

Minutes of the  
One Hundred and Twelfth Annual Session  
of the  
*Indian Bottom Association*  
of  
*Old Regular Baptist Churches*  
of Jesus Christ



Held at the  
Indian Bottom Association Building  
Sassafras, Knott County, Kentucky  
August 31, September 1, 2, 2007

Hosted By: Mount Olivet Church  
Co-Hosted By: Defeated Creek, Bull Creek  
and Little David Churches

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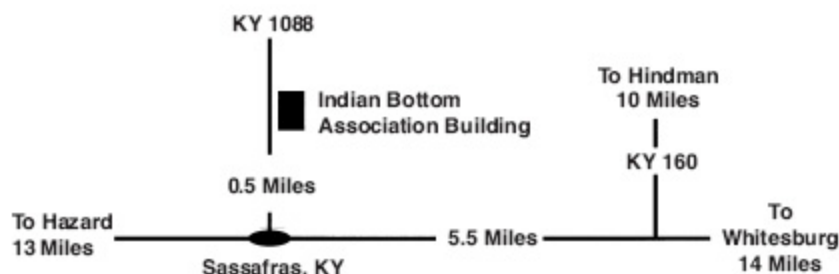


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## **A TRIBUTE TO OUR DECEASED MINISTERS**



**Elder Ivan Amburgey**



**Elder Monroe Breeding**



**Elder Miniard Ison**



**Elder Carlos Little**



**Elder Earnest Smith**



**Elder Lonnie Thacker**

The voices of Elders Ivan Amburgey, Monroe Breeding, Miniard Ison, Carlos Little, Earnest Smith and Lonnie Thacker 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 their frail bodies fell, their spirits went to God who gave them. They fought a good fight; they finished their course; they kept the faith; they have gone to receive their reward, a crown of righteousness and a home in Heaven.

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FRIDAY, AUGUST 31, 2007 AND  
THE TWO FOLLOWING DAYS**

The Indian Bottom Association, being in session, assembled at our association building at Sassafras, Knott County, Kentucky, on August 31, 2007 and the two following days. Hosted by the Mount Olivet Church and co-hosted by the Defeated Creek, Bull Creek and Little David Churches, the association met in the congregational department of the association building for preaching services. After singing some old songs of Zion, Elder Elwood Cornett called upon Brother Roy Slone to introduce the service due to the death of Elder Ivan Amburgey who had been chosen by the 2006 Association to be the alternate. Brother Roy Slone introduced the service and Elder Bill Halcomb led in prayer. Elder Ellis Adams followed with the introductory sermon. The delegates were dismissed from the congregational department and asked to assemble in the delegate room. Brothers Jimmy Hall, Greg Lewis, David Jent, and Charles Shepherd 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 Hurley Short to introduce the session and Elder Charles Craft 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 John Reedy, Charles O. Shepherd, and Rick Whitaker. 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 Mount Olivet 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: Freddy Watts, Roland Brown, and Keith Deel.)

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 of the 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. None responded.
6. Churches of our same faith and order who desired fellowship with us were called for. The clerk read the letter from the Left Beaver Church. By a move and second, with no objection, the delegates were seated and the church letter was referred to the Committee on Arrangements.
7. A move and second, with no objection, was made to omit the reading of the Articles of Faith and the Constitution and to read the Rules of Decorum during the Saturday work. All were directed to be printed in the minutes.
8. The moderator called for transient members and ministers and the following responded: Brothers H.B. Reedy, Jr., Roger Gibson and James Everage.
9. The Committee on Ministry made the following report for preaching services:

Friday afternoon: Brothers Harvey Creech and  
Robert Holcomb.

Saturday morning: Brothers Eddie Newsome,  
Merle Caudill, Alonzo Mosley  
and David O'Quinn.

10. 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.
11. 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.
12. 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 Robert Holcomb introduced the service and led in prayer. Elder Harvey Creech then preached, after which the committee arranged the work for Saturday. Elder Alan Whitaker called dismissal.

## **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 Carl Slone of the New Bethlehem Church to introduce the session and 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. As directed by move and second on Friday, the clerk read the Rules of Decorum.
5. The Committee on Finance reported a sum of \$9,415.00 collected from the various churches. By a move and second, with no objection, the report was received and the committee discharged.
6. By a move and second, with no objection, the minutes of this session of the association were ordered to be printed. The clerk is to be secretary/treasurer and will decide how many copies to have printed and distributed to each church, according to the amount of money collected.
7. By a move and second, with no objection, the dates of the union, communion and memorial services and appointed meetings are to be printed in the minutes.
8. The circular letter was read by Elder Merle Caudill, who had been chosen last year to write a circular letter for approval by the association this year. By a move and second, with no objection, the letter was received and ordered to be printed in the minutes.
9. A. The Committee on Ministry, being the same as on Friday, chose the following ministers to preach on Sunday, to wit:  
Brothers Terry Bryant, Gary Mosley, Jim Fields and  
Elwood Cornett.



B. The Committee on Ministry chose Elder Bob Combs to preach the introductory sermon for the 2008 session and Elder Roger Gibson to be his alternate.

C. The Committee on Ministry chose Elder Howard Owens to write a circular letter for approval next year.

10. 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 are to be typed and may be on paper or a computer disk (MS Word).

11. The treasurer's report was given by the clerk. 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 (9/2/06)..... \$1004.23

Collections:

Church Contributions ..... \$9,880.00

Interest ..... \$8.79

Total in treasury ..... \$10,893.02

Expenses:

Printing 4,300 Minutes..... \$9,675.00

Safety deposit box..... \$50.00

Typing for Minutes..... \$100.00

Postage ..... \$10.18

Total expenses..... \$9,835.18

Balance in treasury (9/1/07)..... \$1,057.84

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

Balance in treasury (9/2/06).....\$1,661.31

Collections:

Church contributions .....	\$9,530.00
Sunday services .....	\$1,646.00
Donations .....	\$4,785.46
Concession stand .....	\$230.00
Elevator donations .....	\$11,625.00
Sound System donations.....	\$2,110.00
Total in treasury .....	\$31,587.77

Expenses:

Loan .....	\$14,000.00
Insurance .....	\$1,257.83
Elevator expenses .....	\$1,027.52
Utilities .....	\$2,153.70
Kitchen and supplies .....	\$4,792.35
Labor.....	\$1,396.50
Stamps .....	\$23.40
Checks .....	\$21.65
Sound system.....	\$6,020.00
Total expenses.....	\$30,692.95

Balance in treasury (8/31/07).....\$894.82

Amount owed on elevator loan .....\$25,000.00

By a move and second, with no objection, Brother Randy Blair was appointed to serve as a member of the Building Trustees, thus filling the vacancy created by the death of Elder Ivan Amburgey.

The Building Trustees reported that the sound system had been installed in the congregational department of the association building as directed by the 2006 Association. The trustees stated that the sound system was fully paid off and was being used.

13. The report of the Committee on Council was read by the clerk of the Association. By a move and second, with no objection, the report was received and approved. Elder Elwood Cornett, our moderator, appointed the following brothers to serve as the Committee on Council for the next year. These brothers

are: Terry Bryant, Harvey Creech, Emory Caudill, Ronnie Robinson, Nelson Craft, Roy Slone and Elwood Cornett.

14. The letter from the Left Beaver Church was read by the clerk of the Association. By a move and second, with no objection, the Left Beaver Church was received into full fellowship of the Indian Bottom Association and the delegates were given the right hand of fellowship.
15. The request from the Reynolds Fork Church to remove Phillip Hicks' name from the list of ministers was read. By a move and second, with no objection, the request was granted.
16. The request from the Bull Creek Church to remove Don Bates' name from the list of ministers was read. By a move and second, with no objection, the request was granted.
17. The request from the Blair Branch Church to host the 2008 Association was read. By a move and second, with no objection, the request was granted. The Hurricane Gap Church made a verbal request to co-host the 2008 Association. By a move and second, with no objection, the request was granted.
18. The request from the Little Hannah Church to change their memorial meeting time from the second Sunday of October to the second Sunday of September was read. By a move and second, with no objection, the request was granted.
19. The request from the Pleasant Valley Church asking permission to join or merge with the Left Beaver Church was read. By a move and second, with no objection, the request was granted. The two churches, when joined, would retain the name of the Left Beaver Church.
20. The request from the Left Beaver Church asking permission to join or merge with the Pleasant Valley Church was read. By a move and second, with no objection, the request was granted.

21. 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.
22. By a move and second, with no objection, the clerks were directed to write a resolution of appreciation to the Mount Olivet, Defeated Creek, Bull Creek and Little David Churches for hosting the 2007 session of the Indian Bottom Association.
23. There was a move and second, with no objection, to have services at the association building on the following odd-Sundays: September 30, December 30, March 30, June 1 and August 31; and at 6:30 p.m. on the Friday night of the Association.
24. By a move and second, with no objection, the reading of the minutes of the 2007 session of the Indian Bottom Association was omitted and ordered to be printed in the 2007 minute book.
25. By a move and second, with no objection, we adjourned until the 2008 session of the Indian Bottom Association convenes on September 5, 2008. The moderator called on Elder Alger Mullins to make the closing remarks and lead in prayer.

## **SUNDAY**

On this final day of the one hundred and twelfth session of the Indian Bottom Association, a large congregation of brothers, sisters and friends gathered to worship God and to share in His goodness. After singing some old songs of Zion, Elder Elwood Cornett, the moderator, welcomed the congregation and called upon Elder Emory Caudill to introduce the service and lead in prayer. He was followed by Elders Gary Mosley, Terry Bryant and Don Pratt. Elder Elwood Cornett then came forth and preached, bringing the meeting to a close. Elder Toby Breeding led in a prayer of dismissal, thus ending the 2007 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 Mount Olivet, Defeated Creek, Bull Creek and Little David Churches for hosting the 2007 session of our association. You gave abundantly of your time and efforts to prepare and keep the building clean. It looked great. The food was delicious and served with love. We greatly appreciate the hard work of our brothers and sisters from the host churches as well as those from other churches who assisted. We also thank Sister Dosh and those who helped her for providing snacks and hot coffee in the concession stand. May God 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, Sisters and Friends of the Indian Bottom Association: Greetings in Christ Jesus, our Lord and Savior.

Being chosen by the will of the brother delegates of the 2006 session of our beloved Association to write a circular letter to the 2007 session, it's with many prayers, many thoughts, and much fear, that with the help of God, I will try to put my thoughts to paper.

I am so thankful that God has had great mercy for you and me, saving our souls from certain destruction and forever being tormented in the indescribable lake of fire, filling us with His wondrous love, by grace and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, we have been adopted into God's family, being heirs with Jesus Christ. Oh!, let us be up and about our Father's business, being on fire for His great cause, as David also said, "Is there not a cause?" Yes, because Paul in Colossians, Chapter 2, verses 6-14 says, "as you have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in Him: Rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith, as you have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving." Let us not be spoiled through philosophy and vain deceit according to men or foolish principles of the world, but let us dwell in the fullness of Christ and His love, for we are complete and mature in Him. We've been buried with Him in baptism, raised through Him to walk in the newness of life and God has made us alive, having forgiven our trespasses, having blotted out the handwriting of ordinances, which was against us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to His cross. Again, Colossians, Chapter 3 tells us, "If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above." Let us set our affection and our mind on things above, not on earthly things, for we should be dead to earthly things, our lives are hid in Christ, in God. Let us put on the new man which is renewed in knowledge after the image of Him that created him, having put off the old man with his earthly deeds. Let us, as God's chosen people, be filled with mercy, kindness, humbleness and meekness; let us be long-suffering, forbearing and forgiving one another, for Christ also forgave us our debt. Let us be filled with love, let the peace of God rule in our hearts, and let us be thankful.

Whatsoever we do in word or deed let us do all in the name of the Lord, giving thanks to God. In Chapter 4 of Colossians, we are admonished to continue in fervent prayer, walking in wisdom toward them outside, and redeeming the time, making every opportunity to tell sinners about the goodness and love of God, showing the world whose side we're on, wherever we may go. Let our speech be always with grace, seasoned with salt from God on high.

Friend, I love you, whoever you may be, saint or sinner. God places a special love in us when we have been born again in the spirit. He causes us to love the things we once would have no part of. He also causes us to be no partaker of the bad things we once did, nor to have any part with them that do practice sinful deeds. Although we live a natural life in the same world, let us not look back, we've been chosen out of the world, saved by God's grace. Let's press onward toward the mark of the High Caller. We may live in sorrow or distress among the worldly things, but as for me, Give Me Jesus, let the world go by. I had rather have Jesus on my bond, than to have all this world, and thousands more like it with all their pleasures. This world is temporary, Heaven is forever, filled with joy, love and peace. This world will all burn up someday with all it's pleasantries; hell is a place for the devil and his followers, but his day is coming to an end, as both hell and earth shall be cast into the lake of fire forever.

Oh! brethren, how small I feel among you, and how small in the eyes of God Almighty! Truly, I feel the least among you. Oh, how I love you and thank God for letting me be a small part in His great Kingdom. What safety there is in the multitude of counselors. Sisters, I love you so much, thanks for your tender care, your prayers, your support. To a special brother and sister who have helped me so many, many times, you're always there, may God richly bless you. Thanks to all the churches who make us feel so welcome when we come to visit them. May God bless you all.

May God bless us all and help us to be at work for His cause. Oh! sinners, beware, the end must be near, signs are surely pointing the end is near. Are you ready to meet the Lord?? Really ask yourselves that question and give yourself an honest answer; today can be the day of Salvation and now is the accepted time.

I hear so many people saying, “The Old Regular Baptists doesn’t have anything for the children.” I get so sick of hearing that, we have love and kindness, teaching and admonition, but most of all we can tell them how to get in touch with Jesus if they want to be saved from sin. None of us can save them, we couldn’t save ourselves, but I believe we truly know one who has all power, both in Heaven and in earth. I am proud of who and what we are.

Now, in conclusion, before this letter becomes too lengthy, it seems like “dry seasons” are still upon us, as to people joining the church. Brethren, let us pray and let God take care of that. Sure, we would love to see more coming in, but let’s ask God to do the adding to the church, then they will fit in just the right place He wants them to be.

Let’s fear God and keep His commandments, this the sum of the whole matter, it is the duty of mankind to give honor and glory to the Lord.

I hope this small letter will be acceptable, first of all to God, because I feel led of Him to write this today, and then to you, the brothers, sisters and friends of the Indian Bottom Association, 2007 Session.

With Godly love,  
Your humble servant in Christ,  
Elder Merle Caudill



## **DELEGATES TO THE 2007 ASSOCIATION**

Cedar Grove – Marvin Caudill, Ken Watts, Bonnell Watts

New Home – Johnny Watson, Harlis Watts

Defeated Creek – Gary Caudill, Matt Combs, Keith Smith

Reynolds Fork – Nelson Craft, Andy Vanover, Cecil Stamper

Bull Creek – Virgil Combs, David Jent, Jim Caudill

Ivy Point – Alonzo Mosley, Clinton Williams, Jennings Ritchie

Little Dove – Danny Amburgey, Phillip Mullins, Merle Caudill

Tolson Creek – Buster Amburgey, Greg Banks, Marshall Roark

Dixon Memorial – Alan Whitaker, Roger Whitaker, Homer Smith

Big Creek – Douglas Gibson, Arthur Pendleton, Jimmy Ray Bailey

Happy Home – Alger Mullins, Duane Hall, David Smith

New Bethlehem – Carl Slone, Timmy Ritchie, Mickey Amburgey

Clear Fork – Elmer Ray Combs, Jeffery Combs, Franklin Fugate

Northern New Home – Bobby Hogg, Frank Copley, Leroy Cremeans

Blair Branch - Ellis Adams, Rodney Ison, Elmer Caudill

Mount Olivet – Ronnie Caudill, Lowell Caudill, Curtis Caudill

Little Zion – Curl Dixon, Keith Fields, Kenny Oliver

Hurricane Gap – Charles O. Shepherd, Odell Long, Charles T. Shepherd

Kingdom Come – Clifford Gilbert, George Roark, Walter Caudill

Poor Fork - Harvey Creech, Robert Holcomb, Joe Steely

Big Cowan – Charles Raleigh, David Cornett, Carl Adams

Little Mary – Coy Tolliver, John Bowling, Eual Debord

Mount Zion – Earl Mosley, Don Collins, Carl Mosley

Friendship – Paul Watson, Harlin Eldridge, Marvin Caudill  
Little Bethlehem – Bob Amburgey, Dean Bates, John Reedy  
Little Bethany – Rodney Tolliver, Joe Slone, Earl Reynolds  
Garden of Love – Don Francis, Gary Mosley, Bill Mosley  
Rock Fork – Jerry Manns, Arlie Jackson, Willie Crase, Jr.  
Summertown – Bob Combs, Curt Watts  
Emmanuel – David O’Quinn, Monroe Bailey, Eddie Newsome  
Little Hannah – Jimmy Hall, Bob Sparks, Danny Hamilton  
Bethlehem – Walter Sheets, Billy Campbell, Kevin Daugherty  
Bethany – Charles Craft, Harvey Ross, Jr., Harvey Ross  
Lily of the Valley – James Slone, Mike Smallwood  
Little David – Frank Newsome, Homer Newsome, Mike Mullins  
Big Leatherwood – Delmer Cornett, Asbel Shepherd, Jeff Shepherd  
Mount Olive – Rob Everage, Freddy Compton, Roy Slone  
Chester Hogg Memorial – Rayburn Hensley, Quenton Ison, Clayton Hensley  
Bright Morning Star – Steve Hagerman, Michael Hagerman  
Pilgrims Home – Dewayne Belcher, Arnold Bailey  
Rose of Sharon – Layton Phipps, James Webb, Jr., William Conley  
Little Jewell – Larry Myers, Larry Conley, John Fortner  
Pleasant Valley – Gary Compton, Jimmy Conley, Jan Hamilton  
Caney Fork – Theodore Looney, Jerry Newsome  
Little Rosa – Jimmy Hall, Jeff Case, Lawrence Hicks  
Left Beaver – Frank Adkins, Darrell Bates, John P. Church

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Bro. Jeffery Combs	Clear Fork Church	606-785-4482
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
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Bro. Zennith Ison	Cedar Grove Church	606-632-1671
Bro. Dean Jacobs	Little Dove Church	606-642-3395
Eld. David Jent	Bull Creek Church	606-633-1441
Bro. James Jent	Bull Creek Church	606-633-4200
Bro. Ralph Jent	Bull Creek Church	606-633-0022
Eld. Truman Jent	Bull Creek Church	606-633-9034
Bro. Curtis W. Keene	Mount Olive Church	606-785-9259
Bro. Greg Lewis	Little Jewell Church	304-272-6599
Bro. Ronnie Little	Little Mary Church	606-845-0007
Bro. Theodore Looney	Caney Fork Church	276-531-7017
Eld. Stephen Lyall	Little David Church	276-865-4075
Eld. Jerry Manns	Rock Fork Church	606-358-9140
Eld. C. Paul McClanahan	Little David Church	276-963-8403
Eld. James McClanahan	Caney Fork Church	276-935-4056
Bro. William McClanahan	Bethlehem Church	276-259-7331
Eld. Bill Moore	New Home Church	606-785-4888
Eld. Clinton Moore	Little Rosa Church	606-377-6446
Bro. Danny R. Moore	Little Rosa Church	740-528-2879
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	Little Bethlehem Church	606-785-0146
Eld. Alger Mullins	Happy Home Church	606-642-3792
Eld. Buster Mullins	Little David Church	276-865-4228
Eld. Sidney Mullins	Caney Fork Church	276-328-8734
Eld. Eddie Newsome	Emmanuel Church	276-865-4410
Eld. Frank Newsome	Little David Church	276-597-7945
Eld. Jerry Newsome	Caney Fork Church	276-865-5363
Eld. Howard Owens	Summertown Church	606-785-0284
Eld. David O'Quinn	Emmanuel Church	276-835-1761

Bro. Johnny Patrick	Reynolds Fork Church	606-785-3395
Eld. Layton Phipps	Rose of Sharon Church	513-877-2210
Bro. John W. Potter	Little Hannah Church	606-285-0690
Eld. Don Pratt	Blair Branch Church	606-642-3815
Eld. Oscar Raines	Little David Church	859-278-5770
Eld. Freddie Ramey	Emmanuel Church	276-865-4956
Eld. Euel Ratliff	Little Jewell Church	606-324-9793
Eld. H.B. Reedy, Jr.	Little Bethlehem Church	859-626-0103
Bro. Denver Ritchie	Little Hannah Church	606-785-3766
Bro. Jennings Ritchie	Ivy Point Church	606-785-9002
Eld. Odis Ritchie	New Bethlehem Church	606-251-3683
Bro. George Roark	Kingdom Come Church	606-633-3172
Eld. Bennie Roberts	Little Hannah Church	606-639-0748
Eld. Ronnie Robinson	New Home Church	606-368-4521
Bro. Felden Ruggles, Jr.	Little Jewell Church	740-532-3392
Bro. James Rush	New Home Church	606-674-8557
Eld. Charles Shepherd	Hurricane Gap Church	606-589-5458
Bro. Hershell Short	Little Bethany Church	859-498-7440
Eld. Hurley Short	Little Bethany Church	859-498-0669
Bro. Marvis Short	Little Bethlehem Church	606-785-5275
Eld. Carl Slone	New Bethlehem Church	606-785-5595
Eld. Carl Slone	Garden of Love Church	219-897-2795
Bro. Daryl Slone	Rock Fork Church	606-785-5118
Eld. Earl Slone	Rock Fork Church	606-358-3448
Eld. James Slone	Lily of the Valley Church	859-497-6446
Bro. Jeff Slone	Mount Olive Church	270-866-9345
Bro. Joe Slone	Little Bethany Church	859-768-9515
Eld. 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
Eld. Mike Smallwood	Lily of the Valley Church	859-499-3250
Bro. Northern Smallwood	Little Bethany Church	260-499-4667
Bro. David Smith	Little Dove Church	606-587-1699
Eld. Wayne Smith	Blair Branch Church	606-633-7855
Eld. Homer Smith	Dixon Memorial Church	606-633-0281
Eld. Tim Smith	Garden of Love Church	419-604-3784
Eld. Marvin Sparkman	Summertown Church	606-368-2076

Bro. Herbert Stallard	Blair Branch Church	606-633-2078
Eld. Benny Stanley	Emmanuel Church	276-835-9104
Eld. Irvin Stollings	Northern New Home Church	276-796-7311
Eld. James Swiger	Little Rosa Church	606-358-9595
Eld. Woodrow Tackett	Bethany Church	859-278-0805
Eld. Eugene Thacker	Mount Olive Church	606-785-0784
Bro. Coy Tolliver	Little Mary Church	606-768-9014
Bro. Rodney Tolliver	Little Bethany Church	859-498-7811
Eld. Jack Varney	Northern New Home Church	513-575-4256
Eld. Paul Watson	Friendship Church	859-332-9064
Bro. Paul M. Watson	Reynolds Fork Church	Not Listed
Bro. Harlis Watts	New Home Church	606-946-2479
Eld. Squire Watts	Cedar Grove Church	606-476-2707
Bro. James Webb, Jr.	Rose of Sharon Church	419-529-2419
Eld. Allen Whitaker	Dixon Memorial Church	606-633-9486
Eld. Roger Whitaker	Dixon Memorial Church	606-633-8559
Eld. Rulah Whitaker	Dixon Memorial Church	270-866-4742
Bro. Clinton Williams	Ivy Point Church	606-886-9996
Eld. Ray Williamson	Northern New Home Church	937-885-3191
Eld. Ross Wright	Little Zion Church	606-632-9159
Eld. Danny Yates	Little David Church	276-597-2304
Bro. Tony Yates	Emmanuel Church	276-597-8290

## CHURCH INFORMATION

### BETHANY CHURCH

1029 Chestnut St., Kenova, WV

*Moderator:*

Eld. Charles Craft  
P.O. Box 1715  
Hindman, KY 41822  
Phone: 606-785-5535

*Clerk:*

Fred Ross  
1924 Beech St.  
Kenova, WV 25530  
Phone: 304-633-3211

Regular Meeting Time: First Saturday and Sunday.

*Ministers:*

Eld. Charles Craft  
P.O. Box 1715  
Hindman, KY 41822  
Phone: 606-785-5535

Eld. Woodrow Tackett  
2844 Southview Drive  
Lexington, KY 40503  
Phone: 859-278-0805

*Meetings:*

Union meeting: First Saturday and Sunday in May.

Communion: First Sunday in June.

Memorial: First Sunday in October, 2008.

Ministers called for various meetings:

January: Terry Bryant, Woodrow Tackett, Ronnie Little.

February: Feldon Ruggles, Jr., Greg Lewis.

March: Milburn Slone, Hurley Short.

April: Coy Tolliver, Jim Fields.

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

June: Lonnie Gregory, Euel Debord, John Bowling.

July: Gary Compton.

August: Virgil Combs, Roy Slone.

September, 2008: Roger Gibson, Layton Phipps,  
James Webb, Jr.

October, 2008: Milburn Slone, Billy Campbell.

November, 2008: Greg Lewis, Woodrow Tackett.

December, 2008: Bill Halcomb, Charles Craft,  
Ronnie Little.



## **BETHLEHEM CHURCH**

Rt 604, Poplar Creek Rd., Grundy, VA

### *Moderator:*

Eld. Jim Blankenship  
2081 Poplar Creek Rd.  
Grundy, VA 24614  
Phone: 276-935-6393

### *Clerk:*

Johnny Deel  
1478 Belchers Fork Rd.  
Grundy, VA 24614  
Phone: 276-531-8140

Regular Meeting Time: Third Saturday and Sunday.

Appointed Meeting Time: First Sunday at 5:00 p.m.

### *Ministers:*

Eld. Billy Campbell  
P.O. Box 385  
Grundy, VA 24614  
Phone: 276-935-5420

Eld. Jim Blankenship  
2081 Poplar Creek Rd.  
Grundy, VA 24614  
Phone: 276-935-6393

Bro. William McClanahan  
11932 Slate Creek Rd.  
Grundy, VA. 24614  
Phone: 276-259-7331

### *Meetings:*

Union meeting: Third Saturday and Sunday in June.

Ministers called: Elwood Cornett, Robert Holcomb,  
Johnny Fields, Feldon Ruggles, Jr.,  
Greg Lewis.

Communion: Third Sunday in July.

Ministers called: Freddie Ramey, David O'Quinn,  
Eddie Newsome, Squire Watts.

Memorial: Third Sunday in August.

Ministers called: Harvey Creech, Frank Newsome,  
Jim Fields, Toby Bailey.

## **BIG COWAN CHURCH**

Highway 931 S, Big Cowan, KY

*Moderator:*

Eld. Merle Caudill  
140 Pane Drive  
Jeremiah, KY 41826  
Phone: 606-633-3144

*Clerk:*

David Cornett  
P.O. Box 647  
Jenkins, KY. 41537

Regular Meeting Time: Fourth Saturday and Sunday.

Appointed Meeting Time: Second Sunday at 5:00 p.m.

*Meetings:*

Union meeting: Fourth Saturday and Sunday in April.

Ministers called: Robert Holcomb, Wayne Smith,  
Roy Slone, David Jent, Merle Caudill,  
Jimmy Hall (Little Hannah).

Communion: Fourth Sunday in July.

Memorial: Fourth Sunday in September, 2008.

Ministers called: Harvey Creech, Robert Holcomb,  
David Jent, Virgil Combs, Merle Caudill.

## **BIG CREEK CHURCH**

Highway 7, Dupont, IN

*Moderator:*

*Clerk:*

Billy Maggard  
1104 18th Street  
Columbus, IN 47201  
Phone: 812-372-2259

Regular Meeting Time: Fourth Saturday and Sunday.

Appointed Meeting Time: Odd Sundays at 9:30 a.m.

*Big Creek Church..... (continued)*

*Ministers:*

Bro. Douglas Gibson  
404 Cherry St.  
Greenfield, IN 46140  
Phone: 317-462-1248

Bro. Coburn Ison  
234 South Routiers Ave.  
Indianapolis, IN 46219  
Phone: 317-897-6344

*Meetings:*

Union meeting: Fourth Saturday and Sunday in June.

Ministers called:

Thursday, June 26 at 5:00 p.m.: Terry Bryant, Lonnie  
Gregory, John Bowling.

Friday, June 27 at 5:00 p.m.: Bill Halcomb,  
Jack Varney, Ray Williamson.

Saturday and Sunday: Charles Shepherd, Don Pratt,  
Dean Jacobs, Alger Mullins,  
H.B. Reedy, Jr.

Communion: Fourth Sunday in July.

Memorial: Fourth Sunday in August.

Ministers called: Jim Fields, home ministers.

**BIG LEATHERWOOD CHURCH**

Cornettsville, KY

*Moderator:*

Eld. Danny Dixon  
11476 Hwy. 7 South  
Cornettsville, KY 41731  
Phone: 606-633-0804

*Clerk:*

Joe Polly  
5150 Hwy. 699  
Slemp, KY 41763  
Phone: 606-675-3212

Regular Meeting Time: Third Saturday and Sunday.

*Ministers:*

Bro. Lehman Gilliam  
Delphia, KY 41735  
Phone: 606-675-5541

*Big Leatherwood Church..... (continued)*

*Meetings:*

Union meeting: Third Saturday and Sunday in June.

Ministers called: Bill Halcomb, Frank Newsome,  
Robert Holcomb, William McClanahan,  
Jimmy Hall (Little Rosa).

Communion: Third Sunday in August.

Memorial: Third Sunday in May.

Ministers called: Harvey Creech, Lehman Gilliam,  
James Caudill, Squire Watts,  
Danny Dixon, Jim Fields.

**BLAIR BRANCH CHURCH**

Highway 7, Jeremiah, KY

*Moderator:*

Eld. Ellis Adams  
119 Blair Branch Rd.  
Jeremiah, KY 41826  
Phone: 606-633-9740

*Clerk:*

Bob Banks  
4625 Highway 7 South  
Letcher, KY 41832  
Phone: 606-633-4453

Regular Meeting Time: Third Saturday and Sunday.

*Ministers:*

Eld. Ellis Adams  
119 Blair Branch Rd.  
Jeremiah, KY 41826  
Phone: 606-633-9740

Eld. Robert Holcomb  
9538 Hwy. 15  
Isom, KY 41824  
Phone: 606-633-0030

Eld. Don Pratt  
19 Pauley Hollow  
Sassafras, KY 41759  
Phone: 606-642-3815

Eld. Wayne Smith  
P.O. Box 14  
Isom, KY 41824  
Phone: 606-633-7855

Bro. Herbert Stallard  
P.O.Box 46  
Ermine, KY 41815  
Phone: 606-633-2078

*Blair Branch Church..... (continued)*

*Meetings:*

Union meeting: Third Saturday and Sunday in April.

Ministers called: Toby Breeding, Howard Owens,  
Jimmy Hall (Little Rosa), David Smith.

Communion: Third Sunday in July.

Memorial: Third Sunday in June.

Ministers called: Danny Dixon, Elwood Cornett.

**BRIGHT MORNING STAR CHURCH**

Paynesville, WV

*Moderator:*

Eld. Steve Hagerman

P.O. Box 447

Jolo, WV 24850

Phone: 304-967-6138

*Clerk:*

Michael Hagerman

HC 61, Box 59B

Paynesville, WV 24873

Phone: 304-967-7665

Regular Meeting Time: First Saturday and Sunday.

Appointed Meeting Time: Third Sundays at 5:00 p.m.

*Ministers:*

Eld. Steve Hagerman

P.O. Box 447

Jolo, WV 24850

Phone: 304-967-6138

Eld. Michael Hagerman

HC 61, Box 59B

Paynesville, WV 24873

Phone: 304-967-7665

*Meetings:*

Union meeting: First Saturday and Sunday in April.

Ministers called: Hurley Short, James Slone,  
Alonzo Mosley, Jim Blankenship.

Communion: First Sunday in May.

Memorial: First Sunday in June.

Ministers called: Arnold Bailey, Mike Smallwood,  
Theodore Looney.

*Bright Morning Star Church..... (continued)*

Powell Cemetery Memorial meeting: Second Sunday  
in August at 11:00 am.

Hagerman Cemetery Memorial meeting: First Sunday  
in July at 10:00 am.

**BULL CREEK CHURCH**

Highway 3408, Blackey, KY

*Moderator:*

Eld. Virgil Combs  
1310 Carcassone Rd.  
Blackey, Ky. 41804  
Phone: 606-633-8090

*Clerk:*

Earl Combs  
1365 Carcassone Rd.  
Blackey, KY 41804  
Phone: 606-633-9865

Regular Meeting Time: Third Saturday and Sunday.

Appointed Meeting Time: First Sunday at 5:00 p.m.

