Minutes of the One Hundred and Ninth Annual Session

of the

## Indian Bottom Association of Old Regular Baptist Churches of Jesus Christ



Indian Bottom Association Building Sassafras, Knott County, Kentucky September 3, 4, 5, 2004

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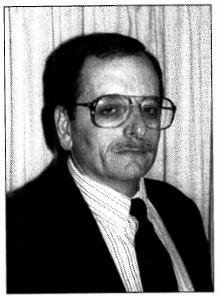
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### A TRIBUTE TO OUR DECEASED MINISTERS



Elder Ellis Banks



**Elder Dexter Church** 



**Elder Ollie Mullins** 

The voices of Elders Ellis Banks, Dexter Church and Ollie Mullins have grown silent, yet the fruits of their labors and fond memories of their lives will remain with us for many years to come. As each frail body fell, their spirit went to God who gave it. 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 ONE HUNDRED AND NINTH ANNUAL SESSION OF THE INDIAN BOTTOM ASSOCIATION OF OLD REGULAR BAPTIST CHURCHES OF JESUS CHRIST FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2004 AND THE TWO FOLLOWING DAYS

The Indian Bottom Association, being in session, assembled at our association building at Sassafras, Knott County, Kentucky, on September 3, 2004 and the two following days. Hosted by the Cedar Grove Church and co-hosted by the Big Leatherwood, Friendship and Big Creek churches, the association met in the congregational department of the association building for preaching services. After singing some old songs of Zion, Brother Feldon Ruggles, Jr. introduced the service and led in prayer. Elder Don Pratt followed with the introductory sermon.

The delegates were dismissed from the congregational department and asked to assemble in the delegate room. Brothers Jerry Manns, David Nichols, Toby Breeding and William McClanahan were appointed by the moderator to remain in the congregational department for preaching services. In the delegate room, Elder Elwood Cornett, the moderator, welcomed the delegates and called upon Elder Alonzo Mosley to introduce the session and Elder David O'Quinn to lead in prayer. The Association, now being assembled, was called to order by Elder Elwood Cornett. He appointed a finance committee to wit: Brothers Joe Steely, Scott Mosley and Wille Crase, Jr.. He then called for the letters of the 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 Cedar Grove 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 Elder Don Pratt, Clerk/Treasurer Brother Bob Banks, Assistant Clerk

(The following brothers had been appointed to count the votes: Randy Campbell, Benny Slone, and Toby Breeding.)

- 3. By a move and second, with no objection, the moderator was directed to make all temporary appointments.
- 4. The moderator appointed a Committee on Ministry composed of one delegate from each church with the entire delegations from the Cedar Grove, Big Leatherwood, Friendship and Big Creek Churches to arrange the preaching services for Friday afternoon and Saturday morning.
- 5. The moderator called for newly constituted churches desiring to take up fellowship with us. A letter was read from the Pleasant Valley Church. A move and second, with no objection, were made to seat the delegates and refer the letter to the Committee on Arrangements.
- 6. Churches of our same faith and order who desired fellowship with us were called for. None responded.
- 7. By a move and second, with no objection, the reading of the Articles of Faith, the Rules of Decorum and the Constitution was omitted but directed to be printed in the minutes.
- 8. The moderator called for corresponding associations of our same faith and order who desired to correspond with us. None responded.
- 9. The moderator called for transient members and ministers and the following responded: Elder Arnold Bailey.

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

Friday afternoon: Brothers Alger Mullins and Jerry Newsome. Saturday morning: Brothers Eugene Thacker, David O'Quinn, Virgil Combs and Ronnie Robinson.

- 11. The moderator appointed a Committee on Arrangements composed of one delegate from each church, together with the association moderator, assistant moderator, clerk and assistant clerk.
- 12. A move and second, with no objection, were made for the Committee on Arrangements to meet on Friday afternoon at 1:30 p.m. to arrange the business for Saturday.
- 13. By a move and second, with no objection, the Association was adjourned until 9:00 a.m. Saturday morning. The singing will start in the congregational department at 9:30 a.m.

The Committee on Arrangements met at 1:30 p.m. on Friday afternoon in the congregational department of the association building. After singing, Elder Alger Mullins introduced the service and led in prayer. Elder Jerry Newsome then preached, after which the committee arranged the work for Saturday. Elder Milburn Slone called dismission.

#### SATURDAY MORNING

The association met pursuant to adjournment. After singing some songs of Zion, Elder Elwood Cornett, our moderator, welcomed everyone and called upon Elder Billy Campbell to introduce the session and Elder Charles Shepherd to lead in prayer.

- 1. The clerk called the roll and marked the absentees.
- 2. The report of the Committee on Arrangements was given by the clerk of the association. The report was approved by a move and second, with no objection, and the committee was discharged.

- 3. The ministers, chosen to preach on the stand, were excused to go to the congregational department of the association building.
- 4. The Committee on Finance reported a sum of \$8,690.00 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, it was ordered that the minutes of this session of the association be printed. The clerk is to be secretary/treasurer. According to the amount of money collected and the cost per minute, the clerk is to decide how many copies to have printed and distributed to each church.
- 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 Elwood Cornett, who had been chosen last year to write a circular letter for consideration 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: Elders Terry Bryant, Emory Caudill, Jim Fields and Elwood Cornett.
  - B. The Committee on Ministry chose Elder Toby Breeding to preach the introductory sermon for the 2005 session and Elder Alonzo Mosley to be his alternate.
  - C. The Committee on Ministry chose Elder Ellis Adams 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. Obituaries may be given to the clerks at any time during the year. They should be typed and may be on paper or a computer disk (MS Word).

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 (9/6/03)
Collections:
Church Contributions
Interest\$5.51
Total in treasury \$9,950.99
Expenses:
Printing 3,711 Minutes
Safety deposit box\$55.00
Typing for Minutes
Postage
Total expenses
Balance in treasury (9/4/04)\$995.63
11. The treasurer of the trustees, Elder Emory Caudill, gave his re-
port. 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 (9/6/03) \$4,081.18
Collections:
Church contributions
Sunday services\$941.00
Donations
Concession stand\$139.81
Loan
Total in treasury
Expenses:
Payments on loan
Payment on carpet \$4,783.00
Insurance
Kitchen and supplies\$2,556.84
Utilities
Labor and materials\$4,815.60
Total expenses
Balance in treasury (9/3/04)\$3,362.86

- 12. There was no report from the Committee on Council because no official meeting was conducted during the past year. Elder Elwood Cornett, our moderator, appointed the following brothers to serve as the Committee on Council for the next year: Ellis Adams, Merle Caudill, Virgil Combs, Roger Gibson, Carl Slone, Howard Owens and Elwood Cornett.
- 13. The request from the Tolson Creek Church to host the 2005 Association was read. By a move and second, with no objection, the request was granted.
- 14. The requests from the New Home, Dixon Memorial and Chester Hogg Memorial Churches to co-host the 2005 Association were read. By a move and second, with no objection, the requests were granted. A verbal request to co-host the 2005 Association was made by the Big Cowan Church. By a move and second, with no objection, the request was granted.
- 15. The request from the Reynolds Fork Church to remove the name of Marion Slone from the list of ordained ministers was read. By a move and second, with no objection, the request was granted.
- 16. The request from the Reynolds Fork Church to remove the name of Lonnie Sexton from the list of ordained ministers was read. By a move and second, with no objection, the request was granted.
- 17. The request from the Little Dove Church to notify the Association of a membership audit was read. By a move and second, with no objection, the request was granted.
- 18. The request from the Big Cowan Church to change their Union meeting time from the fourth weekend in June to the fourth weekend in May was read. By a move and second, with no objection, the request was granted.

- 19. The request from the Little David Church to remove the name of Bobby Yates from the list of ordained ministers was read. By a move and second, with no objection, the request was granted.
- 20. The request from the Rock of Ages Church to change their Union meeting time from the second weekend in June to the second weekend in May was read. By a move and second, with no objection, the request was granted.
- 21. The request from the Rock of Ages Church to remove the name of Garland Slone from the list of ordained ministers was read. By a move and second, with no objection, the request was granted.
- 22. The church letter and minutes of the work of the organizing presbytery from the Pleasant Valley Church 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 and members were given the right hand of fellowship.
- 23. Because of safety concerns and the difficulty of the elderly and handicapped in climbing the stairs, the installation of an elevator and a fire escape for the Indian Bottom Association building was discussed. By a move and second, with no objection, the building trustees were given the authority to borrow the money and install an elevator and a fire escape at the Indian Bottom Association building.
- 24. The development of an official website for the Indian Bottom Association was discussed. By a move a second, with no objection, the development of a website, with the Indian Bottom Association officer's oversight, was approved.
- 25. 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.

- 26. By a move and second, with no objection, the clerks were directed to write a resolution of appreciation to the Cedar Grove, Big Leatherwood, Friendship and Big Creek Churches for hosting the 2004 session of the Indian Bottom Association.
- 27. There was a move and second, with no objection, to have services at the association building on the following odd Sundays: October 31, January 30, May 1, July 31; and at 7:00 p.m. on the Friday night of the 2005 Association.
- 28. By a move and second, with no objection, the minutes of the 2005 session of the Indian Bottom Association were accepted without being read and ordered printed in the minutes.
- 29. By a move and second, with no objection, the Indian Bottom Association adjourned until the 2005 session convenes on September 2, 2005. Elder Roger Gibson led in the closing prayer.

#### **SUNDAY**

A large congregation gathered at the association building on the last day of the one hundred and ninth session of the Indian Bottom Association. After lifting our voices in the beautiful songs of Zion, Elder Elwood Cornett, the moderator, welcomed the congregation and called upon Elder Terry Bryant to introduce the service and lead in prayer. He was followed by Elder Emory Caudill and Elder Jim Fields. Elder Elwood Cornett then came forth and brought the meeting to a close. Elder Don Pratt led in the prayer of dismission, bringing to an end the 2004 session of the Indian Bottom Association.

# RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION TO HOST CHURCHES

We, the Indian Bottom Association, wish to express our love and appreciation to the Cedar Grove, Big Leatherwood, Friendship and Big Creek Churches for hosting the 2004 session of our association. The building looked good and the food was great. We especially appreciate our sisters, brothers and friends for their hard work. May God abundantly bless you for your labor of love.

**Indian Bottom Association** 

#### The Twenty-Third Psalm

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures;

He leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul: He leadeth me in the path of righteousness for His name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for Thou art with me:

Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies; thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

#### CIRCULAR LETTER

Dear Brothers and Sisters of the Indian Bottom Association,

I greet you in the name of Jesus and humbly comply with your request of last year. Apostle Paul wrote in First Corinthians 1:10, "Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no division among you; but that you be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment." First John 4:7, "Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knowth God." Romans 13:10,"Love worketh no ill to his neighbor: therefore love is the fulfilling of the law."

If we have love it comes from God. Just loving our own is not enough. "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." This love of God is our love and it comes by birth.

Condemnation for sin comes upon everyone that has reached the age of accountability. The drawing power of our Father God teaches us what we are and what we must become. When a poor lost soul that is condemned to eternal damnation believes, and when that poor lost soul repents, unconditionally, a miracle of the highest order takes place. Then and only then is the love of God shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost, which is given to us.

The love of God cannot be learned. It cannot be adopted. It can never be faked. You have it or you don't have it. This love comes from God, but it can be increased. "Little Children love one another." Love makes us not afraid.

God commands, "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. And Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself."

Does love abound among us? We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren. Yet too often we see churches paralyzed by factions. Some are committed to the will of the few instead of the welfare of the whole. If there ever has been a time for us to love one another it is now.

Our children are facing evil and temptation like we have never

seen before. They need and are searching for a pillar of stability. They desperately need to see the Old Regular Baptist Church as their beacon. May God help us show them the love we have for each other, and our love for them. When they see us, they should see a smile and not a frown. They should see rejoicing and not complaining. They should see joy and not always sorrow. They should always get a warm hug and never be ignored. If we, the Old Regular Baptists are not their best friend, shame on us. If we have love, real love, love that brings tears to our eyes, and compassion to our hearts, God will prosper his obedient children.

We have reached forth our hand to many searching for a Godly and peaceful home. Let us reach farther to those who live in sin, whether they are on drugs, alcoholics, adulterers, fornicators, unnaturals, thieves or ignorers of salvation. These may be our children and so were some of us before we were born again. Let them see us as unwavering in Godliness and ever shining in kindness.

My dearly beloved, you have loved me beyond measure. You have been so good to me. The responsibility placed upon me as your moderator has been a heavy load to bear. But, time and time again I have felt the guiding hand of the Lord. I want you to know also that your love has lifted me through many a tempest.

I love you!

May God bless and prosper the Indian Bottom Association of Old Regular Baptists.

Elder Elwood Cornett

#### UNION, COMMUNION AND MEMORIAL SERVICES

#### MARCH

#### LITTLE ZION:

Union meeting: Second Saturday and Sunday in March.

Ministers called: Toby Breeding, Elwood Cornett.

Communion: Second Sunday in June. Memorial: Second Sunday in July.

Ministers called: Virgil Combs, Alonzo Mosley,

Feldon Ruggles, Jr.

Fields Cemetery Memorial: Sunday, July 31, 2005 at 10:00 a.m.(in case of inclement weather, memorial will be held

at the Little Zion Church).

#### **SUMMERTOWN:**

Union meeting: Second Saturday and Sunday in March. Ministers called: Don Pratt, Squire Watts, Earl Combs, Allen Whitaker, Ronnie Robinson.

Communion: Second Sunday in September.

Ministers called: Homer Smith, Roger Gibson, Wayne Caudill, Virgil Combs.

Memorial: Second Sunday in August.

Ministers called: Emory Caudill, James Caudill, home ministers.

#### **APRIL**

#### **BRIGHT MORNING STAR:**

Union meeting: First Saturday and Sunday in April. Ministers called: David O'Quinn, Billy Campbell,

Hurley Short, Eugene Thacker. Communion: First Sunday in May.

Memorial: First Sunday in June.

Ministers called: Anthony Hagerman, Tommy Hagerman,

Jerry Newsome, home ministers.

#### ROSE OF SHARON:

Union Meeting: First Saturday and Sunday in April.

Communion: First Sunday in August.

Memorial: First Sunday in May.

Ministers called for various meetings:

January: Danny Dixon, Squire Watts, Homer Smith

February: Milburn Slone, Marty Slone

March: John Bowling, Coy Tolliver, Clifford Hughes.

April: Monroe Breeding, Jr., Sherman Williamson,

Bill Halcomb.

May: Curl Dixon, Bill Tackett, James Everage.

June: Jenkins Cemetery Meeting: All of the same faith & order.

July: Jim Fields, Jack Varney, Ellis Adams

August: Benny Slone, Terry Bryant, Feldon Ruggles, Jr.,

Milburn Slone

October: Elwood Cornett, Roger Gibson, Emory Caudill. November: Irvin Stollings, Hurley Short, Hershell Short.

December: Roy Slone, Woodrow Tackett.

#### PLEASANT VALLEY:

Union meeting: First Saturday and Sunday in April.

Ministers called: Hurley Short, Phillip Hicks, Hershell Short,

Alonzo Mosley.

Communion: First Sunday in August.

Memorial: First Sunday in June.

Ministers called: Freddy Compton, Eugene Thacker,

Carl Slone, Roy Slone.

#### **DEFEATED CREEK:**

Union meeting: Second Saturday and Sunday in April.

Ministers called: Robert Holcomb, Emory Caudill,

David Nichols, Charles Shepherd, Danny Dixon.

Communion: Second Sunday in August.

Memorial: Second Sunday in July.

Ministers called: Toby Breeding, Ellis Adams, Harvey Creech,

Squire Watts, Roger Fields, Elwood Cornett.

#### **BLAIR BRANCH:**

Union meeting: Third Saturday and Sunday in April.

Ministers called: Squire Watts, Toby Breeding, Roger Gibson, Bill Halcomb, Johnny Fields.

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

Ministers called: Danny Dixon, Elwood Cornett.

#### **ROCK FORK:**

Union meeting: Fourth Saturday and Sunday in April.

Ministers called: William McClanahan, Ronnie Robinson, Carl Slone.

Communion: Fourth Sunday in July.

Memorial: Fourth Sunday in September.

Ministers called: Eugene Thacker, Phillip Hicks,

Ivan Amburgey.

#### **NORTHERN NEW HOME:**

Union meeting: Fourth Saturday and Sunday in April.

Communion: Fourth Sunday in August.

Memorial: Fourth Sunday in June.

Ministers called for various meetings:

March: Elwood Cornett, John Fields, David Nichols.

April: Toby Breeding, Benny Slone, Layton Phipps.

May: John Eldridge, Coburn Ison, Ronnie Robinson, Milburn Slone.

June: H.B. Reedy, Jr., Phillip Hicks, home ministers.

July: Clifford Hughes, Feldon Ruggles, Jr., John Bowling, Terry Bryant.

August: Billy Campbell, Howard Owens, Ross Wright, William McClanahan.

September: Woodrow Tackett, Emory Caudill, Roger Gibson, Lonnie Gregory.

October: Jim Fields, Danny Dixon, Curl Dixon, Lehman Gilliam, James Caudill.

#### LITTLE BETHLEHEM:

Union meeting: Fourth Saturday and Sunday in April.

Ministers called: Virgil Combs, Vergle Caudill, Roger Gibson,

Ellis Adams, Harvey Creech.

Communion: Fourth Sunday in August.

Memorial: Fourth Sunday in September.

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

Chester Gibson, Marvis Lee Short, Nelson Craft.

#### LITTLE JEWELL:

Union meeting: Fourth Saturday and Sunday in April.

Ministers called:

Friday, April 22 at 6:30 p.m.: Phillip Hicks, Toby Breeding.

Saturday, April 23 at 6:30 p.m.: David Nichols, Harvey Creech.

Sunday, April 24 at 9:30 a.m.: William McClanahan,

Billy Campbell, Eddie Newsome, David O'Quinn.

Communion: Fourth Sunday in June.

Memorial: Fourth Sunday in October.

Ministers called: Feldon Ruggles, Jr., Jimmy Hall,

Lonnie Gregory, Ivan Amburgey.

#### MAY

#### **POOR FORK:**

Union meeting: First Saturday and Sunday in May.

Ministers called: Terry Bryant, Jim Blankenship,

Feldon Ruggles, Jr., Billy Campbell.

Communion: First Sunday in July.

Memorial: First Sunday in August.

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

Ellis Adams, Danny Dixon.

#### MOUNT OLIVET:

Union meeting: First Saturday and Sunday in May.

Ministers called: John Fields, Howard Owens, Squire Watts,

William McClanahan.

Communion: First Sunday in August. Memorial meeting: First Sunday in July.

Ministers called: Danny Dixon, home ministers.

#### **HEMPHILL:**

Union meeting: First Saturday and Sunday in May.

Ministers called: James Caudill, Feldon Ruggles, Jr.,

Frank Newsome, Danny Dixon, Squire Watts, Jim Fields.

Communion meeting: First Sunday in June.

Ministers called: Don Pratt, Jim Blankenship, Billy Campbell.

Memorial: First Sunday in October.

Ministers called: Ivan Amburgey, Alonzo Mosley, Ross Wright, Terry Bryant.

#### **BETHANY:**

Union meeting: First Saturday and Sunday in May.

Communion: First Sunday in June. Memorial: First Sunday in October. Ministers called for various meetings:

January: Terry Bryant, Woodrow Tackett.

February: Feldon Ruggles, Jr., Clifford Hughes.

March: Milburn Slone, James Slone.

April: Coy Tolliver, Jim Fields.

May: Nelson Craft, L.D. Mosley, Marvis Short.

June: Lonnie Gregory, Clifford Hughes, John Bowling.

July: Benny Slone, Clinton Williams. August: H.B. Reedy, Jr., Roy Slone.

September: Roger Gibson, Layton Phipps, James Webb.Jr.

October: Milburn Slone, Billy Campbell. November: Ivan J. Amburgey, Phillip Hicks.

December: Bill Halcomb, Charles Craft.

#### PILGRIMS HOME:

Union meeting: First Saturday and Sunday in May.

Ministers called: Ivan Amburgey, Jim Blankenship,

Columbus Fleming.

Communion: First Sunday in June.

Ministers called: Theodore Looney, James McClanahan.

Memorial: First Sunday in July.

Ministers called: Eddie Newsome, Johnny McClanahan,

William McClanahan.

Odd Sundays/Ministers called: All of the same faith and order.

#### LITTLE DOVE:

Union meeting: Second Saturday and Sunday in May.

Ministers called: David Nichols, Feldon Ruggles, Jr.,

Virgil Combs.

Communion: Second Sunday in July. Memorial: Second Sunday in June.

Ministers called: Ivan Amburgey, home ministers.

#### **EMMANUEL:**

Union meeting: Second Saturday and Sunday in May.

Ministers called: Danny Dixon, Terry Bryant, Harvey Creech,

Billy Campbell.

Communion: Second Sunday in June.

Memorial: Second Sunday in July.

Ministers called: Squire Watts, Alonzo Mosley,

Jim Blankenship, William McClanahan, Arnold Bailey.

#### **ROCK OF AGES:**

Union meeting: Second Saturday and Sunday in May.

Ministers called: Bill Tackett, Carl Slone, Steve Hagerman,

Jim Fields, Billy Campbell, James Everage.

Communion: Second Sunday in July.

Memorial: Second Sunday in August.

Ministers called: Michael Hagerman, Feldon Ruggles, Jr.,

Hurley Short, Michael Everage, Gary Mosley.

#### REYNOLDS FORK:

Union meeting: Third Saturday and Sunday in May.

Ministers called: Elwood Cornett, Harvey Creech,

William McClanahan, Jimmy Hall.

Communion: Third Sunday in June.

Ministers called: Terry Bryant, Frank Newsome,

David O'Quinn, Ronnie Robinson.

Memorial: Third Sunday in July.

Ministers called: Jim Fields, Squire Watts,

Feldon Ruggles, Jr., Merle Caudill.

#### **BULL CREEK:**

Union meeting: Third Saturday and Sunday in May.

Ministers called: Robert Holcomb, Squire Watts,

Bill Halcomb, Elwood Cornett, Bob Combs,

Howard Owens, Emory Caudill.

Communion: Third Sunday in August.

Memorial: Third Sunday in June.

Ministers called: All of the same faith and order.

Melton Cemetery Memorial: Second Sunday in June.

Combs Cemetery: Third Sunday in June at 5:00 PM.

Jent Cemetery: Third Sunday in July.

#### **GARDEN OF LOVE:**

Union meeting: Third Saturday and Sunday in May.

Ministers called: Billy Campbell, Monroe Breeding, Jr.,

Eugene Thacker.

Communion: Third Sunday in June.

Memorial: Third Sunday in September.

Ministers called: Feldon Ruggles, Jr., Don Pratt, home

ministers.

#### **NEW BETHLEHEM:**

Union meeting: Third Saturday and Sunday in May.

Ministers called: Roy Slone, Monroe Breeding, Jr.,

L.D. Mosley.

Communion: Third Sunday in July.

Memorial: Third Sunday in September.

Ministers called: Charles Shepherd, Milburn Slone,

Harlis Watts.

#### **BIG COWAN:**

Union meeting: Fourth Saturday and Sunday in May.

Ministers called: Elwood Cornett, Robert Holcomb,

Emory Caudill, Roger Gibson, Charles Shepherd.

Communion: Fourth Sunday in July.

Memorial: Fourth Sunday in September.

Ministers called: Roy Slone, Virgil Combs, Jim Fields,

William McClanahan, Howard Owens.

#### **JUNE**

#### **KINGDOM COME:**

Union meeting: First Saturday and Sunday in June.

Ministers called: Roy Slone, Elwood Cornett, Harvey Creech,

Virgil Combs, David Nichols, Wayne Caudill.

Communion: First Sunday in July.

Memorial: First Sunday in May.

Ministers called: Ellis Adams, Don Pratt, Clifton Hampton,

Allen Whitaker, home ministers.

#### **CLEAR FORK:**

Union meeting: First Saturday and Sunday in June.

Ministers called: Emory Caudill, Phillip Hicks, Dean Jacobs,

L.D. Mosley, home ministers.

Communion: First Sunday in July.

Memorial: First Sunday in October.

Ministers called: Bob Combs, David Smith, Freddy Frazier,

Howard Owens, home ministers.

#### **NEW HOME:**

Union meeting: First Saturday and Sunday in June.

Ministers called: Howard Owens, Squire Watts,

William McClanahan, Hurley Short, David Nichols.

Communion: First Sunday in July. Minister called: Billy Campbell. Memorial: First Sunday in August.

Ministers called: Don Pratt, home ministers.

#### **HAPPY HOME:**

Union meeting: First Saturday and Sunday in June. Ministers called: All of the same faith and order.

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

Ministers called: Don Pratt, Dean Jacobs, home ministers.

#### CHESTER HOGG MEMORIAL:

Union meeting: First Saturday and Sunday in June.

Ministers called: Danny Dixon, David Nichols,

Harvey Creech, Doug Gibson.

Communion: First Sunday in August.

Memorial: First Sunday in May.

Ministers called: Don Pratt, home ministers.

Ministers called for various meetings:

February: Elwood Cornett, Johnny Fields.

March: Bill Tackett, Lonnie Gregory.

April: Ellis Adams, Roy Slone.

May: Terry Bryant, Jim Fields.

July: Merle Caudill, Vergle Caudill.

October: Feldon Ruggles, Jr., H.B. Reedy, Jr. November: Alonzo Mosley, Keith Thomas.

#### MOUNT OLIVE:

Union meeting: Second Saturday and Sunday in June.

Ministers called: Gary Compton, Jimmy Hall, Alonzo Mosley,

Emory Caudill.

Communion: Second Sunday in July. Memorial: Second Sunday in May.

Ministers called: Carl Slone, home ministers.

#### FRIENDSHIP:

Union meeting: Third Saturday and Sunday in June.

Ministers called: Merle Caudill, Howard Owens,

Toby Breeding, Bobby Amburgey, Squire Watts.

Communion: Third Sunday in August.

Memorial: Third Sunday in May.

Ministers called: Roger Gibson, Elwood Cornett, Luther Combs, home ministers.

Ministers called for various meetings:

March: David Nichols, Ellis Adams.

April: Jim Fields, Jim Blankenship.

July: James Caudill, Bill Halcomb.

September: Johnny Fields, Ross Wright, Bill Tackett. October: Billy Campbell, Harvey Creech, Doug Gibson.

#### **BIG LEATHERWOOD:**

Union meeting: Third Saturday and Sunday in June.

Ministers called: Frank Newsome, William McClanahan,

Howard Owens, Alonzo Mosley.

Communion: Third Sunday in August.

Memorial: Third Sunday in May.

Ministers called: Harvey Creech, Charles Shepherd,

Alonzo Mosley, David Smith, Danny Dixon,

James Caudill, Lehman Gilliam, David Nichols.

#### **BETHLEHEM:**

Union meeting: Third Saturday and Sunday in June.

Ministers called: Elwood Cornett, Merle Caudill, Jerry Newsome,

Jerry Manns, Terry Bryant, Eddie Newsome.

Communion: Third Sunday in July. Memorial: Third Sunday in August.

Ministers called: Ivan Amburgey, Squire Watts, David O'Quinn,

Harvey Creech, Frank Newsome, Toby Bailey.

#### 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: Fourth Sunday in September.

Ministers called: All of the same faith and order.

Memorial at Dixon, Back & Smith Cemetery: Fourth Sunday in May.

Memorial at Spring Branch Cemetery: Second Sunday in June.

