer, who shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.
7. New churches may be admitted to this union, which shall petition by letter and delegates, and if found upon examination to be orthodox and orderly, shall be received by the Association, and manifested by the moderator giving the right hand of fellowship.
8. Every church in the union shall be entitled to representa-

tion 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:

Alternates

- 1. _____
- 2. _____
- 3. _____

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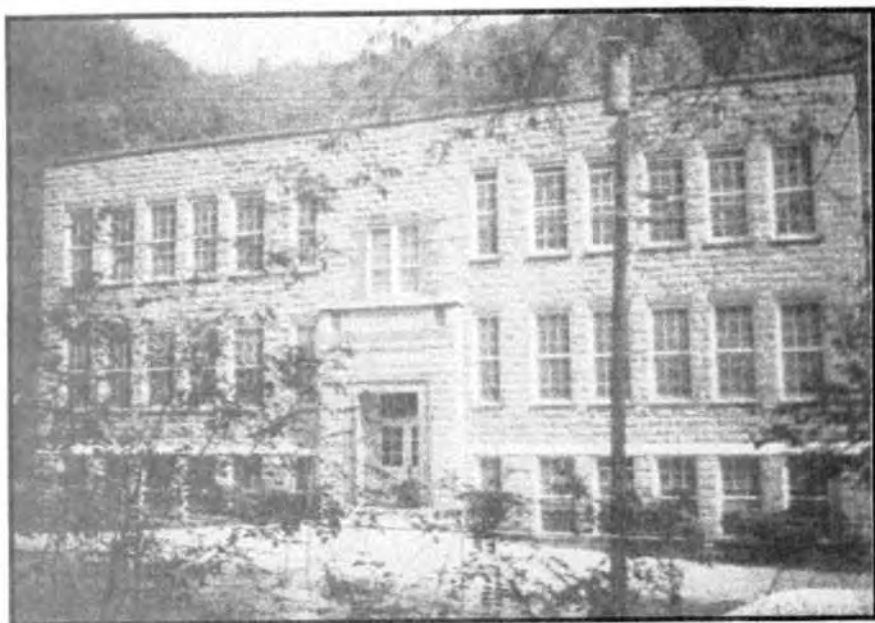
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*Our next Association will be held in our permanent building at
Sassafras, Knott County, Kentucky – just off KY 15*

Directions to the Indian Bottom Association

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



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