*Ministers:*

Eld. Virgil Combs  
1310 Carcassone Rd.  
Blackey, KY 41804  
Phone: 606-633-8090

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

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

Bro. Gary Caudill  
713 Stampers Branch  
Isom, KY 41824  
Phone: 606-633-3338

Bro. Earl Combs  
1365 Carcassone Rd.  
Blackey, KY 41804  
Phone: 606-633-9865

Bro. Clifford Fields  
1595 Carcassone Rd.  
Blackey, KY 41804  
Phone: 606-632-9897

Bro. Wade Fields  
1595 Carcassone Rd.  
Blackey, KY 41804  
Phone: 606-632-9897

Bro. James Jent  
41 Tolby Br.  
Hallie, KY 41821  
Phone: 606-633-4200

*Bull Creek Church..... (continued)*

Bro. Ralph Jent  
P.O. Box 236  
Blackey, KY 41804  
Phone: 606-633-0022

*Meetings:*

Union meeting: Third Saturday and Sunday in May.

Ministers called: Bill Halcomb, Jim Blankenship,  
Ross Wright, Emory Caudill,  
Wallace Bolling.

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.

Jent Cemetery: Third Sunday in July.

**CANEY FORK CHURCH**

SR 698, McClure, VA

*Moderator:*

Eld. Sidney Mullins  
8128 Scott Roberson Rd.  
Wise, VA 24293  
Phone: 276-328-8734

*Clerk:*

Randy Looney  
245 Liza Flts.  
Haysi, VA 24256

Regular Meeting Time: First Saturday and Sunday.

Appointed Meeting Time: Third Sunday of each month at Sweet  
Home Church at 10:00 a.m.

*Ministers:*

Eld. James McClanahan  
Rt. 2, Box 213-A  
Grundy, VA 24614  
Phone: 276-935-4056

Eld. Sidney Mullins  
8128 Scott Roberson Rd.  
Wise, VA 24293  
Phone: 276-328-8734

Eld. Jerry Newsome  
Rt. 2, Box 420  
Haysi, VA 24256  
Phone: 276-865-5363

Bro. Theodore Looney  
P.O. Box 131  
Breaks, VA 24607  
Phone: 276-531-7017

*Caney Fork Church..... (continued)*

*Meetings:*

Union meeting: First Saturday and Sunday in July.

Ministers called: Eddie Newsome, Danny Yates,  
David O'Quinn, Steve Lyall,  
Jim Blankenship, home ministers.

Communion: First Sunday in August.

Memorial: First Sunday in June.

Ministers called: Elwood Cornett, Squire Watts,  
Don Pratt, Alonzo Mosley,  
Toby Bailey, home ministers.

**CEDAR GROVE CHURCH**

Highway 1103, Hallie, KY

*Moderator:*

Eld. Danny Dixon  
11476 Hwy.7 South  
Cornettsville, KY 41731  
Phone: 606-633-0804

*Clerk:*

Venson Whitaker  
1059 Highway 1103  
Cornettsville, KY 41731  
Phone: 606-633-7659

Regular Meeting Time: Fourth Saturday and Sunday.

*Ministers:*

Eld. Danny Dixon  
11476 Hwy.7 South  
Cornettsville, KY 41731  
Phone: 606-633-0804

Eld. Virgil Halcomb  
Muncie, IN

Eld. Squire Watts  
860 Straight Fork Rd.  
Cornettsville, KY 41731  
Phone: 606-476-2707

Bro. Zennith Ison  
340 Perkins Branch  
Jeremiah, KY 41826  
Phone: 606-632-1671

*Meetings:*

Union meeting: Fourth Saturday and Sunday in June.

Ministers called: Roger Gibson, Eugene Thacker,  
Harvey Creech, Don Pratt,  
Jimmy Hall (Little Hannah).



*Cedar Grove Church..... (continued)*

Communion: Fourth Sunday in August.

Memorial: Fourth Sunday in May.

Ministers called: Jim Fields, Elwood Cornett,  
Bill Halcomb, home ministers.

**CHESTER HOGG MEMORIAL CHURCH**

Charlestown, IN

*Moderator:*

Eld. Roger Gibson

Box 1383

Viper, KY 41774

Phone: 606-476-8658

*Clerk:*

Mike Bowen

145 Eathan Ct.

Mt. Washington, KY 40047

Phone: 502-538-8444

Regular Meeting Time: First Saturday and Sunday.

*Ministers:*

Bro. Lawrence Brown

3790 Highway 160

Charlestown, IN 47111

Phone: 812-256-6120

Bro. James Everage

646 Cutshall Rd.

Austin, IN 47102

Phone: 812-752-7343

*Meetings:*

Union meeting: First Saturday and Sunday in April.

Ministers called: Johnny Fields, Roy Slone, Merle Caudill.

Communion: First Sunday in June.

Memorial: First Sunday in May.

Ministers called: Harvey Creech, home ministers.

Ministers called for various meetings:

January: Coy Tolliver, Hurley Short.

February: Gary Mosley

March: Elwood Cornett, Ellis Adams.

July: Doug Gibson, David Jent.

August: Curl Dixon, Jim Fields.

October, 2008: Bill Halcomb, Ray Williamson.

November, 2008: H.B. Reedy, Jr., Paul Watson.

December, 2008: Home ministers.

## **CLEAR FORK CHURCH**

Route 1088, Lotts Creek, KY

*Moderator:*

Eld. Charles Shepherd  
456 Hwy. 463  
Gordon, KY 41819  
Phone: 606-589-5458

*Clerk:*

Franklin Fugate  
P.O. Box 94  
Fisty, KY 41743  
Phone: 502-957-5996

Regular Meeting Time: First Saturday and Sunday.

*Ministers:*

Bro. Jeffery K. Combs  
Phone: 606-785-4482

*Meetings:*

Union meeting: First Saturday and Sunday in June.

Ministers called: Roy Slone, Squire Watts,  
Elwood Cornett, Johnny Patrick.

Communion: First Sunday in July.

Memorial: First Sunday in October, 2008.

Ministers called: Robert Combs, Howard Owens,  
Lehman Gilliam, Odis Ritchie.

## **DEFEATED CREEK CHURCH**

Defeated Creek, Linefork, KY

*Moderator:*

Eld. Elwood Cornett  
262 Elwood Road  
Blackey, KY 41804  
Phone: 606-633-9269

*Clerk:*

Keith Smith  
1470 Defeated Creek  
Linefork, KY 41833  
Phone: 606-633-4181

Regular Meeting Time: Second Saturday and Sunday.

*Defeated Creek Church..... (continued)*

*Meetings:*

Union meeting: Second Saturday and Sunday in April.

Ministers called: Robert Holcomb, David Jent,  
Terry Bryant, Bill Halcomb,  
Danny Dixon.

Communion: Second Sunday in August.

Memorial: Second Sunday in July.

Ministers called: Ellis Adams, Emory Caudill,  
Harvey Creech, Squire Watts,  
Lehman Gilliam.

**DIXON MEMORIAL CHURCH**

Highway 7, Jeremiah, KY

*Moderator:*

Eld. Allen Whitaker  
390 Tutor Branch  
Jeremiah, KY 41826  
Phone: 606-633-9486

*Clerk:*

Relon Hampton  
P.O. Box 62  
Premium, KY 41845  
Phone: 606-632-3081

Regular Meeting Time: Fourth Saturday and Sunday.

*Ministers:*

Eld. Homer Smith  
218 Sycamore Loop  
Jeremiah, KY 41826  
Phone: 606-633-0281

Eld. Allen Whitaker  
390 Tutor Branch  
Jeremiah, KY 41826  
Phone: 606-633-9486

Eld. Roger Whitaker  
1989 Johnson Fork  
Premium, KY 41845  
Phone: 606-633-8559

Eld. Rulah Whitaker  
8028 Bates Road  
Faubush, KY 42544  
Phone: 270-866-4742

Bro. Relon Hampton  
P.O. Box 62  
Premium, KY 41845  
Phone: 606-632-3081

*Dixon Memorial Church..... (continued)*

*Meetings:*

Union meeting: Fourth Saturday and Sunday in June.

Ministers called: Wallace Bolling, Roger Fields,  
Ellis Adams, John Collins,  
Howard Owens, Wayne Smith.

Communion: Fourth Sunday in July.

Memorial: Fourth Sunday in September, 2008.

Ministers called: Virgil Combs, Earl Combs, Roy Slone,  
Bob Combs, James Caudill.

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

Memorial at Spring Branch Cemetery: Second Sunday  
in June.

Memorial at Johnny Blair Cemetery: First Sunday in  
September, 2008.

**EMMANUEL CHURCH**

Rt 63, off Rt.80, Haysi, VA

*Moderator:*

Eld. Toby Bailey  
296 Aaron's Drive  
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.

Appointed Meeting Time: Third Saturday at 5:00 p.m.

*Ministers:*

Eld. Toby Bailey  
296 Aaron's Drive  
Birchleaf, VA 24220  
Phone: 276-865-4407

Eld. Carvel Edwards  
9287 The Lake Rd.  
Clintwood, VA 24228  
Phone: 276-835-8563

*Emmanuel Church..... (continued)*

Eld. Eddie Newsome  
677 Viers Ridge Rd.  
Birchleaf, VA 24220  
Phone: 276-865-4410

Eld. David O'Quinn  
3461 Big Ridge Rd.  
Haysi, VA 24256  
Phone: 276-835-1761

Eld. Freddie Ramey  
1308 Bartlick Rd.  
Haysi, VA 24256  
Phone: 276-865-4956

Eld. Benny Stanley  
590 Rachael Chapel Rd.  
Coburn, VA 24230  
Phone: 276-835-9104

Bro. Columbus Fleming  
P.O. Box 202  
Haysi, VA 24256  
Phone: 276-597-8348

Bro. Tony Yates  
Rt.2, Box 398-A  
Haysi, VA 24256  
Phone: 276-597-8290

*Meetings:*

Union meeting: Second Saturday and Sunday in May.

Ministers called: Greg Lewis, Feldon Ruggles, Jr.,  
Terry Bryant, Don Collins.

Communion: Second Sunday in June.

Memorial: Second Sunday in July.

Ministers called: Buster Mullins, Toby Bailey,  
Harvey Creech, Frank Newsome.

**FRIENDSHIP CHURCH**

Ike Singleton Road, Waynesburg, KY

*Moderator:*

Eld. Emory Caudill  
91 Emory Lane  
Blackey, KY 41804  
Phone: 606-633-4316

*Clerk:*

Paul Watson  
P.O. Box 294  
Perryville, KY 40468  
Phone: 859-332-9064

Regular Meeting Time: Third Saturday and Sunday.

## *Friendship Church..... (continued)*

### *Ministers:*

Eld. Paul Watson  
P.O. Box 294  
Perryville, KY 40468  
Phone: 859-332-9064

### *Meetings:*

Union meeting: Third Saturday and Sunday in June.

Ministers called: Toby Breeding, Bobby Amburgey,  
Squire Watts, Lonnie Gregory.

Communion: Third Sunday in August.

Memorial: Third Sunday in May.

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

Ministers called for various meetings:

January: Roy Slone, Don Pratt, Lehman Gilliam.

February: Terry Bryant.

March: Rodney Tolliver, Coy Tolliver.

April: Jim Fields, Howard Owens.

July: James Caudill, Bill Halcomb.

August: Merle Caudill, Ellis Adams.

September, 2008: Harvey Creech, Johnny Fields,  
Jimmy Hall (Little Hannah).

October, 2008: Ross Wright, Doug Gibson.

November, 2008: Mickey Amburgey,  
Milburn Slone.

December, 2008: Hurley Short, James Slone,  
Ronnie Robinson.

## **GARDEN OF LOVE CHURCH**

St. Mary's, OH

### *Moderator:*

Eld. Gary Mosley  
3776 Armsted Place  
Lima, OH 45804  
Phone: 419-221-0340

### *Clerk:*

Michael Everage  
P.O.Box 234  
St. Mary's, OH 45885  
Phone: 419-778-3295

*Garden of Love Church..... (continued)*

Regular Meeting Time: Third Saturday and Sunday.

Appointed Meeting Time: Every Sunday at 10:00 a.m.

*Ministers:*

Eld. Michael Everage  
P.O.Box 234  
St. Mary's, OH 45885  
Phone: 419-778-3295

Eld. Billy Mosley  
2463 Kirkland Dr.  
Lima, OH 45801  
Phone: 419-229-6607

Eld. Gary Mosley  
3776 Armsted Place  
Lima, OH 45804  
Phone: 419-221-0340

Eld. Carl Slone  
6894 E. SR 8  
Kendallville, IN 46705  
Phone: 219-897-2795

Eld. Tim Smith  
542 Monticello Ave.  
Lima, OH 45804  
Phone: 419-604-3784

*Meetings:*

Union meeting: Third Saturday and Sunday in May.

Ministers called: Emory Caudill, Feldon Ruggles, Jr.,  
Terry Bryant, Lonnie Gregory.

Communion: Third Sunday in June.

Memorial: Third Sunday in September, 2008.

Ministers called: Don Pratt, Jim Fields, Earl Mosley,  
Bobby Amburgey.

**HAPPY HOME CHURCH**

Amburgey, KY

*Moderator:*

Eld. Don Pratt  
19 Pauley Hollow  
Sassafras, Ky. 41759  
Phone: 606-642-3815

*Clerk:*

Alger Mullins  
132 Seals Hollow Rd.  
Litt Carr, KY 41834  
Phone: 606-642-3792

*Happy Home Church..... (continued)*

Regular Meeting Time: First Saturday and Sunday.

Appointed Meeting Time: Third Sunday at 6:00 p.m.

*Ministers:*

Eld. Alger Mullins  
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

*Meetings:*

Union meeting: First Saturday and Sunday in June.

Ministers called: Bill Halcomb, Jim Fields, Ross Wright,  
David Smith.

Communion: First Sunday in July.

Memorial: First Sunday in May.

Ministers called: Merle Caudill, home ministers.

**HURRICANE GAP CHURCH**

Highway 160, Gordon, KY

*Moderator:*

Eld. Charles T. Shepherd  
456 Hwy. 463  
Gordon, KY 41819  
Phone: 606-589-5458

*Clerk:*

Charles O. Shepherd  
542 Hwy. 463  
Gordon, KY 41819  
Phone: 606-589-6705

Regular Meeting Time: Third Saturday and Sunday.

Appointed Meeting Time: Odd Saturdays at 6:30 p.m.

Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.

*Ministers:*

Eld. Jimmy Ray Bailey  
781 Turkey Creek  
Hallie, KY 41821  
Phone: 606-633-4284

Eld. Charles T. Shepherd  
456 Hwy. 463  
Gordon, KY 41819  
Phone: 606-589-5458



*Hurricane Gap Church..... (continued)*

*Meetings:*

Union meeting: Third Saturday and Sunday in August.

Ministers called: Bobby Amburgey, Roger Fields,  
Bill Halcomb.

Communion: Third Sunday in August.

Memorial: Third Sunday in October, 2008.

Ministers called: Terry Bryant, Jim Fields, Harvey Creech.

**IVY POINT CHURCH**

Highway 550, Garner, KY

*Moderator:*

Eld. Alonzo Mosley  
P.O. Box 234  
Garner, KY 41817  
Phone: 606-785-3430

*Clerk:*

Tim Cornett  
P.O.Box 583  
Carrie, KY 41725  
Phone: 606-785-3541

Regular Meeting Time: Fourth Saturday and Sunday.

Appointed Meeting Time: First Sundays at 6:00 p.m.

Odd Sundays at 9:30 a.m.

*Ministers:*

Eld. Tim Cornett  
P.O. Box 583  
Carrie, KY 41725  
Phone: 606-785-3541

Eld. Alonzo Mosley  
P.O. Box 234  
Garner, KY 41817  
Phone: 606-785-3430

Bro. Jenning Ritchie  
290 France Hollow  
Hindman, KY 41822  
Phone: 606-785-9002

Bro. Clinton Williams  
255 Haywood Br.  
Prestonsburg, KY 41653  
Phone: 606-886-9996

*Meetings:*

Union meeting: Fourth Saturday and Sunday in June.

Ministers called: Jim Fields, Jimmy Hall (Little Hannah),  
Eddie Newsome, Theodore Looney.

*Ivy Point Church..... (continued)*

Communion: Fourth Sunday in July.

Memorial: Fourth Sunday in August.

Ministers called: David O'Quinn, Harvey Creech,  
Eugene Thacker, home ministers.

**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

Bro. George Roark  
P.O. Box 117  
Roxana, KY 41848  
Phone: 606-633-3172

*Meetings:*

Union meeting: First Saturday and Sunday in June.

Ministers called: Merle Caudill, Harvey Creech,  
Wallace Bolling, Lehman Gilliam,  
Elwood Cornett, Robert Holcomb.

Communion: First Sunday in July.

Memorial: First Sunday in May.

Ministers called: Ellis Adams, Marvin Sparkman,  
Don Pratt, Roy Slone, Bill Halcomb.

## **LEFT BEAVER CHURCH**

Martin, Ky.

### *Moderator:*

Eld. Gary Compton  
Rt. 122  
Hi-Hat, KY 41636  
Phone: 606-377-2971

### *Clerk:*

Frank Adkins  
2475 Ky. Rt. 1498  
Bevinsville, KY 41606

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

### *Ministers:*

Eld. Darrel Bates  
50 Holiday Rd.  
Winchester, KY 40391  
Phone: 859-749-4523

Eld. John P. Church  
Rt. 5 Box 1590  
Sandy Hook, KY 41171  
Phone: 606-738-6590

Eld. Gary Compton  
Rt. 122  
Hi-Hat, KY 41636  
Phone: 606-377-2971

Eld. Jimmy Conley  
P.O. Box 223  
Mousie, KY 41839  
Phone: 606-946-2794

### *Meetings:*

Union meeting: Fourth Saturday and Sunday in July.  
Ministers called: Ellis Adams, Jimmy Hall (Little Hannah),  
Harlis Watts, Squire Watts, Frank Newsome.  
Communion: Fourth Sunday in August.  
Memorial: Fourth Sunday in May.  
Ministers called: Clinton Moore, Jimmy Hall (Little Rosa),  
Freddy Compton, Roy Slone.

## **LILY OF THE VALLEY CHURCH**

Proctorville, OH

*Moderator:*

Eld. James Slone  
11643 Hope Means Rd.  
Means, KY 40346  
Phone: 859-497-6446

*Clerk:*

Clifford Hughes  
Township Rd. 88  
49 Private Dr. 335  
Proctorville, OH 45669  
Phone: 740-894-8346

Regular Meeting Time: Second Saturday and Sunday.

Appointed Meeting Time: Easter Sunday morning.

*Ministers:*

Eld. James Slone  
11643 Hope Means Rd.  
Means, KY 40346  
Phone: 859-497-6446

Eld. Mike Smallwood  
11655 Hope Means Rd.  
Means, KY 40346  
Phone: 859-499-3250

Bro. Clifford Hughes  
Township Rd. 88  
49 Private Dr. 335  
Proctorville, OH 45669  
Phone: 740-894-8346

*Meetings:*

Union meeting: Second Saturday and Sunday in  
September, 2008.

Ministers called: Joe Slone, Alger Mullins, Jim Fields,  
Hurley Short.

Communion: Second Sunday in October, 2008.

Memorial: Second Sunday in May.

Ministers called: Elwood Cornett, Eddie Newsome,  
Coy Tolliver, John Bowling.

## **LITTLE BETHANY CHURCH**

Sawmill Road, Jeffersonville, KY

### *Moderator:*

Eld. Hurley Short  
1595 Sawmill Rd.  
Jeffersonville, KY 40337  
Phone: 859-498-0669

### *Clerk:*

Hershell Short  
1605 Sawmill Rd.  
Jeffersonville, KY 40337  
Phone: 859-498-7440

Regular Meeting Time: Fourth Saturday and Sunday.

### *Ministers:*

Eld. Hurley Short  
1595 Sawmill Rd.  
Jeffersonville, KY 40337  
Phone: 859-498-0669

Bro. Jack Isaac  
P.O. Box 892  
Mt. Sterling, KY 40353  
Phone: 859-398-5147

Bro. Hershell Short  
1605 Sawmill Rd.  
Jeffersonville, KY 40337  
Phone: 859-498-7440

Bro. Joe Slone  
6763 Garland Hollow Rd.  
Means, KY 40346  
Phone: 859-768-9515

Bro. Northern Smallwood  
Phone: 260-499-4667

Bro. Rodney Tolliver  
Jeffersonville, KY 40337  
Phone: 859-498-7811

### *Meetings:*

Union meeting: Fourth Saturday and Sunday in July.

Ministers called: Harlis Watts, Feldon Ruggles, Jr.,  
Clinton Williams.

Communion: Fourth Sunday in August.

Memorial: Fourth Sunday in September, 2008.

Ministers called: H.B. Reedy Jr., Odis Ritchie, Roy Slone.

## **LITTLE BETHLEHEM CHURCH**

Highway 160, Brinkley, KY

### *Moderator:*

Eld. Don Pratt  
19 Pauley Hollow  
Sassafras, KY 41759  
Phone: 606-642-3815

### *Clerk:*

Bobby Amburgey  
1810 Hwy. 582  
Pinetop, KY 41843  
Phone: 606-785-4043

Regular Meeting Time: Fourth Saturday and Sunday.

### *Ministers:*

Eld. Bob Amburgey  
1810 Highway 582  
Pinetop, KY 41843  
Phone: 606-785-4043

Eld. L.D. Mosley  
579 Combs Br. Rd.  
Hindman, Ky. 41822  
Phone: 606-785-0146

Eld. H.B. Reedy, Jr.  
235 Saratoga Circle  
Richmond, KY 40475  
Phone: 859-626-0103

Bro. Marvis Short  
P.O. Box 27  
Hindman, KY 41822  
Phone: 606-785-5275

### *Meetings:*

Union meeting: Fourth Saturday and Sunday in April.

Ministers called: Carl Slone, Roger Gibson, David Smith,  
Ellis Adams, Virgil Combs,  
Vergle Caudill.

Communion: Fourth Sunday in August.

Memorial: Fourth Sunday in September, 2008.

Ministers called: Home ministers.

## **LITTLE DAVID CHURCH**

Haysi, VA

### *Moderator:*

Eld. Frank Newsome  
Rt.2, Box 302  
Haysi, VA 24256  
Phone: 276-597-7945

### *Clerk:*

Wayne Roark  
310 Viers Ridge  
Haysi, VA 24256

Regular Meeting Time: Fourth Saturday and Sunday.

Appointed Meeting Time: Second Sunday at 5:00 p.m.

### *Ministers:*

Eld. Stephen Lyall  
489 Snoda Layne  
Clinchco, VA 24226  
Phone: 276-865-4075

Eld. C. Paul McClanahan  
1152 Pleasant Valley Road  
Cedar Bluff, VA 24609  
Phone: 276-963-8403

Eld. Buster Mullins  
Rt.1, Box 389  
Haysi, VA 24256  
Phone: 276-865-4228

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

Eld. Danny Yates  
Rt.2, Box 319  
Haysi, VA 24256  
Phone: 276-597-2304

### *Meetings:*

Union meeting: Fourth Saturday and Sunday in June.

Ministers called: Toby Breeding, Elwood Cornett,  
Jim Fields, Squire Watts.

Communion: Fourth Sunday in July.

Memorial: Fourth Sunday in August.

Ministers called: Greg Lewis, Feldon Ruggles, Jr.,  
Harvey Creech, Danny Dixon.

## **LITTLE DOVE CHURCH**

Little Dove Church Road  
Sassafras, KY

### *Moderator:*

Eld. Don Pratt  
19 Pauley Hollow  
Sassafras, KY 41759  
Phone: 606-642-3815

### *Clerk:*

Merle Caudill  
140 Pane Drive  
Jeremiah, KY 41826  
Phone: 606-633-3144

Regular Meeting Time: Second Saturday and Sunday.

### *Ministers:*

Eld. Merle Caudill  
140 Pane Drive  
Jeremiah, KY 41826  
Phone: 606-633-3144

Bro. John Collins  
10865 Hwy. 15  
Jeremiah, KY 41826  
Phone: 606-633-9629

Bro. Dean Jacobs  
P.O. Box 175  
Litt Carr, KY 41834  
Phone: 606-642-3395

Bro. David Smith  
838 Mink Branch Rd.  
Craynor, KY 41635  
Phone: 606-587-1699

### *Meetings:*

Union meeting: Second Saturday and Sunday in May.

Ministers called: Carl Slone, Feldon Ruggles, Jr.,  
James Caudill, Jim Fields.

Communion: Second Sunday in July.

Memorial: Second Sunday in June.

Ministers called: Bobby Amburgey, home ministers.



## **LITTLE HANNAH**

Pikeville, KY

### *Moderator:*

Eld. Jimmy Hall  
6071 Robinson Creek Rd.  
Robinson Creek, KY 41560  
Phone: 606-639-6558

### *Clerk:*

Bobby Boyd  
116 Maple Hill Drive  
Pikeville, KY 41501  
Phone: 606-432-3684

Regular Meeting Time: Second Saturday and Sunday.

Appointed Meeting Time: Odd Sundays at 10:00 a.m.

### *Ministers:*

Eld. Jimmy Hall  
6071 Robinson Creek Rd.  
Robinson Creek, KY 41560  
Phone: 606-639-6558

Eld. Bennie Roberts  
P.O. Box 372  
Robinson Creek, KY 41560  
Phone: 606-639-0748

Bro. Danny Hamilton  
P.O. Box 884  
Pikeville, KY 41502  
Phone: 606-437-5036

Bro. Scott Hamilton  
P.O. Box 705  
Mt. Gay, WV 25637  
Phone: 304-239-2145

Bro. John Wayne Potter  
993 Wilson Creek  
Langley, KY 41645  
Phone: 606-285-0690

Bro. Denver Ritchie  
365 Ellis Bentley Rd.  
Mallie, KY 41836  
Phone: 606-785-3766

### *Meetings:*

Union meeting: Second Saturday and Sunday in May.

Ministers called: James Caudill, Feldon Ruggles, Jr.,  
Frank Newsome, Danny Dixon,  
Squire Watts.

Communion meeting: Second Sunday in June.

Ministers called: Jerry Newsome, Jim Blankenship,  
Billy Campbell.

Memorial: Second Sunday in September, 2008.

Ministers called: Alonzo Mosley, Ross Wright  
Terry Bryant, Harvey Creech.

## **LITTLE JEWELL CHURCH**

Ashland, KY

### *Moderator:*

Eld. Terry Bryant  
2129 State Rt.10  
Greenup, KY 41144  
Phone: 606-473-6086

### *Clerk:*

John M. Burke  
170 McKnight St.  
Ashland, KY 41102  
Phone: 606-324-2358

Regular Meeting Time: Fourth Saturday and Sunday.

Appointed Meeting Time: Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.

Third Sundays at 9:30 a.m.

### *Ministers:*

Eld. Terry Bryant  
2129 State Rt.10  
Greenup, KY 41144  
Phone: 606-473-6086

Eld. Euel Ratliff  
2409 Slem St.  
Ashland, KY 41101  
Phone: 606-324-9793

Bro. Gregory Lewis  
Rt. 3, Box 2032  
Wayne, WV 25570  
Phone: 304-272-6599

Bro. Feldon Ruggles, Jr.  
3910 County Rd. 21  
Ironton, OH 45638  
Phone: 740-532-3392

### *Meetings:*

Union meeting: Fourth Saturday and Sunday in April.

Ministers called:

Friday, April 25 at 6:30 p.m.: Milburn Slone,  
Ronnie Robinson.

Saturday, April 26 at 6:30 p.m.: Billy Mosley,  
Gary Compton, Gary Mosley.

Sunday, April 27 at 9:30 a.m.: Billy Campbell,  
Jim Blankenship, Eddie Newsome,  
David O'Quinn.

Communion: Fourth Sunday in June.

Ministers called: Lonnie Gregory, Jim Fields.

Memorial: Fourth Sunday in October, 2008.

Ministers called: Clinton Moore, Jimmy Hall (Little Rosa),  
William McClanahan, Roy Slone.

## **LITTLE MARY CHURCH**

Rt. 1895, Morehead, KY

### *Moderator:*

Eld. Lonnie Gregory  
4910 Flemingsburg Rd.  
Morehead, KY 40351  
Phone: 606-783-0886

### *Clerk:*

Coy Tolliver  
1403 Dog Trot Rd.  
Frenchburg, KY 40322  
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  
Phone: 606-783-0886

Elder Eual Debord  
279 Raycon Drive  
Wilmington, OH 45177  
Phone: 937-382-4797

Bro. John Bowling  
Rt.3, Box 980  
Olive Hill, KY 41164  
Phone: 606-738-5794

Bro. Ronnie Little  
2926 Taylor Mill Rd.  
Flemingsburg, KY 41041  
Phone: 606-845-0007

Bro. Coy Tolliver  
1403 Dog Trot Rd.  
Frenchburg, KY 40322  
Phone: 606-768-9014

### *Meetings:*

Union meeting: Second Saturday and Sunday in  
September, 2008.

#### Ministers called:

Friday, Sept. 12 at 6:30: Elwood Cornett,  
Toby Breeding.

Saturday, Sept. 13 at 6:30: Emory Caudill,  
Merle Caudill.

Sunday, Sept. 14 at 9:30 : Squire Watts,  
Jerry Manns,  
Jim Blankenship,  
Billy Campbell.

*Little Mary Church..... (continued)*

Communion: Second Sunday in October, 2008.

Memorial: Second Sunday in August.

Ministers called: Roger Gibson, William McClanahan,  
Gary Mosley.

Odd Sundays/Ministers called:

December 30: Roy Slone, Milburn Slone.

March 30: Jim Fields, Danny Dixon.

June 1: Eddie Newsome, Freddie Ramey.

August 31: Ross Wright, Paul Watson.

**LITTLE ROSA CHURCH**

McDowell, KY

*Moderator:*

Eld. Clinton Moore  
McDowell, KY 41647  
Phone: 606-377-6446

*Clerk:*

Eddie Meade  
47 Frasure Creek Rd.  
McDowell, KY 41647  
Phone: 606-377-6352

Regular Meeting Time: First Saturday and Sunday.

Appointed Meeting Time: Second Sunday at 5:30 p.m.

Third Sunday at 9:30 a.m.

Fourth Sunday at 5:30 p.m.

Odd Sundays at 9:30 a.m.

*Ministers:*

Eld. Hershel (Jimmy) Hall  
McDowell, KY 41647  
Phone: 606-377-6650

Eld. Clinton (Deaner) Moore  
McDowell, KY 41647  
Phone: 606-377-6446

Eld. James Swiger  
Eastern, KY  
Phone: 606-358-9595

Bro. Rick Akers  
Teaberry, KY  
Phone: 606-587-6446

Bro. Kevin Bartley  
819 Spewing Camp  
McDowell, KY 41647  
Phone: 606-377-2780

Bro. Jeff Brown  
71 Reynolds Rd.  
Beaver, Ky. 41604

*Little Rosa Church..... (continued)*

Bro. Darvin Hamilton  
Teaberry, KY  
Phone: 606-587-1441

Bro. Danny Ray Moore  
Prospect, OH  
Phone: 740-528-2879

*Meetings:*

Union meeting: First Saturday and Sunday in May.

Ministers called: David Smith, Danny Dixon,  
Feldon Ruggles, Jr., Terry Bryant.

Communion: First Sunday in July.

Memorial meeting: First Sunday in September, 2008.

Ministers called: Frank Newsome, Billy Campbell,  
Squire Watts, David O'Quinn.

**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. Curl Dixon  
14908 Chad Lane  
Williamsburg, OH 45176  
Phone: 513-724-7170

Eld. Jim Fields  
966 Tolby Branch  
Hallie, KY 41821  
Phone: 606-633-7014

Eld. John Fields  
44 Cross Road  
Jeremiah, KY 41826  
Phone: 606-633-5749

Eld. Roger Gibson  
Box 1383  
Viper, KY 41774  
Phone: 606-476-8658

*Little Zion Church..... (continued)*

Eld. Ross Wright  
36 Muriel Dr.  
Cornettsville, KY 41731  
Phone: 606-632-9159

*Meetings:*

Union meeting: Second Saturday and Sunday in March.  
Ministers called: Charles Shepherd, Terry Bryant,  
Ellis Adams.

Communion: Second Sunday in June.  
Ministers called: Alonzo Mosley, Bill Halcomb,  
Hurley Short.

Memorial: Second Sunday in July.  
Ministers called: Virgil Combs, Danny Dixon, Toby Breeding.  
Fields Cemetery Memorial: Sunday, June 1, 2008 at  
10:00 a.m.(in case of inclement weather, memorial  
will be held at the Little Zion Church).

**MOUNT OLIVE CHURCH**

Slonefork Road, Garner, KY

*Moderator:*

*Clerk:*

Roy Slone  
P.O. Box 177  
Isom, KY 41824  
Phone: 606-633-0246

Regular Meeting Time: Second Saturday and Sunday.