#### IVY POINT:

Union meeting: Fourth Saturday and Sunday in June.

Ministers called: David O'Quinn, Don Pratt,

William McClanahan, Lonnie Gregory.

Communion: Fourth Sunday in July. Memorial: Fourth Sunday in August.

Ministers called: Milburn Slone, Eugene Thacker,

Harvey Creech, Toby Bailey.

#### TOLSON CREEK:

Union meeting: Fourth Saturday and Sunday in June. Ministers called: Billy Campbell, Roy Slone, Mickey Amburgey, Jim Blankenship, Roger Gibson.

Communion: Fourth Sunday in July. Memorial: Fourth Sunday in August.

Ministers called: James Caudill, William McClanahan,

Elwood Cornett.

#### **BIG CREEK:**

Union meeting: Fourth Saturday and Sunday in June.

Ministers called: Charles Shepherd, Roger Gibson,

Jimmy Hall, Howard Owens.

Thursday, June 23, 2005 at 5:00 pm: Clifford Hughes,

Terry Bryant, Monroe Breeding Jr.

Friday, June 24, 2005 at 5:00 pm: Jack Varney,

Ray Williamson, Layton Phipps, Bill Halcomb.

Communion: Fourth Sunday in July.

Memorial: Fourth Sunday in August.

Ministers called: Jim Fields, home ministers.

Special meeting: Third Saturday at 3:00 pm in the

Greenfield Chapel, Greenfield, IN.

#### **CEDAR GROVE:**

Union meeting: Fourth Saturday and Sunday in June.

Ministers called: Alonzo Mosley, Merle Caudill, Roger Gibson,

Feldon Ruggles, Jr., Frank Newsome, Jim Blankenship,

Toby Breeding.

Communion: Fourth Sunday in August.

Memorial: Fourth Sunday in May.

Ministers called: Jim Fields, Elwood Cornett, Bill Halcomb,

home ministers.

#### LITTLE DAVID:

Union meeting: Fourth Saturday and Sunday in June.

Ministers called: Alonzo Mosley, Theodore Looney, Jim Fields,

Jimmy Hall, Ivan Amburgey.

Communion: Fourth Sunday in July.

Memorial: Fourth Sunday in August.

Ministers called: Toby Bailey, Harvey Creech, Paul Watson,

Elwood Cornett, Danny Dixon.

#### **JULY**

#### LITTLE BETHANY:

Union meeting: Fourth Saturday and Sunday in July.

Ministers called: Gary Compton, Roy Slone,

Feldon Ruggles, Jr., Elwood Cornett.

Communion: Fourth Sunday in August. Memorial: Fourth Sunday in September

Ministers called: Jim Rush, Eugene Thacker, Milburn Slone.

#### **AUGUST**

#### **HURRICANE GAP:**

Union meeting: Third Saturday and Sunday in August. Ministers called: Bobby Amburgey, Freddy Frazier,

Clifford Hughes.

Communion: Third Sunday in August. Memorial: Third Sunday in October.

Ministers called: Harvey Creech, Robert Holcomb,

Allen Whitaker.

#### **SEPTEMBER**

#### LITTLE MARY:

Union meeting: Second Saturday and Sunday in September.

Ministers called:

Thursday, Sept. 8, 2005: Ministers to be selected later.

Friday, Sept. 9, 2005: Elwood Cornett, David Nichols.

Saturday, Sept. 10, 2005: Bill Tackett, Phillip Hicks.

Sunday, Sept. 11, 2005: Howard Owens, Danny Dixon,

Jerry Manns, Squire Watts.

Communion: Second Sunday in October. Memorial: Second Sunday in August.

Ministers called: Gary Compton, Hurley Short.

Odd Sundays/Ministers called:

January 30: Feldon Ruggles, Jr.

May 1: Jim Fields.

July 31: William McClanahan.

October 30: Ross Wright.

#### **MOUNT ZION:**

Union meeting: Second Saturday and Sunday in September.

Ministers called: Bill Halcomb, Elwood Cornett,

Alonzo Mosley, H.B. Reedy, Jr., Harlis Watts.

Communion: Second Sunday in June. Memorial: Second Sunday in April.

Ministers called: Lonnie Gregory, Gary Mosley, home

ministers.

#### LILY OF THE VALLEY:

Union meeting: Third Saturday and Sunday in September.

Ministers called: Alonzo Mosley, Benny Slone, Squire Watts, Charles Shepherd.

Communion: Third Sunday in October.

Memorial: Third Sunday in May.

Ministers called: Elwood Cornett, Don Pratt, Roger Gibson,

Phillip Hicks.

#### **DELEGATES TO THE 2004 ASSOCIATION**

Cedar Grove - Zenith Ison, Noble Dixon, Adam Collier
New Home - Ronnie Robinson, Johnny Watson, Lowell Shepherd
Defeated Creek - Matt Combs, Gary Caudill, Albert Wilder
Reynolds Fork - Ivan Amburgey, Paul Watson, Denver Ritchie
Bull Creek - Virgil Combs, Truman Jent, Curt Watts
Ivy Point - Alonzo Mosley, Johnny Slone
Little Dove - Devon Slone, Danny Amburgey, Merle Caudill
Tolson Creek - Buster Amburgey, Homer "Reno" Watts,
Dillard Johnson

Dixon Memorial - Allen Whitaker, Curl Dixon, Relon Hampton Big Creek - Doug Gibson, Carlos Cook, James Everage Happy Home - Duane Hall, David Smith, Alger Mullins New Bethlehem - Carl Slone, Mickey Amburgey, Robert Everage Clear Fork - Elmer Ray Combs, Jeffery Combs, Lee Fugate Northern New Home - Howard Thornsberry, Harry Francis, Frank Copley

Blair Branch - Ellis Adams, Rodney Ison, Roland Brown Mount Olivet - Ken Griffith, Ronnie Caudill, Danny Holliman Little Zion - Beckham Fields, Jay McCool, Kenny Oliver Hurricane Gap - Charles Shepherd, Glenn Sparkman, Hillard Halcomb

Kingdom Come - Roger Fields, George Roark
Poor Fork - Harvey Creech, Berry Newsome, Joe Steely
Big Cowan - Green Callihan, Lawrence Sumpter, Charles Raleigh
Little Mary - Coy Tolliver, John Bowling, Darwin Gregory
Mount Zion - Earl Mosley, Carl Mosley, Donnie Collins
Friendship - Harlin Eldridge, Robert Whitaker, George Shea
Little Bethlehem - Bob Amburgey, John Reedy, Clark Slone
Little Bethany - Hurley Short, Mike Smallwood, Joe Slone
Garden of Love - Gary Mosley, Don Francis, Scott Mosley
Rock Fork - Willie Crase, Jr., Arlie Jackson, Earl Slone
Summertown - Sim Shepherd, Marvin Sparkman, Howard Owens
Emmanuel - David O'Quinn, Lloyd Deel, Theodore Looney
Hemphill - Jimmy Hall, Bob Sparks, Cecil Stamper

Bethlehem - Walter Sheets, Billy Campbell, Johnny Deel
Bethany - Charles Craft, Woodrow Tackett, Fred Ross
Lily of the Valley - Clifford Hughes, Lonnie Bryant, John Fortner
Little David - Frank Newsome, David Deel, Dempsy Deel
Big Leatherwood - Darrell Newsome, Delmer Cornett,
Lehman Gilliam

Mount Olive - Eugene Thacker, Freddy Compton, Roy Slone Chester Hogg Memorial - Ross Wright, Roger Gibson, James Ison Bright Morning Star - Steve Hagerman, Michael Hagerman, Emory Slone

Rock of Ages - Charley Gross, Justin Gross
Pilgrims Home - Josh Bell, J.C. Branham
Rose of Sharon - Layton Phipps, James Webb
Little Jewell - Terry Bryant, Larry Myers, John M. Burke
Pleasant Valley - Gary Compton, Jimmy Conley, Jan Hamilton

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Eld. Carl Back	Dixon Memorial Church	606-633-4344
Eld. Arnold Bailey	Pilgrims Home Church	276-597-2424
Eld. Toby Bailey	Poor Fork Church	276-865-4407
Bro. Don Bates	Bull Creek Church	606-633-0294
Eld. Jim Blankenship	Bethlehem Church	276-935-6393
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Bro. Wallace Bowling	Mount Olivet Church	606-633-8411
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Eld. Terry Bryant	Little Jewell Church	606-473-6086
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Eld. Emory Caudill	Tolson Creek Church	606-633-4316
Bro. Gary Caudill	Bull Creek Church	606-633-3338
Eld. James Caudill	Mount Olivet Church	606-633-5415
Eld. Merle Caudill	Little Dove Church	606-633-3144
Eld. Vergle Caudill	Tolson Creek Church	606-633-8006
Eld. Wayne Caudill	Bull Creek Church	606-633-0494
Eld. Don Collins	Mount Zion Church	606-785-3774
Bro. Earl Combs	Bull Creek Church	606-633-9865
Bro. Luther Combs	Tolson Creek Church	606-633-1341
Eld. Robert Combs	Summertown Church	606-439-2198
Eld. Virgil Combs	Bull Creek Church	606-633-8090
Eld. Freddy Compton	Mount Olive Church	606-874-9293
Eld. Gary Compton	Pleasant Valley Church	606-377-2971
Eld. Bill Conley	Rose of Sharon Church	740-493-1104
Bro. Jimmy Conley	Pleasant Valley Church	606-946-2794

Bro. William Conley	Rose of Sharon Church	615-833-6087
Eld. Elwood Cornett	Mount Olivet Church	606-633-9269
Eld. Tim Cornett	Ivy Point Church	606-785-3541
Eld. Charles Craft	Bethany Church	606-785-5535
Eld. Nelson Craft	Little Bethlehem Church	606-785-3735
Bro. Willie Crase, Jr.	Rock Fork Church	606-285-1403
Eld. Harvey Creech	Poor Fork Church	606-589-5798
Bro. Arnold Deel	Pilgrims Home Church	276-597-7138
Eld. Bobby Davis	Little David Church	276-865-5555
Eld. Curl Dixon	Dixon Memorial Church	513-724-7170
Eld. Danny Dixon	Cedar Grove Church	606-633-0804
Eld. Carvel Edwards	Emmanuel Church	276-835-8563
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Eld. Michael Everage	Garden of Love Church	419-394-7041
Bro. Clifford Fields	Bull Creek Church	606-632-9897
Eld. Jim Fields	Little Zion Church	606-633-7014
Eld. John Fields	Little Zion Church	606-633-5749
Eld. Roger Fields	Kingdom Come Church	606-633-0871
Bro. Columbus Fleming	Emmanuel Church	276-597-7097
Eld. Freddy Frazier	Big Cowan Church	606-633-9700
Eld. Chester Gibson	Little Bethlehem Church	606-785-3709
Bro. Douglas Gibson	Big Creek Church	317-462-1248
Eld. Roger Gibson	Little Zion Church	606-476-8658
Bro. Clifford Gilbert	Kingdom Come Church	606-633-9563
Eld. Lonnie Gregory	Little Mary Church	606-783-0886
Bro. Charley Gross	Rock of Ages Church	260-761-1070
Bro. Lehman Gilliam	Big Leatherwood Church	606-675-5541
Bro. Anthony Hagerman	Rock of Ages Church	260-761-1222
Eld. Michael Hagerman	Bright Morning Star Ch.	304-967-9319
Eld. Steve Hagerman	Bright Morning Star Ch.	304-967-6138
Eld. Tommy Hagerman	Rock of Ages Church	260-761-5120
Eld. Bill Halcomb	Northern New Home Ch.	513-896-6800
Eld. Virgil Halcomb	Cedar Grove Church	Not listed
Bro. Dean Hall	Northern New Home	513-465-4575
Bro. Duane Hall	Happy Home Church	606-785-0248
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Eld. Jimmy Hall	Hemphill Church	606-639-6558
Eld. Clifton Hampton	Big Cowan Church	606-633-0428
Eld. Reed Hampton	Ivy Point Church	606-633-0915
Bro. Relon Hampton	Dixon Memorial Church	606-632-3081
Bro. Hase Hatfield	Little David Church	304-664-8139
Bro. Phillip Hicks	Reynolds Fork Church	606-785-4713
Bro. Robert Holcomb	Blair Branch Church	606-633-0030
Bro. Clifford Hughes	Lily of the Valley Church	740-886-7924
Bro. Terry Isaac	Bethlehem Church	606-452-4481
Bro. Coburn Ison	Big Creek Church	317-897-6344
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Bro. Zennith Ison	Cedar Grove Church	606-633-4950
Bro. Dean Jacobs	Blair Branch Church	606-642-3395
Eld. David Jent	Bull Creek Church	606-633-1441
Eld. Truman Jent	Bull Creek Church	606-633-9034
Bro. Curtis W. Keene	New Bethlehem Church	606-785-9259
Bro. Carl Lambert	Little Mary Church	606-473-6630
Bro. Willard Johnson	Rock of Ages Church	260-562-9248
Eld. Carlos Little	Bethany Church	606-297-4753
Bro. Theodore Looney	Emmanuel Church	276-531-7017
Eld. Jerry Manns	Rock Fork Church	606-358-9140
Eld. C. Paul McClanahan	Little David Church	276-963-8403
Eld. James McClanahan	Bethlehem Church	276-935-4056
Eld. Johnny McClanahan	Bethlehem Church	276-935-8378
Bro.William McClanahan	Bethlehem Church	276-935-2103
Eld. Bill Moore	New Home Church	606-785-4888
Eld. Alonzo Mosley	Ivy Point Church	606-785-3430
Eld. Billy Mosley	Garden of Love Church	419-229-6607
Eld. Earl Mosley	Mount Zion Church	606-785-5788
Eld. Gary Mosley	Garden of Love Church	419-221-0340
Eld. L.D. Mosley	Mount Zion Church	606-785-0146
Eld. Alger Mullins	Happy Home Church	606-642-3792
Eld. Eddie Newsome	Emmanuel Church	276-865-4410
Eld. Frank Newsome	Little David Church	276-597-7945
Eld. Jerry Newsome	Emmanuel Church	276-865-5363
Bro. David Nichols	Big Leatherwood Church	606-675-7205

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Eld. David O'Quinn	Emmanuel Church	276-835-1761
Bro. Johnny Patrick	Reynolds Fork Church	606-785-3395
Eld. Mitchell Patrick	Rock of Ages Church	260-894-3833
Eld. Layton Phipps	Rose of Sharon Church	513-877-6683
Bro. John W. Potter	Hemphill Church	606-285-0690
Eld. Don Pratt	Blair Branch Church	606-642-3815
Eld. Oscar Raines	Little David Church	859-278-5770
Eld. Euel Ratliff	Little Jewell Church	606-324-9793
Eld. H.B. Reedy, Jr.	Little Bethlehem Church	859-626-0103
Bro. Denver Ritchie	Reynolds Fork Church	606-785-3766
Eld. Odis Ritchie	New Bethlehem Church	606-251-3683
Bro. Curlis Roark	Big Creek Church	812-352-0398
Bro. George Roark	Kingdom Come Church	606-633-3172
Bro. Randy Robinson	Emmanuel Church	270-737-2934
Eld. Ronnie Robinson	New Home Church	606-368-4521
Bro. Felden Ruggles, Jr.	Lily of the Valley Church	740-532-3392
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Eld. Charles Shepherd	Hurricane Gap Church	606-589-5458
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Bro. Hershell Short	Little Bethany Church	859-498-7440
Bro. Marvis Short	Little Bethlehem Church	606-785-5275
Bro. Benny Slone	Little Mary Church	606-451-2444
Eld. Carl Slone	New Bethlehem Church	606-785-5595
Eld. Carl Slone	Garden of Love Church	219-897-2795
Bro. Clyde Slone	New Home Church	Not listed
Eld. Earl Slone	Rock Fork Church	606-478-2781
Eld. James Slone	Little Bethany Church	859-497-6446
Bro. Jeff Slone	Mount Olive Church	270-866-9345
Bro. Joe Slone	Little Bethany Church	859-768-9515
Bro. Marty Slone	New Home Church	606-785-3077
Eld. Milburn Slone	New Home Church	606-785-5863
Bro. Roy Slone	Mount Olive Church	606-633-0246
Bro. Michael Smallwood	Little Bethany Church	859-499-3250
Bro. Northern Smallwood	Little Bethany Church	260-499-4667
Bro. David Smith	Little Dove Church	606-587-1699

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	606-633-0281
	419-394-3778
	606-368-2076
	606-633-2078
	276-835-9104
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	812-346-3139
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•	513-575-4256
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	606-476-2707
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#### **CHURCH INFORMATION**

#### BETHANY CHURCH

1029 Chestnut St., Kenova, WV

Moderator: Clerk:

Eld. Charles Craft Fred Ross

6657 Hwy. 582, Box 132 1924 Beech St.

Pinetop, KY 41843 Kenova, WV 25530 Phone: 606-785-5535 Phone: 304-633-3211

Regular Meeting Time: First Saturday and Sunday

Ministers:

Eld. Charles Craft Eld. Carlos Little

6657 Hwy. 582, Box 132 Box 145

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Phone: 606-785-5535 Phone: 606-297-4753

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#### **BETHLEHEM CHURCH**

Rt 604, Poplar Creek, Grundy, VA

Moderator: Clerk:

Eld. Jim Blankenship Johnny Deel Rt. 2, Box 195-B Rt. 2, Box 288

Grundy, VA 24614 Grundy, VA 24614 Phone: 276-935-6393 Phone: 276-531-8140

Regular Meeting Time: Third Saturday and Sunday. Appointed Meeting Time: First Sunday at 5:00 p.m.

# Bethlehem Church... (continued)

Ministers:

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#### **BIG COWAN CHURCH**

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Moderator: Clerk: Jerry Day Eld. Ellis Adams

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Regular Meeting Time: Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Appointed Meeting Time: Second Sunday at 5:00 p.m.

Ministers:

Eld. Freddy Frazier Eld. Clifton Hampton 107 Woodside Drive 29 Brewer Drive

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#### BIG CREEK CHURCH

Highway 7, Dupont, IN

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Clerk:

Billy Maggard

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#### BIG LEATHERWOOD CHURCH

Cornettsville, KY

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Regular Meeting Time: Third Saturday and Sunday.

Ministers:

Bro. Lehman Gilliam Bro. David Nichols Delphia, KY 41735 Slemp, KY 41763 Phone: 606-675-5541 Phone: 606-675-7205

#### **BLAIR BRANCH CHURCH**

Highway 7, Jeremiah, KY

Moderator: Clerk:

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19 Blair Branch Rd. 4625 Highway 7 South Jeremiah, KY 41826 Letcher, KY 41832

Phone: 606-633-9740 Phone: 606-633-4453

Regular Meeting Time: Third Saturday and Sunday.

Ministers:

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119 Blair Branch Rd.
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# **BRIGHT MORNING STAR CHURCH**

Paynesville, WV

Moderator: Clerk:

Eld. Steve Hagerman Michael Hagerman P. O. Box 447 HC 61, Box 59B

Jolo, WV 24850 Paynesville, WV 24873 Phone: 304-967-6138 Phone: 304-967-9319

Regular Meeting Time: First Saturday and Sunday. Appointed Meeting Time: Third Sunday at 5:00 p.m.

Ministers:

Eld. Steve Hagerman Eld. Michael Hagerman

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# **BULL CREEK CHURCH**

Highway 3408, Blackey, KY

Moderator: Clerk:

Eld. Homer Smith Earl Combs

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Jeremiah, KY 41826 Blackey, KY 41804

Phone: 606-633-0281 Phone: 606-633-9865

Regular Meeting Time: Third Saturday and Sunday. Appointed Meeting Time: First Sunday at 5:00 p.m.

# Bull Creek Church... (continued)

Ministers:

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Eld. David Jent Eld. Truman Jent 1503 Carcassone Rd. 1692 Carcassone Rd. Blackey, KY 41804 Blackey, KY 41804 Phone: 606-633-1441 Phone: 606-633-9034

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Bro. Gary Caudill
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## **CEDAR GROVE CHURCH**

Highway 1103, Hallie, KY.

Moderator: Clerk:

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Regular Meeting Time: Fourth Saturday and Sunday

# Cedar Grove Church... (continued)

Ministers:

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Eld. Squire Watts

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Cornettsville, KY 41731

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#### CHESTER HOGG MEMORIAL CHURCH

Charlestown, IN

Moderator: Clerk:

Eld. Roger Gibson Mike Bowen Box 1383 145 Eathan Ct.

Viper, KY 41774 Mt. Washington, KY 40047

Phone: 606-476-8658 Phone: 502-538-8444

Regular Meeting Time: First Saturday and Sunday.

Ministers:

Eld. John Eldridge Bro. Lawrence Brown 615 Mount Tabor Rd. 3790 Highway 160 Charlestown, IN 47111 Phone: 270-325-4545 Phone: 812-256-6120

# **CLEAR FORK CHURCH**

Route 1088, Lotts Creek, KY

Moderator: Clerk:

Eld. Charles Shepherd Franklin Fugate HC 77, Box 90 P. O. Box 94 Gordon, KY 41819 Fisty, KY 41743

Phone: 606-589-5458 Phone: 502-957-5996

Regular Meeting Time: First Saturday and Sunday.

#### DEFEATED CREEK CHURCH

Defeated Creek, Linefork, KY

Moderator: Clerk:

Eld. Elwood Cornett Keith Smith

262 Elwood Road 1470 Defeated Creek Blackey, KY 41804 Linefork, KY 41833 Phone: 606-633-9269 Phone: 606-633-4181

Regular Meeting Time: Second Saturday and Sunday.

#### DIXON MEMORIAL CHURCH

Highway 7, Jeremiah, KY

Moderator: Clerk:

Eld. Carl Back Relon Hampton P. O. Box 44 P. O. Box 62

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Regular Meeting Time: Fourth Saturday and Sunday.

Ministers:

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Phone: 606-633-9486

Eld. Roger Whitaker
1989 Johnson Fork
Premium, KY 41845
Phone: 606-633-0157
Eld. Rulah Whitaker
8028 Bates Road
Faubush, KY 42544
Phone: 270-866-4742

# Dixon Memorial Church... (continued)

Bro. Relon Hampton

P.O. Box 62

Premium, KY 41845 Phone: 606-632-3081

#### EMMANUEL CHURCH

Rt 63, off Rt.80, Haysi, VA

Moderator:

Eld. Toby Bailey HC 01, Box 720

Birchleaf, VA 24220 Phone: 276-865-4407 Clerk:

Tommy Prater P. O. Box 245

Feds Creek, KY 41524 Phone: 606-835-2199

Regular Meeting Time: Second Saturday and Sunday

Ministers:

Eld. Carvel Edwards RR 1, Box 245 Haysi, VA 24256 Phone: 276-835-8563

Eld. Jerry Newsome Rt. 2, Box 34 Haysi, VA 24256 Phone: 276-865-5363

Eld. Benny Stanley Rt. 2, Box 250 Coburn, VA 24230 Phone: 276-835-9104

Bro. Theodore Looney P. O. Box 131 Breaks, VA 24607 Phone: 276-531-7017 Eld. Eddie Newsome HCR 01, Box 960 Birchleaf, VA 24220 Phone: 276-865-4410

Eld. David O'Quinn RR 1, Box 592C Clintwood, VA 24228 Phone: 276-835-1761

Bro. Columbus Fleming Rt. 2, Box 355A Haysi, VA 24256 Phone: 276-597-7097

Bro. Randy Robinson 1051 Greenway Drive Elizabethtown, KY 42701 Phone: 270-737-2934

# Emmanuel Church... (continued)

Bro. Tony Yates

Rt. 2, Box 398A

Haysi, VA 24256

Phone: 276-597-8290

#### FRIENDSHIP CHURCH

Ike Singleton Road, Waynesburg, KY

Moderator: Clerk:

Eld. Emory Caudill

91 Emory Lane

Solution Plackey, KY 41804

Robert Whitaker

59 Bobby Noe Rd.

Lancaster, KY 40444

Phone: 606-633-4316 Phone: 859-548-2726

Regular Meeting Time: Third Saturday and Sunday.

#### GARDEN OF LOVE CHURCH

St. Mary's, OH

Moderator: Clerk:

Eld. Gary Mosley Michael Everage 626 Country View Circle P. O. Box 234

Lima, OH 45801 St. Mary's, OH 45885

Phone: 419-221-0340 Phone: 419-394-7041

Regular Meeting Time: Third Saturday and Sunday. Appointed Meeting Time: Every Sunday at 10:00 a.m.

Ministers:

Eld. Michael Everage Eld. Billy Mosley P. O. Box 234 607 Willard Ave St. Mary's, OH 45885 Lima, OH 45804

Phone: 419-394-7041 Phone: 419-229-6607

# Garden of Love Church... (continued)

Eld. Gary Mosley Eld. Carl Slone 626 Country View Circle 6894 E. SR 8

Lima, OH 45801 Kendallville, IN 46705 Phone: 419-221-0340 Phone: 219-897-2795

Eld. Tim Smith

237 N. Cherry Street St. Mary's, OH 45885

Phone: 419-394-3778

#### HAPPY HOME CHURCH

Amburgey, KY

Moderator: Clerk:

Eld. Don Pratt Alger Mullins

19 Pauley Hollow 132 Seals Hollow Rd. Sassafras, KY 41759 Litt Carr, KY 41834 Phone: 606-642-3815 Phone: 606-642-3792

Regular Meeting Time: First Saturday and Sunday. Appointed Meeting Time: Third Sunday at 6:00 p.m.

Ministers:

Eld. Alger Mullins
Bro. Duane Hall
132 Seals Hollow Rd.
Litt Carr, KY 41834
Phone: 606-642-3792
Bro. Duane Hall
2324 Mallie Rd.
Mallie, KY 41836
Phone: 606-785-0248

# **HEMPHILL CHURCH**

Neon, KY

Moderator: Clerk:

Eld. Jimmy Hall Bobby Boyd

6071 Robinson Creek Rd. 116 Maple Hill Drive Robinson Creek, KY 41560 Pikeville, KY 41501

Phone: 606-639-6558 Phone: 606-432-3684

# Hemphill Church... (continued)

Regular Meeting Time: First Saturday and Sunday. Appointed Meeting Time: Third Sunday at 6:00 p.m.

Ministers:

Eld. Jimmy Hall Bro.John Wayne Potter

6071 Robinson Creek Rd. 993 Wilson Creek Robinson Creek, KY 41560 Langley, KY 41645

Phone: 606-639-6558 Phone: 606-285-0690

#### HURRICANE GAP CHURCH

Highway 160, Gordon, KY

Moderator: Clerk:

Eld. Charles Shepherd Keith Smith

HC 77, Box 90 1470 Defeated Creek Gordon, KY 41819 Linefork, KY 41833

Phone: 606-589-5458 Phone: 606-633-4181

Regular Meeting Time: Third Saturday and Sunday. Appointed Meeting Time: Odd Saturday at 6:30 p.m.

Ministers:

Eld. Charles Shepherd

HC 77, Box 90

Gordon, KY 41819

Phone: 606-589-5458

#### IVY POINT CHURCH

Highway 550, Garner, KY

Moderator: Clerk:

Eld. Alonzo Mosley Tim Cornett
Box 234 P. O. Box 583
Garner, KY 41817 Carrie, KY 41725

Phone: 606-785-3430 Phone: 606-785-3541

Ivy Point Church... (continued)

Regular Meeting Time: Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Appointed Meeting Time: First Sunday at 6:00 p.m.