*Ministers:*

Eld. Freddy Compton  
8276 Ky. Rt. 1428  
Allen, KY 41601  
Phone: 606-874-9293

Eld. Eugene Thacker  
P.O. Box 113  
Garner, KY 41817  
Phone: 606-785-0784

Bro. Curtis Wayne Keene  
Hindman, KY 41822  
Phone: 606-785-9259

Bro. Jeff Slone  
HC 66, Box 8010  
Faubush KY 42544  
Phone: 270-866-9345

*Mount Olive Church..... (continued)*

Bro. Roy Slone  
P.O. Box 177  
Isom, KY 41824  
Phone: 606-633-0246

*Meetings:*

Union meeting: Second Saturday and Sunday in June.  
Ministers called: Harlis Watts, Terry Bryant,  
Bobby Amburgey.  
Communion: Second Sunday in July.  
Memorial: Second Sunday in May.  
Ministers called: Carl Slone, home ministers.

**MOUNT OLIVET CHURCH**

Blackey, KY

*Moderator:*  
Eld. Elwood Cornett  
262 Elwood Road  
Blackey, KY 41804  
Phone: 606-633-9269

*Clerk:*  
Curtis Caudill  
255 North Club Dr.  
Asheboro, NC 27205  
Phone: 336-328-0899

Regular Meeting Time: First Saturday and Sunday.

*Ministers:*

Eld. Toby Breeding  
851 Spring Branch Rd.  
Jeremiah, KY 41826  
Phone: 606-633-8836

Eld. James Caudill  
P.O. Box 179  
Blackey, KY 41804  
Phone: 606-633-5415

Eld. Elwood Cornett  
262 Elwood Road  
Blackey, KY 41804  
Phone: 606-633-9269

Bro. Wallace Bolling  
274 Klenco Rd.  
Cornettsville, KY 41731  
Phone: 606-476-9692

*Mount Olivet Church..... (continued)*

*Meetings:*

Union meeting: First Saturday and Sunday in May.

Ministers called: David Smith, Howard Owens,  
Don Pratt, moderator.

Communion: First Sunday in August.

Memorial meeting: First Sunday in June.

Ministers called: Danny Dixon, home ministers.

**MOUNT ZION CHURCH**

Perkins Branch, Hindman, KY

*Moderator:*

Eld. Earl Mosley  
P.O. Box 307  
Leburn, KY 41831  
Phone: 606-785-5788

*Clerk:*

Donald Lee Collins  
340 Collins Branch Rd.  
Pinetop, KY 41843  
Phone: 606-785-0330

Regular Meeting Time: Second Saturday and Sunday.

*Ministers:*

Eld. Donald Collins  
66 Haynes Drive  
Hindman, KY 41822  
Phone: 606-785-3774

Eld. Earl Mosley  
P.O. Box 307  
Leburn, KY 41831  
Phone: 606-785-5788

*Meetings:*

Union meeting: Second Saturday and Sunday in  
October, 2008.

Ministers called: Billy Mosley, Jimmy Hall (Little Rosa),  
Harlis Watts, Don Pratt.

Communion: Second Sunday in June.

Memorial: Second Sunday in May.

Ministers called: Gary Mosley, Alger Mullins.



## **NEW BETHLEHEM CHURCH**

Off Rt.80, Talcum, KY

*Moderator:*

Eld. Carl Slone  
Box 322  
Hindman, KY 41822  
Phone: 606-785-5595

*Clerk:*

Robert Everage  
5297 Big Branch Rd.  
Amburgey, KY 41773  
Phone: 606-642-3020

Regular Meeting Time: Third Saturday and Sunday.

Appointed Meeting Time: Odd Sundays at 9:30 a.m.

*Ministers:*

Eld. Odis Ritchie  
7680 Vest Talcum Rd.  
Talcum, KY 41722  
Phone: 606-251-3683

Eld. Carl Slone  
Box 322  
Hindman, KY 41822  
Phone: 606-785-5595

*Meetings:*

Union meeting: Third Saturday and Sunday in May.

Ministers called: Daryl Slone, Roy Slone,  
Ronnie Robinson.

Communion: Third Sunday in July.

Memorial: Third Sunday in September, 2008.

Ministers called: Howard Owens, Jeff Combs,  
Mickey Amburgey.

## **NEW HOME CHURCH**

Highway 550, Leburn, KY

*Moderator:*

Eld. Ronnie Robinson  
Box 222  
Pippa Passes, KY 41844  
Phone: 606-368-4521

*Clerk:*

Bro. Johnny Watson  
5468 Hwy. 36 East  
Olympia, KY 40358  
Phone: 606-674-2785

Regular Meeting Time: First Saturday and Sunday.

*New Home Church..... (continued)*

*Ministers:*

Eld. Mickey Amburgey  
Box 006  
Litt Carr, KY 41834  
Phone: 606-785-5917

Eld. Bill Moore  
Leburn, KY 41831  
Phone: 606-785-4888

Eld. Ronnie Robinson  
Box 222  
Pippa Passes, KY 41844  
Phone: 606-368-4521

Eld. Marty Slone  
P.O. Box 193  
Garner, KY 41817  
Phone: 606-785-3077

Eld. Milburn Slone  
Garner, KY 41817  
Phone: 606-785-5863

Bro. Jim Rush  
P.O. Box 831  
Owingsville, KY 40360  
Phone: 606-674-8557

Bro. Harlis Watts  
Mousie, KY 41839  
Phone: 606-946-2479

*Meetings:*

Union meeting: First Saturday and Sunday in June.

Ministers called: Feldon Ruggles, Jr., Greg Lewis,  
H.B. Reedy, Jr., Hurley Short.

Communion: First Sunday in July.

Minister called: Jim Fields, Terry Bryant, Eddie Newsome.

Memorial: First Sunday in August.

Ministers called: Don Collins, Bill Halcomb,  
home ministers.

## 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 Road  
Loveland, OH 45140  
Phone: 513-575-4256

Regular Meeting Time: Fourth Saturday and Sunday.

Appointed Meeting Time: Second Sundays at 10:00 a.m.

Odd Sundays 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

### *Meetings:*

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, Johnny Fields, Lehman  
Gilliam, Charles Shepherd.

April: Toby Breeding, Eual Debord, Layton Phipps,  
John Bowling.

May (2nd Sunday): Coburn Ison, Doug Gibson,  
Robert Holcomb, William Conley.

June: H.B. Reedy, Jr., Ronnie Robinson, home  
ministers.

July: Feldon Ruggles, Jr., Harvey Creech,  
Terry Bryant, Homer Smith.

*Northern New Home Church..... (continued)*

August: Billy Campbell, Jim Blankenship,  
William McClanahan.

September, 2008: Woodrow Tackett, Emory Caudill,  
Roger Gibson.

October, 2008: Jim Fields, Curl Dixon,  
James Caudill.

**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: Second Saturday and Sunday.

*Ministers:*

Eld. Arnold Bailey  
Rt.1, Box 512  
Vansant, VA 24656  
Phone: 276-597-2424

Bro. Dewayne Belcher  
214 Patchwork Pointe,  
Rutledge, TN 37861  
Phone: 865-767-3024

Bro. Larry Branham  
P.O. Box 51,  
Pounding Mill, VA 24637  
Phone: 276-596-9323

Bro. Arnold Deel  
Rt. 2, Box 340  
Haysi, VA 24256  
Phone: 276-597-7138

*Meetings:*

Union meeting: Second Saturday and Sunday in May.

Ministers called: Danny Dixon, Freddy Frazier,  
Steve Hagerman, Clinton Williams.

Communion: Second Sunday in June.

Memorial: Second Sunday in July.

Ministers called: John P. Church, Ellis Adams,  
Theodore Looney, Michael Hagerman.

## **POOR FORK CHURCH**

Cumberland, KY

*Moderator:*

Eld. Harvey Creech  
384 Hwy. 3404  
Partridge, KY 40862  
Phone: 606-589-5798

*Clerk:*

Joe Steely  
P.O.Box 1919  
Middlesboro, KY 40965  
Phone: 606-248-0750

Regular Meeting Time: First Saturday and Sunday.

Appointed Meeting Time: Odd Sundays at 9:30 a.m.

Fourth Saturday at 5:00 p.m.

*Ministers:*

Eld. Harvey Creech  
384 Hwy. 3404  
Partridge, KY 40862  
Phone: 606-589-5798

*Meetings:*

Union meeting: First Saturday and Sunday in May.

Ministers called: Earl Combs, Toby Breeding,  
William McClanahan, Terry Bryant.

Communion: First Sunday in July.

Ministers called: Bill Halcomb, Emory Caudill,  
Robert Holcomb, Virgil Combs.

Memorial: First Sunday in August.

Ministers called: Jim Fields, Squire Watts, Ellis Adams,  
Danny Dixon.

## **REYNOLDS FORK CHURCH**

Highway 1393, Mallie, KY

*Moderator:*

Eld. Nelson Craft  
65 Craft Lane  
Hindman, KY 41822  
Phone: 606-785-3735

*Clerk:*

Cornell Amburgey  
606 Wolf Rd.  
Mallie, KY 41836  
Phone: 606-785-4243

*Reynolds Fork Church..... (continued)*

Regular Meeting Time: Third Saturday and Sunday.

Appointed Meeting Time: Each Wednesday at 6:00 p.m.

*Ministers:*

Bro. Johnny Patrick  
3922 S. Hwy. 160  
Hindman, KY 41822  
Phone: 606-785-3395

Bro. Paul M. Watson  
Richmond, KY

*Meetings:*

Union meeting: Third Saturday and Sunday in May.

Ministers called: Elwood Cornett, Don Pratt,  
William McClanahan, Billy Campbell.

Communion: Third Sunday in June.

Ministers called: Terry Bryant, Ronnie Robinson,  
Roy Slone.

Memorial: Third Sunday in July.

Ministers called: Jim Fields, Harvey Creech,  
Howard Owens.

**ROCK FORK CHURCH**

Rt 80, Knott/Floyd County Line, KY

*Moderator:*

Eld. Jerry Manns  
153 Reed Branch  
Hueysville, KY 41640  
Phone: 606-358-9140

*Clerk:*

Arlie Jackson, Jr.  
P.O.Box 384  
Garrett, KY 41630  
Phone: 606-358-4941

Regular Meeting Time: Fourth Saturday and Sunday.

Appointed Meeting Time: Second Sunday at 6:00 p.m.  
Odd Sundays at 10:00 a.m.

## *Rock Fork Church..... (continued)*

### *Ministers:*

Eld. Willie Crase, Jr.  
P.O. Box 201  
Martin, KY 41649  
Phone: 606-285-9452

Eld. Freddy Frazier  
107 Woodside Dr.  
Whitesburg, KY 41858  
Phone: 606-633-9700

Eld. Jerry Manns  
153 Reed Branch  
Hueysville, KY 41640  
Phone: 606-358-9140

Eld. Earl Slone  
P.O. Box 159  
Wayland, KY 41666  
Phone: 606-358-3448

Bro. Daryl Slone  
P.O. Box 175  
Hindman, KY 41822  
Phone: 606-785-5118

### *Meetings:*

Union meeting: Fourth Saturday and Sunday in April.

Ministers called: William McClanahan, Jim Fields,  
Lonnie Gregory.

Communion: Fourth Sunday in July.

Memorial: Fourth Sunday in October, 2008.

Ministers called: Carl Slone, Greg Lewis,  
Feldon Ruggles, Jr.

9th Annual Dedication: August 20,21,22 & 23, 2008  
at 7:00 p.m.

## **ROSE OF SHARON CHURCH**

Beaver, OH

### *Moderator:*

Eld. Layton Phipps  
9577 Jackson Runyon Rd.  
Pleasant Plain, OH 45162  
Phone: 513-877-2210

### *Clerk:*

William Conley  
710 Millstone Rd.  
Beaver, OH 45613  
Phone: 740-226-1868

*Rose Of Sharon Church..... (continued)*

Regular Meeting Time: First Saturday and Sunday.

Appointed Meeting Time: Odd Sundays at 9:30 a.m.

Third Sundays at 9:30 a.m.

*Ministers:*

Eld. Layton Phipps  
9577 Jackson Runyon Rd.  
Pleasant Plain, OH 45162  
Phone: 513-877-2210

Eld. Bill Conley  
720 Millstone Rd.  
Beaver, OH 45613  
Phone: 740-226-1341

Bro. William Conley  
710 Millstone Rd.  
Beaver, OH 45613  
Phone: 740-226-1868

Bro. James Webb, Jr.  
1551 Lindaire Lane  
Mansfield, OH 44906  
Phone: 419-529-2419

*Meetings:*

Union Meeting: First Saturday and Sunday in April.

Communion: First Sunday in August.

Memorial: First Sunday in May.

Ministers called for various meetings:

January: Roger Gibson, Greg Lewis, James Slone.

February: Milburn Slone, Jack Isaac, Hurley Short.

March: John Bowling, Coy Tolliver, Euel Debord.

April: James Everage, Douglas Gibson,  
Bill Halcomb.

May: Curl Dixon, Jack Varney, home ministers.

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

July: Jim Fields, Ray Williamson, Jack Varney.

August: Terry Bryant, Feldon Ruggles, Jr.,  
Ray Williamson.

October, 2008: Eugene Thacker, Jim Blankenship,  
Ellis Adams.

November, 2008: Elwood Cornett, Toby Breeding.

December, 2008: Emory Caudill, Irvin Stollings,  
Bill Halcomb.



## **SUMMERTOWN CHURCH**

Big Fork Road, Lotts Creek, KY

### *Moderator:*

Eld. Howard Owens  
39 Clear Fork Road  
Hazard, KY 41701  
Phone: 606-785-0284

### *Clerk:*

Robert Combs  
4463 Lotts Creek Road  
Hazard, KY 41701  
Phone: 606-439-2198

Regular Meeting Time: Second Saturday and Sunday.

Appointed Meeting Time: Odd Sundays 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

### *Meetings:*

Union meeting: Second Saturday and Sunday in March.

Ministers called: Earl Combs, Ellis Adams, Odis Ritchie,  
Ronnie Robinson, Bobby Amburgey,  
Carl Slone.

Communion: Second Sunday in September, 2008.

Ministers called: Alger Mullins, Virgil Combs,  
Allen Whitaker.

Memorial: Second Sunday in August.

Ministers called: James Caudill, Don Pratt,  
home ministers.

## **TOLSON CREEK CHURCH**

Highway 588, Roxana, KY

### *Moderator:*

Eld. Toby Breeding  
851 Spring Branch Rd.  
Jeremiah, KY 41826  
Phone: 606-633-8836

### *Clerk:*

Phillip Combs  
868 Stampers Branch  
Isom, KY 41824  
Phone: 606-633-1125

Regular Meeting Time: Fourth Saturday and Sunday.

Appointed Meeting Time: Second Saturday at 6:30 p.m.

### *Ministers:*

Eld. Emory Caudill  
91 Emory Lane  
Blackey, KY 41804  
Phone: 606-633-4316

Eld. Vergle Caudill  
Box 172  
Blackey, KY 41804  
Phone: 606-633-8006

Bro. Luther Combs  
914 Stampers Branch  
Isom, KY 41824  
Phone: 606-633-1341

### *Meetings:*

Union meeting: Fourth Saturday and Sunday in June.

Ministers called: Billy Campbell, Jim Fields,  
Robert Holcomb, Mickey Amburgey,  
William McClanahan.

Communion: Fourth Sunday in July.

Memorial: Fourth Sunday in August.

Ministers called: James Caudill, Elwood Cornett,  
Roy Slone, Jim Blankenship,  
home ministers.

## MONTHLY APPOINTED MEETINGS

CHURCH	1st Sat/Sun	Meeting Time	2nd Sat/Sun	Meeting Time	3rd Sat/Sun	Meeting Time	4th Sat/Sun	Meeting Time	Odd Sat/Sun	Meeting Time	Other Odd Meetings
Bethlehem	Sun	5 pm									
Big Cowan			Sun	5 pm							
Big Creek									Sun	9:30am	
Bull Creek	Sun	5 pm									
Caney Fork					Sun*	10 am					*at Sweet Home
Emmanuel					Sat	5 pm					
Garden of Love	Sun	10 am	Sun	10 am			Sun	10 am	Sun	10 am	
Happy Home					Sun	6 pm					
Hurricane Gap									Sat	6:30pm	Wed at 7 pm
Ivy Point	Sun	6 pm							Sun	9:30am	
Left Beaver									Sat	6:00pm	
Little David			Sun	5 pm							
Little Dove									Sat	6:30pm	
Little Hannah									Sun	10 am	
Little Jewell					Sun	9:30am					Wed at 6:30pm
Little Mary									Sun	9:30am	
Little Rosa			Sun	5:30pm	Sun	9:30am	Sun	5:30pm	Sun	9:30am	Christmas 3 pm
Little Zion							Sun	5 pm			
New Bethlehem									Sun	9:30am	
Northern New Home			Sun	10 am					Sun	10 am	
Poor Fork							Sat	5 pm	Sun	9:30am	
Reynolds Fork											Wed at 6 pm
Rock Fork			Sun	6 pm					Sun	10 am	
Rose of Sharon					Sun	9:30am			Sun	9:30am	
Summertown									Sun	5:30pm	
Tolson Creek			Sat	6:30pm							

## 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
Cedar Grove	5	0	1	0	0	5	1	164	4th	9:30	\$400
New Home	1	0	0	0	0	3	0	48	1st	9:30	\$200
Defeated Creek	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	23	2nd	9:30	\$150
Reynolds Fork	6	1	1	1	4	4	4	64	3rd	9:30	\$300
Bull Creek	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	63	3rd	6:00	\$200
Ivy Point	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	45	4th	6:00	\$100
Little Dove	0	0	0	0	1	3	2	75	2nd	9:30	\$400
Tolson Creek	1	1	0	0	0	3	1	37	4th	6:30	\$300
Dixon Memorial	0	0	0	0	5	2	0	26	4th	9:30	\$125
Big Creek	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	39	4th	3:00	\$200
Happy Home	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	26	1st	9:30	\$150
New Bethlehem	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	22	3rd	9:30	\$125
Clear Fork	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	16	1st	9:30	\$150
Northern New Home	2	0	0	0	0	1	4	80	4th	4:00	\$200
Blair Branch	4	3	0	0	0	2	0	101	3rd	6:30	\$550
Mt. Olivet	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	88	1st	6:30	\$450
Little Zion	0	3	0	2	0	0	0	25	2nd	6:30	\$300
Hurricane Gap	5	1	0	0	1	4	0	49	3rd	6:30	\$250
Kingdom Come	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	11	1st	9:30	\$100
Poor Fork	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	16	1st	5:00	\$200
Big Cowan	0	0	0	0	0	5	4	26	4th	9:30	\$225
Little Mary	1	0	2	0	0	1	5	32	2nd	4:00	\$300
Mount Zion	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	21	2nd	6:00	\$100
Friendship	0	1	0	0	0	4	0	19	3rd	4:00	\$125

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Little Bethlehem	0	0	0	0	1	2	1	24	4th	9:30	\$250
Little Bethany	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	13	4th	6:00	\$100
Garden of Love	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	28	3rd	7:00	\$100
Rock Fork	1	3	1	0	0	2	3	57	4th	10:00	\$200
Summertown	4	0	0	0	0	3	0	22	2nd	5:30	\$150
Emmanuel	1	2	0	1	4	0	1	69	2nd	9:30	\$300
Little Hannah	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	38	2nd	10:00	\$150
Bethlehem	3	0	0	0	0	2	0	91	3rd	9:30	\$250
Bethany	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	26	1st	6:00	\$100
Lily of the Valley	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	13	2nd	6:30	\$75
Little David	3	1	0	1	0	0	2	92	4th	9:30	\$500
Big Leatherwood	3	0	0	0	0	1	0	46	3rd	6:00	\$200
Mount Olive	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	15	2nd	9:30	\$150
Chester Hogg Memorial	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	27	1st	5:00	\$250
Bright Morning Star	0	0	2	0	5	1	1	7	1st	5:00	\$25
Pilgrim's Home	0	0	0	0	1	3	0	26	2nd	10:00	\$100
Rose of Sharon	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	29	1st	9:30	\$100
Little Jewell	3	0	0	0	0	3	0	42	4th	9:30	\$300
Pleasant Valley	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	11	1st	9:30	\$40
Caney Fork	4	4	0	0	2	0	0	28	1st	10:00	\$100
Little Rosa	4	0	3	0	2	7	0	94	1st	9:30	\$375
Left Beaver	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	28	4th	10:00	\$150
<b>TOTALS</b>	64	28	11	6	29	69	38	1942			\$9,565

# Obituaries



## EMMA GROSS ADAMS

Mom enjoyed talking, laughing, sharing, remembering the old days, a table full of good food, and lots of love shared by everyone. She and her three sisters, Ellen, Mamie, and Hannah, always brought laughter to all when they were together, no matter where they were. These precious memories are gifts of joy and sunshine

given by God as He helps us to ride out the storms of sorrow and grief. Mom enjoyed life to the fullest. She enjoyed making people laugh with her many tales of things that had happened in her life as well as in other peoples'. She enjoyed cooking and taking care of other people. She took in several to care for them until they could take care of themselves. She was blessed with a good memory. She seemed to know everything about everyone and was willing to express her own opinion. She loved to get started telling stories of her life in the "Old Days" and of relatives and the many friends she had met over the years.

Mom was born on Big Creek in Perry County on February 14, 1910 to George Gross and Laura Murriel. She passed from this life on Friday, May 18, 2007, having lived 97 years, 4 months, and 4 days. She married Watson Adams on May 5, 1928. They had six children: Anna Mae, Victor, JD, Benny, Bentley, and LaVonna. They made their home on Bark Camp Branch Road, Delphia, Kentucky. She was a merchant, a cook at Leatherwood High School and enjoyed sewing, crocheting, quilting and gardening. She, along with her husband, built tall case clocks and various pieces of kitchen and household furniture. She was a firm believer in education. Her children were teachers, a GM foreman, a miner, and a foreman in a boat factory.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Watson Adams; two

sisters, Ellen and Mamie; three sons, Victor, JD, and Benny; one grandson, Daniel; one half brother, Eli; one half sister who died at birth; and a son-in-law, Clarence.

She is survived by one sister, Hannah; two daughters, Anna Mae and LaVonna; one son, Bentley; daughters-in-law, Marlene, Linda, Jane and JoAnn; son-in-law, David; fifteen grandchildren; twenty great grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, friends and loved ones.

After expressing a hope in the Lord for many years, she joined the Cedar Grove Old Regular Baptist Church on September 26, 1982. She later moved her membership to the Hurricane Gap Old Regular Baptist church because of convenience. She was a faithful member of her church. Her empty seat is only a reminder that she faithfully answered the call of the Lord. Her hope and faith in God became a reality. She was blessed to live a good full life until the very end. Her smile, hugs, love and kindness will be missed by all who knew her; yet the parting is only temporary. We will fill our empty days with memories and hope for a reunion in Heaven.

Written by her daughter, Anna Mae Kilburn.

Mom, we miss and love you very much.

*"Who can find a virtuous woman?  
For her price is far above rubies."*

*You taught so many lessons,  
In the classroom of our lives.  
From gardening and quilting,  
To being Watson's wife.*

*A woman who said more,  
Than the auctioneer ever did,  
Words were always of kindness,  
But, firm when times did bid,  
A woman who always knew  
How to cook a lot of food,  
Raising kids through hard times,  
Providing for her brood.*

*You were a wonderful person,  
Who always seemed to care,  
Who always had a plenty,  
Of glorious love to share,  
A woman with such wisdom,  
Beyond her many years,  
Who saw a lot of happiness,  
More than her share of tears.*



## **HOWARD ADAMS, JR.**

With a broken heart I will try to write the obituary of Howard “June Bug” Adams, Jr. Howard was born into the home of Howard and Helen Caudill Adams on June 18, 1951.

At an early age Howard had to become a man when he lost his dad to cancer. He had a Mom and sister to look

after and he took care of his Mom all of his life. He worked at a strip mine running a drill for over 30 years. He was a member of the Blair Branch Church for over 17 years. He was baptized on July 22, 1990.

In August of 2006, he had surgery and was diagnosed with cancer. He put up a brave fight and continued the fight until his death. As sick as he was, he never complained. There at the last he told us of the beautiful sights he was seeing and that he was viewing the Promised Land. As he grew weaker and his life was almost over, he kept his eyes Heaven bound. And, on the morning of July 24, the Lord sent his angels for his precious soul. Though my heart is broken and I’ll miss him terribly, our loss is Heaven’s gain.

Broken Hearted,  
Tammy

## **ELDER IVAN J. AMBURGEY**

Being the old rock-n-roller that Dad use to be, I am sure that he is dancing the nights away on the streets of Heaven. You can rest assured that on any given moment he is also singing songs ranging from “Johnny B. Good” to “Amazing Grace”. In fact, just days after Dad’s stroke, he sung those two songs in the ICU Unit for his nurses.

From the moment he was born on December 6, 1930 to his death on April 9, 2007; he lived a life that many can only dream of.

As the fourth child of Creed and Louzena Amburgey, his young





life was surrounded by his siblings whom he loved with all of his heart: Stella, Virgil, Colleen, Louise, Verna Mae, Oberene, Flossie and Sidney Willis.

Dad was preceded in death by his parents and four of his siblings: Stella, Virgil, Colleen and Verna Mae.

Shortly after buying his first guitar, and singing his way into her heart, Dad mar-

ried Maywood Martin on February 26, 1949.

It was at this time that the true adventure began. From moving to Detroit, Michigan, Dad was determined to become someone famous and become a legend. Little did he know that he would become famous and a legend not as a rock-n-roller but as a minister.

Years later, Mom and Dad moved to Cleveland, Ohio and it was there that Dad found himself as one of the top entertainers. From the stage of Blackstone, Cleveland's number one club, to the Democratic Convention, Dad sung with the best of them. He loved to tell how he was in a talent contest with country legend Dottie West and how he beat her even after her husband messed up his guitar. Mom and Dad sung and played with the likes of West, Kenny Rogers, George Jones, Hank Williams and the man in black, Johnny Cash. A record deal was just around the corner.

During this time, something else was around the corner... it was a man named Jesus. Daddy started going to church and something deep down inside of him told him to join the church. As Dad struggled with the decision, fate stepped in and his bass player in his band was killed. Dad saw that as a sign from God and he laid his guitar down.

During this early time in Cleveland, Mom and Dad were blessed with two daughters. Two very different daughters in every way and form. Theresa was born in November of 1958 and grew up to be the quiet, refined and conservative one. While, the younger daughter, Susan, born in April of 1962, grew up to be the loud, outgoing and as

liberal as one can be one. Too often in my life, when I have told people I am Dad's youngest daughter, they reply, "I've heard about you". As little girls, Theresa would sit in church with her hands folded and with her turned up smile as I would be plotting which sister would be my next victim of having a fake spider placed on their shoulder. Daddy would catch me and instead of yelling at me, he would laugh along with me. Theresa was my mother's child and I was my Daddy's.

Some people are blessed with the gift of storytelling and my father was no exception. As a minister for forty-three years, Dad loved to tell his congregation the stories from the Holy Bible. For the thousands of people whom Dad has encountered in his life, they were blessed to hear him preach the gospel with a flare like no other. From the minute he started preaching, you were drawn in. Maybe it was the old rock-n-roller in Dad that caused him to be able to entertain you. Dad once told author, Loyal Jones, *"I guess I had an awkward way of saying things, but it was interesting. If you can't entertain the people, you can't preach. You got to be an entertainer. That's what preaching is, entertainment."*

I use to tell Dad that if he wanted a joiner at church, all he had to do was preach about the 12 pennies. It was one of my favorite stories that Dad would tell. When he was about six years old he hurt his thumb with a hammer. To hear Daddy tell it, the pain in his thumb was unbearable and he ran to the loft in the barn. Reaching in his pocket, he found 12 pennies. He looked up to God and offered him six of his pennies if he would make the pain go away. The pain in the thumb remained. Then he offered 8 of his pennies but the pain remained. Dad looked down at his pennies and thought about it for a few minutes and when he offered God all twelve of his pennies, the pain in his thumb disappeared. The day after Dad died, Funeral Director Danny Terry helped me place 12 pennies in my Daddy's coat pocket. My Daddy will never need those pennies ever again, but I wanted God to know how much those twelve pennies meant to me. Not only did it show Daddy how much God loved him, it showed me.

Not to sound like a daughter who was so proud of her Daddy, but once you heard him sing, there was no turning back. God truly blessed him with a gift. One of Dad's favorite stories to tell involved

how his mother told him that although she was proud of his singing, she believed he sung the wrong type of songs. Those rock-n-roll songs were fine for some, but Louzona believed her son, Ivan, should be singing the praises of our Lord.

On September 1, 1963, Dad joined the church and his life forever changed. I can fondly recall telling Dad during those early days at Pleasant View and The Lily of the Valley Old Regular Baptist Church, that if he sung “Little Traveler or “The Third Man”, he would get a joiner or two. I can also fondly remember pointing to my watch and giving Dad the “evil eye” when a preacher was in the stand, that to be quite honest wasn’t doing a good job. It was mine and my Daddy’s secret code to “sing that brethren down”.

During those early days in the Old Regular Baptist Church, Dad formed a friendship with Chuck Keesee. They were inseparable. I remember thinking that with their good looks, Dad’s blue eyes and Chuck’s blonde hair, that if they left the Old Regulars and went on television we would be millionaires, but Dad’s heart was with the Old Regular Baptist Church.

In the mid-1970’s, Dad encounter two other men that would become like brothers to him. The friendship that Dad, John Preece and Merle Smith had was so very special. During Dad’s darkest hours in the hospital, he spoke about John on many occasions and worried about Wilma. He told me to watch out for Wilma, because she cried at even the little things. Merle was my Daddy’s best friend, when you saw one, you saw the other. Merle use to laugh and say he was Dad’s bodyguard.

During the summer months of 1977, Dad started building our home and the store in Knott County. Within a few months, our family moved to this community. Dad became a member of the Little Dove Church and stayed there for 24 years. The move to Knott County brought our family so many wonderful friends into our lives. Although the hours in the store were long, Dad loved it.

Dad became a regular fixture in the religious community. As a minister for forty-three and one half years, it is estimated that Daddy was in over 3000 funerals, performed hundreds of wedding ceremonies and preached 5000 sermons. At his passing, he was the Moderator of the Reynolds Fork Old Regular Baptist Church.

It would be hard to guess how many people he baptized. I am sure that if everyone in this room raised their hand right now if Dad was involved in a funeral, wedding or a baptism of a family member, each and everyone in this room would have their hand raised.

He touched lives. He had a gift like no one else. His humor, his laughter, his beautiful blue eyes, his white hair and those great Amburgey looks and especially, his voice... made you want more.

One day at the hospital when I was the only one in the room with him, I told Daddy a secret. I told him that when I was a little girl I would listen to him preach about Jesus and how Jesus would come back to earth one day. He could paint a picture of that moment with his words and as I sat in my seat at church, I would smile because I just knew that God had sent Jesus back to earth to spy on people and it was my Daddy. When I told Dad this, he squeezed my hand as a tear rolled down his face. To lighten the mood, I told him I wouldn't tell him who I thought Mother was. Daddy smiled and waved that finger at me.

Dad will be forever remembered as a wonderful deliverer of God's word. He will greatly be missed by Mom, Theresa, Scott, Jacqueline, Steven and Duncan; Austin, Crystal, Autumn and Micah and me. My Daddy was truly a special man.

Dad was a storyteller and he loved to reminisce about his memories of his brothers and sisters. If you stayed around him long enough, you were sure to hear him tell you stories ranging from the time he swung from a grapevine and broke his wrist, his fights with neighborhood boys, the time that his brother, Oberene, thought a rattlesnake was a frog to the countless adventures that his father and he had when they would travel down south and bring back fruit to sell to the neighbors.

One of my family's favorite memories of Dad involves a trip to Nashville. Mom and I had taken a pageant contestant to a store in Nashville and, while Michelle was trying on clothes, Dad noticed this pair of red cowboy boots. He tried them on and exclaimed that they were the best feeling boots that he had ever worn. Mom told him to buy them but when Dad found out that they were \$600, he said "No". However, on the remaining portion of the trip, those boots were the only thing that Dad talked about. We tried to get him to go

back and buy them but he wouldn't. Later that week, as Dad sat down in front of his television to watch the Grand Old Opry, he yelled to us and told us to come in there immediately. Ricky Skaggs was performing and was wearing red boots. Someone on the show asked him about the boots and sure enough it was the same boots that Dad had tried on. From then on, every time Dad saw Ricky Skaggs, he wondered aloud if Ricky still had "his" boots.

Dad served as Moderator of the Lily of the Valley Church and Assistant Moderator of the Pleasant View Church during his time living in Cleveland. When our family returned to Knott County in 1977, he served as the Assistant Moderator of the Little Dove Church for twenty-four years, the Assistant Moderator of the Little Bethlehem Church (KY) and as the Moderator of the Star of Bethlehem Church (Florida). At the time of his passing, Dad was the moderator at the Reynolds Fork Old Regular Baptist Church. He was a founding member of the Board of Trustees for the Indian Bottom Association and continued to serve in that role until his passing.

Not only did Dad love a story, but he loved the adventure that helped create that story. From those early days of traveling to the Carolinas with his father, Dad made it a personal goal of his to travel to the 48 continental United States. During the summer months of 1973 and 1974, our family made that dream of Dad's a reality.