Ministers:

Eld. Tim Cornett

P.O. Box 583

Carrie, KY 41725

Phone: 606-785-3541

Blackey, KY 41804

Phone: 606-633-0915

Eld. Reed Hampton P.O. Box 212

Eld. Alonzo Mosley

Box 234

Garner, KY 41817

Phone: 606-785-3430

Eld. Keith Thomas

Pippa Passes, KY 41844 Phone: 606-368-2985

Bro. Clinton Williams

225 Haywood Br.

Prestonsburg, KY 41653

Phone: 606-886-9996

KINGDOM COME CHURCH

Rt. 588, Premium, KY

Moderator:

Eld. Roger Fields

2656 Defeated Creek

Linefork, KY 41833

Phone: 606-633-0871

Clerk:

Matt Combs

11768 Highway 160

Whitesburg, KY 41858

Phone: 606-633-9890

Regular Meeting Time: First Saturday and Sunday.

Ministers:

Eld. Roger Fields

2656 Defeated Creek

Linefork, KY 41833

Phone: 606-633-0871

Bro. Clifford Gilbert

P. O. Box 28

Linefork, KY 41833

Phone: 606-633-9563

# Kingdom Come Church... (continued)

Bro. George Roark

P. O. Box 117

Roxana, KY 41848

Phone: 606-633-3172

## LILY OF THE VALLEY CHURCH

Proctorville, OH

Moderator: Clerk:

Eld. Lonnie Gregory
Clifford Hughes
4910 Flemingsburg Rd
Morehead, KY 40351
Township Rd. 88

Phone 606-783-0886 Proctorville, OH 45669

Phone: 740-886-7924

Regular Meeting Time: Third Saturday and Sunday.

Ministers:

Bro. Clifford Hughes
Bro. Felden Ruggles, Jr.
49 Private Dr. 335
3910 Co. Rd. 21

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 3910 Co. Rd. 21

 Township Rd. 88
 Ironton, OH 45638

Proctorville, OH 45669 Phone: 740-532-3392

Phone: 740-886-7924

# LITTLE BETHANY CHURCH

Sawmill Road, Jeffersonville, KY

Moderator: Clerk:

Eld. Hurley Short Hershell Short 1595 Sawmill Rd. 1605 Sawmill Rd.

Jeffersonville, KY 40337
Phone: 859-498-0669

Jeffersonville, KY 40337
Phone: 859-498-7440

Regular Meeting Time: Fourth Saturday and Sunday.

# Little Bethany Church... (continued)

Ministers:

Eld. Hurley Short Eld. James Slone

1595 Sawmill Rd. 11643 Hope Means Rd.

Jeffersonville, KY 40337 Means, KY 40346 Phone: 859-498-0669 Phone: 859-497-6446

Filone: 839-498-0009 1 none: 839-497-0440

Bro. Hershell Short Bro. Joe Slone

1605 Sawmill Rd. 6763 Garland Hollow Rd.

Jeffersonville, KY 40337 Means, KY 40346
Phone: 859-498-7440 Phone: 859-768-9515

Bro. Michael Smallwood Bro. Northern Smallwood

11655 Hope Means Rd. Phone: 260-499-4667 Means, KY 40346

# LITTLE BETHLEHEM CHURCH

Highway 160, Brinkley, KY

Phone: 859-499-3250

Moderator: Clerk:

Eld. Don Pratt
Bob Amburgey
19 Pauley Hollow
1810 Hwy. 582
Sassafras, KY 41759
Pinetop, KY 41843

Phone: 606-642-3815 Phone: 606-785-4043

Regular Meeting Time: Fourth Saturday and Sunday.

Ministers:

Eld. Bob Amburgey Eld. Nelson Craft 1810 Highway 582 65 Craft Lane

Pinetop, KY 41843 Hindman, KY 41822 Phone: 606-785-4043 Phone: 606-785-3735

# Little Bethlehem Church... (continued)

Eld. Chester Gibson

Box 186

Leburn, KY 41831

Phone: 606-785-3709

Bro. Marvis Short

P.O. Box 27

Hindman, KY 41822

Phone: 606-785-5275

LITTLE DAVID CHURCH

Clerk:

Haysi, VA

Moderator:

Eld. Frank Newsome

Rt. 2, Box 302

Haysi, VA 24256

Phone: 276-597-7945

C. Paul McClanahan

Eld. H. B. Reedy ,Jr.

235 Saratoga Circle Richmond, KY 40475

Phone: 859-626-0103

1152 Pleasant Valley Road

Cedar Bluff, VA 24609

Phone: 276-963-8403

Regular Meeting Time: Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Appointed Meeting Time: Second Sunday at 5:00 p.m.

Ministers:

Eld. C. Paul McClanahan 1152 Pleasant Valley Road

Cedar Bluff, VA 24609

Phone: 276-963-8403

Eld. Bobby Davis P. O. Box 701

Havsi, VA 24256

Phone: 276-865-5555

Eld. Frank Newsome

Rt. 2, Box 302

Haysi, VA 24256

Phone: 276-597-7945

Eld. Oscar Raines

2071 Tamarak Dr.

Lexington, KY 40504

Phone: 859-278-5770

# Little David Church... (continued)

Eld. Danny Yates Bro. Hase Hatfield Rt. 2, Box 319 34 Willow Lane Haysi, VA 24256 Gilbert, WV 25621 Phone: 276-597-2304 Phone: 304-664-8139

#### LITTLE DOVE CHURCH

Little Dove Church Road

Sassafras, KY

Moderator: Clerk:

Eld. Don Pratt
Merle Caudill
19 Pauley Hollow
Sassafras, KY 41759
Phone: 606-642-3815
Merle Caudill
140 Pane Drive
Jeremiah, KY 41826
Phone: 606-633-3144

Regular Meeting Time: Second Saturday and Sunday. Appointed Meeting Time: Odd Saturday Night at 6:30 p.m.

#### Ministers:

Eld. Merle Caudill
Bro.David Smith
140 Pane Drive
838 Mink Branch Rd.
Jeremiah, KY 41826
Craynor, KY 41635
Phone: 606-633-3144
Phone: 606-587-1699

# LITTLE JEWELL CHURCH

Ashland, KY

Moderator: Clerk:

 Eld. Terry Bryant
 John M. Burke

 2129 State Rt.10
 170 McKnight St.

 Greenup, KY 41144
 Ashland, KY 41102

 Phone: 606-473-6086
 Phone: 606-324-2358

Regular Meeting Time: Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Appointed Meeting Time: Each Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.

# Little Jewell Church... (continued)

Ministers:

Eld. Terry Bryant Eld. Monroe Breeding, Jr.

2129 State Rt.10 Thompson Rd.

Greenup, KY 41144 Shepherdsville, KY 40165

Phone: 606-473-6086 Phone: 502-543-1451

Eld. Euel Ratliff 3409 Slem St.

Ashland, KY 41102

Phone: 606-324-9793

#### LITTLE MARY CHURCH

Rt 1895, Morehead, KY

Moderator: Clerk:

Eld. Lonnie Gregory Coy Tolliver 4910 Flemingsburg Rd. HC 69, Box 1335

Morehead, KY 40351 Frenchburg, KY 40322 Phone: 606-783-0886 Phone: 606-768-9014

Regular Meeting Time: Second Saturday and Sunday. Appointed Meeting Time: Odd Sundays at 9:30 a.m.

Ministers:

Eld. Lonnie Gregory
4910 Flemingsburg Rd
Morehead, KY 40351

Bro. John Bowling
Rt. 3, Box 980
Olive Hill, KY 41164

Phone: 606-783-0886 Phone: 606-738-5794

Bro. James "Carl" Lambert Bro. Benny Slone

HC 60, Box 910 300 Solar Place Rd.

Greenup, KY 41144 Somerset, KY 42503

Phone: 606-473-6630 Phone: 606-451-2444

# Little Mary Church... (continued)

Bro. Coy Tolliver

HC 69, Box 1335

Frenchburg, KY 40322

Phone: 606-768-9014

#### LITTLE ZION CHURCH

Highway 15, Jeff, KY

Moderator:

Eld. Jim Fields

966 Tolby Branch

Hallie, KY 41821

Phone: 606-633-7014

Clerk:

Jay McCool

315 Campbell Town Rd.

Cornettsville, KY 41731

Phone:606-633-0383

Regular Meeting Time: Second Saturday and Sunday. Appointed Meeting Time: Fourth Sunday at 5:00 p.m.

Ministers:

Eld. Jim Fields

966 Tolby Branch

Phone: 606-633-7014

Hallie, KY 41821 Jeremiah, KY 41826

Phone: 606-633-5749

Eld. John Fields

44 Cross Road

Eld. Roger Gibson

Box 13831

Viper, KY 41774

Phone: 606-476-8658

# MOUNT OLIVE CHURCH

Slonefork Road, Garner, KY

Moderator:

Eld. Eugene Thacker

P. O. Box 113

Garner, KY 41817

Phone: 606-785-0784

Clerk:

Roy Slone

P. O. Box 177

Isom, KY 41824

Phone: 606-633-0246

# Mount Olive Church... (continued)

Regular Meeting Time: Second Saturday and Sunday. Appointed Meeting Time: Fourth Sunday at 6:00 p.m.

#### Ministers:

Eld. Freddy Compton Eld. Earnest Smith 8276 Ky. Rt. 1428 Leburn, KY 41831 Allen, KY 41601 Phone: 606-785-4718

Phone: 606-874-9293

Eld. Eugene Thacker Bro. Jeff Slone P. O. Box 113 HC 66, Box 8010 Garner, KY 41817 Faubush KY 42544 Phone: 606-785-0784 Phone: 270-866-9345

Bro. Roy Slone P. O. Box 177 Isom, KY 41824

Phone: 606-633-0246

# MOUNT OLIVET CHURCH

Blackey, KY

Moderator: Clerk:

Eld. Elwood Cornett Curtis Caudill 262 Elwood Road 3063 Tranquil Lane Blackey, KY 41804 Asheboro, NC 27205 Phone: 606-633-9269

Phone: 336-328-0899

Regular Meeting Time: First Saturday and Sunday.

# Ministers:

Eld. Toby Breeding Eld. James Caudill 851 Spring Branch Rd. P. O. Box 179 Jeremiah, KY 41826 Blackey, KY 41804

Phone: 606-633-8836 Phone: 606-633-5415

# Mount Olivet Church... (continued)

Eld. Elwood Cornett

262 Elwood Road

Blackey, KY 41804 Blackey, KY 41804

Phone: 606-633-8411 Phone: 606-633-9269

Bro. Wallace Bowling

P.O. Box 177

#### MOUNT ZION CHURCH

Perkins Branch, Hindman, KY

Clerk: Moderator:

Eld. Earl Mosley Donald Lee Collins P.O. Box 307 340 Collins Branch Rd. Leburn, KY 41831 Pinetop, KY 41843

Phone: 606-785-5778 Phone: 606-785-0330

Regular Meeting Time: Second Saturday and Sunday.

Ministers:

Eld. Donald Collins Eld. Earl Mosley 66 Haynes Drive P. O. Box 307 Hindman, KY 41822 Leburn, KY 41831 Phone: 606-785-3774 Phone: 606-785-5778

Eld. L.D. Mosley 579 Combs Branch Road Hindman, KY 41822 Phone: 606-785-0146

## NEW BETHLEHEM CHURCH

Off Rt. 80, Talcum, KY

Clerk: Moderator:

Robert Everage Eld. Carl Slone

Box 322 5297 Big Branch Rd Hindman, KY 41822 Amburgey, KY 41773

Phone: 606-785-5595 Phone: 606-642-3020

# New Bethlehem Church... (continued)

Regular Meeting Time: Third Saturday and Sunday. Appointed Meeting Time: First Sunday at 6:00 p.m.

Odd Sundays at 9:30 a.m.

Ministers:

Eld. Odis Ritchie Eld. Carl Slone

7680 Vest Talcum Rd. Box 32

Talcum, KY 41722 Hindman, KY 41822 Phone: 606-251-3683 Phone: 606-785-5595

Bro. Curtis Wayne Keene

Hindman, KY 41822 Phone: 606-785-9259

**NEW HOME CHURCH** 

Highway 550, Leburn, KY

Moderator: Clerk:

Eld. Ronnie Robinson Johnny Watson Box 222 5468 Hwy. 36 East

Pippa Passes, KY 41844 Olympia, KY 40358 Phone: 606-368-4521 Phone: 606-674-2785

Regular Meeting Time: First Saturday and Sunday.

Ministers:

Eld. Mickey Amburgey Eld. Bill Moore Box 006 Leburn, KY 41831

Litcarr, KY 41834 Phone: 606-785-4888

Phone: 606-785-5917

Eld. Ronnie Robinson

Box 222 Garner, KY 41817

Pippa Passes, KY 41844 Phone: 606-785-5863

Phone: 606-368-4521

Eld. Milburn Slone

# New Home Church... (continued)

Bro. Jim Rush P. O. Box 831

Owensville, KY 40360 Phone: 606-674-8557 Bro. Clyde Slone Mallie, KY 41836

Bro. Marty Slone P. O. Box 193 Garner, KY 41817 Phone: 606-785-3077 Bro. Harlis Watts Mousie, KY 41839 Phone: 606-946-2479

#### **NORTHERN NEW HOME**

Stumpy Lane, Goshen, OH

Moderator:

Eld. Bill Halcomb 1259 James Road

Hamilton, OH 45013 Phone: 513-896-6800 Clerk:

Jack Varney 1379 Fay Rd

Loveland, OH 45140 Phone: 513-575-4256

Regular Meeting Time: Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Appointed Meeting Time: Odd Sunday at 10:00 a.m.

Second Sunday at 10:00 a.m.

Ministers:

Eld. Bill Halcomb

1259 James Road

Hamilton, OH 45013 Phone: 513-896-6800 Eld. Irvin Stollings

8408 South Mountain Rd.

Pound, VA 24279

Phone: 276-796-7311

Eld. Sherman R. Williamson

9135 Haines Rd.

Waynesville, OH 45068 Phone: 937-885-3191 Eld. Jack Varney 1379 Fay Rd.

Loveland, OH 45140 Phone: 513-575-4256

# Northern New Home... (continued)

Bro. Dean Hall

Shady Ln. Mobile Home Village Lot #340

Mason, OH 45040 Phone: 513-465-4575

#### PILGRIMS HOME CHURCH

Vansant, VA

Moderator:

Eld. Arnold Bailey

Rt. 1, Box 512 Vansant, VA 24656

Phone: 276-597-2424 615-597-3055 Clerk:

Leo Bailey

Rt. 1, Box 570-C Vansant. VA 24656

Phone: 276-597-8197

Regular Meeting Time: First Saturday and Sunday. Appointed Meeting Time: Odd Sunday at 10:00 a.m.

Ministers:

Eld. Arnold Bailey

Rt. 1, Box 512 Vansant, VA 24656

Phone: 276-597-2424

Eld. Lonnie Thacker

490 Georgia Rd.

Gray Court, SC 29645

Phone: 864-683-4466

Bro. Arnold Deel

Rt. 2, Box 340

Haysi, VA 24256

Phone: 276-597-7138

# PLEASANT VALLEY CHURCH

Rt. 3380, Grethel, KY

Moderator:

Eld. Gary Compton

Rt. 122 Hi-Hat, KY 41636

Phone: 606-377-2971

Clerk:

Jimmy L. Conley

P. O. Box 223

Mousie, KY 41839

Phone: 606-946-2794

Pleasant Valley Church... (continued)

Regular Meeting Time: First Saturday and Sunday. Appointed Meeting Time: Third Sunday at 6:00 p.m.

Ministers:

Eld. Gary Compton Bro. Jimmy L. Conley

Rt. 122 P. O. Box 223

Hi-Hat, KY 41636 Mousie, KY 41839 Phone: 606-377-2971 Phone: 606-946-2794

POOR FORK CHURCH

Cumberland, KY

Moderator: Clerk: Eld. Harvey Creech Joe Steely

384 Hwy. 3404 P. O. Box 1919

Partridge, KY 40862 Middlesboro, KY 40965 Phone: 606-589-5798 Phone: 606-248-0750

Regular Meeting Time: First Saturday and Sunday. Appointed Meeting Time: Odd Sunday at 9:30 a.m.

Fourth Saturday at 5:00 p.m.

Ministers:

Eld. Toby Bailey Eld. Harvey Creech HC 01, Box 720 384 Hwy. 3404

Birchleaf, VA 24220 Partridge, KY 40862 Phone: 276-865-4407 Phone: 606-589-5798

REYNOLDS FORK CHURCH

Highway 1393, Mallie, KY

Moderator: Clerk:

Eld. Paul Watson Denver Ritchie

P. O. Box 15 365 Ellis Bentley Rd. Mallie, KY 41836 Mallie, KY 41836

Phone: 606-785-5028 Phone: 606-785-3766

Reynolds Fork Church... (continued)

Regular Meeting Time: Third Saturday and Sunday. Appointed Meeting Time: Fourth Sunday at 6:00 p.m.

Each Wednesday at 6:00 p.m.

Ministers:

Eld. Ivan J. Amburgey Eld. Paul Watson 6613 Hwy. 582 P. O. Box 15

Pinetop, KY 41843 Mallie, KY 41836

Phone: 606-785-3034 Phone: 606-785-5028

Bro. Phillip Hicks
P. O. Box 202
Pinetop, KY 41843
Phone: 606-785-4713
Bro. Johnny Patrick
3922 S. Hwy. 160
Hindman, KY 41822
Phone: 606-785-3395

Bro. Denver Ritchie Bro. Paul M. Watson

365 Ellis Bentley Rd. Richmond, KY. Mallie, KY 41836

Phone: 606-785-3766

# **ROCK FORK CHURCH**

Rt. 80, Knott/Floyd County Line, KY

Moderator: Clerk:

Eld. Earl Slone Arlie Jackson, Jr.
P. O. Box 159 P. O. Box 384
Wayland, KY 41666 Garrett, KY 41630
Phone: 606-478-2781 Phone: 606-358-4941

Regular Meeting Time: Fourth Saturday and Sunday.

Appointed Meeting Time: 1st, 2nd and 3rd Sunday at 5:00 p.m.

Odd Sunday at 10:00 a.m.

# Rock Fork Church... (continued)

Ministers:

Eld. Jerry Manns 153 Reed Branch

Hueysville, KY 41640

Phone: 606-358-9140

Bro. Willie Crace, Jr.

P.O. Box 201

Martin, KY 41649

Phone: 606-285-1403

Eld. Earl Slone P.O. Box 159

Wayland, KY 41666 Phone: 606-478-2781

# ROCK OF AGES CHURCH

Ligonier, IN

Moderator:

Eld. Mitchell Patrick 311 Mercer St.

Ligonier, IN 46767

Phone: 260-894-3833

Clerk:

Charles Gross 8833 N. 450 W.

Ligonier, IN 46767

Phone: 260-761-1070

Regular Meeting Time: Second Saturday and Sunday. Appointed Meeting Time: Odd Sunday at 10:00 a.m.

Ministers:

Eld. Tommy Hagerman

8919 N. 450 W Ligonier, IN 46767

Phone: 260-761-5120

Eld. Mitchell Patrick

311 Mercer St.

Ligonier, IN 46767 Phone: 260-894-3833

Bro. Charles Gross

8833 N. 450 W.

Ligonier, IN 46767

Phone: 260-761-1070

Bro. Anthony Hagerman

4575 W. 900 N.

Ligonier, IN 46767

Phone: 260-761-1222

# Rock of Ages Church... (continued)

Bro. Willard Johnson

4285 N. St. Rd. 9

Howe, IN

Phone: 260-562-9248

#### ROSE OF SHARON CHURCH

P. O. Box 315, Beaver, OH

Moderator:

Eld. Layton Phipps 9577 Jackson Runyon Rd.

Pleasant Plain, OH 45162

Phone: 513-877-6683

Clerk:

William Conley

1940 Red Bridge Rd.

Pebbles, OH 45660 Phone: 615-833-6087

Regular Meeting Time: First Saturday and Sunday. Appointed Meeting Time: Odd Sunday at 9:30 a.m.

Ministers:

Eld. Layton Phipps 9577 Jackson Runyon Rd.

Pleasant Plain, OH 45162

Phone: 513-877-6683

Eld. Bill Conley

1940 Red Bridge Rd. Peoples, OH 45660

Phone: 740-493-1104

Bro. William Conley

380 Harding Place

Nashville, TN 37211

Phone: 615-833-6087

Bro. James Webb, Jr. 1551 Lindaire Lane

Mansfield, OH 44906

Phone: 419-529-2419

# SUMMERTOWN CHURCH

Big Fork Road, Lotts Creek, KY

Moderator: Clerk:

Eld. Howard Owens Robert Combs

39 Clear Fork Road 4463 Lotts Creek Road

Hazard, KY 41701 Hazard, KY 41701

Phone: 606-785-0284 Phone: 606-439-2198

Summertown Church... (continued)

Regular Meeting Time: Second Saturday and Sunday. Appointed Meeting Time: Odd-Sunday at 5:30 p.m.

#### Ministers:

Eld. Robert Combs
4463 Lotts Creek Road
Hazard, KY 41701
Phone: 606-439-2198
Eld. Howard Owens
39 Clear Fork Road
Hazard, KY 41701
Phone: 606-785-0284

Eld. Marvin Sparkman 189 Trace Caney Rd. Pippa Passes, KY 41844 Phone: 606-368-2076

#### TOLSON CREEK CHURCH

Highway 588, Roxanna, KY

Moderator: Clerk: Eld. Toby Breeding Phillip

Eld. Toby Breeding Phillip Combs
851 Spring Branch Rd. 868 Stampers Branch

Jeremiah, KY 41826 Isom, KY 41824

Phone: 606-633-8836 Phone: 606-633-1127

Regular Meeting Time: Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Appointed Meeting Time: Second Saturday at 6:30 p.m.

# Ministers:

Eld. Emory Caudill Eld. Vergle Caudill

91 Emory Lane Box 172

Blackey, KY 41804 Blackey, KY 41804 Phone: 606-633-4316 Phone: 606-633-8006

Bro. Luther Combs 914 Stamper Branch Isom, KY 41824

Phone: 606-633-1341

STATISTICAL TABLE											
Church	Rc'd by Exp & Baptism	Rc'd by Letter	Restored	Recommendation	Dismissed by Letter	Lost by Death	Excluded	Total Membership	Meeting Time	Sat. Service Time	Contribution
Cedar Grove	9	0	0	0	0	7	4	168	4	9:30	\$400
New Home	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	45	1	9:30	\$200
Defeated Creek	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	22	2	9:30	\$200
Reynolds Fork	1	1	2	0	1	1	15	90	3	9:30	\$300
Bull Creek	3	0	2	0	0	3	2	63	3	6:00	\$250
Ivy Point	1	3	0	0	5	1	2	44	4	6:00	\$100
Little Dove	1	0	0	0	0	2	7	81	2	9:30	\$400
Tolson Creek	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	40	4	6:30	\$300
Dixon Memorial	1	0	0	0	0	1	3	37	4	9:30	\$125
Big Creek	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	52	4	3:00	\$300
Happy Home	1	0	0	0	0	3	0	31	1	9:30	\$150
New Bethlehem	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	24	3	9:30	\$150
Clear Fork	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	18	1	9:30	\$150
Northern New Home	0	4	1	0	0	0	4	81	4	6:00	\$250
Blair Branch	4	1	0	0	0	6	0	96	3	6:30	\$500
Mt. Olivet	1	0	0	0	0	5	0	98	1	6:30	\$450
Little Zion	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	20	2	6:30	\$250
Hurricane Gap	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	35	3	6:30	\$250
Kingdom Come	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	13	1	9:30	\$125
Poor Fork	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	19	1	5:00	\$200
Big Cowan	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	34	4	9:30	\$225
Little Mary	3	4	0	0	2	2	5	35	2	6:00	\$300

STATISTICAL TABLE											
Church	Rc'd by Exp & Baptism	Rc'd by Letter	Restored	Rc'd by Recommendation	Dismissed by Letter	Lost by Death	Excluded	Total Membership	Meeting Time	Sat. Service Time	Contribution
Mount Zion	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	21	2	6:00	\$100
Friendship	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	21	3	4:00	\$125
Little Bethlehem	3	3	0	0	0	2	2	26	4	9:30	\$250
Little Bethany	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	10	4	6:00	\$50
Garden of Love	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	22	3	7:00	\$100
Rock Fork	2	1	0	2	11	1	19	87	4	10:00	\$200
Summertown	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	20	2	5:30	\$150
Emmanuel	4	0	0	16	2	2	0	52	2	5:00	\$250
Hemphill	0	1	0	0	2	1	0	22	1	9:30	\$110
Bethlehem	8	0	0	3	3	2	4	107	3	9:30	\$250
Bethany	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	29	1	6:00	\$100
Lily of the Valley	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	3	4:30	\$130
Little Davld	12	3	0	11	0	2	4	78	4	9:30	\$375
Big Leatherwood	3	0	0	0	0	4	1	42	3	6:00	\$200
Mount Olive	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	14	2	9:30	\$150
Chester Hogg Mem	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	16	1	5:00	\$100
Bright Morning Star	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	8	1	5:00	\$25
Rock of Ages	2	2	0	0	0	0	1	10	2	6:00	\$50
Pilgrlm's Home	3	1	1	1	0	2	0	41	1	10:00	\$100
Rose of Sharon	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	19	1	5:30	\$100
Little Jewell	2	0	0	0	1	0	1	32	4	9:30	\$200
Pleasant Valley	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	11	1	9:30	\$25
TOTALS	69	27	8	35	32	61	81	1845	_		\$8,715

# **Obituaries**

#### **CORA ADAMS**

Cora Tyree Adams, daughter of the late William Riley Tyree and Martha Adams Tyree, was born in Letcher County, Kentucky on April 2nd, 1910. She entered eternal life on Wednesday, December 31st, 2003 at the Letcher Manor Nursing Home, being 93 years, 8 months



and 29 days of age at the time of her passing.

Cora joined the Little Colley Old Regular Baptist Church on the 4th Sunday in January, 1955, and she was baptized on the 4th Sunday in February. Later she moved her membership to the Mt. Olivet Church at Blackey and was a member there at the time of her death.

Cora was married to the late Virgil Adams and to this union was born eight children. She is survived by two sons; Virgil Ray and Tandy, four daughters; Georgia Amburgey, Vada Blair, Verna Collins and Martha Sue Blair, and one brother; Clifford Tyree. Also surviving are 17 grandchildren, 27 great grandchildren and a host of great great-grandchildren along with a host of relatives and friends to mourn her passing. Besides her husband, Virgil, Cora was preceded in death by one daughter; Joyce Ann Adams, one son; Kenneth Adams, and one grandson; Wilbur Amburgey.

#### **MOMMY**

You meant more to me Than you will ever know. Even though sometimes My love didn't show. I didn't come visit As much as I should. If I could do it over I surely would.

Your bones were so brittle
Your body so thin.
If I had one wish
It would be to hug you again.

I really would have liked
To have told you good-bye.
But you flew away with the Angels
And took us all by surprise.

You looked so peaceful Lying there in your bed. As we tried waking you I prayed, "please don't be dead".

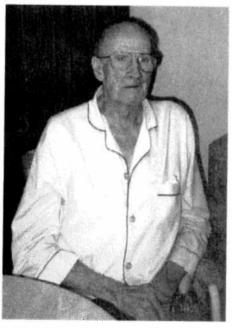
I miss you so bad
Each hour of the day.
Since you left this life
Bound for Heaven in May.

I hope you understand
The true power of my love.
As you watch me write this to you
From Heaven up above.
Written by Cora's loving family.

#### VIRGIL ASHLEY

Virgil Ashley, age 81 of Leitchfield, Kentucky, died on Sunday May 4, 2003 at Harden Memorial Hospital at Elizabethtown, Ken-

tucky. He was born on March 13, 1922 in Knott County, Kentucky. He was the son of the late Franklin and Susie Mullins Ashley. He was preceded in death by his parents, one infant son, and one brother, Luther Ashley. He is survived by his wife; Katherine Ashley, one daughter; Pamela (Bobby) Simms, and one son; Carrol Dean (Ellie) Ashley, four stepchildren; two sisters; Hazel Hudson and Frances Hudson, one grandson; Jason Ashley, and a host of nieces and nephews. Funeral services were



conducted on Thursday, May 8, at 10:00 a.m. at J. B. Ratterman and Sons Funeral home in Louisville, Kentucky. Burial followed in the Louisville Memorial Gardens.

# LAURA DIXON BACK

It is with a sad heart, but with fond and precious memories, we write the obituary of our loving mother. Laura was born in Letcher County, Kentucky on August 15, 1908. She passed away August 21, 2003, making her earthly life 95 years and six days.

She was the daughter of Isom and Angline Dixon, who preceded her in death. Brother John and sisters, Myrtle and Bessie, also preceded her in death. Her surviving brothers are Dennis, Pascal, and Eugene Dixon. Unto the union of Laura and Troy Back were born two sons and three daughters: Jesse C., John W., Lola June Pavka, Frances Jane Hamptom and Mable Francis. In addition to her children and in-laws, she is survived by; 10 grandchildren, 18 great grandchildren and one great-great granddaughter.



Over the years, for as long as she was able, her life was dedicated to the care and well being of her family. In 1948 a terrible auto mishap resulted in the loss of her husband, Troy. The loss of her husband put a heavy burden on the well-being of the family, but her dedication became stronger and stronger, supported by the extended family of Backs and Dixons.

Then, one day she was visited by one of God's men (a local pastor) who prayed with her and advised that she could not continue very well with her family life without God's help.

Shortly afterward, she called upon Jesus to help her and to forgive the sin that separated herself from God. From then (1958) until she passed, Laura depended upon the promises granted her, which included a band of angels to carry her to Heaven and Jesus and to remain with her forever.

#### ALTIA BAILEY

With the help of God and with gratitude and love in my heart for her, I hope to write an obituary of Altia Bailey, my beloved mother (Mom).

Mom was born in Dickenson County on December 23, 1911, the 4th born of 11 children of Henry Cleveland and Sarah Eveline O'Quinn Owens. She was joined in marriage to Basil Bailey on March 28, 1929. To this union were born 9 children (7 boys and 2 girls). Her youngest child, Aaron, went to be with Jesus when he was 5 years old. Her husband of 46 years, (my dad), Basil, passed on September

6, 1975, Mom joined Daddy in Heaven on January 3, 2004, making her sojourn here on earth 92 years and 11 days. Although she lived in Dickenson County for most of her life, her 4th son, Denver, provided her a home adjacent to his in Elkhorn City, Kentucky, and was an excellent caretaker for the last years of her life. Mom passed on to be with Jesus from her own bed at that home with Denver at her side.

Survivors include sons; Dempsey Bailey of Lancaster, Ohio, Monroe Bailey of Haysi,



Virginia, Jake Bailey of Blue Ridge, Virginia, Denver Bailey of Elkhorn City, Kentucky, Teddy Bailey of Haysi, Virginia, and Toby Bailey of Haysi, Virginia, daughters; Betty Deel of Haysi, Virginia and Mildred Gravel of Lake Wells, Florida, 19 grandchildren and 30 great-grandchildren, brother; William Ellis Owens of Haysi, Virginia and sisters; Ethel Yates of Breaks, Virginia, Imal Fuller of Haysi, Virginia, and Maxie Hess of Kingsport, Tennessee.

Mom accepted the Lord Jesus as her savior and Lord and was baptized in the summer of 1949 by Daddy and Elder Dave Church (we believe she was the last person Elder Dave Church baptized before he passed on). She was a faithful member of the Old Regular Baptist Church all the days of her life thereafter and attended services as long as she was able. Her last church home was Emmanuel Old Regular Baptist Church, which she loved very much.

Mom had a large family and devoted her life to taking care of her husband and children, and keeping a clean and happy home. She was an industrious woman who sewed beautiful quilts for her family, planted and cared for large gardens, and canned and dried the produce of her gardens. She also canned meat and made soap. Mom was kind and generous to her neighbors and always had a smile on her face. Daddy was an Old Regular Baptist preacher who also worked in the mines and then, for many years, in his own machine shop. Church people would gather in our home on Sundays and Mom prepared many wonderful meals for the crowds who came. She always welcomed her family, friends, and neighbors to her home and was never unkind to anyone. She was wonderful person and a wonderful mother.

My brother, Dempsey (Mom's eldest son), wrote the following words soon after Mom's passing. "Someone we have known for a long time, who loved us dearly, who was always on our side even when we didn't deserve it, has gone on". We could talk to her and know she would try to understand. We will miss her greatly. Mom loved us with an unconditional love. Her children were special and anything we did could be explained. She had compassion for those who were suffering. She made sure we had something special to eat when we visited.

I have seen her cry as we left our mountain home to find a living elsewhere, but she never said, "Don't go." She wanted what was best for us even though it broke her heart to see us go.

Mommy said to us, "I am so tired I would like to go on to be with Daddy. I have lived long enough; we can't stay here forever." Mommy's desires have been granted and she is happy now.

We always knew that we had special parents, who lived deep in the hills, who would not turn us away and would always love us. We can't go home again, Mommy and Daddy no longer live there. The lights are out, the house is dark, and no one answers our phone calls. The laughter is silent. We can't hear the clanging of pots and pans as Mommy prepares a good meal for us; the food has been put away now and the dishes are clean. The table is empty. Our memories are left, our memories are not empty and will not be put away.

We remember the good things - - the laughter, the happiness, and the love we knew our parents had or us. They knew that we loved them, too. We saw Daddy work long, hard hours to provide for us. We enjoyed the generosity shown to us in time of need. We remember sitting together around the table, in the living room, on the porch, or under a shade tree and hearing Daddy tell us Bible stories, the importance of prayer, and to make heaven our home.

The hands that prepared our meals, washed, ironed, and patched our clothes, and saw to our needs no longer moves. The heart that loved us so dearly, no longer beats. We miss her greatly.

We must accept, we must adjust, and let the healing process begin. Mom and Dad taught us to love. It is a great feeling to share that love with my brothers and sister and their families. The love our parents instilled in us will last forever.

My baby sister, Mildred (Mom's second daughter), wrote the following: "She is in a better place. She knows now that (Heaven) is there. This is what we strive for and now she is there. It is us who will miss her. I am a little jealous that she is already there seeing things that we can only imagine. We are the selfish ones—we didn't want to let her go, but it was time. She wanted to go. She was a good mother."

My brother, Monroe (Mom's second son) wrote; "We are going to miss her so much and I will miss going to see her and visiting with her. We all have special things that we are going to miss about her, but she has made a beautiful exchange and is with Dad now where she longed to go for a long time. Now she has it over and we need to strive to meet them again."

Mom always encouraged her children and grandchildren to do right and seek to be right with the Lord. She was faithful to tell them that they do not know the length of their days on this earth and it is so important to always be ready to meet the Lord. Most of her children have professed hope in the Lord and been baptized and most of her grandchildren.

Mom had many health problems and suffered for many years. She was in and out of the hospital and, in the last months of her life, was bedridden. But she always had a smile and positive outlook as she endured her infirmities patiently and waited on the Lord to take her home. We are comforted by the knowledge that she is suffering no longer and is in the tender care of the Lord Jesus. We have confidence that those of us who belong to the Lord will meet her again in Heaven where there is no sickness or suffering or parting by death.

To those children and grandchildren who have not yet been born again into the family of God through the Lord Jesus, we say don't wait until it is too late. Recognize that you are a sinner in need of a savior. Repent of your sins and turn to the Lord for mercy, be born again. Then, follow in baptism to walk in newness of life. This is the only way you have hope of seeing Mom and Dad in Heaven. "God so loved the world that He gave his only begotten Son, that whoso-ever believeth on Him should not perish but have everlasting life."—John 3:16

Written by her 3rd son, Jake Bailey.



## **EVERETT BANKS**

Everett Banks, the 4th child and 2nd son of the late Hub and Vina Caudill Banks, was born the 26th day of May 1929, on Caudill's Branch, near Letcher, Ky. He passed from this life at his home, also near Letcher, the 4th day of May 2004, leaving his wife, Opal and three children, Ed, and his wife, Cheryl; Bob, and his wife, Delana; Sue Goodson, and her husband, Densmore; five sisters, Mary Lou, Mallie, Dootsie, Helen and

Betty Ann; seven grandchildren, Kenny Joe, Beth, Jessie, Josh, Dallas, Desiree and Jacquie; two great grandchildren, Gage and Hunter, and a host of friends, cousins, nieces, nephews, brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law and other family members to mourn him. Three brothers, Herbert, Bill and Gene preceded Everett in death.

For most of his adult life Everett Banks was "in the service". His various periods of enlistment included a stint with the U.S. Army, who saw fit to send him half way around the world where he served honorably in the Korean Conflict. After returning home, Everett entered into an agreement with George M. and Sally Adams' daughter, Opal, on the 3rd day of October, 1952, promising to forsake all others. For more than half a century he kept that vow, serving his family

while earning their bread by the sweat of his brow. Everett, although of retirement age, decided more service was required of him.

On June 28, 1992, he joined the Jeremiah Missionary Baptist Church and went about serving God and his church with the same fervor he demonstrated in Korea and as a husband and father. Of the seven days of the week, Everett came to favor Sundays and Thursdays. On Sundays, he faithfully attended church services. On Thursdays, during the growing season, just as faithfully, he could be found, armed with lawn mower and weed eater, doing battle with the grass in the churchyard.

Everett took great pleasures in visiting with kin folk, old and young. His brothers-in-law were all favorite companions, as were his sisters-in-law, several cousins and other relatives. Everett enjoyed "talking shop" with former coal miners. He grew up a coal camp boy and treasured time spent with people who shared those memories. His ability to recall childhood events, life in the Carbon Glow camps and the exact words spoken in conversions during long ago battles was remarkable.

Blessed with an easy smile and an understanding nature, Everett had the ability to laugh at himself and to find great entertainment in simple pleasures. He believed that faith, honesty, and hard work could solve most problems. He honorably served his country in time of war, he provided everything his family needed and he possessed a sense of fairness in all things. Everett kept to the old, tried and proven ways. He loved hearing or telling a good story. Most who knew Everett have a story to tell that involves him. He fed birds and squirrels and never insulted a neighbor. Children, grandchildren and others close to him adored him and deservedly so.

Most important of all, Everett professed an unfailing faith in God. In the grand scheme of things, what else is there?

Mission accomplished, Old Soldier. You will be sorely missed.

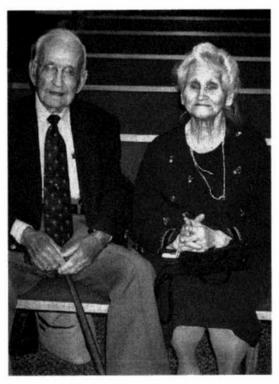
# 2 Timothy 4:7,8:

"I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith. Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing".

## BOYD ELLIS BANKS AND THELMA LAVINE DAY BANKS

#### **ELLIS BANKS**

Elder Boyd Ellis Banks, the oldest child of the late Grant and Ramsey E. (Stallard) Banks, was born March 21, 1912 at UZ, Ken-



tucky. He entered eternal life on September 18, 2003, 76 days after the burial of his beloved wife of 73 years, Thelma Lavine Day Banks. He was a resident of 1274 Cherokee Road in Louisville, Kentucky at the time of his death.

Two daughters; Eleanor Doris Parrot and Rosa Sue King, one son; Thomas Ellis Banks, five grandchildren, four great-grandchildren, one sister; Pauline Back, and one brother; Salyer Banks, survive him. He was preceded in death

by his wife and his grandson, Mark Alan Banks.

He was baptized into the membership of the Big Cowan Old Regular Baptist Church in 1948. Soon thereafter, he became the clerk of the church. He was ordained to preach in 1961. In the 145 year history of the church, he held the position of Moderator for about 22 years, second only in tenure to Uncle Dave Maggard. He worked hard to provide for his family and served the people of Kentucky as an inspector for the Department of Mines and Minerals. He also served the people of Letcher County by serving as Chairman of the Selective Service Board for about 18 years. The life of this venerable El-

der was truly a light in the mountains.

After relocating to Louisville, Kentucky in December, 1983, he continued to serve the Lord as Moderator of both the Antioch and Little Zion Churches. After more than fifty years of service to the Lord, failing health permitted him to attend the church he loved so much only once a month. At the time of his death, he was a member of the Chester Hogg Memorial Church.

He loved to talk about two things, the Bible and fishing, in that order. Fundamentally conservative, he was a self-reliant, astute man, who cared for his family unselfishly. His sage advice was often directed towards his desire for children to be successful in life. His favorite expression was "Be a benefactor, not a burden, to society." He especially liked the songs, "How Many Times?" and "Gone Away With a Friend." And, he was a loving husband who mourned the loss of his beloved wife, his life's companion, to the day of his death.

#### THELMA BANKS

Thelma Lavine Day Banks, the oldest child of the late Anthony C. and Susanna (Brown) Day, was born April 29, 1914 at Ice, Kentucky. She entered eternal life on July 1, 2003 while holding the hand of her beloved husband of 73 years, Elder Boyd Ellis Banks. She was a resident of Northfield Manor Medical Facility in Louisville, Kentucky at the time of her death.

Her husband, two daughters; Eleanor Doris Parrot and Rosa Sue King, one son; Thomas Ellis Banks, five grandchildren, four greatgrandchildren, one sister; Pauline Back, and one brother; Salyer Banks, survive her. Her grandson, Mark Alan Banks, preceded her in death.

She was a member of the Chester Hogg Memorial Church at the time of her death. She especially enjoyed going to church and visiting with her family and friends. A true example of a Biblical helpmate, she was a woman of strength and dignity. She was a loving wife, a caring mother and a proud grandmother and great grandmother. Her advice was wise, her mannerisms guided by kindness.

Compassionate and caring, she always worried about her family when they were away from home. She prayed they would return safely, And, when they returned, relieved, she would say, "I am glad you are home safe." Never materialistic, her favorite expression was "Be ye content and well doing." Her favorite traditional gospel song was "Go Rest High on That Mountain." Her favorite church songs were "On the Other Side of Jordan" and "No Measure of Time."

## VADA BOWENS BANKS



Vada was born on December 8, 1909. She was the daughter of Jasper and Lizzie Collins Bowens of Camp Branch, Kentucky. She had 4 brothers: Arlie, Fred, Corbett and Luther and 2 sisters; Verna Thomas and Oma Boatwright.

She married John Banks, a school teacher and son of Irvine and Cornelia Combs Banks, in March, 1929. They had 5 children; Jack, Jerry, Imogene, Lorraine Kunacka and Anna Reath Holbrook.

Life was hard growing up as a young girl. She married when she was 19 and started a

family during the depression years. Summers brought helping in the corn fields and raising a vegetable garden. Then she had canning to do. Winters brought chopping wood and carrying in coal for the fire-places and taking out ashes. All year long there were horses, cows, pigs and chickens to care for.

Along with all the hard work of every day life came good times of sitting on front porches visiting with neighbors, going to Isom stockyards on Saturdays and the Old Regular Baptist Churches on Sundays. A trip to Whitesburg was a rarity that happened about 3 or 4 times a year.

She lived all her life in Letcher County. She raised her children at Isom, Kentucky without the benefit of modern conveniences, as indoor plumbing, heat pumps, automatic washer and dryer and electric stove.

She never learned to drive a car, yet she was always ready to go and looked forward to her daily rides so she could wave to her friends and neighbors. She had friends that would take her to church until she fell and was unable to walk without help.

She had 4 grandsons: Derrick Kuracka, Eric Banks, Jamie Banks, and Tyrome Holbrook. Also, 3 great grandchildren; Hailey Kuracka, Autumn and Caleb Banks. With the help of her family and caretakers, she got to stay at home where she died on May 2, 2003. She is buried beside her husband, who preceded her in death on March 1, 1966, on the hill of the family farm.

## **ELLA BLAIR**

Ella Bair was born on February 19, 1914, the daughter of John

and Polly Watts Blair. She passed from this life on November 17, 2003, at the Whitesburg Appalachian Regional Hospital.

Being the second child in a family of 10 children, Ella worked hard to help with the rearing of the large family. She was not afraid to put her hand to any task that needed doing whether it was inside or outside the home. She was a pillar of strength for the family. Until her mother's failing health required her to stay home, she



would sometimes go to help care for someone who was ailing or to do the household chores until a new mother got back on her feet after childbirth. Ella was always willing to lend a helping hand whenever she could.

As a young woman, she worked at Stuart Robinson on the NYA program. She would walk to and from - a distance of about 5 miles each way. She never complained but was glad for the opportunity to earn some money to help her family. She spent very little on herself. Her money went to buy whatever was needed for the good of all.

She always took pride in a job well done. She didn't believe in "slouching" and took great pains to teach younger folks, especially her nieces and nephews, the skills she knew. She loved children and always had great patience with them. She was a wonderful storyteller. A winter's night before a flickering fire in the "back room" listening to Ella's stories was a special treat to all the children who gathered at the old homeplace. Although time spent in storytelling caused her to miss out on part of the conversation with the visiting adults in the front room, she gained the children's undying love. She would also gather her nieces and nephews and take them with her to get the cow from the mountain pasture or to pick blackberries. She would later make the berries into pies and led the younger helpers to believe that they were responsible for this tasty desert. Ella knew the value of positive reinforcements without having to study psychology. Sometimes she'd gather together a group of children and go for a walk on Sunday afternoon. She had no children of her own, but she was a second mother to her younger brothers and sisters, her nieces and nephews, and any other child around. She was devoted to her family and was a wonderful friend to all.

The talent that Ella most prided herself upon was cooking. She loved to prepare food for everyone and continued to do so as long as she was able. Even then she would ask to make sure that any visitor who came by had eaten. Treats of candy or fruit were always presented regardless of protests.

Ella was also an accomplished seamstress. She made clothing for the family and neighbors, and she loved to quilt and embroider until her eyesight failed her. If idle hands are the devil's workshop, Ella certainly did not provide with him with workspace.

Ella was always a good person, but later in life she felt the need to make a public profession of faith and love for her Savior. In October of 1994, at the funeral of her sister-in-law, Vera Blair, Ella went forward and told a wonderful experience of grace and asked to join the Blair Branch Church. By a move and a second, she was accepted into the Church fellowship and was baptized by I.D. Back and Allen Whitaker in November. Her heart was overjoyed when another sister-in-law, Lois Blair, joined the Church that day and was baptized with her.

Ella enjoyed attending church as long as she was able. She had a beautiful singing voice and used it to praise the Savior she loved so well. People often commented on how much they enjoyed hearing her sing. When she became so feeble that she could no longer attend church, she looked forward with much pleasure to the visits of the church members. Their visits would cheer her up so much.

The world lost a wonderful person when Ella passed away, but Heaven is richer. Near the end of her life, when age and infirmity took its toll, Ella would say that she wished she could just go on to her eternal home. God saw her suffering and answered her prayers. Although our hearts are saddened by having to give her up, we know that she is now rejoicing with the Angels. We mortals can't know what Heaven is like, but, if it's possible, Ella is greeting each new arrival with "come on in! let me get you something to eat."

Ella leaves to mourn her passing, one brother: Lovell Blair (Lois) of Jeremiah, five sisters: Lizzie Campbell, Nella Whitaker, Ila Adams, Minnie Blair, and Stella Mae Blair, all of Jeremiah, two sisters-in-laws: Della Blair and Ruby Blair, both of Jeremiah, twenty-two nieces and nephews, along with a host of other family and friends. She was preceded in death by three brothers: Shade Blair, Allen Bee Blair and Ben Dee Blair, three brothers-in-law: Amos Whitaker, Finley Campbell and Arlie Adams, and one sister-in-law: Vera Blair.

Ella's tired body rests in the Blair Cemetery near her home on Blair Branch, but we assured that her soul has gone to it's Heavenly home. We thank God for the privilege of having had her with us through the years. She was a great role model for us all.

Written by the family of Ella Blair

The following prayer was selected by Lois Blair in memory of Ella.

Lord, make me an instrument of Thy peace.

Where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be loved, as to love; for it is in giving that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to Eternal Life.

#### LILLIE O. BLAIR

Lillie O. Blair, 83, of Jeremiah, Kentucky, passed away at his residence on Monday, September 1, 2003, after a long illness. His loving family was in attendance at his bedside.

Lillie was born on July 24, 1920, at Jeremiah, Kentucky. He was the son of Ben F. and Belvie Watts Blair. On February 27, 1940, he married Hattie Caudill at Whitesburg, Kentucky. They had five wonderful and devoted children, Herman, Comman, Truman, Hester and Lester.

Lillie was preceded in death by his parents, Ben and Belvie, and one sister, Loretta Adams.

Lillie is survived by his loving wife of 63 years, Hattie; his children and their spouses, Herman (Judy), Comman (Martha Sue), Truman (Sharon), Hester (Ronnie), and Lester (June); his grandchildren and their spouses, Robin Rutledge (Keith), Christy Donnellon (Rob), Shane Blair (Marty), Byron Back (Kristie), Ikey Back (Shir-

ley), and Shanda Williams (Tommy); and eleven great grandchildren. Two sisters, Arizona Adams and Della Blair, two brothers, Ben Blair Jr. and Lincoln Blair, and a host of nieces and nephews also survive him.

On March 9, 1980, Lillie and Hattie joined the Blair Branch Old Regular Baptist Church and were baptized together on April 6, 1980. They were very dedicated servants of the Lord and loyal brothers and sisters in Christ.

Lillie had many friends and he never hesitated to offer help whenever it was needed. He was



a jack-of-all-trades; he could do anything from building and plumbing to electricity. He was a coal miner, a truck driver and service station manager. After more than 20 years of service as a bus driver for the Letcher County Schools, he retired.

This family is saddened by the loss of one so precious, but we draw comfort from the knowledge that he is no longer in pain and has a healthy new body in Heaven with his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Our hope is to join him someday in that beautiful Heavenly home. All of Lillie's loved ones and friends will receive solace in our faith as we face our future with this void created by Lillie's passing.

We have lost a dear loved one, but Heaven has gained a Saint.

Written with love and devotion by his daughter-in-law, Sharon Rose Blair.



# FORRESTER CAUDILL

Forrester Caudill was born on January 16, 1984, and passed away on November 30, 2003, making him 19 years, 10 months and 14 days old. He was the son of Billie and Hiram Lee Caudill. He was the grandson of Frances and the late Billy Ray Frazier and Margaret and Homer Caudill.

### REMEMBER ME

Remember me when flowers bloom
Early in the spring.
Remember me on sunny days
In the fun that summer brings.
Remember me in the fall
As you walk through the leaves of gold.
And in the wintertime-remember me
In the stories that are told.
But, most of all remember
Each day-right from the start.
I will be forever near
For I live within your heart.

Love, Mom

## FRED CAUDILL

Dad left us on February 2, 2004 at the age of 82. He was born January 21, 1922. He left behind his loving wife of 58 years, Onita. He also left behind one son and daughter-in-law, three daughters and son-in-laws, 10 grandchildren 13 great grandchildren, and two sisters. He was a member of Cedar Grove Church, Army Veteran of WWII and a member of the DAV. He was preceded in death by his

daughter, Sandra. One of the things he loved was to come back to Kentucky for church and hear his niece and nephew, Squire and Claudette Watts. sing. He always looked forward to staying with his nephew, Cletis and his wife, Lorraine Caudill. Dad loved all of his family so much. You would get to the door of his house and he would see you and a big smile would come on his face. Daddy was sick for 16 years and mom never left his side. Their love for



each other only grew stronger with each day. Dad looked forward to the summer months so he could get on his riding mower and cut the grass. I miss him because that was our special thing we did together. He would ride the mower and I would do the trimming. He liked to have family gatherings. His nephew, Donnie, would always be there making Dad laugh. His happy times were with mom and us kids and grandkids. Daddy was a real U.K. fan. He always watched every game he could get on TV. One month before he died my brother took him to a game. He came in smiling because they won. That was a big highlight in his life. Another thing he enjoyed doing was watching his great granddaughter play basketball and the other grandkids coming in and sitting on his lap no matter how old they were. Dad was such an important part our lives and will be missed so much by all of us. Our days now are of memories of him and all the wisdom he left behind. Although we miss him dearly we all know he is in a better place. He is home now. Daddy, we love you and miss you so much.

Written by his family.

## MY PAPPAW

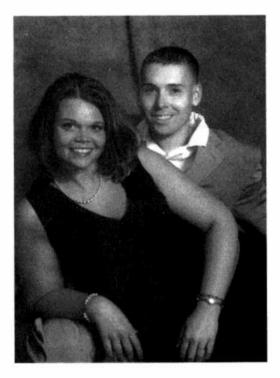
Pappaw was a very nice man. He loved his wife and kids and grandkids very much. They were married for a very long time. He loved to watch one of his great granddaughters play basketball. He thought she was a good player. He never missed a home game. His first U.K. game he went with his son and wife.

Written by his great granddaughter, Marissa

#### SHAWN CENTERS

# March 8, 1977 - December 18, 2003

With a heart full of love and memories I will write a letter of remembrance for my dear husband, Shawn Centers.



Shawn was first and foremost a man of God. He sought out his Savior and worked to do God's will. He would spend much of his free time studying the Bible and seeking work to serve the Lord. He loved God more than anything and was willing to do God's work despite the pain and anguish it would cause. When Shawn was diagnosed with his second tumor, I sat in the doctor's office with him and felt as if my whole world had come crashing down. Not

Shawn. He looked at me with the same bright eyes he always had and smiled. He told me he had prayed for God's will and that everything would be all right. He had faith in his Lord and knew God's will would be done. After receiving his miracle of being healed from the first brain tumor, Shawn wrote a song about God's love, mercy, and his hope of seeing people saved. The song was often on his lips and always in is heart. It seemed that he had written an anthem for his life. He touched lives that he didn't ever know about and more that I will probably never know. His work was real and true. His

honest desire was to do God's work and bring people to the Lord. Baptisms were his favorite event. It didn't matter if he knew the person or not. It was a blessing, he would say, to see someone dedicate his or her life to God. His heart rejoiced in the Lord and it was evident to everyone that knew him.

Shawn's first love was God and I, his second. He would tell me that he loved me more than anything on the face of the Earth and would compare that love to the natural beauties of the world. I loved him the same. He was committed to me and our life as man and wife. We were inseparable and truly enjoyed every second we were blessed to spend with one another. In the short time we had together, Shawn taught me about love, trust, and life. He taught me to love God first and to love others through God's love for me. He taught me to trust in God's love for me and to trust in God's will for my life. He taught me that I cannot fight God's will. I have to trust and accept it because God's will is what is right and good. God does not turn His back on His children and no matter how dark the hour God will bring it light and make it good.

Shawn was a man of intelligence, wit, and love. He did not see flaws in anyone and trusted everyone. His bright eyes and perfect smile, along with his amazing ability to tell a story could draw in anyone; it was like sweet honey, you couldn't get enough. People, young and old, loved to talk with Shawn. He possessed the ability to make people feel special, secure, and loved. His love seemed to seep out of every pore of his body. To know Shawn was to know to love him and to love him was awesome. I thank God every day for blessing me with a man as wonderful and beautiful, inside and out, to call my husband. We were blessed with a love that I am afraid many don't experience. A tremendous love that will last the test of time. A love that no one can take from me. A love that goes on in his death and will never be forgotten.