Dad loved to watch movies and was thrilled when he was asked to be an extra in the movie "Next of Kin". Each night after filming, Dad would return to the store and tell me and the customers about eating lunch with actor Liam Neeson, watching young girls scream when they saw Patrick Swayze or how much fun Mom and him had that day as movie extras.

Mom will tell you that when they first moved to Detroit and Cleveland, they would pay 25 cents and go to the movie theatre and watch the same movie over and over—all day long. Dad loved all types of entertainment—from movies to music to what Daddy referred to as the ultimate type of entertainment—good old fashion preaching.

In the beloved classic entitled "The Wizard of Oz", the main character, Dorothy, finds herself in unfamiliar territory. She is suddenly away from her home and family and through this new found trouble; the only thing she longs for is to go home.

On December 23, when Dad suffered a massive stroke, he too, found himself in unfamiliar territory. On April 9, 2007, my Daddy found his way HOME.

Dad loved to travel and right now, he is on his biggest adventure of them all. Like Dorothy, Daddy, too, is in the Emerald City and he is looking at us Somewhere Over the Rainbow.

Written with love,  
Forever Daddy's little girl,  
Susan Amburgey.

## SAMMY AMBURGEY

Sammy Amburgey was born on Wednesday, November 4, 1914 and passed away on Friday, October 27, 2006. He was 91 years, 11 months and 24 days old at his time of passing. He was the son of Hiram Amburgey and Rhoda Combs Amburgey. He is survived by his wife, Thelma Chaney Amburgey; and his sons, Darius,



Hagan, Sammy, Jr., Danny Ray, Alger B., Donald Wayne, Mitchell, Aaron and Lyndon. Also surviving are his daughters, Polly Sue Couch, Levin Moore, Rhoda Minks, Freda Amburgey, Kathy Luttrell, and Belinda Couch. He was preceded in death by his children, Dwight Amburgey, Ricky Amburgey, Evelyn Clayton, Joanna Farris and Seville Nicholson. He was also preceded in death by his brothers, Bill, Dennie and Sherrill Amburgey, and his sister, Goldie Madden.

*If you could see me now  
I'm walking streets of gold.  
If you could see me now  
I'm standing tall and whole.  
If you could see me now  
You know I've seen His face.  
If you could see me now  
You'd know the pain is erased.*





## **TROY AND VIRGINIA ASHLEY**

Troy Ashley, age 72, was born on July 18, 1934 in Knott County. He was the husband of Virginia Hayes Ashley and the son of the late Moses and Dora Mullins Ashley. As the result of an automobile accident, he passed away suddenly on Friday, January 5, 2007 in

Letcher County. He was a retired machine worker for American Tool in Fort Wayne, Indiana. He was survived by his wife, Virginia Hayes Ashley of Sassafras; a brother, Carlos Ashley of Litt Carr; and four sisters, Emma Slone of Litt Carr, Mary Everage of Sassafras, Virginia Jacobs of Avilla, Indiana and Billie Barlow of Isom, Kentucky; and a host of family and friends who mourn his passing. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by six brothers and one sister.

Virginia Hayes Ashley, age 67, was born on August 2, 1939. She was the daughter of the late Elmer and Naomi Eversole Hayes. She passed away in her sleep on July 9, 2007. She is survived by a special niece and nephew, Amy and Calvin Bowling; two brothers, Thomas Franklin Hayes and wife, Sharon, and Carlos Ashley and wife, Juanita; two sisters, Yvonne Brown and Carolyn Shepherd and husband, Jr.; many nieces and nephews; and a host of family and friends who mourn her passing. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by one sister, Verbena Stacy.

The birds are still singing and the joyful sounds of the life can still be heard on Big Smith Branch but the small trailer that was home to Troy and Virginia is quiet and still. Death came suddenly in this year of 2007. Troy was taken so quickly in January yet Virginia tried to go on with life. But, after just a few short months of loneliness and struggle, Virginia slipped away to join Troy in eternity. The neighborhood seems so empty. No longer do we see them working around the place, waving as we go by, or see the window lights shining in

the early darkness. We, the remaining neighbors and friends, miss this quiet, wonderful couple. They will always live in our memories. God has called them to his Heavenly home where there is eternal joy. May they rest in peace.

Written by a friend and neighbor, Elder Don Pratt.

## HUBERT BACK

It is with sadness and thanksgiving we write the obituary of Hubert Back. The sadness is missing him so much and the thanksgiving is believing he is no longer in pain and is reaping Heavenly joys. He suffered so much in this world, but Praise God that suffering is over. Hubert was one of 10 children born to Jim



and Cinda Back at Letcher, Kentucky. He was born on April 29, 1928 and entered eternal life on January 27, 2006 at Wacamaw Hospital in Murrels Inlet, South Carolina. His family and friends were by his bedside when he departed this life. The day before he died he said he was not afraid to die and that there was a better life on the other side. Brother Gene Moore, Hubert's former pastor, in a dream, saw Hubert there with Peter, James and Andrew. We believe he is now in that better place with our Savior.

Hubert was a good husband to Susana Irene Back for 46 years. He was a good father to Mark, a good father-in-law to Dawn, and a good "Poppy" to Brandi Nicole. Hubert's life is summed up in a birthday letter from Mark:

*Dear Dad,*

*The only reason I have been successful in my life is what you taught me by living yours. You taught me honesty is the only way and family is the most important thing in life. You've taught me that the only way to reap rewards is by hard work. You've taught me courage through all situations and patience. You've taught me to listen to other people and to lend a helping hand to those in need. You taught me how to laugh, how to cry, how to be happy and how to be sad. You've*



*shown me what a real hero is, I'm proud you're my Dad. Without all these things, I would be half the person I am today. I love you very much, Mark.*

These words came to me after Hubert died. They describe exactly the way I felt on the day he left me.

**To Hubert**

*I'm sad and weary,  
My heart is torn today.  
For the one I love so dearly,  
Has forever gone away.  
Now one knows the pain as I live without you,  
I'll miss you more that words can say.  
I know life will not be the same,  
I'll think of you in silence,  
Tears I'll shed when others are asleep.  
I didn't want to give you up,  
But, since you've gone to rest,  
This act of God I dare not question,  
For He alone knows best.  
The years may wipe out many things,  
But, this they will wipe out never,  
The memory of the happy days,  
The days we spent together.  
The stars seem dim as I whisper low,  
Hubert, I'll miss you so!*

With love, from Suz.

The following is a quote from a tribute written by his nephew, Jon Back, Chaplain of the East Kentucky Brigade, Sons of the Confederate Veterans:

*I was recently faced with the death of a much loved family member; an Uncle that I spent many days of my childhood with, left these earthly bonds and moved on to the joys of Heaven. The Lord called him and he answered the call and went to the arms of Jesus, away from the cancer which wracked his body with pain for so many years. I know that if I wish to meet with this kind and wonderful man once again, I will need to emulate his character to attain this goal. To my brothers in the SCV I pray that you would also choose to emulate this man I have described to you. You are my brothers and when I leave this earthly realm I wish to see each of you and be able to introduce you to this kind and gentle man.*

We love and miss you,  
Suz, Mark, Dawn and Brandi Nicole.

## JOE BACK

Joe Back was born on September 10, 1922 to David and Louellen Back at Jeremiah, Kentucky. He departed this life on August 11, 2007. In one month he would have been 85 years old. He was preceded in death by his loving wife, Georgia; one son, Roger Dale Back; and nine of his



siblings, leaving only one brother, Doug Back, left of his original family. Also, left to mourn his passing was one daughter, Diane Turner.

He met and married my mother, Georgia Caudill Back, on April 6, 1944. To them were born two children, Roger Dale Back and Diane Turner. Through these children he gained seven grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Dad worked hard all his life from the coal mines of Kentucky to the paper mills of Ohio. He fought prostate cancer twice and a stroke, but the last stroke put him in a peaceful coma. He was so homesick for Heaven. Mom had been gone 7 years and God needed him there. Over 30 years of his life he belonged to the Old Regular Baptist Church. He loved his church. Dad, I'll see you again.

Written by his sad but loving daughter.

## JETHRO BEVERLY

Jethro Beverly of Louisville, Kentucky, formerly of Wolfe and Perry County, beloved husband of Rosie Zolia Beverly, departed this life on Sunday, March 25, 2007 at the age of 81 years, 4 months and 19 days. He was born in Perry County, Kentucky on November 6, 1925 to the late Thomas and Matilda Armstrong Beverly. He was a coal miner and a member of the Happy Home Old Regular Baptist Church in Knott County, Kentucky.



He is survived by his loving wife, Rosie Zolia Beverly; one son, Angelo “Andy” Zolia of Campton, KY.; seven daughters, Charlene Hall and Maxine Beverly, both of Louisville, KY, Jacklene Settle and Brenda Maloney, both of Shepherdsville, KY., Lois Rarden of Carlisle, KY., Illie Gent of Hindman, KY., and Delpha Zolia of Campton,

KY.; ten grandchildren; and eleven great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, Thomas and Matilda Armstrong Beverly; one daughter, Martha McCoy; and one son, Luther Zolia. He also leaves behind a host of other relatives and friends to mourn his passing.



### **FESS O. BLAIR**

Fess O. Blair, 80, of Saint Paris, Ohio, passed away on Thursday, November 30, 2006 at the VA Medical Center Hospice Unit. Fess was born in Blackey, Kentucky on December 1, 1925 to the late Sol and Nora (Caudill) Blair. He was a Baptist minister that served many churches for more

than 40 years. He served his country in the U.S. Marine Corps during WWII, twice receiving Purple Heart awards. He was preceded in death by his brother, Rex Blair. He is survived by his beloved wife of 60 years, Mary (Watts) Blair; two daughters and son-in-law, Sandy

Day and Lynn (Patrick) Braden; three sons and daughters-in-law, Roy (Linda) Blair, Owen Blair, and Ronald (Dawn) Blair; nine grandchildren and numerous great-grandchildren; one sister, Estelle Day; two brothers and sisters-in-law, James (Aileen) Blair and Leon (Jeri) Blair; and numerous nieces, nephews and many friends. Fess was buried in the Dayton National Cemetery.

## **EDNA BRADLEY**

Edna Bradley, age 90 of Hazard, Kentucky, formerly of Martin, Kentucky, passed from this life on Saturday, September 23, 2006 at her residence. She was born on February 16, 1916 at Martin, Kentucky, the daughter of the late George and Nettie Pitts Wright.



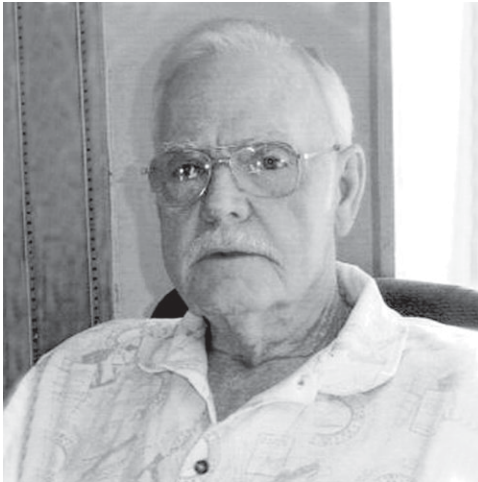
She was a homemaker and a member of the Left Beaver Old Regular Baptist Church. She was preceded in death by her late husband, Raymond Bradley; two sons, Adrian and George Bradley; one daughter, Anna Justine King; two brothers, Eugene and Edward Wright; and two sisters, Hazel Campbell and Lurie Hubbard.

She is survived by four sons, Willis Bradley of Jackson, Michigan, Ron Bradley of Lexington, Kentucky, Paul T. Bradley of Parma, Michigan and Kenny Bradley of Harold, Kentucky; one daughter, Donna L. Mabbitt of Coatesville, Indiana; one brother, Bill "Buck" Wright of Indiana; three sisters, Daisy Barnett of Martin, Kentucky, and Mae Johnson and Myrtle Johnson both of Indiana; and nineteen grandchildren and twenty five great-grandchildren.

### ***"If You Could See Me Now"***

*If you could see me now you wouldn't shed a tear,  
Though you may not understand why I'm no longer there.  
Remember my spirit that is the real me because I'm still very much alive,*

*I've just been set free, Oh, if you could only see!  
I have beheld our Father's face and I've touched our Savior's hand,  
All of Heaven's angels rejoiced as I entered the Promised Land.  
Beyond the gates of Pearl I've walked on the Golden Streets,  
I've touched the walls of jasper and dipped my foot in the crystal sea,  
I've even seen your mansion and someday I'll meet you there,  
Let Jesus be your guide because His word will show you the way!  
So please don't cry because we will meet again someday.*



## **ELDER MONROE BREEDING, JR.**

With the help of God I will try to write an obituary of Monroe Breeding, Jr.

Monroe was born on February 17, 1931 in Whitesburg, Kentucky. He was called home to be with the Lord on October 3, 2007. Monroe was a hard worker all of his life. He labored

many long hours to provide for his family in order to give them what they needed and a lot of things they wanted.

Monroe was the son of the late Monroe Sr. and Sarah Breeding. He was also preceded in death by his loving wife, Hildred Faye and a dear daughter, Margie Sue Calvert. He was survived by two sons, Raymond D. and Monroe Darrell Breeding and two daughters, Katherine Bowling and Doris Bradley. I know that the children will miss Dad very much but if they want to see Dad again they must repent and be born again. He is also survived by three brothers, J.D., Jimmy, and Edward Breeding; three sisters, Charlotte Cook, Ieda Baker and Mae Bailey; and ten grandchildren and fourteen great-grandchildren.

Monroe was a Korean War veteran. Monroe joined the church in March, 1955. He was a dedicated Christian until the time of his death. He was ordained into the ministry in October, 1977 and preached the



gospel for all of these years. He told me that his credentials meant a lot to him, and he wouldn't give them up for anything.

So sleep on, Brother Monroe, and we will see you when we rise to weep no more.

## **ETHEL MARIE TACKETT BURKE**

Ethel Burke was born in Portsmouth, Ohio, on November 28, 1928, daughter of the late Alonzo and Eldora Tackett. Ethel was the wife of John M. Burke, Sr. She passed from this life on November 19, 2006 in a car wreck, making her stay here on earth 77 years, 11 months and 19 days.



Preceding her in death, in addition to her parents, are two grandsons, Otis Steele, Jr. and Carl Conley, Jr.; a great-granddaughter, Taylor Mills; and four brothers, Bobby Lee Tackett, Jesse Tackett, Earl Tackett, and Bill Tackett.

Sister Ethel and Brother John were united in matrimony on July 14, 1947, making their stay together 59 years, 4 months, and 5 days. They were blessed to have seven children (six girls and one boy). Their names are Pamela and husband, Gary, Linda and husband, Kenny, Anna and husband, Mike, Betty and husband, Carl, Johnnda, Judy and husband, Tommy, and John M. Burke, Jr. and wife, Stephanie. Also surviving are fifteen grandchildren, Gary Jr., Jason, Becky, Angie, Kyle, Kristi, Lisa, Lori, Adam, Cristy, Missy, Brandon, Katie, Johnathan and Lydnsey. In addition, fourteen great-grandchildren, Chloe, Tori, Kylah, Colin, Jessica, Jordyn, Alex, Steven, Peyton, Ali, Landon, Morgan, Sarah and Cristen, and one very special brother-in-law, Dan Burke and wife, Donna. Also, surviving are four sisters, Mary Burke, Jackie Brewer, Barbara Broughton and Janice Rymes.

*“When I remember my Mommy, I see hearts, flowers, smiles, hugs and beams of love radiating from her. Her light in our lives will live in us forever. She has created a circle of love in our families that cannot be broken. Her unconditional love for family and friends was like no other... truly a beautiful person inside and out. I miss you Mom.”*

Pamela Jean

*“My mother could show so much love with her sweet smile. My heart will ache for her and then in the next moment, my heart is full of love for her. I thank the Lord for blessing me with such a wonderful Mother. I am so lucky to have had Mommy with me for 56 years. She loved to cook and was always feeding someone (even if you were not hungry). She loved to be in church and she loved people. She loved her family so much. She had a way of making each one of her children feel so special. Mommy was so funny - she was always laughing and everyone laughed with her. She really loved to tease “Ken.” Oh what a joy it will be when we see her “in the morning”. As my little granddaughter would say, “I love Mommy bigger than the sky.”*

Linda Sue and Kenny

*“Mom, as I write this, my heart aches... I need a hug. I miss her so much, her smile, her love for her family, and her church family. She was so dedicated to her church. I always admired her for her faithfulness to the Lord and her Church. You could see Jesus shine through her. She loved life so much. The holidays were always special. She loved to get together with all of us. I miss sitting at the table and talking, walking in the yard, and looking at her flowers and trees. She always lit up a room when she entered it. I will always have Mom close to me in my heart, and then one day we will all be together with her and Jesus. What a day that will be. I love Mom.”*

Anna Lee

*“She was a special Mom. She had a special relationship with all of her children. She touched so many lives with her kindness, loving and caring ways and the love she had for God. She will always live in our hearts and our lives. I remember that day she got saved. She*

*was standing at the sink, looking out the window while washing dishes – telling us the wonderful thing that God had done for her. How the birds outside were louder and more beautiful. I appreciate the years God gave us with such a wonderful Christian Mom and the love she had for Dad, her family, and church.*

Betty Jane

*“Mommy... Mom... Mammaw... Ethel... Honey... Sister... Friend... Aunt... Just to think of all the lives you have touched with your smile makes me happy. When my heart feels empty - I think of you - I think of the wonderful memories, and then, just for that minute, that emptiness is replaced with peace. The memories will be mine forever and cannot be taken away from me. I am so fortunate to have been able to call you... Mommy... Mom... and Friend for 47 years. I love you. I miss you with all my heart. My peace is knowing that I will see you again.”*

Johnda Marie

*“Mom, I miss you so much. I would love to feel the touch of your hand on my face... to have another cup of coffee with you... to see and watch the love you have for Brandon and Katie and the love they so easily returned to you... and to see you make Tommy laugh. You taught us to love deeply and unconditionally and not to be afraid to express that love. We will continue to live the way you did Mom... so full of life and making the most of every holiday, family reunion, birthday, and every cup of coffee... I love you Mom.”*

*“Brandon and Katie love to remember when Mammaw floored the gold car and hit the lawn mower... she was so cool.”*

Judy Lynn and Tommy

*“When I was sick from school, I would go up to Mammaw’s. When I walked in she said, “Hi Brandon”, and I would say, “Hi Mammaw”. She would say “Sorry that you are sick and I love you.” “I love you Mammaw.”*

Brandon



*“We went shopping at JC Pennys and Goodys... she always played with me even on the trampoline... she painted a gate for my room with birds, flowers, and bees. I loved to water her flowers and thread her needles and do her Avon orders. Mammaw loved me like no one else... I love you.”*

Katie

*“I thank God above for the time I had here on earth with my dear Mother. Her love was so special. She taught me so many things in life. I used to be amazed how easily she taught me how to grow plants and flowers... then later in my life I realized she also taught ME how to grow, how to love God, my family, and life itself. I am thankful that you were here to experience God entering my heart. It gives me peace to know that we will meet in Heaven one day. I love you Mom!”*

John Morgan, Jr.

*“My dear sister-in-law who was just like a Mother to me, I miss you so much and think of you daily. You have made my life so much easier. I love you so much. By the grace of God, we will meet again one day, never to depart one from another again, until then, farewell, my dear Sister.*

Danny

Written by her broken hearted husband, and  
children: Pam, Sue, Ann, Betty, Johnda, Judy, John Jr.,  
and Danny Burke... We will see you again soon.

## GARY CARTER

I will try to write an obituary of my dear beloved late husband, Gary Carter. He was born on December 31, 1950 to Eugene and Edith Pauline Martin Carter of Harman, Virginia and passed away on July 18, 2007, making his stay here on earth 56 years and 7 months. We would have



been married 34 years this November 22. We have three children, Kenneth Wayne (Kristina), Mary Elizabeth and Krystal Pauline Carter and two grandchildren, Kory and Kelli Carter. Gary taught our children about the Lord and told them how to get to Heaven when they die. His spirituality and guidance will forever remain in our hearts. Many nights he couldn't sleep and would say to Krystal or Mary, "Get up and come in here so we can talk" and they would talk for hours, giving Mary advice on how to help people as an EMT. In the late 1970's, he was an EMT and drove an ambulance for the Buchanan Co. Life Saving Crew. This was all volunteer work on his own time. Dad would talk to Krystal on the Bible and they watched "The Passion of the Christ" many times and he would educate Krystal on the Bible.

Gary was a hard working man, having worked 14 years for Harman Mining Corporation before becoming disabled in 1988. Just recently he sat and talked for hours about his working buddies and coal mining.

Even before our marriage on November 22, 1973, we began attending the Bethlehem Church at Poplar Creek. One day he felt like the Lord had forgiven his sins so he gave his hand to the church and was baptized on October 11, 1973. He took his membership at the Bethlehem Church and remained a faithful servant until his death. Gary was ordained as a deacon on August 15, 1992. After he was ordained, God gave him a beautiful gift of dreams. He felt like these

dreams were for the edification of the church. He had me to write down most of the dreams so he wouldn't forget them. In his end days, he had dreams but wouldn't tell me about them because he felt no one would want to listen or believe them.

Believe me, Gary took his jobs in the church seriously. In addition to serving as deacon, he also served several years as a trustee and was on the building committee for the church. He would sit up all night with family members while their loved one was dying. He would help anyone who asked, whether they were family members or not. I often told him he was just too free hearted. He loved the little children and would give them anything he could. He loved Brother Ricky Tackett and helped him all he could. He drove him to Charlottesville several times for treatment.

When the Little David Church was established, he went from Bethlehem Church as a borrowed deacon and served for a while as their treasurer and trustee. He hauled lumber in his truck and worked many long hours and nights to help build the church a kitchen. He worked and helped Emmanuel Church with its building needs. He did all this for the Lord, and so we could have somewhere to go to church after coming out of the Union Association. I don't want to give Gary all the glory. He would say "Give it all to God".

He loved the church and the work he done will forever be a legacy to him. Gary was very sick the last five years of his life. He suffered from the complications of diabetes and was on dialysis for three years prior to receiving a kidney transplant. But, by this time, the diabetes had taken its toll on him and he suffered a stroke. He became too sick to do his job as a deacon and attend church services. It hurt him deeply. Several times he would say "Maybe I need to give up being a deacon." I told him, "The Lord put you in and the Lord will take you out when it is time." Little did I know it would be so soon?

On July 18, God looked down with mercy and said "enough suffering" and sent his angel down to take him to a home he had been longing to go to for a long time. We never know about life. We're like a bubble on the water, here one minute and gone the next.

My husband was a very special man who will remain in my heart forever. I know Gary was a serious and sometimes a stern person. Everyone called him "Deac" and depended on his advice. Oh, how I

miss our talks and his advice, but I believe Gary is resting and enjoying the fruits of his labor. I hope me and all our loved ones will meet him someday and forever be with the Lord.

Written by his broken hearted wife,  
Della.

***“My Daddy, My Angel”***

*Fifteen years ago  
An Angel came my way,  
He gave me a gift  
No one can take away.*

*He gave me the gift  
Of being his child,  
His love was so strong  
It would blow your mind wild.*

*He wasn't my Dad by blood you see  
But, for me that was okay,  
He loved me till the day he died  
Each and every day.*

*We've had some bad times  
But mostly good,  
To think this has happened  
I never dreamed it would.*

*One morning I woke up  
And something wasn't right,  
I saw Dad lying on the floor  
And his chest was awfully tight.*

*A few weeks later  
It came his time to go,  
He took his last breath  
Then God took his soul.*

*Some knew him as Gary  
And some knew him as “Gabby”,  
Now I know him as my angel  
But, he'll always be my Daddy.*

By: Crystal Pauline Carter.



## EDWARD CAUDILL

Edward Caudill, age 82, of Hi Hat, died on Sunday, April 8, 2007 at Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg, Kentucky. He was born on June 10, 1924 in Edinborn, Pennsylvania to the late Johnie and Maxie Lawson Caudill.

He was a retired coal miner of U.M.W.A. Local Union 5899; a former Floyd County Magistrate for more than 30 years; a U.S. Army World War II veteran; a life member of Auxier D.A.V. Chapter 18; and a member and deacon of the Left Beaver Regular Baptist Church at Garth.

He is survived by his wife, Betty McCloud Caudill. Other survivors include two sons, Johnny Mack Caudill (Leslie) of Drift and Eddie Cruse Caudill (Shirley) of Hi Hat; a daughter, Kathi Jo Robinson (Gene) of Weston, Florida; three brothers, Jackie Caudill of Mount Vernon, Illinois, and Bennie Caudill and Jimmy Caudill, both of Caldonia, Mississippi; four sisters: Dixie Mullins of Columbus City, Indiana, Dorthy Hand of Eden, North Carolina, Mary Hamilton of London, and Maudie Mae Osborne of Hi Hat; six grandchildren, Haley Frasure, Johnathan Kain Caudill, Eddie Cruse Caudill, Jr., Justin Kyle Caudill, Taylor Robinson, and Kaitlin Robinson; and six great-grandchildren, Jaci Frasure, Storm Douglas Roop, Emily Caudill, Griffen Caudill, Blaise Frasure, and Haley Hall. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a son, Terry David Caudill, and four brothers, Johnny Caudill, Jr., Robert Andrew Caudill, Audrey Caudill and Ralph Caudill.

Funeral services were held on Wednesday, April 11, at 11:00 a.m. at the Left Beaver Regular Baptist Church at Garth with Regular Baptist ministers officiating. Military services were conducted by Garrett Chapter 128, D.A.V. Burial was in the Lawson-Caudill Cemetery, at Price under the direction of the Nelson Frazier Funeral Home

in Martin. Active pallbearers were Kyle Caudill, Kain Caudill, Eddie Cruse Caudill, Jr., Randy Frasure, Brent Osborne, and Jesse Osborne and honorary pallbearers were his loving nephews.

## **JOHN M. CAUDILL**

John M. Caudill, 78, of Somerset Village in Somerset, Kentucky, passed away on Tuesday, June 12, 2007 at Lake Cumberland Regional Hospital. He was born in Casey County, Kentucky on January 3, 1929, son of the late Allard and Palmyra Eddington Caudill. He was self-employed as a truck driver and a mason. He was a member of Friendship Old Regular Baptist Church.



John is survived by his wife, Nancy Day Caudill, who he married on November 4, 1947; one daughter, Joetta (John) Lapole of Venice, Florida; one son, Mike (Patti) Caudill of Somerset; three grandchildren, Chris Lapole, Amy Wright, and Bill Caudill; and one great-grandchild, Rachel Wright.

He was preceded in death by his parents; four brothers, Granville, Earl, Chester, and Jessie Caudill; and one sister, Pearl Shea.

Funeral services were held at Friendship Old Regular Baptist Church in Waynesburg, Kentucky with Elder Emory Caudill, Elder Paul Watson, Elder Roger Gibson, and Elder H.B. Reedy officiating.

Written by the family.



## IDA MAE COLEMAN

Ida Mae Coleman was born to the late Tivis and Samantha Deel on September 22, 1939 and passed away on Sunday, January 15, 2006 at her home, making her stay here on earth 66 years, 4 months and 24 days.

With much sadness in our hearts, I trust the Lord will help as we attempt to write about our loving Mom,

Mamaw, Granny and Sister. Mom married Ezra Sherman Coleman in February, 1957 at an early age. To this union five children were born, Patty, Hoppy, Peggy, Tammy and Terry. Mom lost Patty at the age of 5. Other loved ones that went on before her were her parents; her husband; her daughter, Terry; her son-in-law, Booker Beavers; two grandchildren, Derek and Nathaniel; two brothers, Milford and Everett, and two sisters, Gladys and Martha.

She leaves behind her son, Hoppy (Margie); daughters, Peggy (Clinard) and Tammy; grandchildren, Jeffrey Dean, Hoppy, Jr., Brady, Catherine Stanley (Gary), Marcus and Elizabeth O'Quinn, Emily and Mathew Beavers; great-grandchildren, Dalton Lee, Carrie Nicole and Landon Scott Stanley. She also leaves four brothers, Wayne, William, Estes and Kent and four sisters, Jantis Faye, Betty, Thelma and Barbara.

Mom had a hard life as she traveled through this sorrowful world. She endured many trials and tribulations that would have been impossible without God's help. Being the oldest she was both sister and mom to her siblings. She loved all her babies.

After Patty's death, Mom's faith grew stronger. She continued to endure life with much grace and tenderness. The gentleness of her hands became apparent to anyone who knew her. Mom stayed home and raised her children until they were young teenagers.

Later she went to work at a garment factory and a waitress. Everyone loved Mom's cooking. She made so many friends that time won't allow us to mention them all by name. Everyone that truly knew her loved her, no doubt.



Mom prayed hard and her faith in the Lord was so strong. Mom would always say, "Look to the Lord for your answers. If you pray hard enough and believe, God will answer your prayers." Mom helped her children with anything and everything that she could.

On January 8, 1983 Mom joined the Bartlick Church. The experience that she told when she felt like the Lord forgave her, I feel should be told as it was told to us.

"Being troubled for some time, I went to bed restless. I began to pray. In my dream I told the Lord that if he did not intervene that I did not know what I would do. I want a home in Heaven. I began to cry out, "Oh, Lord what must I do?" The Lord's tender hands reached down and opened up the housetop. The brightest light shined through. I heard a voice say, "Everything will be alright now." The next morning I went to church and joined. The Brothers had to break the ice to baptize me but I did not care."

Mom's trials did not end with the death of her first born. On March 11, 1993, she lost her youngest daughter to an automobile accident. Mom prayed hard for the strength to help raise Terry's children. The Lord answered her prayers when he sent a lovely lady into their lives. Jeffery married Shelia Clevinger and, together with help from the family, the children were taken care of. They are very special children. They have the same love and gentleness that their Mom and Mamaw had. The Lord was so kind to our Mom. She always wanted to do right by everyone. She never held a grudge. She would tell us children to be good to each other and treat people like we would want to be treated. "Be good, repent and believe in the Lord. So we all may meet in Heaven some sweet day, where peace and love will rein forever." Mom not only instructed, but shined a great light. She was a light that reflected caring, tenderness, kindness, charity and love. Mom's door was always open for family and friends. What she had to eat, all were welcome to take freely.

When Mom found out she had cancer she chose not to have treatments. She said, "I will live as long as the Lord wants me to. All I want is to be with my children, family and friends and enjoy each and everyday with them. I would like to see Catherine's baby." Again the sweet Lord was merciful and blessed her to see Landon Scott. A few days before she died, she dreamed that the Union Churches and the Indian Bottom Churches were together. She said everyone was so happy! Children, surely this was Heaven. Her faith was amazing. I wish I could tell how peaceful and calm she seemed to be. Her faith



was obvious to those that knew her. Mae hated to leave her family, but she did not seem to fear death. I feel she had prepared herself, a long time ago, for this day and the grave would have no victory over her. Mae knew she was a winner either way. So, sleep on sweet sister. May we all have the faith and same sweet humble Spirit when it comes our time to leave this world? Hope to meet you in the Morning.

Written by her children and family.

*A special thank you to all who prayed for our family, brought food or flowers, gave money or who did anything to help. A special thanks to Hospice nurses and CNA's.*



### **KATHLEENE MITCHELL COLEMAN**

It's with a sad and broken heart I will try to write the obituary of our dear mother and wife, Kathleene Mitchell Coleman. She was the daughter of Starlin and Virgie Mitchell. Mom was one of nine children; five preceded her in death, one sister, Carrie Boyd; three brothers, Hassel, Floyd, and

Carnel Mitchell, along with her mother and father. She is survived by her husband, Dayton Coleman; two daughters, Linda Rose of Harman and Rita Anderson of Cedar Bluff; four grandchildren, five great grandchildren; two sisters, Margie Thacker of Florida and Nadine Churchill of Bristol, Tennessee; and two brothers, John Mitchell of Michigan and James Mitchell of Washington.

Mom was born on February 16, 1929. She left this world on August 11, 2006. She was a member of Bethlehem Church for over 20 years. Oh, how she loved her brothers and sisters. She loved to go to church when she was able. She got to where she could not go because her back would hurt so bad she could not sit for long. She

called me one morning around 1 a.m., she was crying. She said, “Linda, I can’t walk, I’m in the bathroom and I can’t get back to my bed.” Mom never walked again. She was bedfast for a year. Oh, how she missed hearing her church. One Sunday she said, “Linda, we are having church here, get me ready.” I will never forget all the sisters and brothers that came that day. And a very special blessing for Brothers Jim Blankenship, Billy Campbell, William McClanahan, and James McClanahan. Their visits to our home and hospital would make her so happy. She would tell Linda, I just want to go home. The night she died I saw her walking through Heaven’s gates. She was barefooted with flowers all around her feet. She was on her tiptoes. Sleep on, dear Mother, we will meet again in Heaven.

Daddy, Linda, and Rita.