Shawn, I love you more than there are stars in the sky!

His loving and heartbroken wife, Tessica Craft Centers



## **DEXTER CHURCH**

Elder Dexter Church, 78, of Green Cove Springs, Florida, died January 4th, 2004, after an extended illness in the hospital at Orange Park, Florida. He was born August 7th, 1925, in Grundy Virginia. The eldest son of the late Johnny T. and Lydia Raines Church. He was preceded in death, in addition to his parents, by a brother, Tommy Church. Elder Church is survived by his wife of 56 years, Helen Mullins Church

of Green Cove Springs, Florida, a son, Ronald D. Church, of Charlotte, North Carolina and a daughter, Sharon Carver, of Middleburg Florida. Four grandchildren and several great grandchildren also survive.

Elder Church was a decorated veteran of World War II having served his country in the United States Navy. His service included five beach invasions in the European theatre. He was a retired coal operator and businessman.

Elder Church was an Old Regular Baptist minister for 54 years and at the time of his death was a member and Honarary Moderator of the Pilgrims Home Old Regular Baptist Church of the Indian Bottom Association of Old Regular Baptist Churches.

Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, January 7th, 2004 at the Bohannan-Chapman Funeral Home in Green Cove Springs, Florida. Burial was in the Penny Farms Cemetery. Elders Arnold Bailey and Frank Newsome officiated at the services.

At the request of his family and with the help of the Lord I would like to say a few words about Brother Dexter Church. Along life's pathway we meet a few people that excel in life in every way. Brother Dexter was one of those people. Brother Dexter was a man who had his priorities in order. One thing I learned about him was he put God

first, his loving wife, Helen, next, his children next and then his friends and neighbors.

He was a person who, both Christians and sinners, earned their attention and respect. Brother Dexter was a God fearing man, this you could recognize in him without him telling you. Brother Dexter's greatest desire was for sinner men and women to repent and be born again of the Holy Spirit of Jesus Christ, and to get a home in Heaven. This he preached from 24 years of age to the day he went to rest in peace with God. So sleep on Brother Dexter till the resurrection morning. I'll see you again.

Written by Elder Arnold Bailey

# IDA MAE FELTNER COMBS

Ida Mae Feltner Combs was born Tuesday, June 7, 1927 to Martin and Rhoda Stacy Feltner at Cordia, Kentucky. She was the youngest of eleven children, two of which were still-born. At a very early age, due to the death of her mother, Ida Mae had to take over the chores of cooking for the family and began the development of a skill for



which she is famous in Eastern Kentucky. People in Knott and many of the surrounding counties have cheerfully sampled her cakes and candies.

Ida Mae married Clarence Combs on March 27, 1945. Together they made their home on Clear Fork of Lotts Creek in Knott County.

Ida Mae, due to a childhood illness was unable to have children, but she was instrumental in helping raise many of her nieces and nephews. Everyone knew her as "Aunt Idie." One special nephew, Charlie Combs spent six years with Ida Mae and Clarence.

The happiest day of Aunt Idie's life was when she and Clarence brought home her 3-week old son, Wilton Eugene. She was a very devoted mother to Wilton and more mother than grandmother to Wilton's sons, Joshua Eugene and Clarence Eugene, whom she had in her home from his birth.

Ida Mae was a vital member of the community, especially the church community. She joined the Old Regular Baptist Church at Little Dove in February of '88. She was baptized in Lotts Creek on April 3, 1988, taking her membership into the Clear Fork Old Regular Baptist Church where she remained faithful, attending regularly until the Lord called her home.

Ida Mae is preceded in death by one brother; Herman, and four sisters; Mirah Feltner, Alice Williams, Ruphenia Combs and Eva Lena Combs.

She is survived by her husband; Clarence, her son; Wilton Eugene (Jan), and three grandchildren; Joshua Eugene, Clarence Eugene and Nicole. Also surviving are her two sisters; Nancy Kelly and Eulanda Young, and one brother; Wilburn Feltner.

Aunt Idie's spirit will live on in the lives of those she touched for generations to come.

Elmer Ray Combs, nephew and brother in the Lord

## ADA CORNETT

Ada Pratt Cornett was born August 25, 1905 and passed from this life on December 2, 2002. She was the daughter of the late Powell Pratt and Martha Watts Pratt.

Hobert Cornett, Ada's first husband, passed away in 1935 after 12 years of marriage. To them were born 3 sons, Coleman, Verlin (Bud) and Delmer Cornett.

Ada's second husband was Carter Cornett, who passed away May

27th 1968. To them was born one daughter, Ruby Cornett Watts. Mom joined the Big Leatherwood Regular Baptist Church in 1942. Surviving her are 3 sons, one daughter, 15 grandchildren, many great and great-great grandchildren, one sister, Marie Loudy, and one brother, Charles Pratt. She was blessed to live for 97 years. We sill miss her so much every day.





# AGNES SUE SEXTON CRAWFORD

Agnes Sue Sexton Crawford, age 84, of Frankfort, Kentucky died Monday, December 22, 2003, at the Frankfort Regional Medical Center, Frankfort, Kentucky. She was born June 11, 1919 to Dewey and Ila Sexton of Pine Knot, Kentucky. At age 18, Agnes

became a Christian and joined the Mayking Old Regular Baptist Church at Mayking, Kentucky. Agnes attended Pikeville Junior College at Pikeville, Kentucky and Eastern Kentucky Teachers College at Richmond, Kentucky where she received a teacher's certificate. While attending Eastern Kentucky Teachers College, Agnes met and later married Ralph Crawford of Combs, Kentucky on November 22, 1947. In later years, Agnes transferred her church membership to the Chester Hogg Memorial Old Regular Baptist Church of

Charlestown, Indiana.

She is survived by her three sons; Dewey Crawford of Louisville, Kentucky, Lawrence Crawford of Georgetown, Kentucky and Ralph Crawford ,Jr. of Navarre, Florida, a brother; Owen Sexton of Norton, Virginia, 6 grandchildren; and 2 great grandchildren.

Agnes was preceded in death by her husband; Ralph Crawford, two brothers; Bennett Sexton of Mayking, Kentucky, and Buford Sexton of Orlando, Florida, and a sister; Pat Brown of Charlestown, Indiana.

Agnes will be remembered as in scripture:

Proverbs 31:10-11 and 27-31.

"Who can find a virtuous woman? For her price is far above rubies. The heart of her husband doth safely trust in her, so that he shall have no need of spoil. She will do him good and not evil all the days of her life.

"She looketh well to the ways of her household, and eateth not the bread of idleness. Her children arise up, and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praiseth her. Many daughters have done virtuously, but thou excelleth them all. For favor is deceitful, and beauty is vain, but a woman that feareth the Lord, she shall be praised. Give her of the fruit of her hands; and let her own works praise her in the gates."

Agnes touched many lives with her many acts of kindness. Her greatest joy was her family, doing for others and being faithfully involved in her church. But her work here is done and her eternal life with the Lord has begun.

Written by her Family.

## OPAL CHARLES DEEL

It is with much sadness that we, with the help of the good Lord, will try to write an obituary of our dear and loving mother, Opal Deel. She was born on July 12, 1936 to Ranel and Dora Charles. She grew up at Stiman, Virginia with her brother William Jeff (Bill) Charles.

She later married Otis Deel. To this union was born nine children, six daughters; Thelma Deel Gartin (husband, Ernest), Rhonda Deel (husband, Roger), Wilma Deel Stiltner, Lana Deel Sykes, Evelyn Deel Hurcula (husband, Tony), and Tracy Deel Sykes, and three sons; Rickey Deel (wife, Loretta), Randy Deel (wife, Jean), and Tommy Deel (wife, Cindy). She had 18 grandchildren and six great grandchildren.



Mom got sick and we found out that she had cancer. We took good care of her and on October 24, 2002 God took our mother home to be with Him, and our Daddy. We miss and love her but we take great comfort in knowing that she is not suffering in pain anymore. Our loss is heaven's gain. So sleep on mother until we see you again in Heaven.

Written by your children.



# RAYMOND DEEL

Raymond Deel was born March 13, 1939 and passed away on February 2, 2004.

With loving memories, we celebrate the life of our brother, Raymond Deel. He was born to Edgar and Carsie (Hill) Deel on March 13, 1939. He had never been married and was a lifetime resident of Buchanan County. Raymond was preceded in death by our Mother, Carsie Hill Deel,

our father, Edgar Deel, and two brothers, Jackie and Sammy Deel. He is survived by four sisters; Shelby Blankenship of Grundy, Fayetta Phillips of Hurley, Carol Mullins of Cedar Bluff, and Sheila Long of Manassas. Also surviving is one brother, Roger Deel of Midwest City, Oklahoma.

Raymond (Raymbow to his family and friends) was a very special and unique person who was kind, generous, loving and just wonderful to be around. Being born blind didn't present a great problem for him because he never considered himself as being handicapped. He felt he could do anything and often did! When young he would go out in the mountains by himself, using a well-used path as a marker; Mom would miss him and ask us to follow to make sure he was okay. To get better reception on his radio, he once run a wire from the house, up the hill, and then climbed a tree to make a connection. This feat ended in a broken arm, but that didn't stop him. He continued to attempt and master things because he wouldn't give up. Raymond was talented and learned to play a guitar and harmonica; he really enjoyed singing and playing music. He attended school in Charlottesville so he could learn a trade. His thirst for knowledge led him to learn Braille so he could read books. He learned how to fix himself coffee and, yes, he was able to prepare many types of food. He strived to be self-sufficient and his life was a never-ending quest for independence.

Raymond was a people person. He loved being around and talking to people. He kept up on many current events and could discuss what was happening in the world and wouldn't hesitate to give his opinions. Raymond was also a great listener; he would sit and listen to your problems with an understanding ear. He was truly a person you could depend on for making a gloomy situation seem better. No matter how the events in his life unfolded, he always kept an optimistic outlook on life.

Raymond appreciated everything that was done for him and seldom complained even when he was very ill. Whenever anyone did even small things, he'd smile and say, "Thank you". Throughout his illness, he stayed in good spirits. If you asked him how he was doing, he'd say, "I'm doing okay; I've put everything in the Lord's hands."

Today, if he was given the opportunity to come back, he wouldn't, because he's no longer suffering and in pain. If he could talk to us, we're sure he would smile and say. "Don't worry about me; I'm fine, so be happy because I'm in my Master's hands."

Raymond has touched the lives of many people; he has been an inspiration and blessing to everyone that was fortunate enough to have him in their life. A touch from the smallest of angels leaves a print on the soul forever. For those of us who have been touched by this angel, our lives are forever changed.

## DIXIE ELDRIDGE

As spring flowers were blooming God took one more rose to add to his bouquet.

Mom was born on July 20, 1913 being 90 years old at the time of her passing. Mom left this world on the evening of March 18, 2004 at her home with most of her children and grandchildren around her. She loved her family and loved taking care of them. She kept her own home and took care



of herself right up to the last year of her life. She always had dinner ready each Sunday for the family to come and eat after church service.

Mom was a member of the Old Regular Baptist Church at Kingdom Come for better than 50 years of her life. Her church was her life and she loved her church and the people in the churches. In Mom's last year, she was unable to attend church every Sunday but the brothers and sisters of the churches were good to come by and have church for her at home and that was such a blessing to mom because she was a praying mother and her goal was to see all her children saved.

Dixie married Dewey Eldridge on August 15, 1931 and to this

union 11 children were born, 8 boys and 3 girls: Mathew and Irvin of Whitesburg, Kentucky, Hiram, Alvin and Ben of Roxana, Kentucky, Delmar Roark and Elaine Mullins of Roxana, Kentucky and Euler Tolliver of Premium, Kentucky.

Three children along with husband (Dewey) preceded her in death, Ray of Charlestown, Indiana, Ira Eldridge of Wooton, Kentucky and Albert Eldridge of Roxana, Kentucky.

Mom is survived by her stepmother, Dona Fields, 4 brothers; Lester, Herbert, Leroy and Eugene Fields, 2 sisters; Hester Fuson and Linda Collins, 25 grandchildren, 26 great grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren.

Mom taught us children how to pray and what it took to be a child of God. If you ever went by mom's home and surprised her, you would hear her singing one of her favorite old fashion hymns.

Mom will be missed by so many more than just her family. Her pretty smile and bright eyes always met you wherever she saw you. Mom, we love you and miss you.

Your children.



# CLEO MULLINS EVERIDGE

It is with a very sad and broken heart that we try to write the obituary of our loving wife and mother, Cleo Mullins Eve ridge.

She was born November 13, 1933 into the home of Monroe and Millie Gibson Mullins. She went peacefully to be with her Lord on Saturday, July 17, 2004. She was 70 years, 8 months and 4 days of age.

She is preceded in death by her parents, 6 brothers; Spence,

George, Ray, Albert (Zion), Hiram, Jr., and Ollie. She is survived by her husband, Landis. They were married on June 23, 1956. They

were blessed to be together 48 years. Also surviving are two daughters; Debbie (Paul) Smith, and Donna Johnson, five grandchildren; Travis, Sonya, Casey, Lacy and Wendi, five great grandchildren; Zachary, Brandon, Chantalle, Kaleigh, and Cheyenne, one brother; Oliver (Tommy) and one sister; Beatrice Cook.

Many years ago she felt that she needed a savior. The first Sunday in September, 1972, she gave her hand to the church. She took her fellowship to the Happy Home Old Regular Baptist Church. She served her church as long as she was able to do so. Landis was ordained as a Deacon in 1974, and she helped him as long as her health permitted. She was always humble and loved everyone.

I can remember Mommy saying when something bad would happen, "Don't Worry Be Happy". I know Mommy would say now if she could speak to us, "don't be sad, be happy for me, I am with my Savior." When our time comes we hope to meet her again.

Written by Landis, Debbie and Donna.

#### I'M FREE

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free, I'm following the path God laid for me. I took His hand, when I heard Him call, I turned my back and left it all. I could not stay another day, To laugh, to love, to work or play, Tasks left undone must stay that way. I found that place at the close of day. If my passing has left a void, Then fill it with remembered joy, A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss, Oh, yes, these things I, too, shall miss. But be not burdened with times of sorrow, I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow. My life has been full, I savored much, Good friends, good times, and love one's touch. Perhaps my time seemed all to brief. Don't lengthen it now with undue grief. Lift up your heart and share with me, God wanted me now: HE SET ME FREE.

#### ETHEL FIELDS

Ethel Fields was born on October 15, 1911 at Jeremiah, Kentucky. She passed from this life on September 17, 2004 at her home at Jeremiah, making her stay on earth 92 years, 11 months and 2 days. She was the daughter of the late John and Larrena Roark Ad-



ams. She married Harry Edward Fields on December 29, 1934. Blessed to this union were twelve children: Robert, Everett. Harold, Della Mae, Loretta, Sherman, Vernon, Eddie, Leonard, Johnny, Freddie and Debbie. Preceding Ethel in death were her husband, Harry, and three children, Robert, Everett and Sherman, Besides her children, left to mourn her passing are six grandchildren, five step-grandchildren, six great grandchil-

dren, a sister, Martha Colley, along with a host of family and friends. She loved her family very much, especially her children. She tried to teach us the best that she knew about right and wrong. Over the years she piled up several stones along the way but none greater than when she joined the Mt. Olivet Old Regular Baptist Church in November, 2000. She was carried out into the water in a chair and baptized in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost, laid under and raised, to walk in a newness of life. She put her light on the candlestick for the whole world to see. She loved everyone and everyone who knew her loved her in return. She was laid to rest next to her husband and children at the Horse Mill Point Cemetery. Though she is gone from us here, she will never be forgotten. We shall miss her always.

#### PAUL FRAZIER

Paul Frazier was born on March 18, 1926 in Cumberland, Ken-

tucky. His parents were Dock and Atha Frazier. Paul was a proud man who loved his country, his family, and his home in Eastern Kentucky. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II.

On November 30, 1950 he married Juanita Frazier. He and Juanita spend most of their lives living on Big Cowan, working hard and raising large gardens to help provide a good home for their 5 children: Dock, Larry Joe, Debbie, Jimmy and Kaye.

Paul attended the Old Regular Baptist Church and was baptized



in January of 2001 at the Defeated Creek Church. He was a member at the Big Cowan Old Regular Baptist Church. He was solid in his faith and proud to live his life for the Lord. He said his only regret was having not given his life to Christ earlier in his life.

On March 2, 2004 he passed away after a short illness, leaving behind his wife, four surviving children and four dearly loved grandchildren. He will live forever in our hearts and memories.



#### BENTON GILBERT

Benton Gilbert, age 76, of Patridge died August 10, 2002 at his home. A native of Gordon, he believed the Baptist faith.

He worked as a miner for U.S. Steel and Arch Minerals for 35 years. He was a veteran of World War II, serving in the U.S. Marine Corps. He was a member of UMWA Local 7425 and was an avid catfisherman.

He was preceded in death by his father, William Gilbert; his mother, Mary Cornett Gilbert; and two sisters and three brothers.

Survivors include his wife, Roberta Lloyd Gilbert, Partridge; three daughters, Shirley Robbins and husband, Ronnie, Maynardville, Tennessee; Shelia McDowell and husband, Ronnie, Pineville; Sharon Brown and husband, Marvin, Cumberland; a son, Chester Gilbert, Middlebury, Indiana; a brother, John Gilbert, Dione; a sister, Grace Clark, Hiram; and eight grandchildren, five great grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted Monday, August 12, 2002 at the Tri-City Funeral Home with Harvey Creech, Jim Fields and Danny Dixon officiating. Burial followed at the Peaceful Acres Cemetery.

Chris Robbins, Codie McDowell, Jamie Sergent, James Brown, Paul Helton and Joel Collins served as pallbearers.

## HAROLD HALL

It is with a sad and loving heart that we will try to write this obituary of our father and the husband of our dear mother. Harold Hall, age 88, of Jonancy, Kentucky, passed away on August 28, 2004. He was born at Halo, Kentucky on May 9, 1916 to Thomas "Buddy" Hall and Nannie Fouts Hall. He is survived by his wife of 67 years,

Kathleen Osborne Hall. He is also survived by two sons, Harold, Jr. and Jarold; three daughters, Hazel, Jean, and Lois; two brothers, Conard Hall and Thomas Hall; three sisters, Parsie Miller, Leatha Tackett and Cleatha Sturgill. He was preceded in death by five brothers: Herbie, Homer, Earl, Elvern, and Vernie; three sisters, Grathel Tackett, Millie Waddles and Ethel King. He is survived by seven grandchildren, two stepgrandchildren, 16 great grandchildren, 6 step great-grandchildren,



11 great-great grandchildren and 1 step great-great grandchild.

Dad, formally employed by Codell Construction Company, was retired.

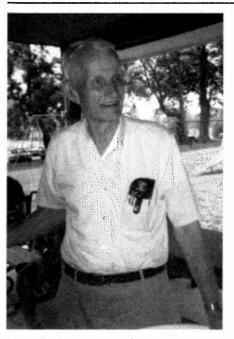
Dad believed in the Old Regular Baptist faith.

One of Dad's favorite things to do was talk about his younger days. He would hold your attention with no problem, because his stories were interesting and funny. He was much like his father in that manner, who marveled in telling interesting things of years past.

Fishing was one of his greatest enjoyments. His son-in-law, Coy, and grandson, Mike, always enjoyed fishing with him. He loved the outdoors. His brother, Conard, called him every day. They would compare their gardens to see which one was the best. They were very close.

When family reunion time came around, he loved talking to family members he only saw once a year. He especially enjoyed this time with his cousin, Espie. They exchanged stories and kept other members interested. Each year the couple married the longest was won by Harold and Kathleen, (67 years). The oldest man present was Harold. We will miss him.

Written by his loving wife and children.



## **ISOM HAMPTON**

With the help of God, we'll try to write an obituary of our dear Daddy, Isom Hampton. He was born to the late Betty Lee Whitaker Hampton and Dave Hampton on April 14, 1913. He passed from this life at 3:30 in the morning on August 29, 2004 at the Whitesburg ARH at the age of 91 years, 4 months and 15 days.

He met and married Letha Caudill on April 8, 1933. She preceded him in death on January 27, 1984. To this union was

born 8 children, 3 of which preceded him in death. They were Carmel Lee Williams, Kenny Hampton and Joan Hampton. Left to mourn his passing are: Jacqueline Amburgey, Sandra and husband, J.B. Everage, of Emmalena, Kentucky, Clarice Whitaker of Wellington, Kentucky, Maggie Mae and husband, Ronne G. Back, and Richard and wife, Joyce Hampton, of Jeremiah, Kentucky, along with 11 grandchildren and 23 great grandchildren. He is also survived by 1 brother, Jimmie Hampton, of Lexington, Kentucky, and 1 half-sister, Ida Marie Davis Sturgill, of Pound, Virginia, along with a host of nieces, nephews and many friends.

He had a mini-stroke at his home on Saturday, August 21, 2004 and was admitted to the hospital that night. He seemed to be doing very well and was looking forward to coming home any day, but on Tuesday, August 24th, he fell in his hospital room and was never able to use his right leg again and also got to where he could barely swallow. We think he had another stroke, only worse than the first. He started going downhill from there but he knew everything until the afternoon of August 28th. At 3:30 on the morning of August 29th, the good Lord felt like he'd suffered enough and took him home to

be with Him.

He professed a hope in Jesus Christ for many years, but never attached himself to any church, but we feel his name was written in the Lamb's Book of Life and that's what counts. He attended various Old Regular Baptist churches including Mt. Olivet, Doty Creek, Blair Branch and Dixon Memorial and his son Richard's church, The Good News Gospel Church. He was affectionately known to many people as "The Candy Man" as he always carried candy in his pocket to hand out.

We have lost a wonderful Daddy and the community has lost a good neighbor and friend. He's gone to rest where there'll be no more strokes or pain. If we want to see Mommy and Daddy again, we will have to ask forgiveness for our sins from the same God they went to.

He will be missed terribly around the old home place and at church, but we feel with a surety that our loss is Heaven's gain.

# PHYLLIS GRIFFITH HANDSHOE

With the help of God, I will try to write the obituary of Phyllis Griffith Handshoe. She was born February 8, 1944 to John and Fanny Hale Griffith. God called her home May 29, 2004, making her stay on earth 60 years, 3 months and 22 days. Surviving are sons, Charles Handshoe, James Handshoe; Shonda Handshoe; and five grandchildren, Zoy, Eric, Samantha,

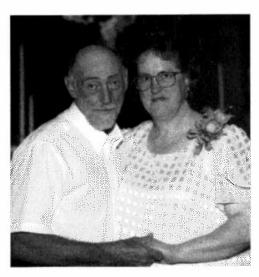


Ashley and Vincent. Four brothers surviving are Keith, Arnold, Norman and James Griffith. Five sisters also survive, Marna Francis, Francis L. Arbitage, Mary Vance, Margie Whitaker and Lenie Sarkie. Also surviving are a host of special nieces and nephews, great

nieces and great nephews and a host of friends and relatives. Phyllis was a sweet and humble person, to know her was to love her. The day she died she said she was ready to go when the Lord called her.

We all miss you Phyllis, around the home place. We miss your sweet smile and your sweet voice. It's hard to go there and not see you. I know Joyce and all the rest of them miss you so. By the help of God we'll meet you again some day, where we will never part no more.

Written by your brother, Keith and sister in law, Wilma



# QUENTIN HOLBROOK

Quentin Holbrook was born June 15, 1938 to Arch and Eliza Holbrook in Perry County. He entered eternal life on April 20, 2004, leaving his wife, Margaret; son, Darren; daughter-in-law, Stacey; grandson, Zachary; granddaughter, Zoe; 3 brothers, 3 sisters and a host of other family members that loved him dearly, to mourn

his passing.

On October 5, 2003 Quentin and his son, Darren, gave their lives to the Lord. They were baptized together and became members of Cedar Grove Church, this being the most important thing he ever did. Although we miss him very much, thanks to God we have the assurance of seeing him again someday.

#### **FAREWELL**

Everyone would look As they passed by, To see if he was there.

Sitting alone, day by day In his gliding rocking chair. He watched the weather. As time passed by. Would it be rain or snow? But even on the sunny days. Outside he would not go. "It will make me sick." Was his reply When I asked him to come with me. Out on the deck. In the pretty sunshine, I knew he would never be. There's no longer fear. He's happy now. His smothering is no more. His reward is great. He is with the Lord On Heaven's great wonderful shore. By: Margaret Rose Watts Holbrook, May 1, 2004

# **BRUCE HUDSON**

Bruce Hudson, age 85, of Monticello, Kentucky, died Friday, July 16, 2004 in Monticello after a short illness. He was born at Smithsboro, Kentucky into the home of Harvey and Armelda Mullins Hudson. He was married to Lois McIntosh Hudson until she passed away in April 2000. He was also preceded in



death by three brothers; Cornelius Hudson, Lauza Hudson and Burley Hudson, four sisters; Nettie Everage, Ethel Hudson, Cornie Hudson and one unnamed sister who died in infancy. He is survived by two sisters; Thelma Richardson of Amburgey, Kentucky, Allie Williams of California, Kentucky, two brothers; R.B. Hudson of Hamilton, Ohio; and Oscar Hudson of Buckhorn, Kentucky. A host of nieces, nephews, cousins, in-laws, special friends and neighbors also survive. He loved everyone and was loved by many.

Funeral services were held Monday, July 19 at noon at the funeral home chapel, burial followed at Elk Springs Cemetery in Monticello. Pallbearers were Dale Richardson, Kenneth Everage, Harvey Everage, Joshua Richardson, Vernon Williams and Ronnie Whitaker. Hoyt G. Hickey and Sons Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.



## **BILLIE ISAACS**

Billie Isaacs, 55 years of age, was born on August 19, 1946. She was the daughter of the late Willie Hamilton and Enda Hamilton. She departed this life following a short illness on Friday, October 26, 2001 at Pikeville Medical Center. She was the wife of the late Leno Isaacs and she is survived by one daughter, Jill Johnson and a son-in-law, Frank Johnson, Jr., and one grandson, Jeremy Johnson.

Her occupation in life was a Headstart teacher. She was the first

teacher to many children and loved by all. Mom was the kindest person I ever knew and also the most loving. She always had a smile on her face and a loving word for everyone. Mom is truly missed and will never be forgotten but our loss is Heaven's gain.

Sadly missed by her loving daughter, Jill Johnson

### **MARTHA ISON**

Martha Watts Ison passed away at the Whitesburg ARH on August 3, 2004, at the age of 91 years, 9 months, and 6 days. She was born October 28, 1912, the daughter of Squire and Celia Caudill Watts.

Martha Ison was preceded in death by: three brothers, James, age 4 months, Kirby, age 12 years, and Kirt, age 90; three sisters, Artha Mae, age 12 years, Georgeann Watts Spencer, age 90, and Alice Watts Eldridge, age 91; and by one grandson, Peter Brett Ison, age 20.

She is survived by: one sister, Mary Ison of Hallie; five sons, Lilly (Margaret) Ison, Manus E. Ison, and Edward C. Ison, all of Skyline, Wayne



(Sandie) Ison of Kingscreek and Bobby James (Anis) Ison of Jeremiah; one daughter, Mary Carolyn (Tony) Blair of Jeremiah; 19 grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren.

She was a daughter, sister, friend, wife, loving Mother, and God's servant. This was her life. Born at Hallie, Kentucky, she spent her days nestled in these hills. She had little need for travel and instead preferred to be in "her home". She met the love of her life, Ed Ison, and they were married in August, 1931. Together they shared the blessings of their five sons and one daughter. Their lives were filled with long days, hard work, dreams and love. Perhaps her greatest sorrow was the premature loss of her husband. It was shortly after this event that she was called to give her life to the Lord and she joined the Cedar Grove Church in May, 1955.

After her husband's death, it was this faith in God and the support of her family and friends that provided her the strength to raise her six children with grace and love. She never wavered in her hard work. Who could count the hours she spent hoeing in her garden, cooking in her kitchen, and the hundreds of other tasks a devoted mother would do? During her last days, she would often say, "I don't want to leave my precious children".

She had few earthly riches; her wealth was the love and respect of her family. She wore no diamonds or gems; her children were her jewels.

She is at peace now, rejoicing with her Lord and her family in Heaven and is waiting to meet us there.

Written by: Melissa Blair Jones, Granddaughter



## WAYLON ISON

"For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him"

—1 Thessalonians 4:14.

Hoss believed, he walked by faith with a song in his heart and a smile on his face. He let his light shine and set a good example for all to see.

When we met, he had already dedicated his life to the Lord. He was baptized on No-

vember 15, 1974, and was a member of the Big Leatherwood Church. By recommendation in July, 1994, he moved his letter to the Cedar Grove Church. He loved the Lord with all his heart, soul, mind and strength. His whole heart's desire was to make Heaven his home and for us to make it as "sure as possible" also.

Waylon Ison, "Hoss", was the oldest son of the late Charlie and

Ethel Griffith Ison. Born in Perry County, Kentucky on August 4, 1943, he passed from this life on April 7, 2004, having lived on this earth 60 years, 8 months, and 3 days. He is survived by his wife of 23 years, Sue Holbrook Ison, 2 brothers, Arvis Ison "Tot", wife Wanda, and Claybern Ison, wife Carol; 2 sisters, Betty Francis Ison "Penny" and Sconcaray Ison; 1 nephew, 4 nieces, 4 great nephews, 3 great nieces, 1 great-great nephew, 1 great-great niece; and one uncle, Bee Ison, wife Beatrice.

Knowing Hoss has forever changed my life. Our relationship was special. I loved him from the first time I saw him. He was my strength, someone I leaned on and could always depend on. Now there is an empty place in our home and in my heart. I miss him, his warm smile, his laughter, his singing, and his welcome arms. He had a special bond with his family and he loved them very much. He was a tower of strength to us all.

He worked hard all his life to provide for us. He held many different jobs from carpenter to night watchman, to heavy equipment operator to mailman. No job was too big or too small for him. He was an honest man who would help his family, friends, and neighbors any way he could. He believed when you do something, you do it the very best you can. I believe he could build or fix anything. He loved the outdoors. He used to coon hunt a lot. He enjoyed sitting on the porch visiting with family and friends, or watching the deer, turkeys and birds in our backyard or planning a fishing trip. He also enjoyed gardening and working the land with his tractor. He would find something to do outside even if it was picking up rocks or pulling weeds.

His most important work was serving the true and living God. He was a witness for the Lord; giving his testimony to anyone who would listen. Over the years, he had "church" in our home many times when family and friends came for visits, sometimes into the early morning hours. He had a strong sense of right and wrong and stood up for his beliefs, using the Bible as his guide. He was the watchman of his house, putting on the whole armor of God, the breast-plate of faith and love, and for a helmet, the hope of salvation. He walked in the light, not in darkness, that day should overtake him as

a thief.

All his life, the route to and from home had to be traveled through the creek. When the waters were too high, there was no way to get a vehicle across. On Wednesday, April 9, 2003, when he got sick, the waters were to high to get across. His brother came and took him to the hospital. The doctors gave us no hope, but God heard our prayers and two weeks later, on Wednesday, April 23, 2003, we brought him home with us. He was so physically sick and weak, but his spirit so strong. He said God spared him for a reason, I believe it was for all of us.

With the help of so many family, friends, and neighbors—their phone calls, their visits, their pleas - that the county would build us a bridge. Construction started toward the end of March, 2004. Hoss told the crew if they didn't hurry, he would never be able to use that bridge. The bridge was completed. On Tuesday when they brought the gravel for the ramp, Hoss told them, "Boys, I'm afraid you've waited too late for me, I'll never get to use this bridge, but my wife Sue will, and she needs this bridge." The next day on Wednesday, April 7, 2004, he crossed over this bridge and visited his brother, Clay, and went on to visit his brother, Tot, and on his way home, he stopped by his brother in the Lord, cousin Merle Campbell. This is as far as he got. He told Merle he was dying. He never made it back to our home across this man -made bridge. But, I believe he made a better crossing - he crossed over the bridge to eternal life. Now he will sleep for a short while, and at the resurrection, "...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." This is not the end, but the beginning of life eternal in Heaven.

A sincere thank you to family, friends, ministers, brothers, and sisters for showing how much you care with the special things you have done for us.

A special thank you to family and friends who stayed by our side and for your continued love and support. Thank you for helping me in every way.

#### **NOT ALONE**

We always knew from the start
We would be as one, til death do us part
Our time together seemed too short, since we met
I prayed so hard, Lord, Please, not yet!!!

God answered our many prayers
For a little while longer, you could be ours
He saw you struggle for the breath to live
A new breath of life, He would give

You said you was dying, you was not alone That day when God called you home With your faith so strong, you was on your way On this earth, you could no longer stay

You looked so peaceful when you fell asleep
You soul is now His to keep
For you to die in Christ is gain, I know
I pray this will help me to let you go

Many tears are shed for you still
I know this is God's work, Gods' will
You work on earth is done
You are with the Father, through His Son

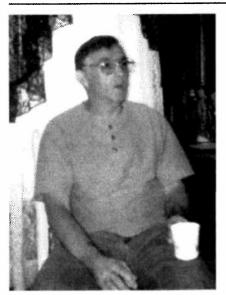
Precious memories, I now have always

Lord, please help me through these lonely days

May we also know when our time is come, we are not alone

Let us watch, therefore be ye also ready...to go home

Written by Sue Ison



## **BRIAN KEITH JOHNSON**

Brian was born Friday, June 23, 1961 into the home of Delmas and Matilda Johnson, and deceased this life on Friday, April 2, 2004, making his stay here on earth 42 years, 9 months and 10 days. Brian was preceded in death by his father, Delmas Johnson, one sister, Carolyn Huff, and one brother, Jimmy Darrell Johnson.

He leaves to mourn his passing, his loving wife, Donna Sue Johnson, one daughter, Wendi

Johnson, his mother, Matilda Johnson, one brother, Ernie Johnson, and one sister, Betty Rae White, his father and mother-in-law, Landis and Cleo Everage, who he was really close to. Brian had many special friends that he had met in life. Brian was a special person in life. Everybody that knew him loved him. Brian had many complications in his life to deal with, but he bore them with great pride.

Brian met Donna early in his life and was married on August 14, 1982. They had a really close companionship. Brian developed heart problems and had to have heart surgery. That is when he saw he was in need of a Savior. With much praying and begging, the Lord saved his soul. When he came out of the hospital, he was a different man. His conversations were about the Lord and how the Lord had brought him back home. On the third Sunday in July, 2003, he joined the Happy Home Church and was baptized the first Saturday in August, 2003. He said he promised the Lord he would work for him the rest of his life.

Brian was just a simple, humble man. He loved to hunt and he had his rabbit dogs, which he took good care of. That was what he was doing, feeding his dogs, when the Lord called him home. Donna and Wendi, I know your life and home will never be the same, but by the help of the Lord you can go where Brian is. Brian will be greatly missed here on Earth by family and many friends, but he is in a much

better place. He won't have to worry about his sickness anymore. He is resting around the throne of God where everything is peace and joy. The Happy Home Church has lost a great member. The neighborhood has lost a great neighbor. Brian will be greatly missed by all who knew him, but we feel like our loss is Heaven's gain.

Written by a Brother in hope, Oliver Mullins.

#### REMEMBER ME

Remember me when flowers bloom
Early in the Spring
Remember me on sunny days
In the fun that summer brings
Remember me in the fall
As you walk through the leaves of gold
And in wintertime-remember me
In the stories that are told
But most of all remember
Each day - right from the start
I will be forever near
For I live within your heart

On July 17, 2004, Brian's mother-in-law, Cleo Everage, passed away. Brian always said she was like a mother to him. He always went to her house every morning to have coffee with her and Daddy. I know in my heart that Brian and Mommy are both now wrapped in the arms of Jesus.

## **BOBBY JONES**

Bobby Jones was born December 7, 1958 and got killed in a truck wreck on Wednesday, July 2, 2003 at Premium, Kentucky. Bobby was the son of Bessie Jones and the late J.C. Jones. He was 44 years, 6 months, and 25 days of age at the time of his passing. He is also survived by two brothers, Larry and Freddy Jones of Premium, along with a host other relatives and friends. His grandparents were the late Arlie and Nancy Ann (Hawkins) Caudill and the late Claude and



Allie (Caudill) Jones. Funeral services were held at the Kingdom Come Old Regular Baptist Church on July 5, 2003 at 2:00 p.m.

God only knows how terrible it is too lose a child. My son, Bobby, is gone but he still lives on in my heart. It will never be the same without him. It seems to get harder instead of getting better. May the Good Lord help anyone that has to give up a child. I loved him so much. He was always telling me to take care of myself because he couldn't live without me and now he went before me. I want to thank everyone that helped me with kind words and everything they did. May the good

Lord bless everyone. I miss my son so much but with the Lord's help I'll meet him again someday.

Love, old lonesome Mom and family.

## LOUISE LEMMINGS

Louise Mosley Lemmings was born on May 22, 1942 in Garner, Kentucky. She was the daughter of the late Asey Mosley and the late Janie Collins Mosley. She had three sisters: Nadine Mosley White (deceased), Bonnie Reynolds of Mallie Kentucky, and Willa Dean Combs of Hindman, Kentucky; two brothers: Sheldon Mosley of Hindman, Kentucky and Shelby Mosley (deceased); one half sister: Sally Fay Slone (deceased); three children: Eugene Mosley and wife, Molly, of Hindman, Kentucky, Lois Allen of Litt Carr, Kentucky,

and Regina Davis and husband, Parice Davis, of Litt Carr, Kentucky; eight grandchildren: Melissa Jane Mosley, Amanda Jean Mosley, Kayla Renae Mosley, Christa Leighann Mosley, Jonathan Mosley, Benjamin Mosley, Larry Eugene Lemmings, and Parice William Davis, III. Louise had taken in Dennis Handshoe when he was sixteen years old and a friend of Eugene Mosley, her son. Dennis Handshoe became a good friend and part of the fam-



ily. He always did grass cutting or was helping her with outside chores. Later on, she took in Arthur Lee Handshoe when he was eight years old and raised him. He became part of the family, too. My mother was asked if a difference was made. She said, "No! he's the same as mine, and as long as I have a home, he will be too." My mother used to take care of Tobe and Ruben Perkins. She would walk everyday to and from work and she helped take care of her own mother who was sick at the time. She would put in long and hard hours between working and raising us children, and just getting by. But she never did complain and I didn't understand why.

But in 1977 mom started going to church. Soon after she joined the Reynolds Fork Old Regular Baptist Church and was baptized. She really loved the Lord, and she would tell everyone the good things that the Lord had done for her. In 2003 my mother was told she had leukemia. By November, 2003 she had lung cancer and it was spreading fast. The doctors said there was nothing they could do. She told the doctors that she wasn't scared because she had God, and He would take her when He was ready, and when He does I'm ready to go, she would say. In the early morning of January 7, 2004 my mother started getting worse. She reached and took me by the hand and said, "Baby, mommy's going home," and that she loved me. I told her it was ok to

go home and rest with Jesus for she would be cured and in no more pain. She set her eyes on Heaven and went on her way. She's gone but not forgotten, and we miss her a lot and love her. God gives us breath and we live, He takes it and we die. He leaves us a promise that we can see her again, if we repent of our sins. Thank you Lord for your love and what you did for our mother.

We would also like to give a very special thank you to Brother Paul Watson for staying with our family in our time of need.

Written by: Regina Davis for Louise Lemmings



#### HATTIE MARIE LLOYD

Hattie Marie Lloyd was born in Letcher County, Kentucky, on April 3, 1910 and passed from this life on Thursday, January 15, 2004 in Johnson City, Tennessee at the age of 93 years, 9 months and 12 days.

She was the daughter of the late Stephen Sturgill and the late Alice Caudill Sturgill and the widow of Arthur Lloyd. She was also preceded in death by two children, Shirley Alice Lloyd and Charles Ray Lloyd.

Survivors include two children: Clyde Lloyd of Bluff City, Tennessee and Robertal Gilbert of Partridge, Kentucky; nine grandchildren: Shirley Robbins and husband, Ronnie, Shelia McDowell and husband, Ronnie, Chester Gilbert, Sharon Brown and husband, Marvin, David Lloyd and wife, Lori, Renee Miller and husband, Billy, Charlene Olson and husband, Ole, Robert Lloyd, and Michael Lloyd and wife, Tammy; fourteen great grandchildren; and 3 great great grandchildren.

She was a native of Letcher County and has lived in Bluff City, Tennessee for the past 7 years. She was a member of the Poor Fork Old Regular Baptist Church.

Funeral services were conducted at 2 p.m. on Sunday, January 18, 2004 at the Tri-City Funeral Home, Benham, Kentucky, with Elder Harvey Creech and Elder Jim Fields officiating. Interment was in the Peaceful Acres Cemetery, Hiram, Kentucky. Her grandsons served as pallbearers.

# MILDRED KATHERINE HOOPER LUSK

# May 21, 1925-June 14, 2003

Mom, it has been a year since you have been gone. We miss you so much. Mildred, of Ulvah, Kentucky, passed away on Saturday, June 14, 2003, at the Whitesburg Appalachian Regional Health Care Center, after a long illness. She was 78 years and 24 days old.



Mom was the daughter of the late Doyle and Bessie Adams Hooper of Mayking, Kentucky. Mildred was a member and deaconess of the Mt. Olivet Old Regular Baptist Church in Blackey, Kentucky. She was a retired secretary and librarian in the Letcher County School District.

Mildred was a loving and devoted wife to her husband, William "Poppy" Lusk. Brother Glenn Hampton always called Mom, "Mommy Doll" and he called Dad, "Poppy." She was a precious, sweet, dear and loving mother to her three children: one daughter, Willetta Griffith, and two sons, James Lusk and Don Lusk.

She was "Mama" to six grandchildren and six great grandchildren. Mom had one sister, Georgia Blair, of Somerset, Kentucky and a host of other relatives and friends who mourn her passing.

We love you Mom and always will remember you! Dad, Sis, Jim & Don

#### THE BROKEN CHAIN

We knew that morning, that soon God was going to call your name. In life we loved you dearly, In death we do the same.

It broke our hearts to lose you, You did not go alone; For part of us went with you, The day God called you home.

You left us peaceful memories, Your love is still our guide; And though we cannot see you, You are always at our side.

Our family chain is broken And nothing seems the same, But as God calls us one by one, The chain will link again.

#### GLADYS HALL MARTIN

This is the obituary of our beloved daughter and sister. Our family circle has been broken and now we will never be the same. Our hearts broke on November 8, 2003 when the angels came and carried our sister away on their wings.

Gladys Hall Martin was born on November 20, 1952. She was

50 years, 11 months, and 19 days old at the time of her passing. She was the beloved daughter of Helen Young Hall and the late Elder Corbett Hall of Litt Carr, Kentucky. She also leaves behind four broken-hearted sisters: Lovely Honeycutt (Chelsey) of Litt Carr, Ky., Janice Conley (Mike) of Mousie, Ky., Mabeline Watson (John) of Canton, Georgia, and Mary Sue Sturgill (Barry) of



Littcarr, Ky. She was the wife of Kohlman Martin. Gladys also leaves behind five nephews and one niece: Michael (Dee) Conley, Derrick Conley, Matthew Chesley Honeycutt, Leigh Anne Honeycutt, John Mark Honeycutt, and Travis Corbit Hall. She also leaves behind three great nieces: Megan Conley, Sarah Conley, and Jaclyn Conley. Gladys, or "Duke" as she was affectionately known, was never able to have children of her own so she channeled her love into her nieces and nephews.

Gladys graduated from Carr Creek High School in 1970 and then from the Pikeville College in 1992. This was one of her proudest accomplishments.

Gladys had an exceptional love for her family. She worked many years researching our family tree. She was also there for us whenever we needed her, no matter what the time or place may be. Through her loss we have learned never to take each other for granted, for tomorrow may never come.

Gladys was a member of the Little Bethlehem Old Regular Baptist Church. She loved attending church and worked tirelessly visiting the sick. She possessed a genuine love for her brothers and sisters in the church, they were her family, too. And, it was in that little church that she was perhaps the happiest.

Words cannot describe how much Gladys meant to us or how it broke our hearts to let her go. Gladys had requested that the song "They've Moved Our Reunion to Heaven" be sung at her funeral. Now it rings so true, since she is resting with Daddy around God's throne. She touched so many lives and she is missed very much.

We would like to especially thank Don and Shirley Pratt, Bobby Amburgey, Phillip Hicks, Darrell Short and the Old Regular Baptist family for their love and comfort. We will never forget you.

Written by her mother and sisters.

#### ANGEL UNAWARE

An angel came by to see me today,

She came right through the door,

Oh, what an honor it was for me, she hadn't visited before,

There were no wings upon her back nor a halo on her head,

But I knew right away what she was by her beauty and the things

she said.

Her presence there lit up the room, her smile it was so grand,
Why had God sent her to me, I did not understand,
She sat down and talked a while and I began to see,
Life's troubles were getting me down and God's love would set me
free.

My angel came and she did leave, and what an honor it had been, I had not only met an angel, but I had gained a dear friend.

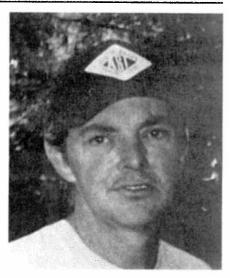
My angel now has left this earth to be with God and I miss her very much,

But I am so glad she passed my way and by an angel my life has been touched.

Written by Tammy Pratt Jacobs
Dedicated to Gladys Hall Martin
Whose love and dedication to God has been an inspiration to me.

# RAYMOND LEE MCCOY

It is with sadness, but great pride that I write the obituary of my loving father, Raymond Lee McCoy. He was born on June 16, 1954. He was a retired coal miner. On August 11, 1972 he married his wife, Wanda Gail Boyd. From this union he had two daughters, Tina Michelle Deel and Lee Ann Tiller, and two grandsons, Logan Chance and



Trevor Blake Deel. He had two brothers, Danny Ray and James, and three sisters, Zella Boyd, Judy Ramey, and Elsia Mae McCoy. He found out he had cancer on August 30, 2001 and spent the next 3 years in and out of hospitals. During this time he started going to church and realized he needed the Lord in his life and was baptized on June 1, 2003 and had his membership at the Pilgrim Home Church.

Throughout his sickness he tried to live life to the fullest. You never heard him say why did this happen to me, but I guess sometimes we ask why because it was so hard to see him go through so much. We always put our faith and trust in Jesus Christ and knew in our hearts that He had a reason. During his sickness there were a few times that we almost lost him. Although, by the grace of God, he got to stay with us a few more days. One of those times when he got out of the hospital, he told my mother about a light that he had seen. He said the light was so beautiful and peaceful, a light that a person would not be afraid to go into. The light gave him comfort.

We miss him with all of our hearts. We have great faith that he is in Heaven and no longer in so much pain. I believe with all my heart, someday we will meet again in Heaven. Our lives will never be the same. We will always miss the 4-wheeler trips we would take with all our family members or just riding around the dirt roads late at night, just talking. We will miss seeing his two grandson's faces light

up when they would see their Pa coming to get them. He always tried to take them everywhere he could and buy them everything he could because maybe he knew in his heart that he would not be here on this earth to see them grow up. He fought for that a long time, but on April 28, 2004 at 4:05 a.m. he took his last breath in his youngest daughter's arms at his home with all his family and some close relatives around.



# HARRY (BEAN) SIDNEY MILLER

It is with a sad and loving heart that we will try to write the obituary of our dear father and husband, Harry Miller, who was born on May 21, 1924 to James Ollie and Flora Alice Barker Miller. He passed away on August 26, 2004 making his stay here on earth 80 years, 3 months, and 5 days. He was preceded in death by his parents; one daughter, Gerema Sue; twin sons, Jimmy and Johnny; two brothers, Carlet and Aubrey; and one

sister, Rebel Adkins. He is survived by his wife of 61 years, Parsie Hall Miller; one son, Terry Lee; two daughters, Mary Ann Miller Gentry and Peggy Miller; one sister, Mary Margaret Ball; five grand-children, Peggy LeeAnn Black, Sherry Games, Christie Bugan, Alex Miller and Daniel Miller; and eight great grandchildren.

In September of 1982, Harry retired after 30 years at the Paragon Mines in Logan County. He was a member of the UMWA #5958.

Daddy departed this life, leaving behind a loving family and many friends. He has gone to be with those who have gone before him and, like he has done for so many years, he leads the way for the rest of his family to follow. While at work, Harry followed the lamp on his mining hat that guided him home each day, he will now be shining his light for others to follow.

# LARRY C. MITCHELL

# February 24, 1956-June 25, 2004

It is with much sadness that we present this obituary of our dear brother, Larry Mitchell. Larry was the oldest son of George C. and Elsie Cline Mitchell. He was



a native of Haysi, Virginia and had made his home in Atlanta, Georgia the last 15 years. He was employed as a bus operator by the Marta City transportation system of Atlanta. He passed from this life on June 25, 2004 at Holston Valley Hospital, following a lengthy illness. His parents and one brother, Rocky Mitchell, preceded him in death.

Larry is survived by two daughters, Lyndsey Brivette of Atlanta, Georgia and Lauren Mitchell of Lavonia, Georgia; one granddaughter, Carmen Brivette of Atlanta; three sisters, Linda Yates and husband, David, of Haysi, Virginia, Pam Mullins and husband, Virgil, of Haysi, Virginia, and Brenda Tiller of Lebanon, Virginia; one brother, David Mitchell of Haysi, Virginia; four nieces; two nephews; and a dear friend, Barbara Mitchell of Lavonia, Georgia.

Larry worked with his dad in the coal mining industry until his dad retired. When work became scarce in the coalfields, Larry moved his family to Atlanta, Georgia. There, Larry became an employee of the Marta City Transportation System where he operated a bus for fourteen years before being forced to retire due to illness.

Larry will be remembered as a generous, quiet and soft-spoken man that could make others laugh with his short humorous comments. As a young man, Larry enjoyed hunting in God's great outdoors and participating in athletic events, both being interests he developed through the teachings from his dad, George. As he grew older and the responsibilities of a home and family required his time, hunting became a thing of the past, but his love for athletics continued. Realizing the needs of others, Larry participated in the organ

donor program, thus managing to be a help to someone, even in death. Larry will be greatly missed by all who knew him. His passing has left a large void in our life, but fond memories of him will forever be with us.



## ELSIE CLINE MITCHELL

It is with much sadness and grief that we present the obituary of our beloved mother, Elsie Cline Mitchell. Mom was born on June 30, 1929 and departed this life on December 4, 2003, making her stay on earth 74 years, 5 months and 4 days. She was the daughter of Lou and Ellie Cline. She is survived by three daughters, Brenda Tiller of Lebanon, Virginia, Linda and husband, David Yates, of Haysi,

Virginia, and Pam and husband, Virgil Mullins, of Haysi, Virginia; two sons, Larry Mitchell of Atlanta, Georgia and David Mitchell of Haysi, Virginia; two sisters, Pearl Lester of Martinsville, Virginia and Helen Cline of Haysi, Virginia; two brothers, Bergus Cline and Gene Cline of Tazewell, Virginia; eight grandchildren, Billy Rash, Renee Justus, Amber Mullins, Aaron Yates, Lyndsey Brevette, Lauren Mitchell, Cheyenne Mitchell, and Kelia Mullins; and five great grandchildren, Kaleb Mullins, Josh Rash, Brianna Rash, Carmen Brevette, and Lucas O'Quinn. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, and one son, Rocky.

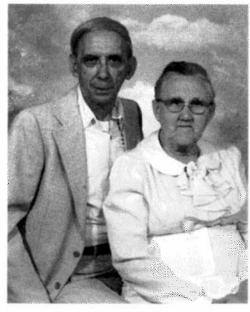
Mom was a dedicated and loving housewife, mother and grandmother. There was nothing she wouldn't do to help her children, if at all possible, and she looked forward to being with them and hearing from them. Mom loved gardening, canning and raising flowers. She was an excellent cook and a generous person, often feeding friends of the children when they brought them by the house. She often said that she liked to do that because she didn't know when they had eaten last. Our fondest memories will be of having a watermelon feast with her on the 4th, her avid desire to go shopping anytime, and her skill of playing seven card rummy. Although Mom enjoyed these pleasures on God's footstool, her greatest love was for her church, Emmanuel, where she could enjoy the joys of Jesus, her Lord and Savior. She was a faithful member of her church and looked forward to the Saturday and Sunday worship services where she could rest from the cares of the world. When her health began to fail, she was not able to attend as she normally did. However, she did not let this dampen her faith, she fought a good fight, her faith grew stronger, as her days grew shorter.

We will suffer a large void in our lives with the passing of our beloved mother. We can be comforted by the fact that her suffering is over and to die in the Lord is gain.

Submitted by the family.

# GRACIE (COMBS) MOSLEY

It is with a sad and lonely heart and with the help of God, I will try to write the obituary of our mommy, Gracie (Combs) Mosley. There are no words I can say that would tell you how we children all feel since our mommy left us, only someone who has lost a mother would know. Mommy was the daughter of Green Combs and Melaine



(Stamper) Combs. She was born on June 30, 1918. God came and took her home on September 16, 2003. Mom was 85 years, 2 months and 16 days old at the time of her passing. Mommy grew up and

married Lee Mosley. I believe God joined them together; they loved each other so much. After Daddy died Mommy was never satisfied here anymore. God came and got Daddy in 1989. Mommy and Daddy had 9 children, 2 infant daughters preceded them in death.

Surviving are four daughters, Joyce (Trigger) Casebolt, Anna Lee (Alger) Casebolt, Betty Childers, and Wilma (Keith) Griffith and three sons, Charles (Judy) Mosley, John (Carlene) Mosley and James (Pauline) Mosley. Also surviving are 27 grandchildren, and 51 great grandchildren. Two grandchildren preceded them in death, one infant grand-daughter and Kathy Casebolt.

Mommy loved all her children, grandchildren, great grandchildren, daughter-in-laws and son-in-laws very much.

Also preceding mommy in death are four brothers and one sister. Mommy was such a sweet person, everyone who knew her knew what I mean.

She loved people and treated them with love. Mommy had cancer for about three years before God came and took her home. She fell asleep in the arms of Jesus so peacefully. Mommy joined the Old Regular Baptist church in 1947. Her membership was at the Ivy Point Church. She loved her church and worked hard for the church. She loved to cook and feed the people. Her life proved that she was a true born Christian, by her every day life and the love she showed everyone.

Mommy lived to see two of her daughters baptized into the church, one son, one daughter-in-law and one son-in-law. She was so happy to see that.

I could go on and on and write so many things about mommy, but there are no words that I can write to tell you just how precious our mommy was to all of us children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren and how empty our hearts are since she went away, but, I believe with all my heart, Mommy and Daddy are together with their granddaughters, their two infant daughters, and all their family and friends that have gone on to heaven.