### **KATHLEENE MITCHELL COLEMAN**

It is with fond memories and a heavy heart that we write the obituary of our precious mother and grandmother. She was born on February 16, 1929 and went to be with the Lord on August 11, 2006, making her stay on earth 77 years, 5 months, and 26 days. She was the daughter of the late Starlin and Virgie Mae Deel Mitchell.

She married Henry Dayton Coleman on November 12, 1946. Dayton loved her with all his heart and doted over her all of her life. Out of their blessed union was born two daughters, Linda Coleman Rose of Harman, Virginia and Rita Coleman Anderson of Cedar Bluff, Virginia.

She had four grandchildren, Marilyn Rose Jude, Tommy Rose, Chris Anderson, and Robert Anderson. She also had five great-grandchildren: Brandon Musick, Kayla Rose, Heath Chapman, Karissa Rose, and Alexis Anderson.

She was preceded in death by three brothers, Hassell, Carmel, and Floyd Mitchell, and one sister, Carrie Boyd. She leaves behind two sisters, Nadine Churchill of Johnson City, Tennessee and Margie Thacker of Interlarkin, Florida and two brothers, Jim Mitchell of Lorton, Virginia and John Mitchell of Warren, Michigan.

Mamaw had two loves in this life: the Lord and her family. She

was baptized and joined the Bethlehem Old Regular Baptist Church over twenty years ago. She attended church whenever she was physically able, and supported the church in prayer when she wasn't. She loved it when the church members would come and visit her. She was always appreciative. Anyone who visited Mamaw always received a tearful, grateful greeting and farewell.

Mamaw loved her family with all her heart. Brothers, sisters, nieces, nephews, children and grandchildren - this is where she found her joy. She was the heart of our family and she loved us all unconditionally. She always looked over our faults and loved us in spite of them. She always put the needs of her family in front of those of her own. She would help any of us in any way that she could and never wanted or expected anything in return. All she ever wanted was to know that all of her family was safe and secure. Even after illness had stricken her body and robbed her of her ability to get around, her mind was still sharp; and she kept us all under her thumb using her favorite tool, the telephone. If she hadn't heard from you, you knew that you'd be getting a phone call wondering where you'd been. Hearing her say, "Howdy" in her melodic voice when you answered, was a gentle and reassuring reminder that she'd been thinking about you and that she was happy that she had got a hold of you.

There was nothing she loved any more on this earth than congregating with her family. Holidays, reunions, weddings, or any other occasion that brought her together with her family was a source of great pleasure to her. I can only imagine the joy that she experienced on August 11, 2006 when she was reunited with all of her loved ones that had gone on before and her Savior that she loved so dear. In spite of our breaking hearts, we know that our loss is Heaven's gain. We loved her and miss her. Although, there is a huge void that can never be filled in our family because of her absence, we know that one day we will get to see her again. In that, we can find the strength necessary to face these difficult days ahead and the comfort in knowing that she is resting safely in the arms of our Lord.

Written by Chris Anderson, grandson,  
and Dayton, Rita and Linda.

## **PHYLLIS ANN BUSH COLLEY**

It is with much sadness I will try to write the obituary of our mother and grandmother, Phyllis Ann Bush Colley. Mother was born on September 21, 1933. Her parents were Orbin Henry Bush and Mary Gertrude Lucas Bush. Mother passed away on January 22, 2007 at



8:45 a.m. at Wellmont Hospital in Big Stone Gap, Virginia after a short illness, making her stay on earth 73 years. Mother was a retired LPN at Wise Hospital with 30 years of service.

Mother was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Lamar Colley; one step-son, Stevie Colley; one grandchild, Lora Lee; four sisters, and six brothers. Mother leaves behind to mourn her passing one daughter, Brenda Fuller and son-in-law, Kemper Fuller; one son, William Henry (Billy); one step-son, Marlan Van Colley and daughter-in-law, Sally; eleven grandchildren, and ten great-grandchildren.

Mother believed in working from sun up to sundown. She had her garden where she raised everything from tobacco to fields of hay. Her flower gardens were the most beautiful in the community. Mother worked with the soil; her little hands would work the dirt and then plant and anything would grow. I always said, "Mother, you have a green thumb" and she would laugh. Her animals were her love - cats, dogs, all kinds of creatures she loved.

There wasn't anything Mother couldn't do. Mother was of the Freewill Baptist faith and she lived it everyday. She believed in Jesus, and read her Bible and I know Mother prayed a lot. I miss her so much, each and everyday I think of something she said or did. Mother, you will be missed by your friends and family, and the people that knew you. I love you, Mother. You were my best friend.

Written by your daughter, Brenda  
and son-in-law, Kemper Fuller.



## CLARENCE COMBS

Clarence Combs was born in Knott County, Kentucky, to the late Allen (Tad) and Mary Martin Combs on September 19, 1916. He died on May 7, 2007, in the hospital at Somerset, Kentucky.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Ida Mae; brothers, Roscoe, Marcus,

Amos, Dennis, Woodrow, Lawrence, Allen, Wayne; and one sister Ruth.

Clarence is survived by one adopted son, Wilton Eugene, and three grand children, Joshua, Clarence Eugene and Tina Nicole. Also surviving are two brothers, Herman and Thornton; one sister, Bessie; a special nephew, Charlie; and a host of other nieces and nephews.

He worked in the mines many years and loved to do garden work and cook. He also served his country in the United States Army, in World War II and felt that his service was a great honor. But, he said the greatest thing that ever happened to him was when the Lord accepted him into his army and he started serving the Lord. In the late 70's, Clarence joined the Clear Fork Old Regular Baptist Church and later was ordained a Deacon. He was a faithful member and worker of the church until his death.

Clarence will be missed by his family, church, neighbor and friends. But, we feel our loss is Heaven's gain.

Written by his niece,  
Sue Combs.

## PEGGY JO DAMRON

It is with a sad and broken heart and help of the Lord that I will try to write an obituary of our dear and precious Mom, Peggy Jo Damron. She was born February 24, 1925 to the late Milt and Laura Humble, and departed this life on May 9, 2007, making her stay here on earth 82 years, 2 months and 16 days.

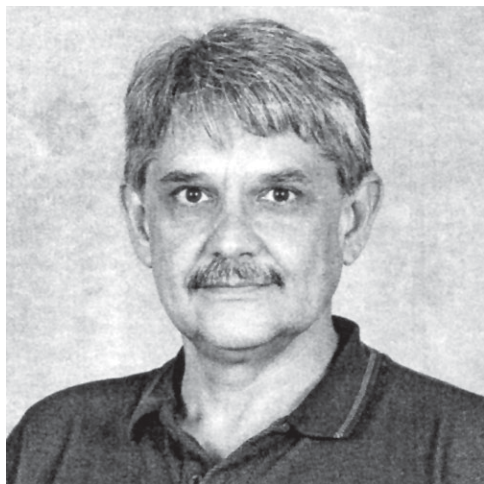


Early in life she met and married our Dad, Bona Damron, Jr. They were married for 52 years. To this union was born five children: Brenda (Dave) Newsome, Judy (Bennie) Roberts, Alan (Geneva) Damron, Patricia (Lon) Bradford and DeeDee (Ronnie) Bowling. Mom was preceded in death by her husband, Bona Damron, Jr., one grandson, Rodney Smith and one great-grandchild, Dustin Mitchell.

Mom was truly loved by everyone who knew her. Mom loved going to church as long as she was able. They were so good to her and treated her so special up at the Pilgrim Prayer Church where she belonged. Her grandchildren all loved her so much. Mom was never satisfied after our Dad died. Now she is where she wanted to be, side by side with Dad and our Jesus. He needed another angel, so He picked our Mom. We miss her so much here in this old cruel world, but Mom's suffering and pain is over on this earth. So sleep on Mom just for a little while, you and Dad, until your children can be with you once again. We will always love you and you will forever be in our hearts.

Written by your broken hearted children,  
Brenda, Judy, Alan, Trish, Dee Dee and  
grandchildren.





## **JERRY LELAND DAY**

Jerry Leland Day, age 53, passed away on January 18, 2007, at the University of Kentucky Medical Center in Lexington, Kentucky. Jerry was born on May 19, 1953 into the loving home of Coleman Day and Daisy Frazier Day. He is preceded in death by his mother, whom he loved and cher-

ished. She taught him and counseled him in the ways of the Old Regular Baptist Church and when Jerry became an adult he sought out fellowship in the Church and became a member of the Big Cowan Old Regular Baptist Church. He was devoted to and served faithfully in his Church. Jerry's love of the Lord was evident in the way he lived his life, in the songs he sang, and in his beautiful and heartfelt prayers he shared with others.

Jerry was married to Sheryl Garrett on April 28, 1979 and remained a faithful and loving husband to her until the Lord decided he needed Jerry to come home to serve him in Heaven. Jerry and Sheryl were blessed with three children that were his pride and joy; Jerry Leland Day II, Ali Jeanette Day, and Whitley Jo Day. He also leaves two beautiful and precious grand daughters, Lexi Santana Day and Ramsey Mae Jaileigh Day. Jerry was fortunate to have shared a special and close bond with his sisters, Joanne Shumake (Ron) and Sherry Wright (Alvin). He also loved and cherished his nieces and nephews, as well as the rest of his family.

Jerry devoted his entire life to the service of God and his fellow man. He was a valued employee of the Kentucky State Police for whom he was the east area supervisor for communications and computer technology. He made close friends with many of his comrades and touched their lives in ways only a Christian can do. His electronic expertise and brilliance was respected and will be sorely missed. He was also loved and respected by the Letcher County Sheriff's

Department, the Letcher County area fire departments and ambulance services for whom he maintained all radio communication equipment and systems. Although gravely ill with cancer, Jerry was determined to hide his suffering and pain from his co-workers, relying on his faith in the Lord to carry him through each day. He suffered through a whole year of radiation and chemo therapy, often collapsing in pain and weakness when he finally finished his job and was able to come home and rest. When most people would have given in to the pain, Jerry only prayed harder for strength and courage. It was often said that Jerry had a gift for prayer. We believed that Jerry received precious gifts through the prayers of others. He was determined to keep going. No one fully realized how seriously ill he was. He knew his life on earth was coming to an end and wanted to spare those he loved from sadness. Many who knew he was sick were still shocked when he died because they just didn't know just how serious his illness was.

Experts say there are several stages of grief that love ones go through when someone they love dies. They are wrong, it is basically one big explosion of sadness until you realize what a special blessing death can be for a Christian. When you lose someone as special as Jerry, you selfishly grieve for yourself and only yourself. Jerry was ready to receive his Heavenly reward. He spent the last twenty years of his life getting ready for his eternal life. I cannot be sad for him. I cannot be angry at him for leaving me so soon. I am thankful he did not have to waste away before my eyes and that God allowed him to maintain his dignity, his pride, and his cognitive awareness until he died. His children and I received a blessing and a miracle in his death. The prayers that went up for him were answered. The miracle was that he was cured when he left earth and went to be with his Savior. The blessing is that Jerry II, Ali, and Whitley had a Daddy who was not afraid to teach them what a Christian should do and be like. Jerry worried he did not let his light shine as brightly as God would want him to. He would have been proud to know that his light will shine forever in our hearts and in our lives.

For you my love, there is rest in Heaven,  
Sheryl Day.





## MARIE FRAZIER DAY

It is with loving memories and a sad but joyful heart that I write this testimony to my mother, Marie Frazier Day, who passed away on April 03, 2007. An author, merchant, teacher, friend, wife, mother and grandmother, she was many things to many people but most of all she was a witness

to her faith and for her church.

The oldest of five children, she was born on March 28, 1919 to Dock and Atha Frazier. She married Marion Day on June 28, 1938 and celebrated more than 50 years of marriage before his passing in 1992. They had three other children, Virginia, Ronnie and Kenny, who all died at birth.

She joined the Big Cowan Old Regular Baptist Church in 1955. At the time of her passing, she was the senior member of her church. The health and the growth of her church was a constant concern but she always placed her faith in God to keep it growing. She lived to see all her brothers and sisters become children of God as well as her husband's rebirth as a child of God.

She delighted in her two granddaughters, Tricia Marie Day of Campbellsville, KY and Danielle Day Alfred of Indianapolis, IN. She would have been delighted with her great-granddaughter, Lillian Grace, who was born on July 31, 2007. She taught Tricia and Danielle to read, to bake biscuits, to sew and to appreciate the traits that God gave each of them. She taught me many things, from how to tie my shoes to never fear failure. Her love and God's love was always there. The most important thing she taught me was faith.

I have lost count of the people that told me she influenced their lives. Whether speaking words of encouragement, teaching them to sew, praying with and for them, proclaiming her faith or providing an example, she influenced people. Mom strived to follow the ten

simplest rules- the Ten Commandments.

I shall miss her terribly, but it would be selfish of me to her to trade her life in Heaven for more time in this world. Besides, she is waiting for us...

Her loving Son, Danny Keith Day.

## GUY C. FIELDS

*"To every thing there is a season,  
and a time to every purpose under the heaven:  
A time to be born, and a time to die;  
a time to plant, and a time to pluck up that which is planted."*

Guy C. Fields was born into the home of Nick and Louisa Mullins Fields on Wednesday, January 12, 1938 and passed from this life into eternity on Wednesday, June 20, 2007, being 69 years, 5 months and 9 days of age. He is survived by his wife, Judy Fields; four step-children, Russell Mullins and wife, Sandra, Donna Kay Galloway, Gene



Randall Mullins and wife, Anna, and Brookie Mullins; sixteen grandchildren, ten great-grandchildren and a host of nieces and nephews; and special friends and extended family members, Kenny and Christine Catron and son. He is also survived by four brothers, John M. Fields and wife, Opal, Nick Jr. Fields and wife, Elna, Jasper Fields, and Rudell Fields and wife, Marie; and one sister, Lizzie and husband, Archie Combs. He was preceded in death by his parents; two sisters, Polly Franklin and Ada B. Calhoun; and one great-granddaughter, Kira Sky Mullins.

Guy was the youngest of his family and spent many years of his early life staying at home and caring for his parents. He was taught

the basic values of a good life by his parents – to work hard, to respect and help others, to be honest and fair and, most importantly, to look to God for help in this life and a hope for an eternity in Heaven. Guy believed in God and loved to listen to preaching and singing on TV. Although Guy waited many years to repent and seek for the salvation of his soul, God is a patient, loving and forgiving God. He has promised the same reward to those who come in early, at the third hour or at the eleventh hour. In the weeks before his death, Guy expressed his belief and hope that he was “ready to go.” Guy had made his peace with the God of Heaven and earth. We believe that the angels carried his soul to a resting place under the altar of God where Guy awaits the second coming of the Lord.

In the later years of his youth, Guy met and married the love of his life, Judy Fields. They had a good life together. Life, as usual, has been full of hardships and joys but they endured the storms and looked to each other and to God for the strength to endure. They had many joyful and hard times together. Judy has been a wonderful, caring companion and it was a joy to go into their home. They made everyone feel at home and there was always a table full of good, home-cooked food with plenty of time to eat and talk. For many years, Guy had severe health problems and Judy was always at his side. She worried, prayed and cared for him as he struggled to overcome his many medical problems. However, the struggles came to an end for Guy with Judy by his side. They faced death together and Judy was a faithful and loving companion, “until death doth us part.”

Guy and Judy have always been ready to give a helping hand to those in need. They cared for Guy’s mother in the later years of her life and spent many years caring for Guy’s sister, Ada B., and her husband, Everett. After caring for them at home for many years, Guy and Judy made countless trips to the Letcher Manor Nursing Home to oversee their care. Neighbors, friends, children, and grandchildren have also been helped many times by this loving couple. God blessed both of them with a kind and loving heart.

Guy had a special love for the children and grandchildren. He would always talk of the little ones and how they caused him to laugh. You could see and hear the love as he talked about them. The home of Guy and Judy was always a loving and caring place for the family

to gather. Children, grandchildren and guests were welcome and loved.

Guy struggled with life during the last years of his life. He had severe heart problems and was near death a number of times, yet God extended his life from time to time. However, “there is time to live and a time to die.” Guy left this world when death called the other night. He left peacefully and suddenly. Judy was at his side, praying and hurting with a broken heart as his life slipped away. The time to die had come, but Guy had made peace with God and the time to go to his Heavenly home was at hand. So, rest in peace, my friend and brother, we hope to meet you in Heaven.

Elder Don Pratt.

## **SHEILA FIELDS**

*“My beloved spake and said unto me, Rise up, my love, my fair one, and come away. For, lo, the winter is past, the rain is over and gone; The flowers appear on the earth; the time of the singing of birds is come, and the voice of the turtle is heard in our land;...”*

*“Who is she that looketh forth as the morning, fair as the moon, clear as the sun.”*



On Saturday, July 28, 2007 Sheila Ann Fields became absent from her body to be present with the Lord. She was born March 2, 1973, making her life on earth 34 years, 4 months and 26 days. She was the daughter of Danny and Judy Ann Norton Holliman of Irvine, KY. When cancer ravaged her body, Sheila found comfort, care, and security in her childhood bedroom in her grandmother Vesteen’s home.

No better care for her and her children could have been found. In that same room, in the presence of God she went to sleep in the arms of Jesus.

As a young woman, she fell in love and married Johnny Fields.

To this union were born Autumn Rose and Elijah Elwood. Her children were her pride and joy.

Sheila graduated from Estill County High school and attended Eastern Kentucky University. Her artistic talents were manifested in her home, in her children, in her church and everywhere she went. Sheila attended her church virtually every time since she was 3 years old. She was ours and we were hers. What a thrill it was when on June 5, 2005 she joined the church and was baptized into the Mount Olivet Church.

Sheila bore the image of her Heavenly Father. Few people have touched so many lives. Her beautiful, unassuming smile, her innocent countenance and her humble disposition demonstrated to everyone that she was indeed a precious jewel.

Autumn will never be able to show Mommy her report card. Elijah will never be able to show Mommy how he can hit a T-ball. But they can both know about that Highway of Holiness and know that Mommy was a virtuous woman and that her price is far above rubies.



## **ROCKIE FLEMING**

Rockie was a gentle man who loved the Lord and he loved his family. Rockie would do anything for anybody. He lived his life in such a way that everyone wanted to be near him. There were two children he loved as his own, Leslie and Lucas. We'll miss Rockie very much. Rockie was

loved by his family so very much and they loved him right back.

The morning of November 18, 2006 when they called and told me you was gone, my heart grieved so much. It has been almost a year and your family and friends are still grieved for you. Through all the trials of his life, he loved the Lord above all else. A gentle

giant but brave and strong, he faced life with a smile like a ray of sunshine. He would go the extra mile. He held no claim to wealth or fame in things his world held so dear. His treasure was the ones he loved.

That cold November day God called him home, Oh, how our hearts did break. The bonds of love will weep and mourn, but, Rockie, sleep on. We have many memories of you. Rockie, look over your shoulder, we will be right behind you. We loved you down here but we know we will see you again.

I would like to put on paper how we miss you. So, sleep on our dear Rockie. Rest in God's arms till he comes and takes us all home. Rockie leaves to mourn him his mother, Louise Fleming; his father, Edd Fleming; and two brothers, Eddie Fleming and his wife, Jennifer, and Benjamin Fleming. Also surviving are several aunts, uncles, and cousins, and one special cousin, Clatie Fleming.

Written by a aunt with a broken heart,  
Trula Fleming and Leslie Fleming.

***Someone For Rockie***  
*Her daddy saw her crying*  
*Her mommy felt her pain,*  
*But, through all her trials*  
*And tribulations the strength*  
*She seemed to gain.*

*No one understood her*  
*No one seemed to care,*  
*She had given up on happiness*  
*As if there was*  
*No one there to love her again.*

*She had no one else to love her,*  
*She began to wonder why,*  
*The pain was getting stronger*  
*She wanted to lay down and die.*

*Someone pushed her onward*  
*Someone really cared,*  
*Someone led her to her goal*  
*Only to flee and leave her there.*

*That someone didn't want to leave  
That someone really cared,  
That someone had to leave  
His only niece in despair.*

*Flowing with the water fall  
Dying with the rain,  
Someone told me you were gone  
And, I felt so much pain.*

*Something is troubling me  
I guess it's because you're not here,  
So, what am I suppose to do  
When all I feel is fear?*

*The angels in Heaven hold you, dear  
While you're up there in that beautiful place,  
I'm down here  
With tears on my face.*

*I don't know why you left  
It wasn't your time to go,  
The pain hurts so bad inside  
But, I never let it show.*

*Sometimes I tell myself  
You'll come back real soon,  
And, I don't know what  
I'll do when my heart finds out the truth.*

*Maybe it was his time to leave  
He probably really cared,  
But, what was she to do  
Without that someone there?*

*The pain began to grow  
The tears she couldn't hide,  
She didn't have her someone  
And, with that, she had no pride.*

*The pain began to fade away  
The tears they have dried,  
She knows her someone  
Is there, just way up in the sky.*

To Rockie... my someone  
By Leslie, a 12 year old girl who loved her cousin.



## **MARNA JOYCE FRANCIS**

With the help of the Lord I will try to write the obituary of my little sister, Marna Joyce Griffith Francis. Marna was born to John and Fanny F. Hale Griffith on February 4, 1946. She passed away on Tuesday, April 26, 2005.



She was older than I, but she was the youngest of our sisters. Marna had a hard life in many ways. She and Donald, her husband, worked hard to raise their five children. In the year of our Lord, 1977, she and Don had been praying on account of their sins and found what they needed to take them home to Heaven.

Both of them told their children and loved ones when their time on earth was over that they were going home.

To her children and family, if you want to see Mommy and Daddy, grandparents or sister again, you must repent and be born again.

Marna is survived by one son, Michael Francis; five daughters, Kathy A. Slone, who passed away on May 21, 2005, a little less than a month after her Mommy, Kandy, Sherry, Larissa (Ricky) Casebolt, and Desiree Jones; and nine grandchildren and three great grandchildren. Four brothers and four sisters, also survive. One sister, Lena, since deceased.

Written by her natural brother and in the Lord,  
Keith R. Griffith.





## **GLENN AND LONNIE FRAZIER**

Glenn and Lonnie Gibson Frazier, long time members of the Little Colley Regular Baptist Church, died in 2007. They were faithful participants in the many activities of their church.

Glenn was the son of James Benton and Louisa Callahan Frazier. He was born on November 11, 1920 at Premium, Kentucky. Glenn was a graduate of Whitesburg High School. He served in the United States Army in World War II in the Pacific Theater. Glenn worked for many years as a coal miner and enjoyed farming during his retirement years.

Lonnie Gibson Frazier was born on February 2, 1927 at Bath in Knott County, Kentucky. She was the daughter of Mallie and Letisha Hammonds Gibson. Lonnie attended Hindman Settlement School. On December 18, 1947 she married Glenn Frazier. She was a member of the Letcher County Historical Society. Her interest in genealogy led her to do extensive research in her family's history. She assisted many others in tracing their ancestral roots.

Glenn died on April 21, 2007 and Lonnie died on July 30. They were buried in the Glenn Frazier Family Cemetery at Premium, Kentucky.

Lonnie and Glenn were the parents of six children: Gwen Frazier (Bill) Perkins of Knoxville, Tennessee; Sonny (Mahala) Frazier of Whitesburg, Ky.; Cathy June Frazier of Whitesburg, Ky.; Gaither (Debbie) Frazier of Big Stone Gap, Virginia; Tracy (Jessica) Frazier of Ashland, Ky.; and Michael Frazier of Dallas, Texas. They had nine grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Glenn is also survived by one sister, June Frazier Breeding of Isom, Ky. Lonnie is survived by sisters: Goldie (Chet) O'Neal of Connersville, Indiana; Sue Ellen (Russ) Davidson of Louisville, Ky.;

and Sherry Gibson of Litt Carr, Ky. Surviving Lonnie are also brothers, Carrol (Kay) Gibson of Cambridge City, Indiana and George (Liz) Gibson of St. Cloud, Florida.

## **ROSIE JUNE SUMPTER GILLIAM**

With a sad but peaceful heart I will try to write the obituary of my Mom, Rosie June Sumpter Gilliam. Mom was born on June 12 of 1951. The Lord called her home on March 31 of 2007. We thank God for blessing us to keep her the 55 years, 9 months and 18 days that



He did. Mom was preceded in death by her parents, Shelby and Zura Adams Sumpter. Mom is survived by her husband of 39 years, Lehman Gilliam; four children, Tina Renea Polly, Penny Zura Denease Green, Scott Elmer Lee Gilliam and Randylee Ryan Gilliam; three stepchildren, Michael Ray Gilliam, Carolyn Ann Lewis and Mark Anthony Gilliam; nine grandchildren, Sammy, Shawn, Josh, Stephine, Travis, Zack, Christine, Seth and Cheyenne; two great grandchildren, Jade and Nick; two brothers, Harold and Kennith; three sisters, Shirley, Marg and Bea; and a host of special family and friends.

Mom was born and raised at Bark Camp Branch in Delphia, Kentucky, and lived there all her life. Mom was raised by her grandmother, Nancy Whitaker Adams, and her first cousin, Estell Shepherd. Mom lost her own mother before she was two years old. Mom's oldest sister, Shirley says, "Rosie was my first child because I loved her as my own and carried her on my hip so much."

Mom worked at S.E.K.R.I. in Cumberland, Kentucky, when she got sick. She spent every dime that she made on her kids and grandkids. She loved spending the money she made on all of us kids and grandkids. She spoiled us all in so many ways, but, she really

spoiled her grandkids, because they didn't ask for nothing that she didn't try her best to get for them. All of her grandkids called her Nanny, and she loved them so much and each one was very special to her. Mommy was a very kind and loving person. She helped everyone she possibly could if she thought they were in need.

Mom was a member of the Big Leatherwood Church. She had belonged there for 6 years. She loved her church and really enjoyed serving food and drinks to everyone from the booth at the hay ride every year.

Mom was diagnosed with cancer on October 31 of 2006. She lived exactly 5 months from the day that she was diagnosed. Mom was in Zion, Illinois at the Cancer Treatment Center when she passed away. When Mom was on her death bed, she told all of us kids, "If you kids ever want to see me again, you will have to make it to Heaven." She went on to say, "Tell all my grandkids, great-grand kids, all my family, all my friends and the ones who know me, they need to live for Jesus, because without Him, life isn't even worth living. And, I will be expecting to see all of you in Heaven and I will be looking for you." Mom's little body was so tired and full of pain; she wanted to go on home. She told us kids, "The next time you see me, I will be better and I won't be suffering with any pain. I will have a smile on my face and there won't be anymore tears."

We all miss Mommy so much. I can't even put it into words just what she means to us and how much she is missed. The poem my sister, Penny, had put in here with her obituary really says it all, because we all loved her so much and know in our hearts that her journey has just begun and someday we will get to join her.

Written by her daughter and sister in Christ, Tina Polly.

***Her Journey's Just Begun***

*Don't think of her as gone away  
Her journey's just begun.  
Life holds so many facets  
This earth is just one.  
Just think of her as resting  
In a place of warmth and comfort  
Where there are no days and years.  
Think how she must be wishing  
That we could know today*

*How nothing but our sadness  
Can really pass away.  
And think of her as living  
In the hearts of those she touched...  
For nothing loved is ever lost  
And she was loved so much!*

## **ARMINTA COMBS GODSEY**

Arminta Combs Godsey was born on November 7, 1907. She passed from this life on July 31, 2006, making her stay here 98 years, 8 months and 24 days. Arminta was the daughter of the late Green and Susan Combs of Happy, Kentucky and she was a lifelong resident of Happy, Kentucky.



Arminta was preceded in death by her parents; her loving and devoted husband, Eura; an infant daughter, Wanda Faye; a son, Gail; and a special stepson, McClee, of whom she said “they raised each other”.

Arminta is survived by two sons, Garland and wife, Wonnell, of Prestonsburg, Kentucky and Maurice and wife, Christine, of Hamilton, Ohio; and two daughters, Marlene Steele and husband, Bob, of Ashford, Alabama and Costene Perkins and husband, Walter, of Hazel Park, Michigan. She is also survived by one brother, Curby Combs of Happy; fifteen grandchildren and many great grandchildren; and a host of friends.

Arminta was a dedicated member of the Little Zion Old Regular Baptist Church and attended faithfully for as long as she was able to come.

Arminta spent her last years in the Perry County Nursing Home. She loved for the brothers and sisters of the church to visit her to talk, sing, and pray. She is gone now, but, we will all meet again on that great morning.

Written by a brother in Christ.



## **MAGGIE MARIE GODSEY**

Maggie Marie Godsey, 75 years old, went home to be with the Lord on August 30, 2006. She was born on April 1, 1931 to Steve and Angeline Sumner of Vicco, Kentucky. When Mom was 18 years old, she met and married D.Y. Godsey who she shared her life with for

54 years. To this union, they had six children, Steve Godsey, Judy Fugate, Shelia Campbell, Darrell Godsey, Revena Gwinn and Darlene Cole; eighteen grandchildren; and ten great grandchildren. Other survivors include one brother, one sister and a host of family and friends.

Maggie was a charter member of the Summertown Old Regular Baptist Church located at Big Fork of Lotts Creek and remained a devoted member until her death.

Mom has gone on to be with the Lord. The troubles of this life are all left behind and the joys of the Lord are a reality for her.

Written by her daughter, Judy Fugate.



## **EDNA HAMILTON**

Edna Hamilton, age 85, of Flatwoods, Kentucky, passed away on Friday, February 9, 2007 at her home.

Mrs. Hamilton was born on August 25, 1921 in Carter County. She was the daughter of the late Tom Dickison and Leota Tackett Dickison.



She was a member of the Little Jewell Regular Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by one sister, Lucy Sloan Wilburn, and five brothers, John Dickison of South Shore, Kentucky; James and Frank Dickison, both of Flatwoods, Kentucky; Artle Dickison of Olive Hill, Kentucky and Henry Dickison of Grahn, Kentucky.

She was survived by her husband, James E. Hamilton; one daughter, Luci Hamilton; one granddaughter, Caran Rose Day; one sister, Nell Dickison Wilburn; and two dear friends, Mary Jo Heavner and Kathy Shelton.

In addition to these survivors, Edna will be greatly missed by a host of family and friends.

## **JULINIA HAMILTON**

Holding fast to our memories, to all of the cherished moments of the past, to the blessings and the laughter, the joys and the celebrations, the sorrow and the tears, and with a heart full of love and memories, Dad and his daughters will write a letter of remembrance for our sweet wife and Mom, Julinia Hamilton.



Mom was born May 31, 1947 in Martin, Kentucky. She was the daughter of the late Sterling and Olga Helen Hamilton. Julinia was a vibrant, beautiful woman. At the age of 14, she met and married the love of her life, Eugene Hamilton. They were married on April 21, 1962 and the Lord blessed them with 45 years of wonderful life together. From this joyous union came three daughters, Bonetta Daugherty, Destin, Florida; Gwanetta Williams, Stanville, Kentucky; and Jenna Hamilton of Teaberry, Kentucky. God bestowed one grandchild, Brad Daugherty, and one great grandchild, Davin Daugherty, upon them. Mom was very close with her siblings: Wanda Rex, Ann

Arbor, Michigan; Scarlett Hamilton King, Teaberry, Kentucky; and Scotty Hamilton, Dayton, Ohio.

Mom was a retired business owner and member of the Little Rosa Regular Baptist Church, Indian Bottom Association, McDowell, Kentucky. She was saved in February, 2000 then baptized by Clinton Moore, Jimmy Hall and James Swiger on March 4, 2000 where she was a faithful member seven years. Her brothers and sisters in the Lord do not think of her as gone because her journey's just begun. Life holds so many facets, and this earth is only one. We want to think of her as resting from the sorrows and the tears, in a place of warmth and comfort where there are no days and years. Mom loved doing things to help others in her church, and Mom and Dad spent many hours traveling together to church and to visit the sick and elderly.

Our Mom was a Christian and she had strong faith in God. Mom's first love was God and Dad her second. Mom and Dad had the kind of love that is very rare. Dad thanks God every day for blessing him with a woman as wonderful and beautiful, inside and out, to call his lovely wife. They were honored with a love that many people never experience. Mom was a woman of intelligence, wit, and love. Her bright eyes and beautiful smile, hugs, and her sweet voice made everyone feel special. She possessed the ability to make people feel special, secure, and loved. Mom touched lives that she never knew about and more that we will probably never know. She had a special smile, a special face and in our heart, a special place.

Mom would sing quite often at home. Some of her favorite hymns were "*Amazing Grace*" and "*Will the Circle Be Unbroken.*" When we were small, Mom would sing to us and could always make things right, just by singing a song. All these moments add up to a treasure of fond yesterdays that we shared and spent together. Times like this will keep our beloved wife and mother close to us in spirit and thought. Our special moments and memories will never change... they will always be in our heart, today and forevermore.

Every night Mom enjoyed conversing on the phone with her daughters, sisters and her many friends. She was there for everyone, and she would go to great lengths to lend a supporting hand or to give helpful advice. She was the best this world could hold, never

selfish, and always kind.