Mommy has no more worries, heartaches, or pain, I believe she's just waiting for that great resurrection day, when body and soul will reunite and be taken up to Heaven.

To my brothers and sisters and all the family, if you want to see Mommy, Daddy and Kathy again, turn to Jesus and beg for forgiveness from the heart and God will hear you.

Goodbye mommy for a while, soon I'll be with you in Heaven, where we will never part again. We all love and miss you, sweet mommy,

Written by your daughter and sister in the Lord, Wilma.

#### BERNICE MULLINS

Bernice Mullins was delivered into this life on January 29, 1929 at Amburgey, Kentucky. Bernice left this world on July 3, 2004 after years of courageously battling a debilitating disease. He passed away at home just a few short feet from his place of birth.



Bernice was preceded in death by his parents, Jasper and Sylvia Mullins, a brother, Leroy, and a sister, Arbidella. Bernice married Bertha Sizemore, his life long companion, on January 29, 1949. Bernice enjoyed most of his passions in life with Bertha always at his side. In the years of his illness, Bertha rarely left his side, being there with Bernice when he left his suffering behind.

After attending Union College, Bernice briefly worked as a coal miner and teacher, but retired from the Appalachian Regional Hospital at Hazard with 35 years of dedicated service on May 3, 1991. While at the hospital he became active in the United Steel Workers where he held the office of president for many years. During this time he worked diligently to improve the conditions for his fellow employees as well as the level of care for the many fellow eastern Kentuckians that were served by the hospital.

Bernice spent 36 years serving the children of Knott County as a member of the Knott County school board where he was chairman for much of his tenure. Bernice oversaw many changes in the school system including the building of the current Knott County Central complex, which includes one of the best and largest gymnasiums strictly for high school athletics in the state of Kentucky. He also worked hard and diligently in preventing the state from closing the Cordia High School. For his years of dedication and community service Bernice was chosen for the Knott County Hall of Fame.

Bernice was a devoted husband and father and considered himself a Baptist in faith. Years ago while in the hospital at Hazard, Bernice made his profession of faith known to John Preece and Danny Amburgey. He told them he was ready to go home. Using his own words Bernice was a "strong union man" and "strong school man". He was a hard working man and a generous man. He did not judge a person by their pocketbook, but by their heart. He sacrificed for his family and friends and never asked anything in return.

Bernice had many passions in life. He loved politics and always enjoyed a good election. He loved to work in his garden. He loved to fish and hunt. But, his two most passionate past times were baseball and basketball.

He followed the Cincinnati Reds every year and every game. If they were on the air, he was there with them.

Being a Carr Creek graduate, however, basketball was his blood. He always attended the high school tournament until he was unable and never missed a local high school or grade school game. But Bernice's greatest love of basketball was the Big Blue Kentucky Wildcats. As his illness progressed it never prevented Bernice from listening to or watching the Big Blue and he always enjoyed quizzing his family and friends to make sure they had their priorities straight. He was truly "True to the Blue."

Bernice is survived by his loving wife, Bertha; one brother, Jasper Junior and his wife, Laris of Louisville; two sisters, Gladys Coghill of Amburgey and Jewell Freeman of Brevard, North Carolina; one daughter, Zena Slone and her husband, Richard, of Softshell; three sons, Eugene and his wife, Teresa, of Hindman, Harold and his wife,

Carole, of Amburgey, and Greg of Amburgey; seven grand children; 1 step grandchild; 2 great grandchildren; 5 step great grandchildren; a host of nephews and nieces and many more friends and relatives. Bernice has left behind this world of pain and sickness to go to a place that knows no pain or suffering. Our temporary loss is Heaven's gain.

### **LEROY MULLINS**

Leroy Mullins was born on July 24, 1945. He departed this word on May 9, 2003, making his stay on earth 57 years, 9 months, and 15 days. Leroy was married to Brenda Deaton on July 11, 1997.

Leroy was preceded in death by his mother, Sylvia Mullins, his father, Jasper Mullins, and one sister, Armadella Mullins.

Leroy is survived by his loving wife, Brenda; one son, Donnie Andrew; two



step-daughters, Elizabeth Stacy and Catherine Gross; two grand-daughters, Amber and Kaitlin; two brothers, Bernice and Jasper, Jr.; two sisters, Gladys Coghill and Jewell Freeman; a host of nieces and nephews; and many other relatives and friends.

Leroy grew up on Trace Fork of Irishman Creek at Amburgey, Kentucky where he spent most of his life. Leroy's passion for animals stayed with him throughout his life. Even after he became ill, he still loved to dabble in cattle, goats, pigs and chickens that he loved.

Leroy was a husband, a father, a brother, an uncle and a friend,

but more important than that, he was a compassionate man. His love and generosity was spread throughout his community. With his hard work, vision, and dedication, he developed one of the state's premier ambulance services - virtually from scratch - for the people of Perry County. His knowledge and experience was also instrumental in the formation and developing of other emergency medical services for other communities.

Leroy was a farmer, a rancher, a former ARH employee, a former Knott County Magistrate, and former director of the Perry County Ambulance Service.

Leroy was also fair and open-minded. He was always on the side of anyone who was willing to give an effort. Leroy, we will miss you, but we will never forget you. You have left this world of pain to enter a place of no pain or sickness. Our loss is Heaven's gain.



#### **OLLIE MULLINS**

Ollie Mullins was born on September 19, 1925 to the late Monroe and Millie Gibson Mullins. He was preceded in death by his mom and dad and 5 brothers. Ollie was married to Geneva Fannin in December, 1951, and to this union were born 5 children. One preceded him in death. He leaves to mourn: his wife, Geneva, and 3 sons, Glen of Ashland, Jimmy of Mallie and James Keith of Lexington; and one daughter,

Carolyn Maggard of Lexington. He also leaves 5 grandsons, V.J. and Nicholas Mullins of Ashland, Jeremy Mullins of Ohio, Jason Mullins of Mallie and Todd Beavan of Lexington; and 2 granddaughters, Marinda Mullins of Ashland and Heidi Beavan of Lexington. He

leaves one brother, Oliver Mullins of Amburgey; two sisters, Beatrice Cook and Cleo Everage both of Amburgey; and four great grand-children, Jhakoby, Jordan, Nicholas and Hailey.

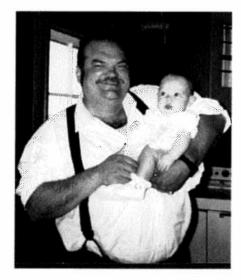
Ollie worked hard all his life to raise his children. He drove a bread truck for Kern's Bakery for 25 years. He was a great and devoted husband and father. He tried very hard to see that his children had everything that they needed.

Early in life he found there was something missing in his life. He prayed and God forgave him of his many sins. In the early '70's he joined the church and was baptized. A year later he was made a deacon of the church. God was not finished with Ollie, he then had another calling to preach the gospel. He traveled near and far for as long as he was able. About six years ago he started having trouble with his legs and lost both of them. He never gave up and always said he would be back in church again.

He didn't get to go very much after that, but he never lost his faith. When anyone would come, he loved to talk about the Lord. He has fought a good fight and he has kept the faith. He is now resting in the arms of Jesus. We will miss him very much, but we all can go where he is now.

# RONALD GALE MULLINS

Ronald Gale Mullins was born on July 1, 1954. He died on April 2, 2003, making him 48 years, 9 months and 1 day old at the time of his passing. He is survived by his parents, Carl and Essie Mullins of Dearborn Heights, Michigan; two brothers, James and Daryl Mullins; and two sisters, Darlene Fountain and Arlene



Slater, all of Dearborn Heights, Michigan. He is also survived by two children, Crystal Lehmkuhler and Tony Mullins, and two grandchildren, Devon Marie and Rae Lynn, all of Indiana.

His grandparents were the late Arlie and Nany Ann (Hawkins) Caudill and the late Oliver and Alvie Boggs Mullins. His funeral service was at the Little Ida Old Regular Baptist Church on Saturday, April 5, 2003 at 1 p.m. in Michigan.

Ronald, we miss you so much and only God knows how much we loved you. We all hope and pray that we will be together in Heaven someday. Before he went to work everyday, he would come by our house and when he left he would never fail to tell us he loved us. May the Good Lord help anyone who has to go through losing a child. We know now what it is. Ronald will always be in our hearts and his memories we have of him will never be forgotten. We love you Ronald!

Mom, Dad and Family.

### ANNIE PATRICK NAPIER

Annie Patrick Napier was born into this world on June 11, 1924 at Emmalena, Kentucky in Knott County to Grover and Eva Patrick. She entered into eternal rest on December 18, 2002 at the Hazard ARH Regional Medical Center.

Along life's pathway she met and married Hargis Napier and to this union was born one daughter, Lucy Jane Barnes of Huron, South Dakota.

Annie, realizing she needed a savior, came to the Lord and joined the New Bethlehem Church of Old Regular Baptist at Talcum, Kentucky in Knott County. She was a good and faithful member of the church and enjoyed attending services regularly as long as she was able.

I believe Sister Annie, who is still missed here on earth by those who knew and loved her, is resting peacefully around the alter of God. Our loss here on earth is surely Heaven's gain.

Elder Carl Slone.

#### **BRENDA SUE PHIPPS**

Brenda Sue Phipps was born on February 15, 1947 in Portsmouth, Ohio, the daughter of the late James E. Conley and Arizona (Tackett) Conley. On November 5, 1964, Brenda was united in marriage to Bennie Phipps who preceded her in death on February 20, 2002.

Surviving are four sons, Timmy Roy Dingess of Pennsylvania, James L. Phipps of Nashville, Tennessee, Bennie



Phipps of Pomeroy, Ohio, and Jeff Phipps of Stockdale, Ohio; one daughter, Regina Phipps of Pataskala, Ohio; two brothers, Billy E. Conley of Pebbles, Ohio, and William S. Conley of Nashville, Tennessee; and six sisters, Linda Lou Hardin, Janice Sheets, Sharon K. Slone, Omalee Etzwiler, April Mason, and Laura Virgin.

Brenda was a homemaker and a member of the Rose of Sharon Old Regular Baptist Church. She was converted on February 14, 1992 and was baptized by Brother Billy Conley and Bro. Dee Contrail into the New Hope Church (United Baptist) until she joined the Rose of Sharon in Ohio in November, 2001. She was baptized by Elder Billy Conley and Brother William S. Conley and was a good member until her death on July 16, 2004.

## MARTHA RALEIGH

There are no words to describe how I feel as I write this obituary for my precious mother, Martha R. Raleigh. My heart is sad, but at peace for her, because I know she is where she has always wanted to be. Today, she isn't feeling pain and suffering. She will never have to take another pain pill.



Mother was born on March 13, 1919 in Perry County, Kentucky to Elizabeth Couch and Morris Stidham. Her birth certificate states that her father was a farmer and her mother a housewife. On December 27, 2003 at 7:15 p.m., mother passed away at the Baptist Hospital East. She had not been well for many years. She was 84 years old.

She is preceded in death by her loving husband, William Harold Raleigh; her parents; two

sisters, Mime Noble and Eva Whitaker; and two brothers, Robert and John Stidham.

On March 14, 1936, one day after her seventeenth birthday, she married William Harold Raleigh, her husband for 61 years. Together they had four children all of whom she leaves behind to mourn her death. They are William Kyle Raleigh and his wife, Flo, of Finchville, Mary Sue Kiser and her husband, William Harold, of Finchville, Sherlon Worthingon and her husband, William, of Louisville, and Harold Ray Raleigh and his wife, Rhonda, of Finchville; eight grand-children, Pam Kiser Carbone, Steve Raleigh, Sherlon Raleigh, Mike Kiser, Tim Kiser, Philip Ammon, Sean Raleigh and Kevin Raleigh; eight great grandchildren; two step-great-grandchildren; and a host of nieces and nephews and many friends.

Mother had a full-time job taking care of her husband and children. She was a wonderful homemaker. I always said when I leave home I will never wash a window again! We had to do windows every week and always polish and wax the hardwood floors. That is when they used paste wax and the floors had to be shined and it had to be done just right!

I remember when Dad used to read the Bible to mother. I wondered why she didn't read it herself. I thought she was the most intelligent woman alive, and in my eyes she was. I did not realize until I was much older that Mom only went to the 3rd grade, but she managed to help us with our homework in the higher grades. It used to break my heart because she was too proud to say she couldn't read that well. When I would take her to have her eyes examined and the doctor would put on her new glasses and tell her to read the smallest line she could see, I would hide behind her and tell him she could not read that well so she wouldn't be embarrassed. Had she had the opportunity that she afforded her children, she could have done anything. She may not have been formally educated beyond the 3rd grade, but she certainly had a degree in life.

Mother was quite young when she joined the church, and the night she was saved was a beautiful experience for us all. She woke up crying and it was obvious something was happening. She used to love to tell how the Lord knelt before her and opened his arms and she asked, "Lord, does this mean I am saved?" He nodded his head yes. She said there was a beautiful light shining around his head and she never saw his face, but she knew who He was. It was a beautiful story and one I never tired of hearing. She was a member of the Mt. Olivet Old Regular Baptist Church at Blackey, Kentucky where she remained a faithful member until her death. She always talked of going back but her health did not permit it.

It gives me comfort to think that, today, Mother is sitting at the feet of her Savior, hand-in-hand with her husband, rejoicing for they are together again.

When I was a junior in high school I had a poem published in our school newspaper and it goes as follows:

I think my mother is precious
A gift from God above,
Without her, my life is nothing
For my life is my mother's love.

There is no one else like my mother,
She is perfect in every way,
She is my guide, and she keeps me and helps me
As she lives from day-to-day.

I am frightened by my smallest problems,
I am lost in a world of sin,
But Mother always comforts me
And makes me feel better within.

I hear her when she is praying Bent low upon her knees, She utters my name in Heaven, For guidance and for peace.

Sometimes I sit and wonder
How these miracles she performs
Could anyone but Mother
Keep me throughout these storms?

For me she would suffer, She would swim the wildest sea, That is why I loved her, She'd do these things for me.

She is one of the many
No one else can take her place.
Heaven is on earth
When I look upon her smiling face.

Today, my friends, I lost the best friend I ever had and life will never be the same. I am honored to have written this for our mother on behalf of my brothers and sister.

God Bless you, Mother. Rest in Peace. Your loving daughter, Sherlon Worthington

#### NONA E. CLEVINGER RATLIFF

Sister Nona Clevinger Ratliff was born in Buchanan County, Virginia to the late Bert and Casada Woods Clevinger in 1911. Sister

Nona was a quiet and humble Christian who honored her yows she took in this life. In 1941 she gave her life to God and became a member of the Bethlehem Old Regular Baptist Church. Her first husband, Lonzo Farmer, passed away in 1942 and she married James T. Ratliff and was blessed to be with him until his death in 1987. God blessed Nona with six children, two sons and four daughters. She is survived by two of her loving daughters, Ruby Epling and Aileen Blackburn, Her faith in God allowed her to be a devoted wife.



a loving mother and a respected grandmother to 48 grandchildren and several great grandchildren. Blessed with a long life, she was also preceded in death by five sisters and three brothers. One sister, Sister Evelyn Clevinger, and one brother, Junior Clevinger, are left to mourn her passing.

Sister Nona bore the patience of life and death by living on, as many she loved passed from this earth. Now we, her family and brothers and sisters in Christ, who have walked with her for 93 years on this earth and for over 52 years in church, must patiently await our reunion with her in a better land far beyond the pains of this world.

## 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 at heart,
Go to the friends we know.
And bury your sorrows in doing good deeds,
Miss me, but let me go.

I am glad that in my life in the Church I was blessed to know her and love her, to see her beautiful smile, and to feel her soft embrace which was delivered in every encounter. She will be missed for a season, but soon I believe we will meet again.

Written by her Brother in Christ, Elder Billie Campbell



#### **DOVIE RITCHIE**

Dovie June Caudill Ritchie, the daughter of the late Silas and Martha Caudill, passed away at her home on Clear Creek of an apparent heart attack on May 5, 2004. Dovie was 87 years of age at the time of her death.

Surviving Dovie are her husband, Mart; one daughter, Sandy Collins; two granddaughters, Meredith and Brittany Collins; three brothers, Herbert, Lee and Jim T.; and one sister, Mary

Shepherd. Preceding Dovie in death were her parents, two brothers, Herman and Hargis Caudill, and two sisters, Tina Whitaker and Tessie Cornett.

Dovie married Mart on February 29, 1946, and they moved to their home on Clear Creek in Knott County, where they lived all of their married life. Dovie graduated from Eastern Kentucky University with a degree in elementary education and taught school for 35 years. Her last several years of employment were at Emmalena Elementary School in Knott County. Dovie joined the Old Regular Baptist church at Lothair in 1955, but later took her membership to the Blair Branch Old Regular Baptist Church and had been a member there for 23 years at the time of her death. She attended and enjoyed her church as long as her health permitted.

Dovie was a good wife to Mart, a caring, loving mother to Sandy, and a proud, adoring grandmother to Meredith and Brittany. Her granddaughters have fond, loving memories of the times they spent with their grandmother, preparing for holidays, birthdays, boating adventures, camping trips, and sharing books they all enjoyed reading. Her sisters and brothers remember her as a dear, understanding sister, whose smile always cheered everyone up. She was dearly loved by her many nieces and nephews. We all treasure the memories of the times we got to spend together and the life she led before us. Dovie is and will be sadly missed by Mart, Sandy, Meredith, Brittany and all of her family and friends. We rejoice in the knowledge that we will one day be reunited with Dovie when the Lord calls us to our heavenly home.

Written by Dovie's sister, Mary Shepherd

# **DOROTHY ROSE**

It is with a sad heart that I will try to write this obituary of my sister in the Lord, Dorothy Rose. Sister Dorothy passed away on July 24, 2004 at the age of 87 at her home in Dunham, Kentucky. She was born at Beefhide, Kentucky on August 7, 1916 and was a lifelong resi-



dent of Letcher County, Kentucky. She was a homemaker and a member of the Hemphill Old Regular Baptist Church.

She was the daughter of Ziggler and Victoria Mullins Wright. She was also preceded in death by her husband, Sam Rose, on February 24, 1990. She was preceded in death by three sons, Robert, Virgil and Alton; a daughter, Ruth Rose; two infants, Billy and Bobby Rose; two sisters, Rebecca Wright and Ethel Maggard; and three brothers, Acie Wright, Forrester Wright and Elijah Wright.

She is survived by four daughters, Peggy Jones, Linda Hunsaker, Ida Mae Bleigh, and Barbara Muncie; and four sons, Millard, Kenneth, Carl and Ricky. She is also survived by 21 grandchildren, 21 great grandchildren, three great-great grandchildren, a sister, Lizzie Austin, several nieces and nephews and a host of friends.

Sister Dorothy was a faithful member of the church as long as her health allowed. She would always light up the room when she entered with a smile on her face. You always knew when she was receiving a blessing as tears of joy streamed down her face. Sister Dorothy loved God to the very depths of her heart. She is resting now and some day she will come out of the grave that holds her down here. She will be wearing a robe of white and a crown on her head.

Written by: Brother Jimmy Hall

#### FRANCINE SEXTON

Francine (Pam) Sexton was the youngest daughter of Dona Amburgey Ison who passed away only four months prior to the death of Pam. As the postmaster for Letcher for more than 25 years, Pam knew practically everyone in the area. She has been gone since September, 2003 but her absence still hurts as if it were yesterday. Pam passed away, following her fight with pancreatic cancer, on her birthday, September 26. She was only 57 years of age.

Pam and her husband, Lonnie, as was her mother, Dona, were members of the Mt.Olivet Regular Baptist Church in Blackey, Kentucky. Aside from her husband, Lonnie, Pam was survived by two sisters, Betty Hunley of Letcher, and Sherelene Tull of Jacksonville, Florida and three brothers, James Amburgey of Letcher, Bruce Bates of Helenwood, Tennessee, and Donald Amburgey of Cleveland, Ohio.

In her more immediate family, Pam has been greatly missed by her three birth given children and three by her marriage to Lonnie, along with their assortment of twelve grandchildren.



They include Ron Brunty of Letcher, Lonnie Sexton III of Mayking, Chuck Brunty of Pikeville, Mark Johnson of Knott County, Donna Dixon of Leatherwood and Wykendia Sexton of Letcher.

As stated in the beginning of these brief few words, Pam has been missed terribly for the past year. Her radiant smile from behind the postmaster counter was a welcome to anyone doing business at the Letcher post office. She went beyond her obligated duties in helping her customers. The word honesty could be spelled in three letters — Pam. To say you miss someone doesn't always convey the deep feeling of grief which never dies, it just lingers and fades with time. We will always love and remember Pam.

# JOHN G. SIZEMORE AND FRANKLIN D.R. SIZEMORE

John and Frank were the sons of Hiram Sizemore and Claudia Williams Sizemore Gibson. Frank was born on October 22, 1933 at Hindman, Kentucky and John was born on May 24, 1938 at Hindman, Kentucky. They are survived by one sister, Bertha Sizemore Mullins of Amburgey, Kentucky. Frank is survived by six sons, Frank, Jr., Wayne, Larry, Eddie, David, and D.J., and one daughter, Diane. John is survived by three sons, John Jr., Johnny, and Christopher, and two



daughters, Heather and Vickie.

Both John and Frank grew up in Hindman and went to the Hindman Baptist Church until they went away to work and married. They went to church two times a day on Sunday. Frank made a profession of faith and joined the Church during his teenage days. John knew the value of the Lord and church and on his last night on earth he called his sister wanting her to

send someone to him. When his great nephew, Harold Mullins Jr., nephew, Greg Mullins, and brother, Frank, arrived he had already passed away.

During life John was a tree trimmer in Ohio and Florida. Frank was a typing mechanic in Florida. After their mother passed away in March, 1993, they came back home to Knott County. John passed away on July 26, 2002 at U.K. Medical Center and Frank passed away on December 13, 2002 at Central Baptist Hospital in Lexington. They had one brother deceased and two sisters. Sister Polly died two days after John did on July 28, 2002; Mary died on February 2, 1971 in Chicago. Deceased by one brother, Elijah, who died at age 10 at Hazard. All 3 boys are buried beside their mother in the Amburgey cemetery at Hindman. Their sisters are buried in Cincinnati beside their husbands.

We believe our loss is Heaven's gain.

Written by their sister, Bertha Mullins.

# JAMES RALPH STILTNER, SR.

It is with a sad but rejoiced heart that I will try to write the obituary of my uncle and brother in Christ.

Ralph was born on May 31, 1931 and departed this life on June

17, 2004, making his stay on this earth 73 years and 17 days. One son, Gregory Dean Stiltner, preceded him in death on January 20, 1998. He was also preceded in death by his parents, D.C. and Chloe Stiltner, 4 brothers and 2 sisters. He is survived by his wife, Stella Thacker Stiltner, and 3 children: one daughter, Mrs. Radford (Joyce) Rice of R. 2, Grundy, Virginia and two sons, James (Pete) Stiltner of Rt. 2, Grundy, Virginia, and Jerry and wife, Theda Stiltner, of Dickson, Tennessee.

Besides his wife and children, Ralph leaves behind to mourn his passing, 9 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren. He is also survived by 4 brothers, Fred Stiltner of Grundy, Virginia, Jack and



Lawrence Stiltner, both of Dickinson, Tennessee, and Leonard Stiltner of Gray, Tennessee; and 6 sisters, Leon Spahr, Alice Yates and Julie Poland of Rt. 2, Grundy, Virginia, Lucy Dudley and Brenda Crawford, both of Dickson, Tennessee, and Rachel Clark of Clauson, Michigan; and a host of family and friends.

Ralph and Stella were married on June 22, 1950 and walked together 54 years, raising their children with as much love as they had for each other. Seven years ago on June 21, 1997, they started another walk together that would last an eternity when they repented of their sins. God saved their souls and they became not only husband and wife, but also brother and sister. They were baptized together and became members of Bethlehem Old Regular Baptist Church of Jesus Christ.

Ralph served his country as a Marine during the Korean conflict. He wore the uniform proudly, but when he put on the uniform in God's army, it gave him a new look of joy and peace. It caused him to have love for everyone. We will miss him and our heart will be sad, but they will also be rejoicing to know he is resting in the paradise of God with his son and mom and dad and his struggles here are now over. I know if Ralph could send a message back to his family and friends he left behind, it would be, "please love one another, serve God and come visit me in my brand new home."

We are saying good-by, but sleep on brother in your rest and by the Grace of our Dear Savior we will meet you again where no goodbyes are spoken and no tears of sorrow ever dim the eye, but all is joy, joy forever.

Written for the family, by his niece, Gail Humbert.

#### I'M FREE

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free; I'm following the path God laid for me. I took His hand when I heard Him call; I turned my back and left it all

I could not stay another day, to laugh, To love, to work or play. Tasks left undone must stay that way; I found that place at the close of day.

If my parting has left a void, Then fill it with remembered joy. A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss, Ay yes, these things, I too, will miss.

But not burdened with times of sorrow;
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.
My life's been full, I savored much;
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.

Perhaps my time seemed all too brief; Don't lengthen it now with undue grief. Lift up your heart and share with me, God wanted me now, He set me free.

## PHYLLIS RAE **AMBURGEY** THORNSBERRY

It is with deep sadness that we write this obituary of Phyllis Rae Amburgey Thornsberry, a loving mother, grandmother and friend.

Phyllis was born on March 23, 1939 to the late Arvel and Corsie Tolliver Amburgey. She had four sisters, Evelyn Amburgey Taylor, Armenda Ritchie, Judy Clark. and Jenny Edwards. She also had one brother, Donald Amburgey.

When Phyllis was 19 she mar-



ried her loving companion, the late Rex Thornsberry. They had three children who adored her: Ollie Jeffrey Thornsbery (Janice), Evelyn Thornsberry Scarberry (Albert Leon) and Brian Thornsberry (Kimberly).

Phyllis was a terrific grandmother to her nine grandchildren, Jessica Thornsberry Green (Nick), Derek Thornsberry, Eddie Burden, Zackery Thornsberry, Devan Thornsberry, Brittany Scarberry, Justin Scarberry, Tyler Thornsberry, and Lindsey Thornsberry.

On the second Sunday in May of 1977, Phyllis stepped out in faith and joined the Little Dove Church at Sassafras. She would let her light shine to everyone she met. She loved the Lord and was proud to serve Him. She longed to join the Lord someday in Heaven.

Phyllis was a bus driver for the Knott County School Board for 25 years. She loved this job and "her kids" as she often called them, and they loved her. She was only four days away from retiring when she was called to join the Lord on December 13, 2002.

Phyllis will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved her. She was such a wonderful person and our lives will never be the same without her, but we all hope to meet with her again someday in Heaven.

Written by the loving family of Sister Phyllis

No farewell words were spoken, No time to say goodbye. You were gone before we knew it, And only God knows why.

#### LISA GAYE STONE VOTAW

Lisa Gaye Stone Votaw was born on September 28, 1965 and passed away June 5, 2004. God let us enjoy her sweet smile and laughter for 38 years, 8 months, and 23 days. I believe with all my heart she's at rest, never any more pain or sorrow.

She leaves to mourn her passing, husband, Steve Votaw; son, Chad Allen Stone; mother, Renava Malon; stepfather, Ray Malone; grandmother, Mattie Griffie; and many aunts, uncles, cousins and friends. Preceding her in death: Papaw, Clarence Griffie, and daugh-



ter, Linzy Stone. Lisa was diagnosed with cancer in March. 2004. She called me Easter Sunday saying "Auntie, God has saved me. I want to come home and join the church. I want Squire to baptize me." Shortly after, she was admitted to St. Joseph Hospital in Lexington, Kentucky. We visited her often in those short weeks. She always had the sweetest smile when we walked in her room. She would always tell me something sweet about Chad, she was so proud of him. He was her pride and joy.