So, Mom, every day we wish for a miracle... just one would do, to see the door push open and see you walking through. If we could have one lifetime wish, one wish that would come true, we would wish with all our hearts for yesterday and you. The things we feel most deeply are the hardest things to say for we, your family, loved you so. We miss you more each day for life is not the same since you have gone away. Our hearts still ache with sadness and silent tears still flow... for what it meant to lose you, no one will ever know!

Mom, if the tears that we have cried could build a stairway to Heaven, we would come and get you. But, we know that you are at peace now. You're not hurting or sick anymore, but, oh, how hard it is to give you up. You're in a better place. We remember all the times you were there for us. Our loss is Heaven's gain. Let's all live for Jesus so we will all be together again someday with Mom, where the best is yet to come.

***Wings of an Angel***

*A gentle wind blew cross the land  
Reaching out to take a hand,  
For on the winds the angels came  
Calling out a mother's name.*

*Left behind, the children's tears  
Loving memories of the years,  
Of joy and love, a life well spent  
And, now to God a mother's sent.*

*An angel's wings, a Heavenly flight  
The journey home towards the light,  
To those who weep, a life is gone  
But, in God's love, 'tis but the dawn.*

Written by your loving husband, Eugene, and daughters.





## PEARL AND DORA HAMILTON

I would like to say a few words in memory of our Father and Mother, Pearl and Dora Hamilton. Our dad, Pearl, was born in 1912 to the late William and Maudie Hamilton in East McDowell, Kentucky. In Dad's early years he was a coal miner. Later he moved to Plymouth, Ohio where he re-

tired from Plymouth Locomotive. Our father was small in stature, but he had a huge heart. Dad always liked to have fun and tell little jokes and loved to make people laugh. He was a loving father whose family was his life. He was always happiest when his family was around him. Dad left this earth in June, 1991. We miss Dad greatly, but someday, by the Grace of God, we will meet him again on Heaven's bright shore.

Our mother, Dora, was born in 1908 to the late George and Inez Tackett. We have many wonderful memories of Mom. Our mother was a hard working woman. She worked the fields and the garden. She always had the utmost respect for Dad. She took such good care of him. She cooked his food just the way he liked it and stood beside him through all his endeavors. Mom had a light about her that was contagious. She took such good care of her family and treated everyone she knew like family. She would cook huge meals just waiting for someone to come over so she could feed them and shower them with her love. Mom had a very special way about her. You always felt better just by being in her presence. She could mend a broken heart by her love. Mom was a member of the Little Rosa Regular Baptist Church of East McDowell where Elder Clinton Moore is Moderator. Mother left this earth in November, 2006, now she lives at Home with her Heavenly Father which she always talked about so fondly. She would always say, "We shall meet them come that Resurrection Morning... God Bless Forever".

The union of Pearl and Dora Hamilton resulted in six children. Their legacy lives on through the lives of their children, grandchil-

dren and great-grandchildren. We shall never forget Mom and Dad. Their memory will live on in our hearts forever.

In loving memory to two magnificent people,  
written by their son, Elder Danny Hamilton.

**SHELVA JEAN  
PATRICK  
HOLLIFIELD**

With a sad heart I will try to write this obituary of my beloved sister, Shelva Jean Patrick Hollifield.

Shelva Jean was born on Monday, December 15, 1941, to the late Martin “Buck” Patrick and Myrtle Fugate Patrick. She passed away on Monday, November 21, 2005, making her stay here on earth 63 years, 11 months and 7 days.

She met and married Bert Hollifield. To this union, they were blessed with two children, Lisa Slone of Pinetop, Kentucky and Treasa Lynn Gayhart of Clear Creek, Kentucky. She also leaves to mourn her passing two brothers, John A. Patrick and Douglas Ray Patrick, of Hindman, Kentucky; two sisters, Joy Combs and Lillian Combs of Clear Creek, Kentucky; three grandchildren, Greg Gayhart, Keesha Lynn Riley, Jonathan Michael Slone; and two great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her beloved husband and one sister, Zena Thacker.

Shelva Jean was a member of the Old Regular Baptist Church of Clear Creek, Kentucky. She enjoyed her church and her family. Shelva Jean was a loving and caring wife, mother, grandmother and sister.

I believe Sis is resting around the throne of God, today. I believe someday we will be together again in Heaven, giving praise to our Savior Jesus Christ.

Written by her brother with much love,  
John A. Patrick.





## **ELDER MINUARD ISON**

Minuward Ison, age 81, passed away on Sunday, September 2, 2007, at the Maury Regional Hospital in Columbia, Tennessee. He was born at Skyline, Kentucky on January 26, 1926 to George Bee and Callie Fields Ison. Minuward served in World War II in the

United States Navy. He was an ordained minister and was a member of the Big Creek Old Regular Baptist Church. He was also a retired inspector with General Motors.

Surviving Minuward are one son, James Richard (Pam) Ison of White Lake, Michigan; two daughters, Linda (George) Higdon of Culleoka, Tennessee and Brenda (Kelly) Bryant of Columbia, Tennessee; grandchildren, Jim (Gail) Ison, Sean (Ronny) Ison, Jerry (Shannon) Higdon, Sherry Higdon, David (Jennifer) Higdon, Travis Bryant, and Cassie(Joshua)Cornwall; and great grandchildren, Meghan Higdon, Katie Higdon, Trevor Ison, Bryan Higdon and Aiden Cornwall. Also surviving are brothers and sisters, Coburn (Carolyn) Ison, Gerty (Arvil) Ison, Mary Halcomb, Juan Turner, Janetta (Warren) Hickman, Jo Ann (Frank) Copley, Cass (Bonnie) Ison, Mae (Bill) Whitaker and Zennith (Pat) Ison.

Preceding Minuward in death were his first wife, Sally E. Ison; his second wife, Edna Ison; one brother, James Ison; and one sister, Frankie Jean Sebastian.

Services for Minuward Ison were conducted in Tennessee and grave-side services were held in Waterford, Michigan.

## JERRY LEE JOHNSON

With a sad and broken heart, I will try to write an obituary of my beloved son, Jerry Lee Johnson. Jerry was born on December 20, 1984 in Floyd County to Sandra Casebolt Johnson and Joe Matthew Johnson.

Jerry was killed in a tragic auto accident on September 4, 2006, making his stay here on earth 21 years, 8 months and 15 days. He grew up at his grandparent's home at Carrie, Kentucky. They thought of him as their own son.

Jerry was such a sweet and happy boy. He always had a smile and a hug for all those he loved. I didn't know how many friends Jerry had until his funeral. You could see the love that all his family and friends had for him. Jerry could be in a room full of strangers and in a short time he would know most of them.

He would always tell his family he loved them. I think he knew we loved him, too.

Jerry is survived by his mother, Sandra Casebolt Johnson; his father and stepmother, Joe Mathew Johnson and Darlene Johnson; one brother, Jared Johnson; one step brother, Christopher Johnson; maternal grandparents, Alger and Anna Lee Casebolt; paternal grandmother, Sarah Ann Johnson; and lots of aunts, uncles and cousins. Jerry was preceded in death by his maternal aunt, Kathy Casebolt Hall, and paternal grandfather, Rudolph Joe Johnson.

We are trying to get through, one day at a time. I could write a lot of things about Jerry, but the best thing is, I believe the Lord forgave him and our loss is Heaven's gain.

His broken hearted family.



*Since God has called you away  
How I miss you night and day,  
Your love has got me through the years  
Through the hope and the tears.*

*Without you I'm so sad and alone,  
I can't believe my only child is gone.  
I sometimes see you in my dreams at night,  
And I try to hold on to you with all my might.*

*Little by little you slip away,  
And I wake up and wonder how I can  
Make it through another day.  
How it has broken my heart,  
Since God called you away and we had to part.*

Love, Mommy.



**RUBEN P. KITCHEN,  
SR.**

Ruben P. Kitchen, Sr., of Ashland, Kentucky, went to be with the Lord on the morning of December 16, 2006, after an extended illness. He was diagnosed with lung cancer in July, 2004. He always remained positive throughout his treatments. He always got

dressed everyday and gave the Lord thanks and praise for his long life and family.

Ruben was born on December 20, 1925, in Catlettsburg, Kentucky, the son of the late James and Berdie Leadingham Kitchen. Ruben married Nella Maynard on November 15, 1947 in Williamson, West Virginia. He worked in the mines until they closed in 1954. Ruben moved his wife and son (Ruben Jr.) to Ashland, Kentucky in October, 1954 and began working at the Dayton Malleable Aluminum Division in Ironton, Ohio. Ruben later worked construction as a journeyman carpenter and then at National Mines in Ashland as a foreman. In 1963, Nella gave birth to twin daughters, Angela Dawnette and Kimberly Annette. In the mid 70's, Ruben went to work for Hun-

tington Brass in Huntington West Virginia where he retired as a foundry foreman.

He proudly served our country during WWII aboard the aircraft carrier, USS Yorktown CV-10, "The Fighting Lady", in the Pacific Theater as a shipfitter Third Class from 1944 to 1946. He was a proud member of the USS Yorktown CV-10 Association and Foundation Inc., a Kentucky Colonel and a member of Little Jewel Old Regular Baptist Church.

Ruben was a pattern maker by trade, but also enjoyed working with wood, repairing clocks, and antiques for his wife and daughters and crafting several musical wood instruments such as violins and dulcimers. Ruben had a gift for making or repairing almost anything. He was a good neighbor and friend and would always lend a helping hand. He was a loving husband, father and grandfather. He especially enjoyed his adoring grandchildren.

He is survived by his dedicated and loving wife of 59 years, Nella Maynard Kitchen; one son, Ruben P. "Pete" Kitchen, Jr. (Judy) of Ashland, Kentucky; twin daughters, Angela Dawnette Stump (David) of Ashland, Kentucky and Kimberly Annette Meade (Mark) of Frankfort, Kentucky; three grandchildren, Allison Marie Stump, Melina Kaye Meade and Miranda Dawn Meade; and three step-grandchildren, Renee' Rose, Dale Keaton, and Tiffany Reffitt.

He was preceded in death by an infant son, Ray Kitchen, and his only sibling, a brother, Woodrow Kitchen and his wife, Edna Marie Varney Kitchen, of Turkey Creek, Kentucky.

Funeral services were at 2 p.m., on December 19, 2006 at Caniff Funeral Home in Ashland; Pastor Terry Bryant officiated and Brother Feldon Ruggles, Jr. sang Ruben's favorite song. Burial was at Rose Hill Cemetery in Ashland.

## **ELDER CARLOS LITTLE**

It is with much sadness that I try to write the obituary of my beloved uncle and brother in our Lord Jesus Christ.

Carlos began his journey in life on October 16, 1916 at Wheelwright, Kentucky. He was the oldest of twelve children of the late





Oliver and Dorothy Dean Little. He was also the husband of the late Georgia Young Little.

Carlos began learning the skills of a lineman from his father, Oliver, for many years, which prepared him for his first job as a lineman for Consolidated Coal Company at Jenkins, Kentucky.

When the first draft was set in motion for World War

II, Carlos entered the Army as a Tech Sergeant with the responsibilities of keeping the communication lines open on many battle fields: West Africa, Germany, France, Sicily, Italy and Austria.

Carlos received the following metals: 7 bronze stars, theatre ribbon, one bronze arrowhead, American defense and good conduct. We all honor him as a veteran and a hero of World War II. Although his memories were fading him, he still remembered the names of every man that served under his command and through telling his stories to friends these memories will live on through us.

Also, all who ever came in contact with Carlos will surely treasure up that time and keep them in our hearts and memories forever.

Carlos began his journey with the Lord when he was baptized on the fourth Saturday in June, 1959 by Elder Baxter Osborne and Elbert Little. He was ordained on the fourth Saturday in October, 1968. Baxter was Moderator and Paris Tackett was clerk in the committee that ordained him. In 1983 he helped establish the Bethany Old Regular Baptist Church of Kenova, West Virginia and was moderator for a while. He served our Lord for many years, until October 8, 2006 when his journey here on earth ended.

As for man his days are like grass; he flourishes like the flower of the field; for the wind passes over it and it is gone and its place knows no more; but the steadfast love of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting.

Carlos' surviving brothers are Junior Little of Mount Vernon, Illinois and Jack Little of Ashland, Kentucky. His surviving sisters are Rosemary Reid and Aileen Luxmore of Hi-Hat, Kentucky, Myrtle Dorton of Paintsville, Kentucky, and Helen Turner of Lexington, Kentucky.

Carlos' brothers that preceded him in death are Mike Little of Prestonsburg, Kentucky; Paul Little of South Lyon, Michigan; and William Robert Little of Jenkins, Kentucky. His sisters that preceded him in death are Else King of Melvin, Kentucky and Gracie Little of Hi Hat, Kentucky.

Carlos will be surely missed, but we have God's promise that we will be together again, and, Oh, what a joyous day that will be.

From your loving nephew and  
brother in our Lord Jesus Christ, Robert Reid.

### **BART T. AND MARGARET GAYHEART MEADE**

Bart T. and Margaret Meade were married at the young age of 19. Margaret was from Hindman, Kentucky and Bart was from Hi Hat. They had a family of seven girls (one died in infancy) and one boy.

Bart was a coal miner by profession and Margaret was a homemaker. Most of their married life was spent between living at Hi Hat where Bart had a farm or in McDowell, Kentucky, where Bart had his father, brother, and several nieces and nephews. He and his nephews loved to hunt squirrels and raccoons. They also raised and trained red bone and blue tick hunting dogs. At one time in the early 1950's, Margaret and Bart had a home and small grocery store in McDowell that was next door to the local movie theater. The theater caught fire and burned the theatre





and Bart and Margaret's store and home. They were both devastated because they loved living in McDowell.

Bart was also a farmer. He would work all day in the coal mines and then go home to do the farm work. At that time, most folks used a horse and plow to take care of their fields. He raised chickens and pigs and, of course, his beloved dogs.

Bart was a quiet man and the only things that would really get him going were to talk about coal mining, politics, and dogs. Politically, he was a strong Republican. He and Margaret loved to play Rook with the family and friends when possible.

They were very religious and they reared their children in a God-fearing manner. It was very important to them to maintain a good reputation. Margaret joined Little Rosa Church in McDowell, Kentucky, in 1969 and Bart in 1997.

In the 1960's Bart and Margaret moved to Utica, Ohio, for a short time, but quickly became homesick and returned to McDowell. By that time, Bart discovered that he was having breathing problems at times. He signed up for a Black Lung Pension and received it in a couple of years. He did not return to the mines. They purchased a house in East McDowell and stayed there until their deaths.

Bart died of cancer in August, 1997 at the age of 83. Margaret died just recently in the McDowell Hospital at the age of 93.

Bart and Margaret Meade are the kind of people that we wish the whole world would be like. They loved God and tried to help anyone that needed it, whenever they could. He did not gossip or form judgments towards people. They loved their children and devoted their lives to taking care of and teaching good characteristics to them.

Written by daughter,  
Anna Meade Hasch.

## **MARGARET GAYHEART MEADE**

Margaret Gayheart Meade was born on September 13, 1913 in Hindman, Kentucky to Brown and Dora Pridemore Gayheart. She married Bart T. Meade in March, 1933 and had eight children. Two preceded her in death, Sally, as an infant, and Geraldine at



age 55. Her husband, Bart, passed away in 1997. She was a member of the Little Rosa Church at McDowell since 1969. She was a loving mother that always put her children first.

She leaves to mourn her passing five daughters and one son, Velma, Dora, Pat, Vivian, Ann and Ted; two sisters and one brother, Hazel, Dana and Harry; and a host of grandchildren and great grandchildren. One special grandson, Lewis Newman, cared for Bart until his death and stayed to care for Margaret the last 10 years of her life. She loved to read the Bible and was always telling God's word to the grandchildren. She had lived a full and good life. She looked forward to going home to the Lord and seeing Bart and her daughters. She left us children the greatest blessing a mother can give (LOVE). She would tell us children to just pray and put ourselves in God's hand for He was the only one that could help us. She had great faith in her Lord.

Daughter, Patricia Newman.



## **ETHEL MAE TACKETT MEADE**

With a sad heart, I will write the obituary of a dear sister, Ethel Mae Meade. Ethel was born on December 20, 1929, the second child to the late Bert and Renie Hamilton Tackett. She passed from this life on November 25, 2006. She was 77 years old.

She met and married Lloyd Meade and to this union four children were born: John L. (Martha) Meade, of Willard; Ohio, Eddie Darryl (Sharlene) Meade; Rita Fay Ridgeway of McDowell, Kentucky; and Diane “Baby” Meade (deceased).

Besides her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Lloyd; her daughter, Diane; and three grandchildren, James L. Meade, Jennifer Lynn Meade, and Jody Ridgeway. She has four sisters, Ruby Bailey Smith, Pippa Passes, Kentucky, Ivalee Brown, Columbus, Ohio, Glenda Fay Qualls of Indiana and Birdie Sue Tuttle of Prestonsburg, Kentucky; two brothers, Elder Harold Tackett and Elder Bill Tackett, Minnie, Kentucky. Sadly, Brother Harold passed away eight months after Ethel passed.

She had five grandchildren: Jerry Elliot, Charles “Chuck” Meade, Brandy Little, Jessica Cline, and Stephanie Hall. She also had eight great grandchildren: Blaine, Briana, Brendon, Brittany, Cody, Chayce, Jordan and Jason.

Ethel loved her family so much. She always talked so lovingly about them. Diane had been sick most of her life and Ethel always said she hoped God would let her live as long as Diane so she could take care of her and not leave her. She got her wish, Diane passed away in 2005.

Ethel joined the Little Rosa Church and was a faithful member as long as she was able to attend church. She loved to hear Elder Squire Watts and Claudette sing her favorite song, “Here I Am.” She was in

the hospital the last month of her life and she would sing that song over and over.

The night the death angel came, as the last breath was leaving her, a glow came over her face and she looked twenty years younger. At that time, she didn't look like she had cancer. A beautiful smile came over her face and that told us she was going home. Sleep on, Dear Sister, until we see each other again in Heaven. You were precious to me and I love you dearly.

Written by a sister in the Lord and a natural sister, Ruby Bailey Smith.

### **BEULAH SMITH MELTON**

With great sadness, we will attempt to write an obituary of our beloved mother, Beulah Smith Melton. She was born on May 9, 1922, and went home to be with the Lord on January 11, 2007. She was the daughter of the late John V. Smith and Callie Daisy



Blair Smith. She was preceded in death by her loving husband, Henry Melton. He met her when she was just a child, and announced that she would be his wife someday. They were married on January 10, 1940. To this union was born three girls and three boys. One daughter, Brenda Sue, and one son, Gale, preceded her in death. She is survived by two daughters and two sons; one sister, Mildred Abner and one brother-in-law, Dan Abner; and a host of grand and great-grand children.

Mom joined the Old Regular Baptist Church, and was baptized on August 19, 1972. Mom was a gentle, loving mother, who loved her children so much that she would not eat until she made sure that all her children had eaten. She loved the Lord, and was a loyal, faith-

ful servant. I can still hear her clapping her hands, and praising the Lord, when she was in the spirit. She loved all the churches, and would go every chance she got, even though, a lot of times she really didn't feel like going.

She was diagnosed with a brain tumor on November 28, 2006. The doctors operated, but were unable to remove the tumor. On the day she was called home to be with the Lord, she opened her eyes and tried to speak, as Joslyn and Shalyn were patting her arm. While her family was gathered around her, God called her home. Although we miss her dearly, we believe she is resting with Dad and the Lord around the throne. We feel that our loss is Heaven's gain. So sleep on Mother, till we meet again.

Written by her broken hearted children,  
Genny, Imy, J.D. and Guy C.



## **GIRDLE MOORE**

Girdle Moore was born on February 26, 1912 and quietly passed on September 3, 2007. He was the second oldest of eight boys, along with one girl, born to Fannie and Harry Moore. He was a resident of Floyd County all of his life. He was a retired coal miner and was well-known for his bulldozing

work. He, like the rest of his brothers, was a hard worker. He has said to many that he missed working more than anything. He was married to Dorothy Combs and to them were born one son, Donald Gene, and two daughters, Gloria Dean and Rosemary. Besides his son and daughters, he leaves behind seven grandchildren, twelve great grandchildren and nine great great-grandchildren. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Dorothy; his brothers, Rufus, Ralph, Ranold, Clyde, Edgle and Ivel; his sister, Opal; half-

brothers, Ballard and Russell; and one grandchild. At 95, he lived a long and full life, overcoming a host of medical problems that would have taken a lesser man earlier in his life.

Everyone has many stories to tell about Girdle. He loved fishing and hunting and passed along this love to his son and daughter, Rosemary, while his daughter, Gloria Dean, only made fishing a part of her life. He did not have to use words to get his message across to his children, just a look to show his displeasure. His daughter, Rosemary, states that her Dad was not a well-educated man, but more than made up for his lack of formal education by initiative and hard work. His son, Donald, speaks of how his Dad never learned to say “I love you” until he joined the Old Regular Baptist Church. After that event in his life, he started telling him that he loved him and Donald learned to say it back. In fact, he became very open about his love for everyone and expressed that by words and deeds. He was a father figure to many of his grandchildren and one of them has said that she could not have had a better role model.

As he became older and his health started deteriorating, his daughter, Gloria, became his caretaker. Due to her constant care and love, he overcame numerous health problems and was able to continue to visit with family and to go to church. Gloria has stated that the longer she was with her father the more she changed into a better person. His influence was felt by his extended family, especially after the deaths of his brothers, Edgle and Ralph. He showed his love to them and expressed how glad he always was to see them. His memories of the Moore family as they were growing up and some of the events that took place at Left Beaver will be cherished by his nieces and nephews.

Girdle Moore was a God fearing and God loving man, “well done thy good and faithful servant.”



## **RALPH MOORE**

Ralph Moore, age 91, of Hi Hat, Kentucky, husband of Nova Isaac Moore, passed away on Tuesday, March 20, 2007, at the Hazard Appalachian Regional Hospital.

He was born on March 23, 1915, in Price, Kentucky, the son of the late Harry Moore and Fannie Salisbury

Moore. He was a retired coal miner, a member of the Little Rosa Regular Baptist Church, a member of Masonic Lodge No. 869 in Wayland, a Shriner, a member of the Three C's, had worked in the Baltimore shipyards, and was a former member of the McDowell Lions Club.

Survivors include his wife, Nova; two sons, Earnie Moore of Langley and Anthony "Tony" Moore of Cora, Wyoming; two daughters, Carlotta Jones of Bevinville, Kentucky and Debbie Hall of Leesburg, Florida; two brothers, Girdle Moore of McDowell and Arnold Moore of Cheyenne, Wyoming; ten grandchildren; several great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by three sons, Clyde "Pinkie" Moore, Terry Moore, and Phillip Moore; six brothers, Edgel Moore, Russell Moore, Clyde Moore, Rufus Moore, Ballard Moore, and Ranal Moore; and a sister, Opal Hayes.

Funeral services for Ralph Moore were conducted on Friday, March 23, at 11:00 a.m., at the Little Rosa Regular Baptist Church, in McDowell with Clinton Moore officiating.

Burial followed in the Harry Moore Cemetery, in Hi Hat, under the professional care of the Hall Funeral Home, in Martin.

Pallbearers included: Monroe Jones Jr., Monica Hall, Tommy Jones, Jeff Moore, Teresa Tomlinson, Chris Moore, Eric Moore, Arthur Hall, Zachary Hall, and Nicole Moore.



## VIRDA MOORE

It is with much sadness that I try to write the obituary of my dear mother, Virda Moore.

Virda was born on May 30, 1922, the daughter of Okla Pigman and Corsetta Watts Pigman. Mom passed from this life on September 24, 2007 at Hindman, Kentucky, making her stay on earth 85 years, 3 months and 25 days.



At a young age Virda married Humphery Reynolds. They had one son, Clarence Frank Reynolds. Humphery died in 1944. Virda later married Delmar Moore. To this union four children were born: Evelyn, Oscar Lee, Olive Mae and Paul.

Virda was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; one daughter, Evelyn Moore; one son, Oscar Lee Moore; five brothers, W.H., J.W., Oscar, LeRoy and Kelly; and three sisters, Herma Pigman, Ruah Everage and Clercy Pigman.

Virda is survived by one daughter, Olive Mae Mullins (Harold); two sons, Frank Reynolds (Bonnie) and Paul Moore (Sharon); one sister, Mae Haynes; and five grandchildren, Eddie Ray Raynolds, Linda Gayle Amburgey, Melissa Ann Williams, Rachel Lee Deel and Tiffany Hoover. She also leaves sixteen great-grandchildren.

Mom worked hard to make a home for us. I know she LOVED us dearly. But she had a SPECIAL place in her heart for Oscar Lee (Cush) who was very sick most of his seventeen years on earth.

Mom joined the Reynolds Fork Old Regular Baptist Church thirty five years ago. She remained a member there for the rest of her days here on earth. Even when she was very sick, she still wanted to go to church. Her happiest times were when she was around her family and friends. She loved to have them visit and to cook for them.

Mom, I know you are at rest with Jesus. We will miss you, Mom, but it won't be long until we will be with you. Sleep on, Mom. We feel that our loss is Heaven's gain.

Written by a broken hearted son,  
Frank Reynolds.





## **CHESTER W. MULLINS**

For 97 plus years, Chester Mullins lived and worked as an honest, God-fearing resident of Knott County. He was born on March 12, 1910 at Brinkley, Kentucky, the son of William Letcher (Letch) and Marinda (Nickles) Mullins.

In 1932, he met and married Luna Ashley of Sassafra (Kellytown), Kentucky. As life-long residents of Smithsboro, Kentucky, Chester and Luna here saw the birth of their four sons: Kenneth, Keith, Phillip and Corbett. For them, this would no doubt be considered their greatest accomplishment. Luna preceded Chester in death, as did their oldest son, Kenneth, his wife, Peggy, and their son, Jeffery.

Chester never faltered in his duty to provide for his family as his four sons grew to adults in his home on Little Smith Branch. In order to do this, he worked in various coal mines in Knott and Perry Counties. In the later days of his career, he joined the United Mine Workers of America and would remain a staunch supporter of the union and its' efforts to make the mines a safe place to work. He was extremely proud to be a "union man" and was as active in the organization as his life would permit.

As the mines in which he worked closed and jobs in the field became scarce, he looked beyond the coal mines for employment. This quest led him to Carr Creek Elementary where he served several years as bus driver and custodian. He was really at home at the school because he loved the children and had great concern for their welfare and education.

Another major event in his life would be his membership in the church as he joined Mount Olivet Church (Blackey, KY) on September 12, 1976. After he and Luna retired from the school system he continued to work at home tending to his garden and on Sundays

attending various Old Regular Baptist churches. And it was here, at his home, that he passed away on September 5, 2007.

Look back over his life is like reading a 20th century book. It is truly a wonder to think about the events of history that he lived through first-hand: World War I, the Great Depression, World War II, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, and terms of 17 U.S. presidents (William Howard Taft was president when he was born). He lived events that most can only read about or watch on videos.

What a wonderful life he lived even with the ups and downs: the passing of his wife, son, daughter-in-law and one grandson. But his life was filled with many happy events as well: he loved to have his children and grandchildren come home on Sunday for dinner. Sure the grandkids drove him nuts climbing on the banisters during these visits and he would go through several of their names before he got the correct one and tell them to get down before they fell. But he wouldn't have had it any other way.

Yes, his was a full and rewarding life and his presence in Knott County has made this a better place. His family mourns his passing and his absence has left a void that can never be filled, but we have his memory and that will be more than enough to see us through this difficult time.

## **PHOEBE MARGARET FULLER OWENS**

Writing a loved ones' obituary is a most difficult task. It is hard to put into words the importance and the impact this person has made on your life and to express the love and the feelings you have for that person. But, with the help of our God and the respect, admiration and love that we have for our mother, we will try to do so.



Phoebe Margaret Fuller Owens was born on January 27, 1919. Mother departed this life on July 15, 2006, making her stay here on earth 87 years, 5 months and 17 days. Mother was preceded in death by her parents, George Washington (Wash) and Louanna Deel Fuller; her husband of almost 63 years, Barney Owens; a daughter, Polly Owens (little Polly as mom always called her); a grandson, David Simon Clark; a son-in-law, Dillard Harrison Clark; four sisters, Martha Deel, Bertha McFadden, Pruda Blankenship and Lucy Deel; and a brother, Garland Fuller. Left to mourn her loss are three children, Sally Anne Clark, Molly Taylor and Scotty Owens and wife, Deborah Lynn; two grandchildren, Joel Samuel Taylor II and Dagney Krishna Gray and husband, Todd; one great-grandchild, Violet Avni Gray; two sisters, Louisa Yates and Vina Thacker, and one brother, Earl Fuller.

Mother was born near the head of the right-hand fork of Greenbriar, which is on the Dickenson-Buchanan County line. She was the fifth born in a family of nine children. Mom was a good child growing up. She respected and obeyed her parents and possessed high values. Mom started seeing our Dad (Barney Owens) and after a couple of years of courtship, they got married on July 20, 1938. Mother's parents gave them a cow, a bed, a few other items and 18 acres of land (more or less) up in Crooked Branch, which is on Prater Creek, to begin their marriage. Mom use to tell us how they lived in that two room house and how she laid the hardwood flooring herself while Dad was off at work in the mines. Mother and Dad loved us children (Sally, Molly, Scotty and Polly). We know so because of the way they took care of us, disciplined us, provided for us and wanted us to grow up safe and make something out of ourselves (to have something as Mom would say). All four of us children were able to attend college because of their sacrifices. Dad only finished the third grade and Mother finished the seventh grade, but they still realized the importance of getting and education.

Mom didn't believe in a lot of foolishness. She was a humble, hard working, dedicated wife and mother. Dad did his job of working in the mines or driving a coal truck and Mom did almost everything else. She would do all of the normal household chores that mothers do, but also take care of the cow, chickens, hog, garden,

canning, making soap, quilting, (which is what she took great pride in and really enjoyed), etcetera... It seemed as though she never stopped. We don't know how she did all she did and still keep that simple, sweet, humble, spirit that she possessed.

Mother, like her mother and aunt (they were midwives), was a caregiver. Seems like Mom and Dad were always helping someone out with something. Naturally, she helped take care of her mom and dad when they got older and sick and near death. But, one of the most admirable and loving things she did was step up and do her duty and join Dad and take care of his parents, especially the last few years of their life. Dad's baby brother and his wife (Ellis and Annette) helped them the last couple of years and they were most appreciative. Mom never was much for accolades or any kind of recognition, but she always told us you would be judged by the fruits you bear and we should walk the walk and not just talk the talk. We think Mother bore good fruits and walked the good walk and we also think she will get her just reward.

Mother was a good manager. She kept up with almost everything. She didn't waste hardly anything and she had a use for almost all things. This was how Mom was brought up and she stayed the same way her entire life. If more people were like our Mom, we would have a better environment (the Go Green movement today would have loved our mom) to live in, a friendlier and safer world. Daddy had told many people if it hadn't been for Mother's managerial skills, he wouldn't have had hardly anything. Mother and Dad respected each other, they complimented each other and worked with each other and that's why their marriage lasted almost sixty-three years.

Mother loved to quilt. She made quilts practically all her life. She was so talented and patient. She would make quilts from almost anything she had: Sally and Polly's dresses, Molly and Scotty's diapers, Dad's overall pants and especially the cloth that came from the sacks of cow feed. Mother would spend hours upon hours cutting, piecing, sewing (with her pedal sewing machine) and quilting even up to the week before she passed away. Mother made many, many beautiful quilts with specific named patterns to them, however, she seemed to like the old fashioned piece quilts (crazy quilts) the best.

She told us that once she used up all her pieces, she was going to quit. One should see all the pieces and beautiful cloth that Mom never finished. I think God gave her this talent and this was also her therapy.

Mother was one of the most Christ-like people I've ever known. The personal characteristics of simplicity, humility, unselfishness, consistency, kindness, helpfulness and meekness could all be used to describe our mom. She told me that when she was baptized she told the preachers she didn't know if she was good enough. Well, Mom, if you're not good enough, then I don't have a chance. Mother joined church at Little Josie Old Regular Baptist Church and was baptized in a little creek below Grassy, Virginia. Johnny Church baptized Mom and his son, Dexter, led the singing. Mom and Dad moved to Abingdon, Virginia in 1981. Her last church membership was with the Holston Old Regular Baptist Church where everyone seemed to love her and Dad.

We children held our Mother in such high regard and loved her so much because of the person she was, the way she treated us, the way she treated other people, the way she worked so hard and the walk she walked. She hardly ever thought about herself. She hardly ever wanted anything for herself. She said she just wanted all of us to get together and have something good to eat. This is what she liked the most and what seemed to make her the happiest.

Mom, you incredible hard working woman, can rest now. You can rest with Dad and little Polly. I remember what you said before Dad was buried: "Bye, Barney, I hope to see you again someday in a better place." We think you're with them as well as being in a better place. And hopefully, (God willing), one of these days, we'll all be together and the wheel will be complete again. Mom, bless your sweet, sweet, humble spirit and remember we love you forever and ever. Thank you Lord for giving us with such a precious Mother!