She called me one evening wanting Squire and Jim to come down and lay hands on her, asking God if it be his will for her to get well. We went as she asked and they did. She was so happy, saying I've got God in my heart. She joined church that day and wanted her membership in Cedar Grove Regular Baptist Church. Her heart's desire was to come home and be baptized soon as she was able. Just a few days before God took her, she took me by the hand and said, "Auntie I love you, everything will be alright." I loved her as if she was my own little girl. She told her good friend, Sandy, that she couldn't get well and that she wanted to go to Heaven. She asked her

to be good to Chad. She kept asking to go home in Nicholasville. She wanted to see Chad playing, and see her horses and dogs. She got home Friday evening and spent one night. Shawn and Chad were outside playing ball. She wanted to watch them. She asked Sandra to take her outside, but there was no way she could, so she rolled her hospital bed over by the window so she could see him playing once more. Renava, Sandra, Chad, Steve, Todd and others spend the last night with her. About 30 minutes before God took her, she told Renava ("Mommie, I love you, don't worry about me"). Just a few seconds before she took her last breath, Sandra said she raised up in bed and said ("OH, my God") just as though she saw him. I believe she did. I believe he took her in his arms, and carried her sweet soul away. We'll never forget her sweet smile and that special laugh she had. My prayers are that all her loved ones and friends will prepare to meet her in Heaven. I could write for days and still could not say all the sweet memories I have of her.

By her Auntie, Claudette Watts.

# ANNETTE MILLER WHITAKER

With sad hearts we will try to write the obituary of our beloved Sister in Christ, our loved one, whom we loved so much.

Annette Miller Whitaker of Blair Branch was born into the home of Mavis Halcomb Miller and the late James Miller. Annette was born on October 13, 1962 and she passed from this life on October 5, 2003, being 40 years, 11 months, and 22 days of age. She had one son, Lonis Ray Morris, whom she loved so much. She had one brother, Ronnie Miller of Blackey, Kentucky, and one brother preceded her in death, Tommy Ray Miller. Annette had two sisters, Connie Crase and Charity Ann Caudill, both are from Letcher, Kentucky.

Later in life Annette met and married Allen Ward Whitaker. She had one step-son, James Allen Whitaker, and she loved him. Annette worked hard to help raise both of the children. She worked and went to college to better herself in life. With all of her hard work, she got several degrees and a good job.



Soon Annette became ill. The doctors could not find what was causing her pain. She went to Central Baptist Hospital and they found a tumor. She had terrible pain for about 3 years. She went to several different hospitals trying to find relief from her pain. She went to the Cancer Center of America in Illinois for a while to get ease from her pain. The week before she went to Illinois she called Sister Sylvania Whitaker

and said "God has forgiven me down on my knees praying." This was in November of 2002.

The night before she went to Illinois, Brother Virgil Combs and some brothers and sisters came to sing and pray for her. She praised the Lord and told them God had saved her. On July 22, 2003 she joined the Dixon Memorial Church but was never able to be baptized. Annette told Sister Sylvania "I hate to leave my family, but I just want ease or peace." God gave her both. We hope to meet you again, Sister Annette.

Written by Brother and Sister in Christ, Allen and Sylvania Whitaker

God saw you getting tired And a cure was not to be, So He put His arms around you, And whispered come with me.

With tearful eyes we watched you suffer

And saw you fade away, Although we loved you dearly, We could not make you stay.

A golden heart stopped beating, Hard working hands at rest, God broke our hearts to prove He only takes the best.

#### **NELDON AND TINA WHITAKER**

#### TINA WHTAKER

Tina Faye Caudill Whitaker was born on May 4, 1910 and she passed away on December 17, 2003, making her stay on earth 93 years, 7 months and 13 days. She was the daughter of the late Silas

and Martha Caudill of Mill Fork, of Mill Branch at Roxana, Kentucky.

Left to mourn Tina's passing is her husband. Neldon, who she married on October 5, 1940 at Whitesburg, Ky. Neldon and Tina were blessed with two children: Shirley June, who resides at the home place on Mill Branch at Roxana, Ky. and Jimmy Neldon, who resides with his wife, Linda, in Del Ray Beach, Florida. Three granddaughters: Kimberly Ann Haas, Tammy Sue Zappin and Ida Maria Sellars, all of Ohio; along



with five great-grandchildren: Madison, Jacob, Paige, Sarah and Lily are also left behind to mourn Tina's passing. Brothers and sisters left behind to grieve her departing are: Herbert (Charlene) Caudill, Lee (Rudell) Caudill, Jim T. (Thelma) Caudill, Dovie June (Mart) Ritchie and Mary (Eugene) Shepherd. Preceding Tina in death were: three brothers, Herman, Hargis and Howard, one sister: Tessie Cornett Caudill; and parents, Silas and Martha Caudill.

Tina lived her full life with a strong faith in Jesus Christ, and every day with her was a testimony of trust and persuasion. More than fifty years ago, in 1950, Tina made a public commitment to Christ and confirmed her conversion experience. She waded into the waters of baptism and united with the Indian Bottom Old Regular Baptist Church. She later became a member of the Little Samuel Memorial Church and in October, 1980, Neldon and Tina moved their membership to the Blair Branch Church.

Tina was a person with vast capacities for love. She loved her husband, Neldon, dearly, her children deeply, and her family relatives were so special to her. Tina, in her quiet, even tempered, loving, caring, approach to life made her easy to know, easy to love, and the good person she was to her family, neighbors and friends. Tina treasured her relationship with her close neighbors and church family. Tina mentioned many, many times how great her neighbors were, including Woodrow and Dorla Whitaker and Doyle and Merlene Day. Neldon and Tina always vowed that no person or people could be more considerate, more helpful and unselfish than these friends. Tina has now gone to her heavenly realm and we are left with many lingering precious memories.

Because He lives, I can face tomorrow
Because He lives, all fear is gone
Because I know He holds the future
Life is worth the living because He lives
And then one day, I'll cross that river
I'll fight this final war with pain
And then as death gives way to victory
I'll see the light of glory and I'll know He lives.

# **NELDON WHITAKER**

Neldon Whitaker was born on June 4, 1911 and passed away on February 21, 2004, being 92 years, 8 months and 17 days of age at the time of his passing. Neldon was the son of the late Squire and Ida Whitaker. Neldon's wife, Tina, preceded him in death on December 19, 2003. Neldon and Tina was married in a court house ceremony in Whitesburg, Ky. on October 5, 1940, by the Reverend Cullen Hogg, a Regular Baptist minister, who also was a cousin to Neldon's mother.

A daughter, Shirley June, and a son, Jimmy Neldon, (Linda) are left behind to mourn Neldon's passing. Three devoted granddaughters, Kimberly Ann Haas, Tammie Sue Zappin, and Ida Mae Sellars, along with five great grandchildren, Madison, Jacob, Paige, Sarah and Lily, are also left behind to grieve Neldon's passing. One brother, James, and three sisters, Mary Jane Davis, Ina Mae Ison and Phyllis Ann Gibson, are also left behind. Preceding Neldon in death, besides his wife, Tina, was a brother, Narce, and sisters, Dana and Baby Marlie, and his parents, Squire and Ida Whitaker.

The many family members, friends and acquaintances Neldon acquired and nurtured down through the years of life, close neighbors, contemporaries in his employment, the many clientele or customers of the electric power company he so faithfully served, and his large church family are practically innumerable because he touched so many, many lives. Neldon was quiet and unassuming, seemingly, but when you got to really know him, he was congenial, outgoing and ready to help anyone and everyone he could. Surely the most important feature of Neldon's life was the fact that he loved the Lord and he demonstrated that relationship during his life. Neldon publicly proclaimed his conversion experience and confirmed his strong belief in the saving power of Jesus Christ by entering the waters of baptism in 1958. He joined the Little Samuel Memorial Regular Baptist Church at Lothair, Ky. and in October, 1980, he moved his membership to the Blair Branch Church. During these ensuing years, Neldon served the Church as an ordained deacon and he also served as church clerk.

Neldon entered the military and served with the U.S. Army dur-

ing World War II. He served a long career with the Kentucky Power Company as a lineman and he and his work truck were welcomed by many people who lost electricity during winter ice and snow storms and were waiting for the power to be turned back on. Needless to say, Neldon's occupation was very rewarding and it was a joy to him to help others. Neldon's life was full, full of activity, full of love. He treasured the close friendship and neighborliness of his friends. He often commented on how good, helpful and great were Woodrow and Dorla Whitaker, and Doyle and Merlene Day. No people could have helped Neldon and Tina more than these folks during times of need and distress. They were always willing and ready to help when they were needed. Neldon's whole life gravitated to such. He will sorely be missed. His Church will miss him, he really enjoyed the visits from his Church family so much. Neldon will be missed by his community, his neighbors, his friends and most of all, by his family. Our family appreciates so very much all the times our ministers and church members came to our house, but especially to the nursing home and hospital to visit with Mother and Daddy. They appreciated their visits and prayers so much. They especially appreciated the many, many times that Brother Gillis Reedy came to our home and to the nursing home and hospital and sang many lovely songs to them. It meant so much to them.

My brother, Jimmy, his wife, Linda, and I, along with my three nieces, Kim, Tammy, and Ida, have had many times we thought about Mother and Dad and would have liked to tell them of some of the cute things that the great grandchildren have done or said or thought of other things we would have liked to tell them. But we would not wish them back in their sickness because we know they are resting in perfect peace waiting for the day that we can join them.

Daughter, Shirley June Whitaker Son, Jimmy Neldon Whitaker

### KENNITH YATES

With the help of the Lord we will try to write an obituary of our dearly beloved brother, Kennith Yates. He was born on May 11, 1945 and departed this life on June 19, 2003, making his stay here on earth 58 years, one month, and eight days. He was the son of Charlie and

Eva Yates who preceded him in death. Kennith was married to Orpha Coleman Yates on June 29, 1963 and to this union were born three children, Brian Yates, Lisa Yates Deel, and Felix Yates; and three grandchildren, April Deel, Shannon Deel, and Shasta Yates. He had one brother, Gary Yates, and four sisters, Elvia Yates Brooks, Phyllis Yates Deel, Mavis Yates Deel and Blanche Yates Conaway.

Kennith was a disabled coal miner and he was hurt in a coal mining accident. He had black



lung the last few years of his life. He was totally disabled and stayed in the hospital the biggest part of his life. While he was in the hospital, it pleased him greatly when anyone came to see him. He would try to talk, but it was so difficult for him to talk. But, we feel he is with our Lord and his breathing problems are gone. We feel that if he could tell us now (he would say) I can breath now without the help of all those machines.

Kennith was never baptized in water, but we believe he was baptized in the holy spirit of our Lord. He prayed so much and talked with God. So sleep on dear brother, we hope to meet you some day where there is no pain or sorrow. We love you.

Written by his sisters: Elvia Brooks and Phyllis Deel

#### 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 the 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 no wise 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, restored, dismissed by letter, 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, assistant clerk, and treasurer, who shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.
- 7. New churches may be admitted to this union, which shall petition by letter and delegates, and if found upon examination to be orthodox and orderly, shall be received by the Association, and manifested by the moderator giving the right hand of fellowship.
- 8. Every church in the union shall be entitled to representation in the Association.
- 9. Every query presented by the churches to the Association, being first debated in their own church, shall come under the consideration of the Association.
- 10. Every motion made and seconded shall be considered by the

Association, except it be withdrawn by the party who made it.

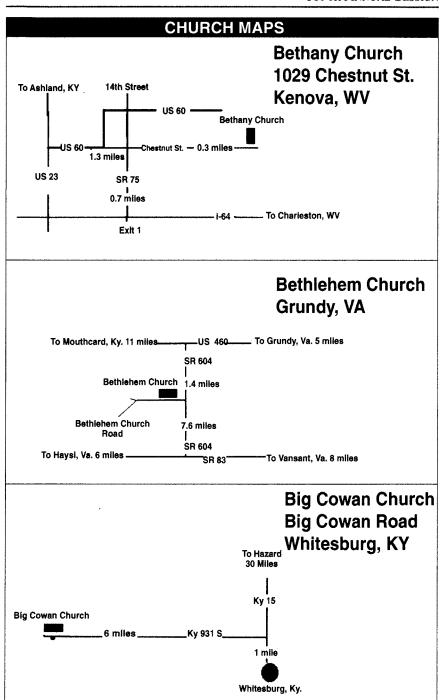
- 11. We think it absolutely necessary that we have an Association fund for defraying the expense of the same. For the raising of which we think it the duty of each church in the Union to contribute such sums voluntarily as they think proper, and send it by their delegates, to be deposited with the treasurer, who shall be responsible to the Association, and pay 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 method 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.

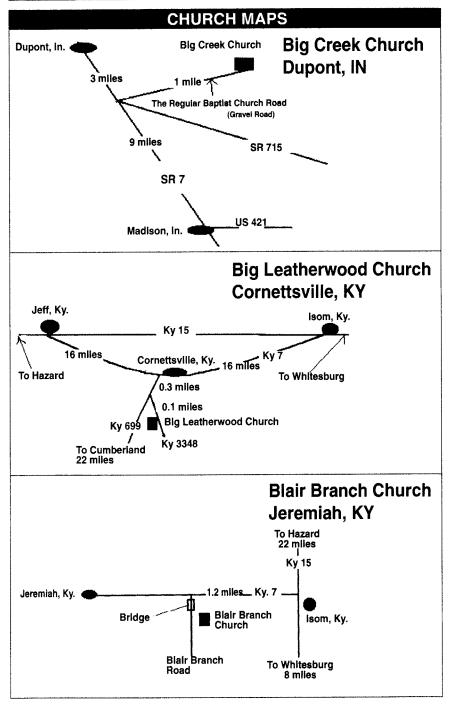
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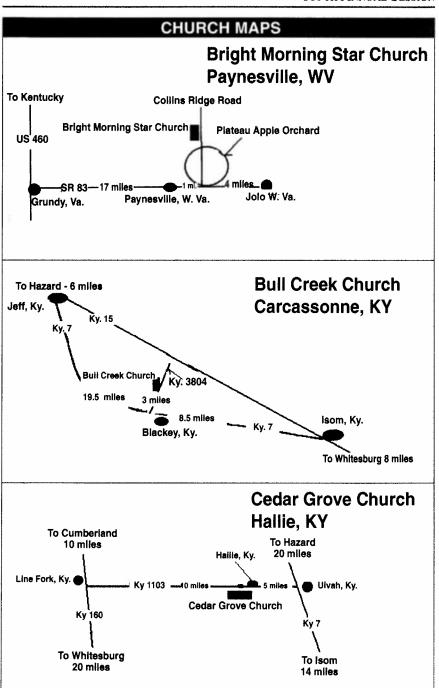
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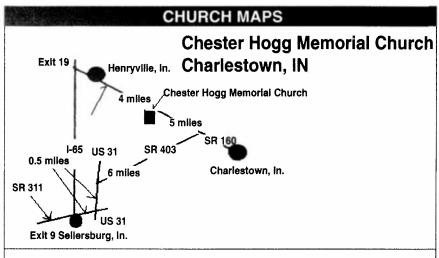
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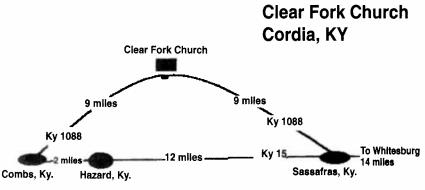
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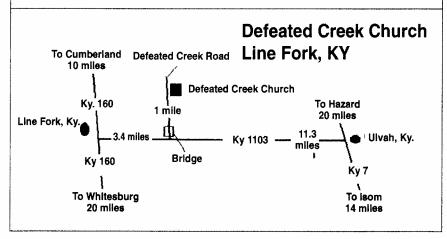


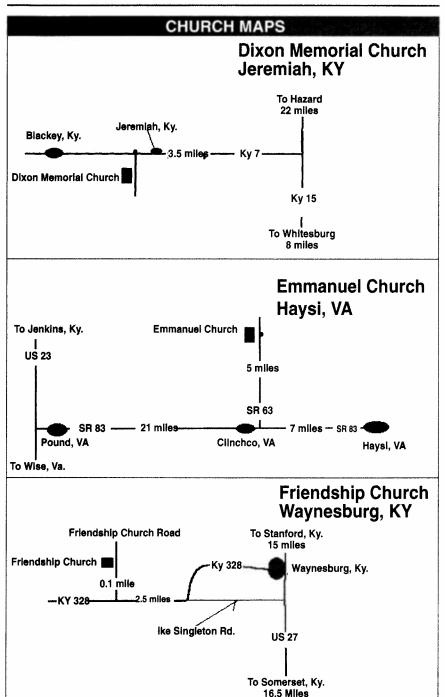


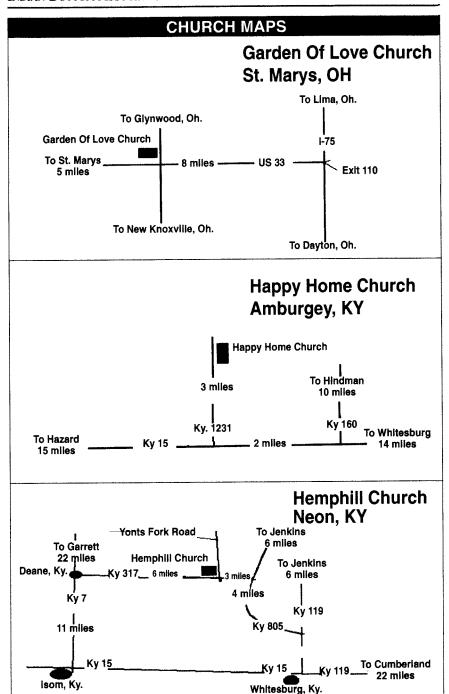


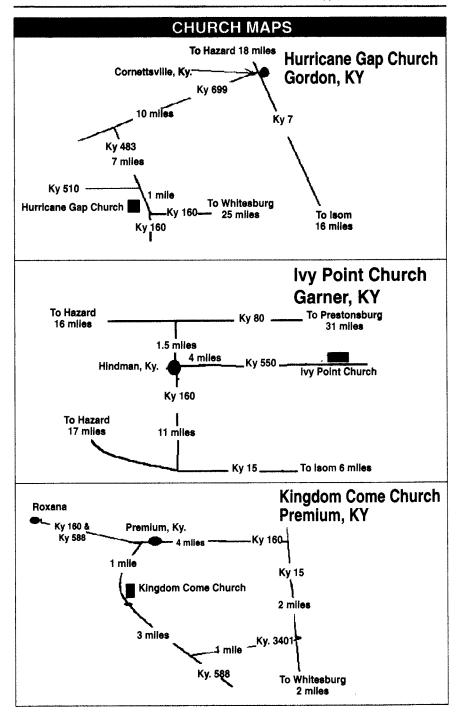


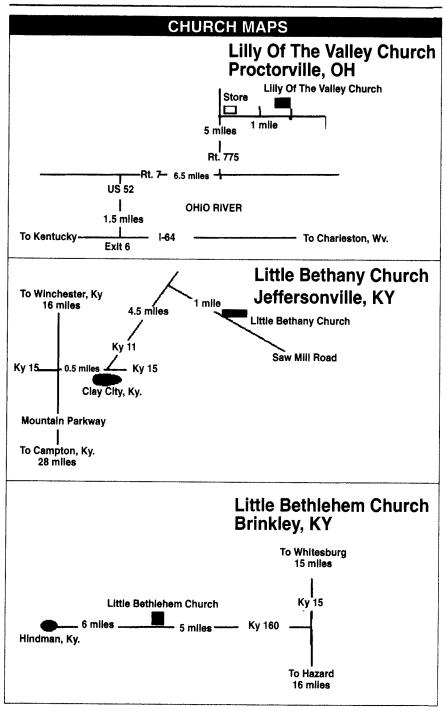


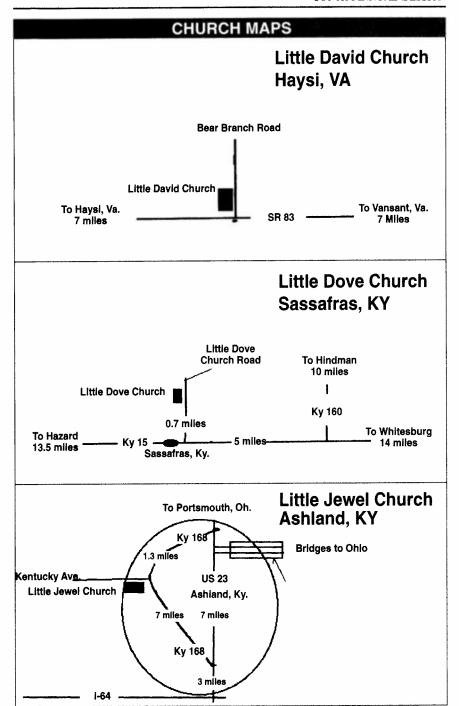


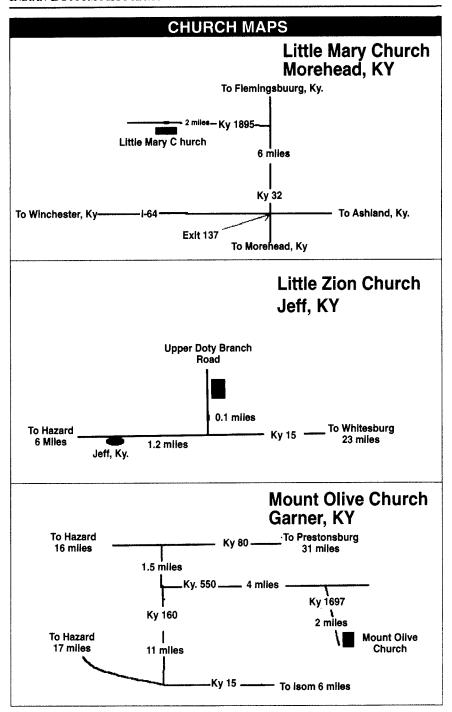


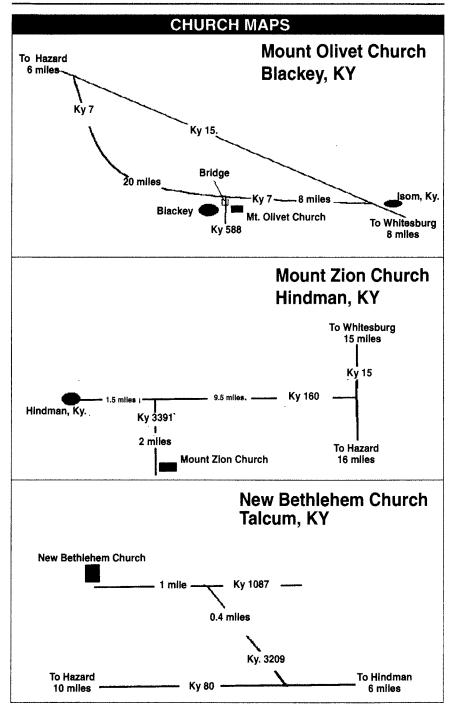


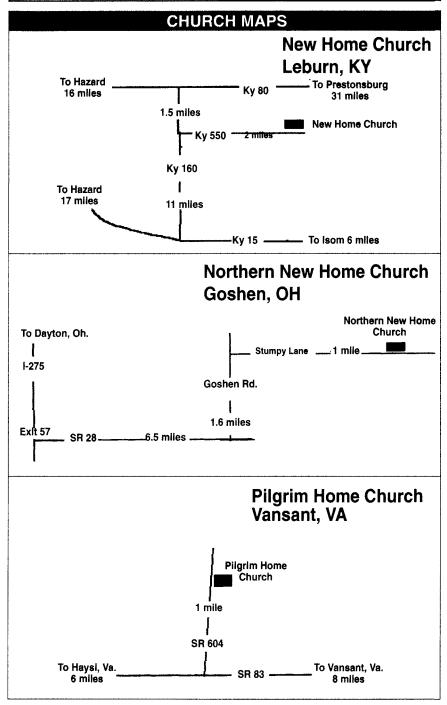


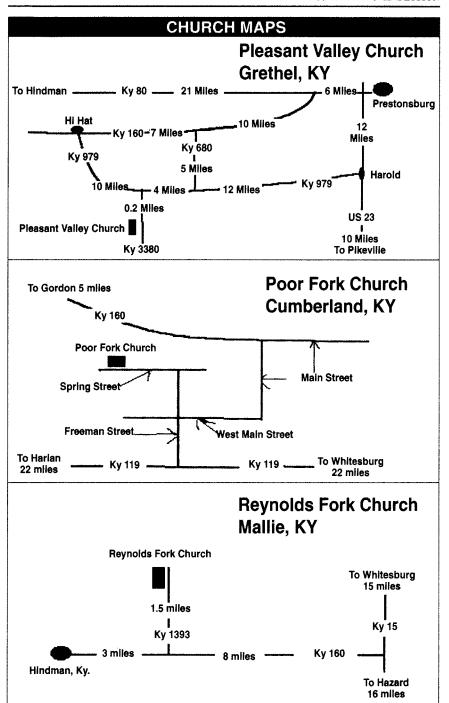


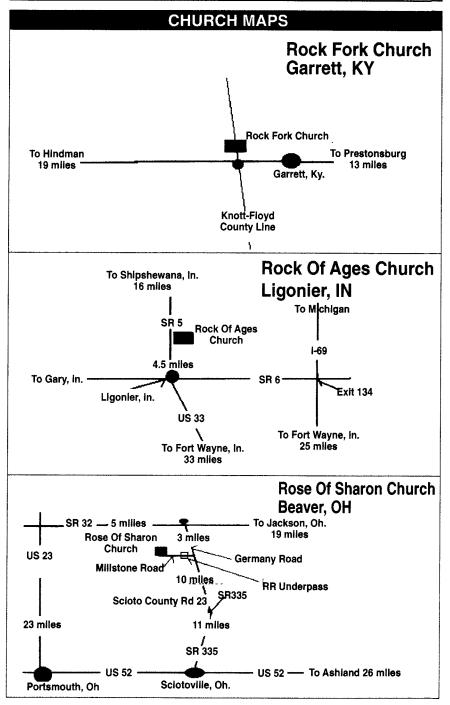


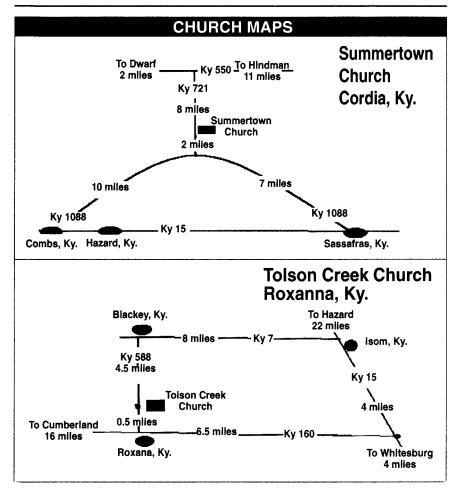










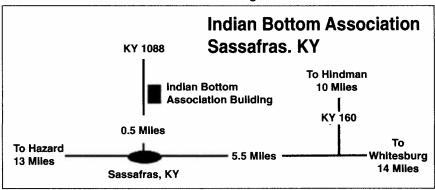


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