Written by the children that have been so honored  
and blessed to have you for a Mom, Sally, Molly and Scotty.

## **MARTHA HALL OWENS**

Martha Hall Owens, age 68 of Russell Springs, Kentucky and formerly of Litt Carr, Kentucky, passed away on Monday, August 27, 2007 at the Russell County Hospital in Russell Springs, Kentucky. She was born on March 12, 1939 in Knott County.



She was the daughter of the late Josh and Dora Mullins Hall. She was a homemaker. She is survived by one son, Charles Ritchie of Russell Springs, Kentucky; four brothers, Herman Hall of Deputy, Indiana, Duane Hall of Mallie, Kentucky, Hargus Hall and John Henry Hall of Litt Carr, Kentucky; two sisters, Erlean Johnson of Mallie, Kentucky and Stella Bailey of Russell Springs; two grandchildren, Luke Ritchie and Shane Ritchie of Baltimore, Maryland; and a host of nieces, nephews, family and friends.

Also, surviving are special friends, Matthew and Connie Crockett of Russell Springs. She was preceded in death by her parents; two sons, Michael Ritchie and Robert J. Ritchie; two brothers, Virgil Hall and Linville Hall; and two sisters, Oma Ritchie and Herma Reynolds. She will be missed by all that knew her.

We feel our loss is Heaven's gain. Martha was a member of the White Chapel Church of God in Russell Springs, Kentucky.





## **REBECCA RUTH SPARKS RATLIFF**

It is with a sad heart that I will try to write the obituary of my sister-in-law, Ruth Ratliff. She was born on July 17, 1941 to William Henry and Ida Blankenship Sparks. At the time of her death, she resided in Grundy, Virginia. She passed from this life on September 16, 2006, leaving behind many broken hearts.

Ruth is survived by her husband, James Ratliff and one son, Michael Paul Ratliff, both of Grundy, VA.; two daughters, Paula Gay Bengé of Paintsville, KY and Katrina Price of Pellion, S.C., one brother, Hershel Sparks of Pikeville, KY, and four sisters, Vagel Lester of Hurley, VA, Belle Reynolds of Vansant, VA, Belva Jean Vanover of Grundy and Gay Mays of Green Cove Springs, FL. She was preceded in death by her parents, one brother, Estill, and two sisters, Faye Sargent and Ann Tatum.

Ruth belonged to the Harman Freewill Baptist Church in Harman, Va. She was a very devoted member and loved working for the church. Her main goal in life was getting to Heaven. She was a special person and a special member in the church.. I am sure the members of the church think of her often. She became ill and, after visiting her doctor, she found she had cancer. She struggled through many treatments, but she always kept her faith in God. She depended on Him to help her and He did. On September 14, she was told that she was cancer free. She was so happy, she called her brother and her sisters to share the good news. However, when the next day dawned, she was found dead. God took her home to relieve her from all pain and suffering. I believe that she is resting now and waiting to hear her name called on that glorious day when she will be raised from the grave and go to Heaven forever. To the family: Get ready to see her again someday.

Written by her sister-in-law, Hannah Sparks.

## **V. INIS KISER RATLIFF**

V. Inis Kiser Ratliff, 96, of Savanna, died on Sunday, January 28, 2007 at the Good Shepherd Home.

On March 5, 1902, in Dickerson County, Virginia, Mrs. Ratliff was born to J.C. and Linda Mullins Wright. She had been a resident of Ashland County most of her life.



Mrs. Ratliff was a homemaker and retired after 20 years of service at Faultless Rubber Company. She was a member of Stone Valley Church of the Church of Jesus Christ of United Baptist on Koogle Road, Mansfield. Mrs. Ratliff enjoyed quilting and won several awards.

On July 21, 1930, Mrs. Ratliff married her first husband, Nathan Kiser, who preceded her in death in 1971. On August 22, 1980, she married her second husband, Ralph Ratliff, who preceded her in death in 1982.

Surviving Mrs. Ratliff are two sons and daughters-in-law, Richard and Carolyn Kiser of Mansfield and Roley and Barbra Kiser of Ashland; daughter and son-in-law, Ruby and David Heitzman of Savanna; seventeen grandchildren; eighteen great grandchildren and several great-great grandchildren; sister, June Polos of Mansfield; and brother, Allen Wright of Ashland.

She was also preceded in death by a son, Russell Kiser; a daughter, Ruth Ailer, a sister, Nora Meininger; and three brothers, Charlie Wright, Estus Wright and Walter Wright.





## **RATCHELL EMOGENE ROSS**

Jean was born on Christmas Day in 1933. She was the daughter of Luther and Ethel Blevins. She was one of five children. Jean passed away on March 4, 2006. She was married to George Harvey Ross on December 11, 1948 and had three children: two boys, George

Harvey Jr. of Wayne, WV and James Robert "Bobby" also of Wayne; one daughter, Barbara Anita Jean Kane of Elyria, OH; and eight grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Jean was a member of the Little Jewel Church of Ashland, KY. Everyone who knew her will remember her unique laugh, enormous generosity, and her desire to please those around her. She will be missed by all who knew her.



## **McKINLEY ROWE, SR.**

McKinley Rowe, Sr., age 90, passed away on Thursday at his residence on Bradley Drive, Flemingsburg, Kentucky. Mr. Rowe was born in Pike County, Kentucky on September 13, 1916. His parents were the late James and Bertha Hylton Rowe, Sr. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army,

serving in WWII. His survivors are his wife, Mabel Harydmon Rowe, Flemingsburg, Kentucky; one son, McKinley Rowe, Jr., Salem, Oregon; one stepson, Roger Roberson, Lorain, Ohio; three sisters, Geor-

gia See, Vermillion, Ohio, Opal Bentley, Vanceburg, and Mary Weddington, Garrison, Kentucky; and one brother, James Roe, Lorain, Ohio. He was also survived by two grandchildren. He was preceded in death by four sisters, Edna Creech, Naomi Wright, Florence Spencer and Eula Recznic.

Funeral services were held at 1:00 p.m. Monday at the Little Mary Regular Baptist Church with Elder Lonnie Gregory, Elder Terry Bryant and Brother Junior Ruggles officiating. Burial was in the Little Mary Cemetery.

Military rites were conducted at the gravesite by the American Legion Post and the V.F.W. Post of Flemingsburg.

## **DALLAS AMBURGEY SEALS**

With a few words I will try to write the obituary of Dallas Amburgey Seals. Dallas was born on August 26, 1914 to Farris and Mary Elizabeth Reynolds Slone on Branhams Creek In Knott County, Kentucky. Early in life, Dallas married Delza Amburgey and to this union was born eleven children. She worked hard to raise and take care of her eleven children. Also, early in her life, she saw the need for a Savior in her life. She joined the Mallet Fork Church. After the death of her husband, Delza, she married Nelson Seals. Dallas began to attend the Reynolds Fork Church where she was a member at the time of her death. She died on September 7, 2006, making her stay here on earth 92 years and 12 days.

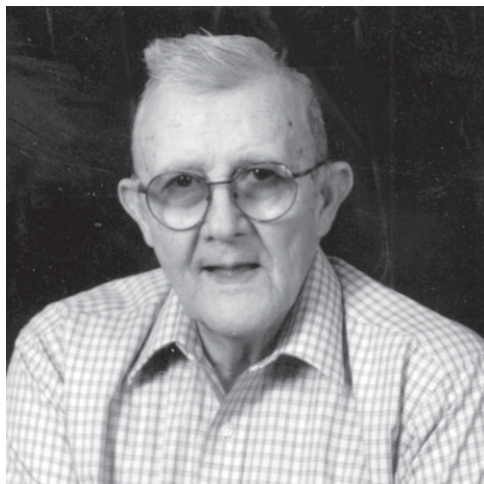
She was preceded in death by two husbands: Delza Amburgey and Nelson Seals. She was also preceded in death by five sons, Harold, Radford, Agnel, Darrell and Denzel.

She is survived by two daughters, Christine Richardson and Annette Jenkins; four sons, Delza Jr., Macarthur, Elwood and Billy Wayne; four sisters, Velma Short, JoAnne Reynolds, Dalma Short and Opal Keller; and twenty two grandchildren, thirty great grandchildren and nine great-great grandchildren.

Dallas endured many hardships and heartaches in life but she also had lots of joy visiting with her children and attending church.

I believe she is at rest now, waiting for the redemption of the body where she can live forever in a land called Heaven where there is love, joy and peace forever.

Written by a brother in hope, Elder Bordes Slone.



## FLOYD SEALS

With a broken heart I will try to write the obituary of a loving father, grandfather, brother, uncle, cousin or just a friend to many. But most important, a blessed Angel that earned his wings and has gone home to be with JESUS. On April 19, 1923 in a little town in Pinetop, Kentucky a gift

from GOD was given to Millard and Tonie Seals, a beautiful baby boy that was given the name, Floyd Seals. On March 12, 2007 Papaw left this old cruel world, making his stay on earth 84 years, 10 months and 21 days.

Preceding Papaw in death are his wife, Bethel Thornsberry Seals; his parents, Millard and Tonie Seals; five brothers, Carl, Owen, Lawrence, Nelson, and Luther; and four sisters, Myrtle, Dessie, Gracie and Mattie.

On March 13, 1944 Papaw married Bethel Thornsberry and to this union was born nine children: Sue Carol, Gwendolyn Gay, Marty Kay, Tammy, James Estill, Butch and two very special boys, Bill Jean and Rondal J. Another son was also born to this family and his name was Floyd Jr. I believe with all my heart that he was given Papaw's name for a reason. That reason being he is strong, honest and just like his Daddy. He stood by Papaw through all his pain, suffering and was there no matter what time of day or night Papaw needed him. He put his life on hold to care for Papaw's needs and for that I am grateful to him. Without the love and support he received from Floyd Jr., Bill, and Rondal, Papaw's stay on earth would have been even shorter.

Papaw left one brother, Ralph; two sisters, Katherine and Joyce; twelve grandchildren, Todd, Jim, Kevin, Jackie, Kisha, Mikie, Jerry, Jason, Justin, Kayla, Brittany and Rebecca; seven great grandchildren, Brandon, Caleb, Tyler, David, Benji, Hannah and Nolyona;

seven step grandchildren; eight step great-grandchildren; and a host of nieces and nephews.

All my life Papaw would tell me stories of his working days. Stories about him working in the mines and on the Highway Department, trying to make money to support his big family and make ends meet. I never will forget the times he would tell me if you want anything in life you have to work for it and earn it, “Ain’t gonna get nothing by sitting at the house and watching the grass grow, Ol Girl.”

He was also a true believer in being honest and living a Christian life. Some time in January, 1981, Papaw joined and was baptized into the Reynolds Fork Old Regular Baptist Church. He loved his church and all his Christian brothers and sisters. He would always speak of his church family about how good and honest people they were. He loved his church family so dearly.

Papaw left his family a lot of memories to carry on with them for the rest of their lives. Not to mention, all the words of wisdom he would give us.

In the last few years of Papaw’s life he thrived on his religion and on the love of GOD. He longed for all of his children to get right with the LORD and make their life right. I don’t think there was ever a church time that went by that he would say, “Jackie, it’s my church time at Reynolds Fork and I want you to come.” I remember one time I wasn’t going to go, and at the last minute my husband and I decided that we should go. We got there when church had just taken up, so we walked in quietly and sat down. I sat and watched to see if Papaw noticed me and when he did the biggest grin came over his face and he came over to where I was and started telling everyone I was his granddaughter. He was so proud I came to church in his little church house. I’ll tell you Papaw’s church might seem little to some, but to him it was the biggest house on this earth. I would have never guessed in a million years that me showing up in church would have made him so happy. Now all that memory is just a memory. All I can do now is just wonder what it would be like to see him in HEAVEN because I know that’s where he will be waiting for me to show up.

In Papaw’s last days he suffered in pain with his health failing him, but he never once gave up on the LORD. He would say “I pray all night and day for the LORD to give me strength to get better so I

can go on just a little while longer.” But, in the end he was praying for the LORD to take him home to HEAVEN. I know that HEAVEN is where he is. I have asked myself, since his death, was it selfish for me to ask the LORD to just take him home and give him his wings. But, as soon as I saw him in that casket in his Big Church House with that peaceful look, that tells me that my loss was HEAVEN’S gain.

Your Loving Granddaughter, Jackie Seals Jacobs.



## IVON SEALS

With sadness but treasures of memories of a loving husband, Dad and Papaw, we write the obituary of Ivon Seals.

Ivon was born on June 5, 1937, the son of the late Luther Seals and Ethel Combs Seals. He passed from this life on Friday, February 2, 2007, making his

stay here 69 years, 7 months and 28 days.

He met and married the love of his life, Ada Belle McIntosh. They were united in marriage on July 3, 1959 and to this union was born three children.

He became a child of God on June 20, 1999 and a member of Reynolds Fork Church. He loved going to church until he became too ill. On Sunday he would say, “I’m just not able to attend church today.”

He was a retired coal miner and water well driller. His hobbies were fishing, hunting, digging ginseng and spending time with papaw’s boys.

When God called him home he left his little home on Wolf Pen with his wife and children by his side. He left to mourn his passing, his wife, Ada Belle; one son, Jimmy (Vicky) Seals; two daughters, Reva (Tom) Ritchie and Rhena (Byron) Isaac; six grandsons, Travis,

Dylan, Zackary, Johnathan, Jacob and Cody; one brother, Arthur (Ella) Seals; three sisters, Janet Burton, Millicent Seals and Eula (Herman) Perkins; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and dear friends.

We all love and miss him, but take comfort on knowing he is at rest with God. If we follow his footsteps and have faith we too know we will join him someday.

His broken-hearted family.

## **HOWARD GLEN SHEPHERD**

Howard Glen Shepherd was born on November 19, 1938 and departed this world on October 7, 2006 to join his mother, Maggie (Helton) Shepherd and father, Leonard Shepherd in Heaven. He left behind a wife, Jeanette; two sons, Mark Allen and Glen Eddie; three grandchildren; and a host of nephews and nieces.



Glen was born in Letcher County, being the fourth child of seven children. He left behind four brothers, Rudolph, Darrell, Jimmy and Leonard, Jr. and two sisters, Bernice and Sara. Glen spent most of his life living in Harlan County and the last ten years in London, Kentucky. Glen attended the Hurricane Gap Old Regular Church with the rest of his family, while growing up as a child. He always had much love for the old church. His accomplishments in life were very fruitful. He served three years in the army where he was runner up for the world wide boxing team and won many awards on the world wide rifle team. He founded and operated many businesses in Harlan County, the most known was Shepherd Auto Sales. He was Mayor of Cumberland for two terms.

In the last days of Glen's sickness he began to think as the little robin bird, he wanted to come home, to his roots, back to the Old



Regular Baptist Church that stood on the banks of Linefork Creek. He would tell his family that he wanted an old country funeral at the old country church as he often referred to it, the Hurricane Gap Old Regular Baptist Church. Later, Glen wanted to confess and be saved to become a member of that old country church that he loved so much.

Glen wanted Elder Charles Shepherd to come visit and pray with him. He began to feel better and was making plans to be baptized in the Linefork Creek just above where the church is located. His wishes were to be baptized on their next meeting time, which was the Memorial meeting in October, 2006. The Lord had other plans for Glen. He was preparing to hasten his trip to Glory land, mercy, I believe, too much suffering.

With precious memories and a loving heart,  
His brother, Jim, and sister, Sara.

*Growing up with hard work, love, and lots of fun,  
You would have thought he was the chosen son,  
Standing tall and so strong,  
All of us kids could count on him, the middle one.  
When daddy died he took his place.  
Helping Mom to fill us with care and grace.  
How quick we all grow,  
Who would've thought he would be the first to go.*



## **BEATRICE "BEA" SHORT**

It is with deep love and sorrow that I will attempt to write an obituary for my precious aunt, Beatrice "Bea" Short. Aunt Bea was born on Sunday, August 5, 1951 to the late Finley and Cora Caudill Everidge. She passed away on Sunday,

May 26, 2007 at her residence in Blackey, Kentucky, making her stay here on earth 55 years, 9 months and 21 days.

She left to mourn her death one daughter, Bonnie Lee Walters; one granddaughter, Angel Rene Blair; and two grandsons, Dewayne Douglas Blair, Jr. and Johnny Dillon Walters both residing in Blackey, Kentucky. Also surviving are three sisters, Bertha Caudill of Jeremiah, Kentucky, Cynthiana Caudill of Blackey, Kentucky and Darlene Hampton of Blackey, Kentucky; one brother, Delmas Everidge of Letcher, Kentucky; along with a host of nieces, nephews and friends to mourn her passing. Bea was preceded in death by three brothers, Archie Everidge, Bill Everidge and Jackie Everidge. Aunt Bea was a member of the Tolson Creek Old Regular Baptist Church. She was a very special person and will forever have a place in the hearts of all who had the privilege of knowing her.

Written by her niece, Melissa Caudill Ison.

*God looked in his garden  
And found an empty place.  
He then looked down upon the earth  
And saw your tired face.  
He put his arms around you  
And lifted you to rest.  
God's garden must be beautiful  
He only takes the best.  
He knew that you were suffering  
He knew that you were in pain.  
He knew that you would never  
Get well on earth again.  
He saw the road was getting rough  
And the hills were hard to climb,  
So he closed your weary eyelids  
And whispered, "peace be thine."  
It broke our hearts to lose you,  
But, you didn't go alone,  
For part of us went with you,  
The day God called you home.*





## KATHY ANN SLONE

I will try to write the obituary of my little niece, Kathy Ann Francis Slone. She was born to the late Marna and Donald B. Francis on June 15, 1963. She passed away on May 21, 2005.

Kathy was a good-hearted person. She would give you the last thing she

had. She would always try to make the people around her laugh and feel better about themselves. She was a big help to her mommy and daddy in the last days of their life. Kathy's survivors are: two sons, Rolan Slone and Jason Slone; one daughter, Robin Slone; three sisters and one brother; several nieces and nephews, great nieces and nephews; and six uncles and four aunts.

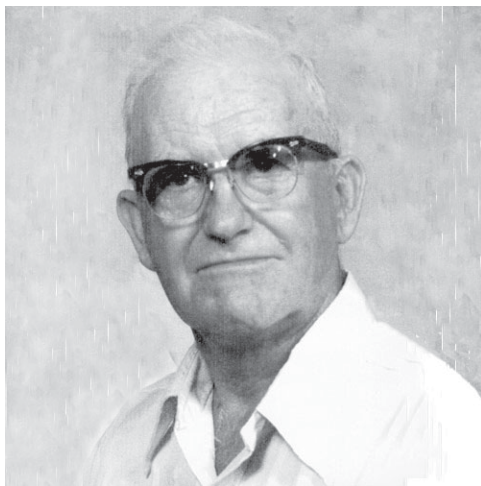
Kathy was a simple-minded person, like a child. I believe she went to rest with her mommy, daddy and her husband, the late Harlen Slone.

I must say to her children that Mommy made her mistakes, but I believe she loved you all. To her brother and sisters, uncles and aunts, and other family and friends... to see her again, you must be born again.

Written by her uncle,  
Keith R. Griffith.

## **ELDER ERNEST SMITH**

On Wednesday, April 9, 1913 the lives of Grover Smith and Rosanna Combs Smith were enlightened by the birth of their son, Ernest. At a young age, he met and married Hattie Terry. Their lives were brightened by the birth of two daughters, Sophia (Burton) Slone and



Brenda (Gardener) Hays; and six sons, Wade, Sonny (Pat), Clyde (Barbara), Don (Wilma), Jimmy (Deborah), and Burnett. Later in life, Ernest lost his wife, Hattie, to death. He then met and married Jeanette.

Ernest was preceded in death by a grandson, Derrick Smith and a great-granddaughter, Karen Slone Engle. He is survived by fifteen grandchildren, twenty six great grandchildren and ten great-great-grandchildren.

Early in life, Ernest felt a tug at his heart's door and saw a need to have God in control of his life. He then invited Jesus in and joined and was baptized into the Ball Fork Old Regular Baptist Church. Ernest felt another tug at his heart when God was calling him to preach the gospel. He later left the Ball Fork Old Regular Baptist Church and came to the Mount Olivet Old Regular Baptist Church where he was the Moderator for several years. Ernest preached the gospel for over 50 years. He truly enjoyed to preach the gospel and to hear his brothers get led out and anointed by the spirit of God. On Sunday, July 22, 2007, an angel was sent to call Brother Ernest home to rest around the alter of God, until the day that all of his children receive a most glorified body likened unto Jesus himself. We say rest on Brother Ernest until the day that we may meet again in Heaven.

Written by: Brother Nelson Craft.



## **FRED M. STILTNER**

Fred M. Stiltner was born on April 3, 1940 and passed away on April 19, 2007, following an extended illness. He was the son of the late David C. and Chloe Slone Stiltner. He was preceded in death by his loving and devoted wife, Lorraine Farmer Stiltner on April 22, 2003 and infant son, Freddie

Stiltner Jr. in November, 1970. He was also preceded in death by two sisters, Gaynell Stiltner and Bonnie Stumbo; and seven brothers, Amos, Ralph, John, Lawrence, Leonard, Harman, and Hassel Stiltner. He is survived by two daughters, Deborah Sue and husband, Johnny Blackburn, of Grundy, Virginia and Zelma Rachel Sykes and fiancé, Gregory Clevinger, of Big Rock, Virginia; one son, Darrell Franklin Stiltner and wife, Vickie Stiltner, of Grundy, Virginia; six sisters, Julie and husband, David Poland, Leon and husband, John Spahr, Alice and husband, Vada Yates, all of Grundy, Virginia, Rachel Clark of Clawson, Michigan, Lucy and husband, Jimmy Dudley, and Brenda and husband, Harley Crawford, of Dickson, Tennessee; one brother, Jack and wife, Linda Stiltner of Bon Aqua, Tennessee; and three grandsons, Justin Lee Stiltner, DeJay Stiltner, and Eric Davis.

Daddy, the home place isn't home anymore with you and Mom gone, but I know the home you are in is far greater than any place here on earth. God only knows how our hearts are broken, but we know your heart was broken when Mom had to leave. Your home felt empty for four years, but I know the night God came for you He gave you happiness again because you and Mom are now together eternally. We love and miss you and Mommy, so go rest high on that mountain, Dad and Mom. I'll pray until the day we'll be together again.

Written by your very sad and loving daughter, Zelma.

*Lean kindly light amid the  
Encircling gloom; lead me on!  
The night is dark, and I am  
Far from home...  
Home is where the heart is.*

To Pa from Eric.

## **ELDER LONNIE THACKER**

Lonnie Thacker was born in Grundy, Virginia on May 29, 1926 to Maxie and Walker Thacker. He remembered hard times, as many of people did in those days, trying to make a living for their families and barely getting by. Of course, good times too when they met together to talk and play.



Lonnie went into the Navy at a young age, but not wanting to stay away from his family, he got out of the Navy when his time for reenlisting came up. He married Melvina Fuller about the time his Navy service was ending.

Lonnie and Melvina went to the Pilgrims Home Church and found a loving circle of friends. They were baptized at the same time and never have regretted the decision they made to live a Christian life in front of the world until Jesus comes.

Written by Melvina Thacker.



## **FLOYD AND LUCY WATTS**

### **Floyd Watts**

On Thursday, June 7, 2007 in the early evening hours, Floyd Watts was called home to be with his Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. The Lord blessed us to share his life and love for 92 good and fruitful years.

Floyd was born on March 19, 1915 to Eli and Polly Ann Campbell Watts on Line Fork. He was one of ten children born to this union: Belva Watts Blair, Callie Watts, Lora Watts Adams, George Watts, Ritter Watts Fields, Vina Sargent, Squire Watts, Green Watts, Johnny Watts and Fult Watts. All are deceased except Uncle Johnny.

He served his country in the United States Army for a period of eight years. He was wounded during World War II when a piece of shrapnel hit him in the lower back while helping carry another wounded soldier to the medics. He was proud of the military and his country. He never missed an opportunity to vote and would stay up late to see who won the election. He never bad-mouthed a president even though he may not have agreed with him. He also respected local government just as much.

After returning home from the war, he met and fell in love with Lucy Watts whom he married on August 8, 1946. They shared sixty one years together. To this union, they were blessed with six children, all girls: Christine (Robert) Banks of Heath, Ohio, Chrittie Beever (Howard) of Homer, Ohio, Helen Henry (Greg) of Newark, Ohio, Ora Harris (Thomas) of Martinsburg, Ohio, and Frances Woodruff (Larry) Columbus, Ohio. Also, twelve grandchildren and eleven great grandchildren survive. One daughter, Lora, a grandson, Bradley Joe and a great grandchild, Janet, preceded him in death.

Floyd, as husband and father, holds a special place in all our hearts. The morals and values taught to us by his example are innumerable.

Most of his life was spent working in the dirt, raising food to put on the table for us to eat. We had the necessities of life, but no frills. We grew up totally self-supporting. We had our own cow for milk and hogs, chickens, squirrel and rabbit were our meat supply. Our table mostly consisted of fresh fruits and vegetables grown by our father's hard working hands and God's blessing. We were never allowed to waste anything and were always told to clean our places and reminded that there were other people in the world who were starving. He taught us to love others and to put other people before ourselves. Our dad lived through the depression and knew the meaning of having little or nothing. He was never big on wearing suits and getting dressed up. He was happy to have two outfits of clothing, one to wear and another to wash or mend.

Words can't explain the love that Dad had for his friends, neighbors and family. He never held a grudge or bad feelings toward anyone. He was always ready to forgive and forget. Just a few hours before leaving us, he was blessed to have visitors at the hospital. Even in his last moments on earth he was more concerned about the comfort and well being of others than himself, offering them a place to sit. We all gathered around his bedside, held his hands and loved him, with tears in our eyes, as we watched him go ever so peacefully. The scriptures teach us that to be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord and we are very grateful that our Dad made the decision to follow Christ and leave us with the peace of knowing someday we will see him again.

Floyd made the greatest decision of his life when he gave his life to Christ on the fourth Saturday of March, 1985. He became a member of Cedar Grove Baptist Church, Line Fork, Kentucky. He was a faithful member as long as he was able to attend.

Floyd, husband, father, grandfather, great grandfather, brother, uncle, friend and neighbor, your memory fills our souls. We are grateful for the love and friendship, you have bestowed upon us. We remember the days when your tender love watched over us like a guardian angel.

The thought of you inspired us to a life of virtue. The bond which unites our soul can never be severed; your image shall live within our hearts forever. When the pilgrimage on earth is over and we shall

arrive at His throne of mercy, may our merciful Father reward thee for the faithfulness and kindness you have shown us! And may He grant thee eternal peace.

In loving memory, Lucy and family.

### **Lucy Watts**

Lucy Watts was born on September 8, 1929 to the late Steve and Vina Caudill Watts of Hallie, Kentucky. She was one of seven children born to this union: Ora Watts Whitaker, Jack Watts, Lassie Watts Burchfield, George B. Watts, Bonnell Watts and Earl Watts (deceased).

Lucy was married to the late Floyd Watts on August 8, 1946. God blessed this union with six girls: Christine (Robert) Banks of Heath, Ohio, Chrattie (Howard) Beever, of Homer, Ohio, Helen (Gregory) Henry of Newark, Ohio, Ora (Thomas) Harris of Martinsburg, Ohio, Lora (Joseph) Fouts, deceased, and Frances (Lawrence) Wodruff of Columbus, Ohio.

Lucy accepted Christ, was baptized and became an active member of Cedar Grove Regular Baptist Church. One of her greatest joys in life was going to church on Sundays and worshiping with her Christian brothers and sisters. She was very strong in her faith, as it was seen in the eyes of her children as she faced many trials.

She loved each of us in her own separate way. If one was ill or going through a difficult time, she would pour out her love on that child. She encouraged us and talked to us about the Savior that she knew. She taught us to live by God's laws. When we broke the guidelines she set before us... as a child we were spanked and as an adult we were sternly reminded to do the right thing. We grew up loving and respecting her deeply.

She took great comfort in watching as her prayers were answered and she saw her children, one-by-one, follow in her footsteps and accept Christ as their Savior. Just this year, the last one made that decision and came forward.

Our family circle has been broken, but only for a short while. One day soon... out of the dust and into the clouds... she will ascend. We will meet her again, never to part.

We thank our Lord for blessing us with a wonderful Mother. She



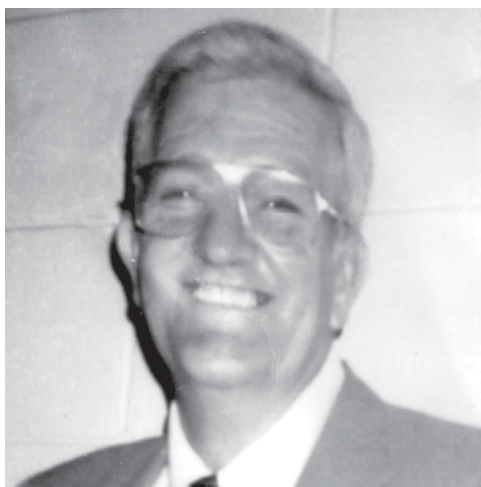
was a great wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister, aunt and friend. She spent her life working and pouring out her love for others.

*God saw that she was tired,  
A cure was not meant to be,  
So He put his arms around her,  
And whispered, "Come with me,"  
With tearful eyes, we watched her suffer,  
And saw her fade away,  
Although we love her dearly,  
We could not make her stay,  
A golden heart stopped beating,  
Hard working hands laid to rest,  
God broke our hearts to prove to us,  
That He only takes the best.*

Submitted by Lucy's children.

## **SHELBY GENE WATTS**

Shelby Gene Watts was born on October 6, 1940. He was the eighth child of Goebel and Georgeann Watts of Hallie, Kentucky. There he grew to manhood. He attended school at Cedar Grove Grade School and Letcher High School. He received his college degree from Cumberland College.



In 1966 he fell in love and married Doris Ann Watts. They resided at Hallie for forty years.

He began his career in education as a teacher, and later as the principal at Campbell's Branch Elementary. There he stayed for forty years. He was there from the opening until the closing of the school, at which time he retired and then enjoyed many years of farming with his brother, Curtis, and brother-in-law, Robert (Bear) Watts.



Shelby and Doris were blessed to have one son, Timothy Gene. Shelby was the kind of father that God wanted Tim to have. No man ever loved his child more. He was always there when Tim needed him, and Tim appreciated the love and guidance he received as shown in words written on a bookmark that he gave to his dad and that Shelby kept in his Bible. The words of the poem by Robin Fogle are:

*I want to thank you, Dad,  
For all you've done throughout the years,  
How you guided me through childhood  
And helped me face my fears.  
No matter how life changes  
And no matter what I do,  
I'll always thank the Lord  
For the Dad I've found in you.*

Shelby was saved and joined the church in October, 1997. He became a member of the Cedar Grove Regular Baptist Church. Since that time he faithfully served the Lord and now he has gone home.

On the afternoon of Tuesday, September 26, 2006, being the age of 65 years, 11 months, and 20 days, Shelby knew the secret of death. He was freed that he might reach the mountain top and stand before the King in eternal glory.

Shelby is survived by his wife, Doris; one son, Timothy Gene Watts of Hallie, Kentucky; four brothers, Ruben Watts and Bernard Watts of Blackey, Kentucky, Curtis Watts of Hallie, Kentucky, and Franklin Watts of Alexandria, Kentucky; three sisters: Lorene Caudill of Georgetown, Kentucky, Mae Williams of Blackey, Kentucky, and Mary Blair of Troy, Ohio. Shelby is also survived by Tim's girlfriend, Stella Wolfe, and Stella's children, Marquala (Duck) and Terry (Bub) Wolfe whom he cherished and loved so much.

Shelby will be remembered as a devoted educator, who did so much for so many. He leaves for us loving memories of a good and gentle God-fearing man. Memories that will, in days to come, sustain us and help heal the pain of the grief that surrounds us with such magnitude today.

Living on the memories you've left behind gives us great consolation all the time for you are missed in so many ways. We will be glad to see you on that great day.

Submitted by your loving family.

## RELL WEST

It is with much sadness that I will try to write this obituary because of my love for him, and that I feel unworthy to do so for such a humble man.

Rell West was given to his parents, Cleve West and Cora West (Goff), on August 21, 1923, a precious gift from God. He had five



brothers: Junior Cleve West, James West, Herman West, Howard West and Perry West. He also had eight sisters: Ruby McKinney, Edna Akers, Cora Kinney, Elzia Coleman, Lacy Smith, Gracie Wilkinson, Lilly Cunningham and Edith West.

Rell was married to Margaret Louisa West (Coleman) on January 30, 1962 and God gave them three children, one son, Ricky West of Williams Hollow in Pikeville; and two daughters, Shirley Young of Williams Hollow in Pikeville and Carol Hamilton of Island Creek in Pikeville. They were also blessed with several grand children, Rickey's daughter, Kristy West; Shirley's daughters, Kayla Young and Katie Young; and Carol's children, one son, Kenneth Williams and two daughters, Ashley Williams and Angie Parson. Also, one great-grandchild, Siearra Parsons, and he also treated Taylor George the same as his great grandchild with his wonderful way of showing love.

He considered all of his family both natural and his church family, each and every one, a special gift from God.

Rell worked hard all of his life and earned his living as a coal truck driver and a coal miner retiring from Lawson Branch Coal Company in 1973. He talked to me one night recently as he looked back over his life. He said that he believed that every place he ever worked would have said he done a good job. Also, although I never heard him speak of it, his brothers and sisters said he took care of them when times were hard, and if not for his generosity and hard work

they would have probably have went hungry many times.

He joined the church on October 10, 1959 and was baptized by Brother Bud Coleman and Brother Johnnie Thacker on October 11 at the Little Dove Church on Coon Creek and later moved his letter to the Frozen Creek Old Regular Baptist in 1965 where it still remains today.

Rell's life was his family and his brothers and sisters from church. His eyes and face would light up when he talked about them or was just able to hear news from them or a phone call. His conversation was of the Lord and loved to be at or hear about good news of a good old fashion spiritual meeting. He was steadfast in his faith and showed love to everyone he met.

As wonderful as he would light up for everyone, he still kept a little something special for his grandchildren and great grandchildren. He always kept a little something to give them, candy, cake or gum, but one of the best things that touched me every time I saw it was when one of them would give him a hug and he would say "That's the best hug I have had today and when the next would hug him, he would say that's the second best hug I have had today," and so on with the next. He done this not to show a difference, but to show each one he loved them the same.

Rell had to retire in 1973 from his natural job, but he continued to work serving the Lord through going to church, visiting the sick and good conversations about the Lord. He continued until his last breath even in his last hours he was asking about others that he knew was sick.

The Lord gave Rell a wonderful gift of humbleness and love that he used by the grace of God to touch the lives of everyone that knew him.

Rell went home to Heaven on March 6, 2007 and will be deeply missed by all. We thank you for allowing us to be a part of your life and your works live on. To any that has or will take notice, you left behind a road map that leads to Heaven. So in closing, I believe Brother Rell would want to say, if you want to do anything for me come see me in my new home, Heaven!!

I love you, Brother Rell,  
Danny Hamilton.

## **ROBERT ELLIS WHITAKER**

His name was Robert Ellis Whitaker, born on January 13, 1934 to Rufus and Crissie Whitaker. He was a husband, a father, a grandfather, a great grandfather, an uncle, a brother, a son, a friend and a Christian who has now gone home to be with Jesus. On December



6, 2006, after 72 years, his time on earth came to an end and his time in eternity began. He was a man who set an example of what a Christian should be, he loved. He loved his wife of 52 years, Wanda Kathryn Whitaker. He loved his daughter, Pamela Jo and sons, Robert Dwayne and Donald Ray. He loved his grandchildren and great grandchildren. He loved family and friends. He loved all the brothers and sisters of the Old Regular Baptist Church and those he came in contact with.

He was a man that people sought advice from. A man that was a hero to many. His determination and smiling face was always a welcome sight and an inspiration. His legacy will live on through the many family and friends whose lives were touched by this man.

Perfect? No, but he sought the one who was perfect. He received the gift that God had for him and encouraged many others to receive the same gift that God has for them. I know that the desire that this man, Robert Whitaker, had would be that those he loved, family, friends and all mankind, to seek Jesus while he may be found.

Written by his son, Donald Whitaker.



## COLEEN WRIGHT

Coleen Wright passed away on Wednesday, June 27, 2007 at her residence at Jenkins, Ky. Coleen was the daughter of the late Monroe and Mattie Hall Blair. She was born on March 4, 1925, being 82 years, 3 months and 23 days of age at the time of her passing. Coleen was the widow of John

Wright. She was a member of the Blair Branch Old Regular Baptist Church.

Surviving Coleen are four sons: Johnny Douglas Wright (Shirley) of Taylor, Michigan, James "Butch" Wright (Bonnie) of Deane, Ky., Jerome Scott Wright (Judy) of Grand Rivers, Ky., and Jett Lindsey Wright of Nashville, Tennessee; three daughters: Tommi Sue Bassett (Bob) of Mt. Sterling, Ky., Pat Brown (Dennis) of Whitesburg, Ky., and Theresa Warf (Bobby) of Jenkins, Ky; one brother: Dale Blair (Jane) of Barlow; two sisters: Jestead Adams of McKenzie, Tennessee and Mary Brown (John) of Detroit, Michigan; nineteen grandchildren and twenty eight great grandchildren along with a host of other relatives and friends to mourn her passing. Coleen was preceeded in death by twin sons: Arnold Dale and Martin Gale.

*A death has occurred  
And everything is changed  
By this event,  
We are painfully aware that life  
Can never be the same again  
That yesterday is over,  
That relationships once rich  
Have ended,  
But there is another way  
To look upon this truth.  
If life went on the same  
Without the presence of*

*The one who has died,  
We could only conclude  
That the life we here remember  
Made no contribution,  
Filled no space, meant nothing.  
The fact that this individual  
Left behind a place  
That cannot be filled  
Is a high tribute  
To this individual  
Life can be the same  
After a trinket has been lost,  
But never after  
The loss of a treasure.*

## **DELZA YOUNG AND EULANDA FELTNER YOUNG**

My grandparents, Delza Young and Eulanda Feltner Young, were born on October 27, 1918 and raised on Lotts Creek, Kentucky, where they both lived until their deaths. Granny and Pa joined Clear Fork Church and were both baptized on



their birthday, October 27, 1989. My grandmother, or Granny as we called her was raised in the head of Clear Fork, and Pa as we called him, was raised in the head of Young's Fork.

Granny went to school at Cordia, but attended high school in Hindman. After high school, she went to Lee's College for two years then on to Eastern Kentucky University, but then it was only a state college, where she earned her Bachelors degree.

Pa went to school at Cordia as well, but said back then he had to walk along the creek and without transportation it was a long way. Pa only went to school through the eighth grade before he quit and

started working in the coal mines. Although he had little schooling, no one that knew my Pa, Delza Young, could say he was “not smart”. Pa was only uneducated in some “school book” areas.

Both living on Lotts Creek, Granny went to work teaching school and Pa went to work farming. Their world had already encountered one war and was embarking on another.

Pa was the eldest male child in his family and was drafted to fight for our great country, where we’re all free to choose. Men like him are the reason you and I have all the privileges and freedoms that we enjoy each and every day.

As a kid I can remember asking Granny how she and Pa met. (Granny was always modest and humble when she talked about herself and pa). But, I remember the story well. She said, “Well back then teachers registered men for the draft and Pa was in my line. I asked him for his name and then his birth date.” He said, “October 27, 1918” and I said, “Huh, that’s my birthday, too!” “And I thought he was a right handsome man and the rest is history.” And history it was, right up to the end, their 60 years together ended on June 1, 2005, just one month and 20 days shy of their sixty first wedding anniversary.

Granny and Pa were married on July 20, 1944. Pa was in the war during the first part of their marriage, and Granny said that she lived with her daddy and taught school, waiting for Pa to come home. I can remember Granny telling me that back then men had to send most of their money they earned during the war back home, so Pa sent it to her, keeping a little here and there. She said enough to buy candy and cigarettes. Pa eventually gave up the cigarettes, but not the candy, he would eat candy when he would eat nothing else. Even up until his death on May 16, 2006, sugar coated orange slices and snickers were his favorite.

Pa did keep enough for other things, too. He did bring Granny home a string of pearls from Paris, France and perfume, which my mother has today.

When Pa returned home, he said he got off the train in Owensboro, Kentucky and rode a bus to Duane. Pa said he got off the bus and started walking toward Clear Fork to see Granny. By chance, Granny’s sister and her husband happened to be in Duane and they gave him a



ride home. I can remember asking Granny why she wasn't at the bus stop, thinking modernly instead of how times were in the 1940's. Granny said that back then she only received a letter from him saying he was coming home – not saying when.

When Pa came home she said she was glad to see him. I remember her saying that Pa told her they had to find a place to live. Granny said she told Pa to wait right there and she came back with a jar full of money she had kept hidden in the warm house. It was every penny he had sent her when he was in the war. Granny had saved it all, when I asked her what Pa thought, she said he was surprised. They took that money and bought the place where they lived until they died. My family still lives there today.

Delza and Eulanda became mommy and daddy on October 16, 1948; they had one child, Anna Jeannette. I remember asking Granny one day why they only had one child and she said, "Because that's all there ever was." I knew what she meant; one was all the Lord blessed them with. And, knowing how special my mother is and seeing what good care she took of them, she would have been a hard act to follow. Sometimes we wonder, but eventually God's plan becomes crystal clear.

Delza and Eulanda became Granny and Pa on December 22, 1970, when my brother, Sean, was born, then again on June 22, 1974 when my sister and I were born.

I'm all grown up now, 33 years old to be exact, and being a State Trooper for 11 years I see the danger in almost everything. When I was little, times were simpler, nobody thought about vehicle dangers, especially when we piled in the car and our seats consisted of Granny's lap. We, my brother, my sister and I have rode thousands of miles on her lap. Granny couldn't drive much so Mom was her transportation. Mom took granny everywhere usually with us kids in tow. It was like we had two mothers, I know we loved her like a mother.

Granny and Pa became great grandparents on October 13, 1998, when my son, Ronnie, was born. Granny waited patiently and anxiously for his arrival. When I was a young trooper I had to work and live in Harlan for three years, but came home to see my family every week. My son was born in Harlan and before I had him I was big—gained 62 pounds. I remember after I had Ronnie and had lost the



baby weight, Granny would laugh and remind me of how much I ate when I visited. She always used to say I could eat nine ears of corn and a bundle of fodder. She never said that while I was pregnant for fear of hurting my feelings.

She had been a Granny for nearly 29 years, but when my son's third word was Nan, she quickly became Nannie. Since he called her Nannie the rest of us had to change to Nannie, too! She petted him rotten, just like she did me, my brother and my sister. She became Nanny for a second time on July 10, 2003, when my son, Brayden, was born. Brayden loved Nanny, too, but Pa Delza, as he called him was his pick. And that tickled Granny too death. My son inherited his love of candy, he will eat candy when he will eat nothing else. After Granny was gone and Pa was so sick, Brayden would always go get candy or ice cream and would bring one for Pa and you guessed it- Pa always ate it. He loved Pa Delza and Pa Delza loved him.

Pa became a great grandpa for the third time on September 2, 2005. Granny passed away three months before Katlyn Suzanne was born. She does have Granny's name sake – Suzanne, after Eulanda Sue. That little girl doesn't know it yet, but she has some big shoes to fill.

Granny and Pa loved us all the same and we loved them, too! We miss them greatly, I remember saying to Granny on her death bed, that I love her so much and I would miss her so much, saying all this while crying. I also remember telling her that, good Lord willing, it would be a long time before I saw her again and she said something to me that I will never forget and brings everything into perspective. She said, "Sissy don't cry for me, I'll be alright, the time we spend here on earth is a short time compared to eternity we will spend together in Heaven," and she told me she'd see me on the other side.

Delza and Eulanda Young were two wonderful people that worked hard all their lives in their commitments to each other; their commitments to work and especially their commitments to God. They were both wonderful people and I'm proud to have had the privilege to call them Granny and Pa, we love and miss them greatly.

## ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. We believe in the one true and living God, and notwithstanding there are Three that bear record in Heaven, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, yet there is but one in substance, equal in power and glory, not to be divided and impossible to change in principle and practice.
2. We believe the Old and New Testament Scriptures are the true written words of God and were given by inspiration of God and there is a sufficiency in them contained for our instruction and they are the only rule of our faith and practice.
3. We believe the doctrine of original sin, and that man sinned since the fall, and that men are by nature the children of wrath.
4. We believe in the impotency or inability of men to recover themselves out of the state they are in; therefore, a Savior is absolutely needed.
5. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God only by 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.

## CHURCH LETTER

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

Dear Brethren:

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

### DELEGATES

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

### ALTERNATES

4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_

Dear Brethren, receive our letter and these Brethren to sit with you in all your advisory councils. May the Lord bless you in all your work. We are at peace among ourselves. The state of the church is as follows:

### ORDAINED MINISTERS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Phone Number</u>
Eld. _____	_____	_____
Eld. _____	_____	_____
Eld. _____	_____	_____
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Eld. _____	_____	_____

## LIBERATED BRETHREN

Name

Address

Phone Number

Bro. \_\_\_\_\_

Bro. \_\_\_\_\_

Bro. \_\_\_\_\_

Bro. \_\_\_\_\_

Bro. \_\_\_\_\_

Received by: Experience and Baptism \_\_\_\_\_; Letter \_\_\_\_\_;

Restored \_\_\_\_\_; Recommendation \_\_\_\_\_; Dismissed by

Letter \_\_\_\_\_; Died \_\_\_\_\_; Excluded \_\_\_\_\_;

Membership \_\_\_\_\_; Meeting Time: \_\_\_\_\_ Saturday and

Sunday of each month; Money sent: \_\_\_\_\_.

Appointed Meeting Time: \_\_\_\_\_.

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

Done and signed by order of the church:

Elder \_\_\_\_\_, Moderator

Brother \_\_\_\_\_, Clerk

Clerk's Address: \_\_\_\_\_

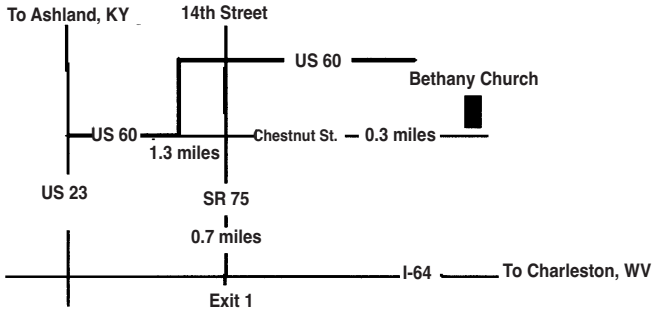
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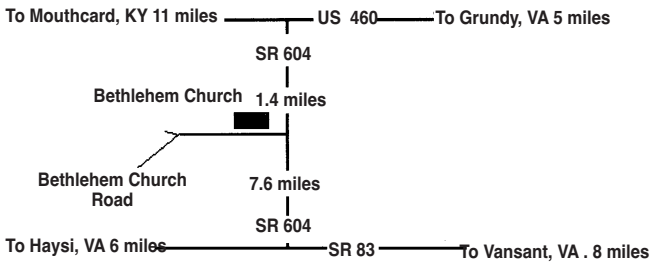


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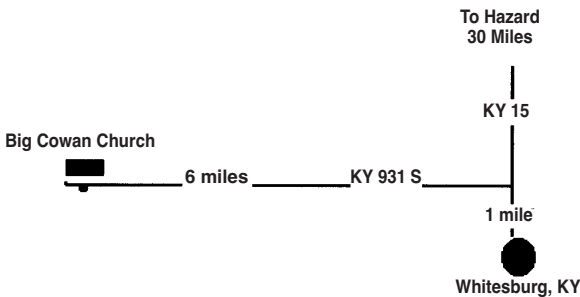
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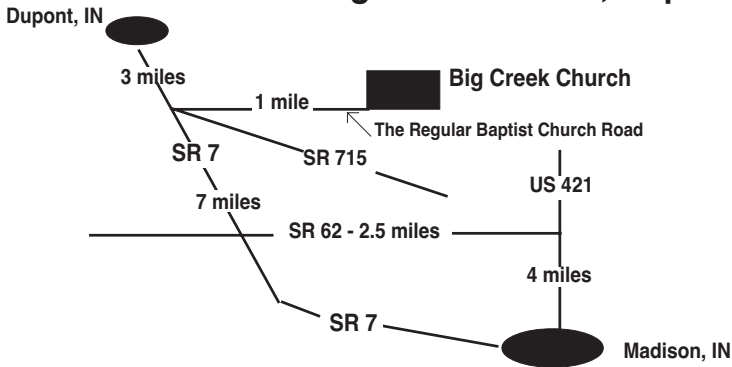


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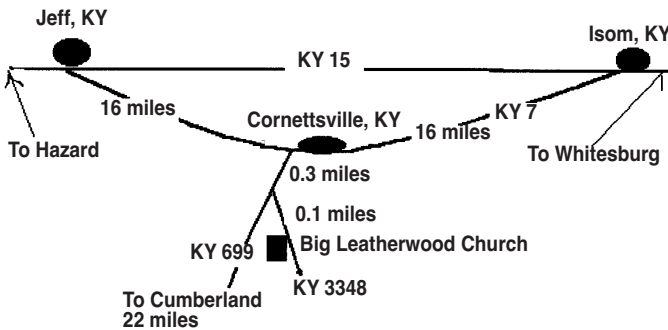


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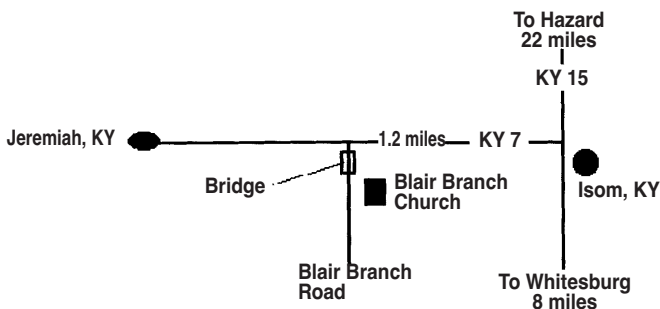
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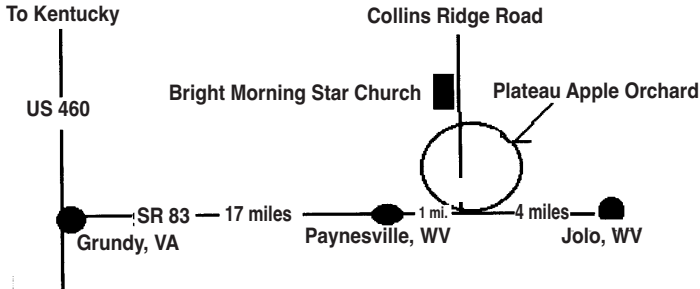


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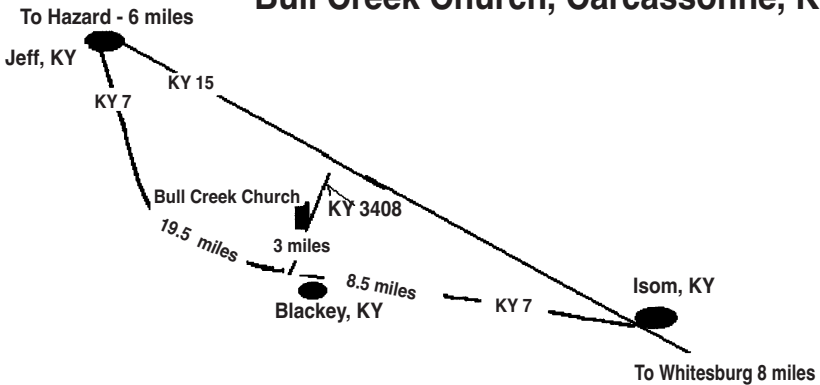


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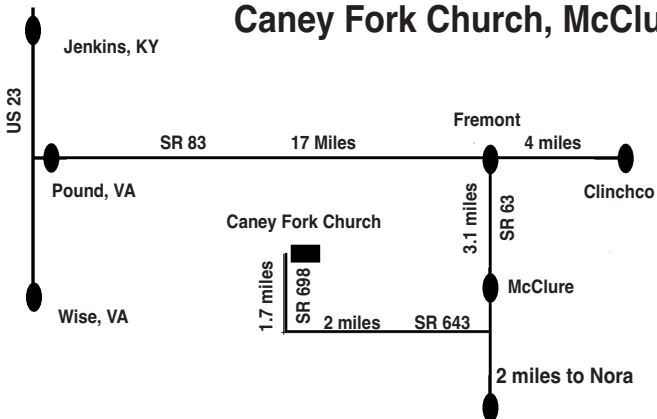
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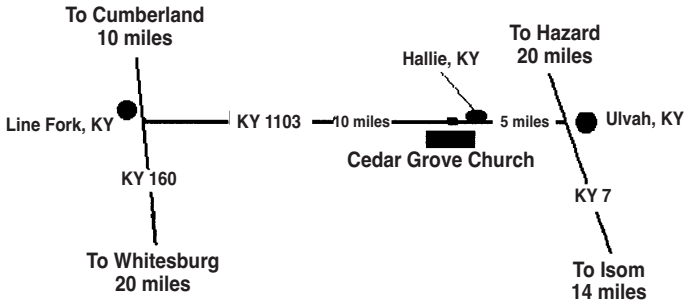


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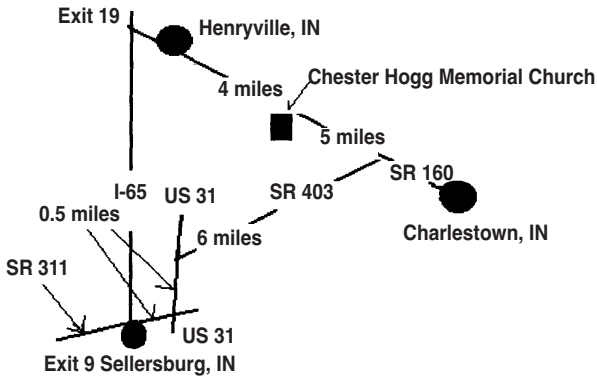


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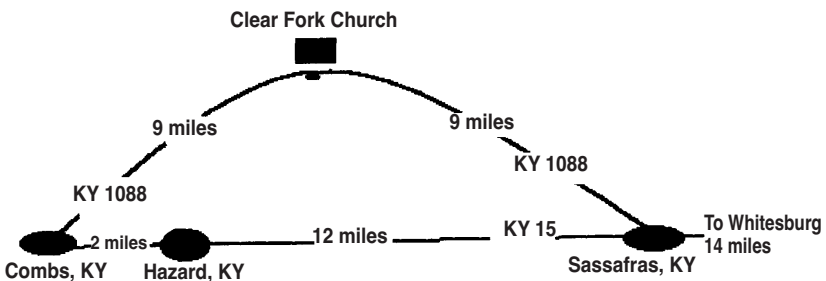
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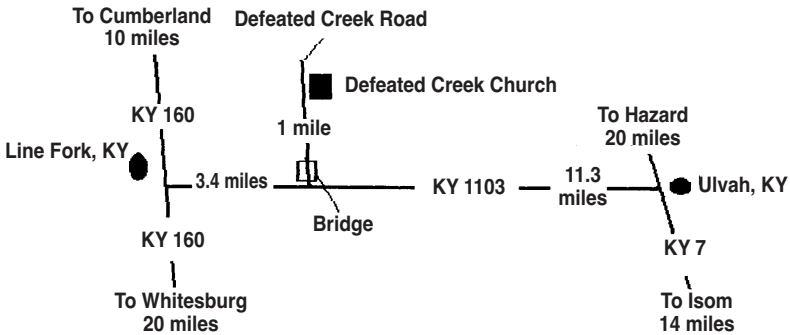


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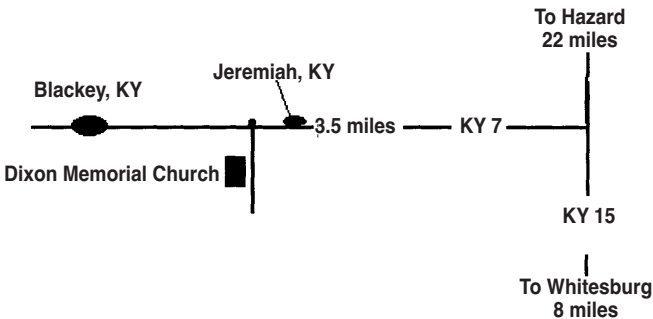


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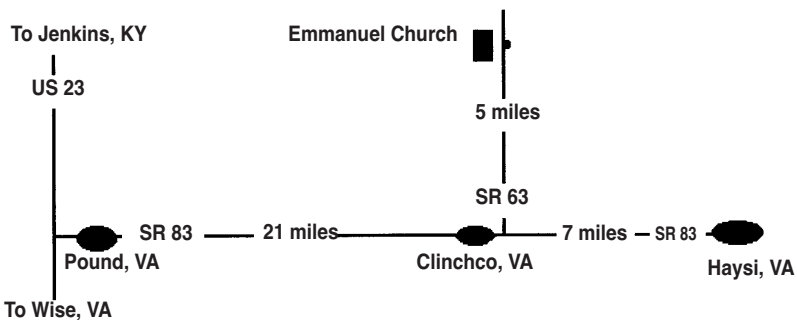
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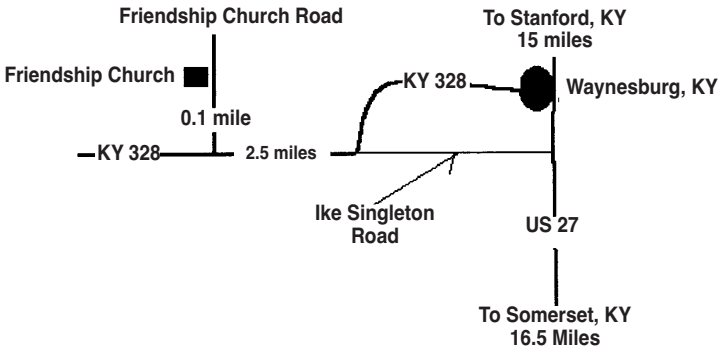


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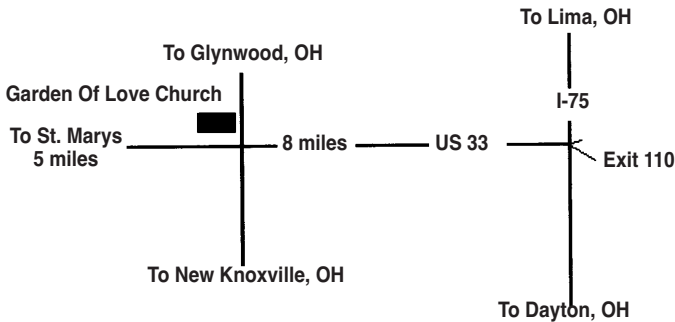


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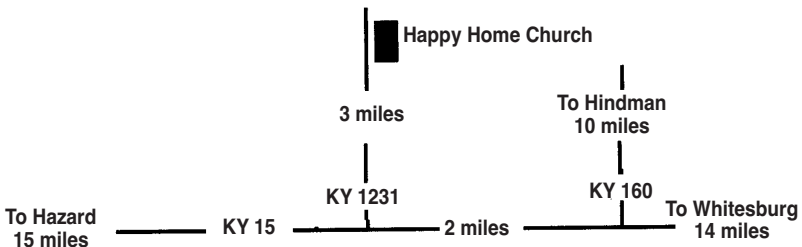
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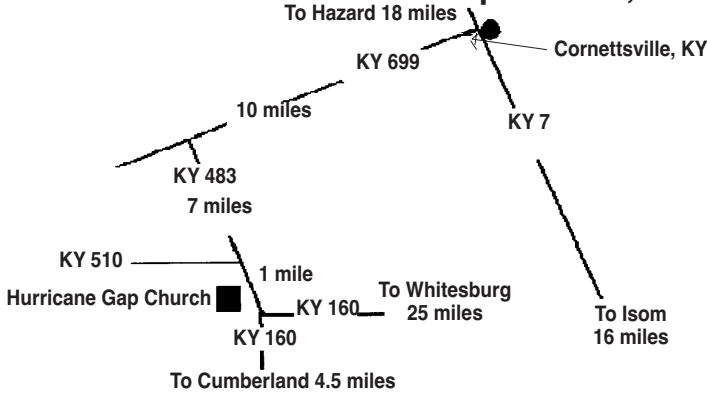


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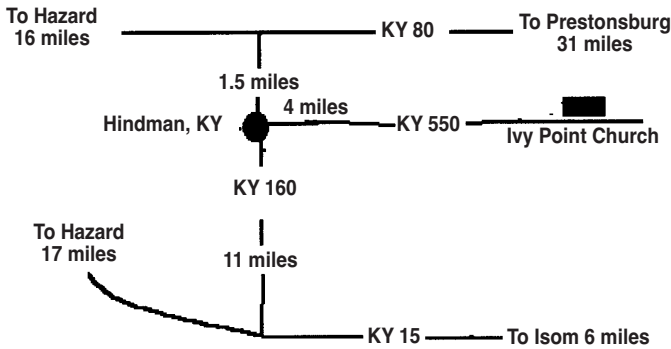


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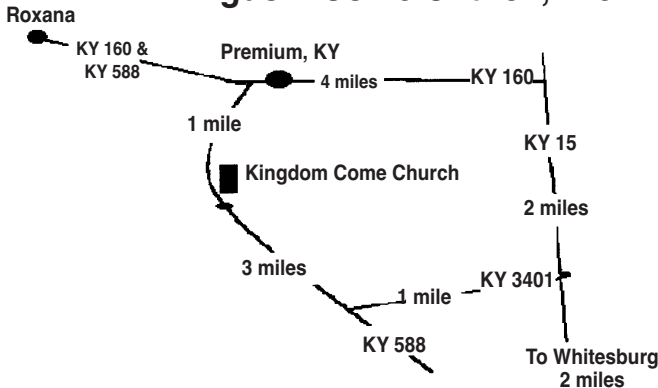
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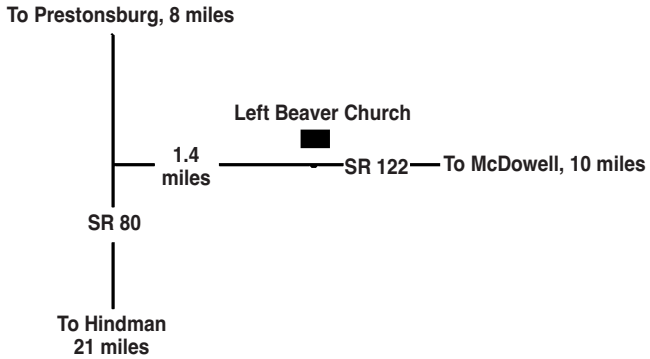


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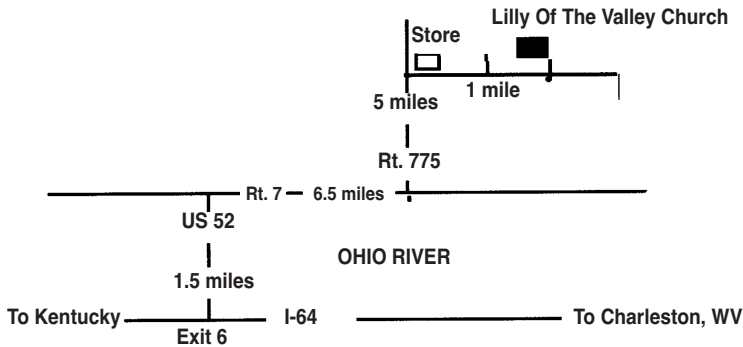


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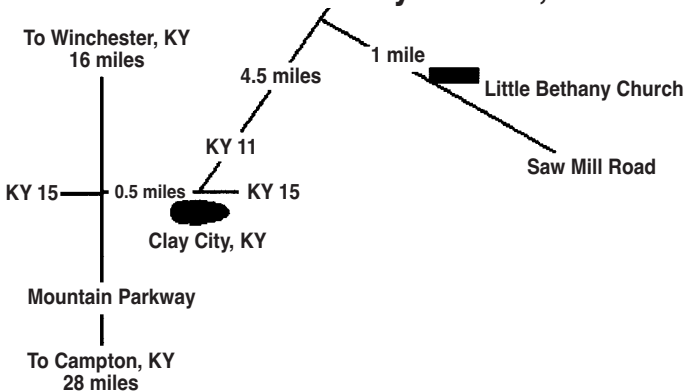
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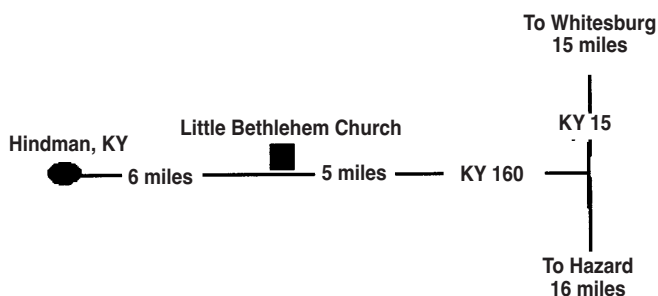
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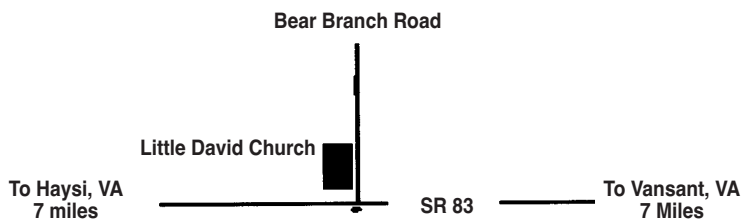


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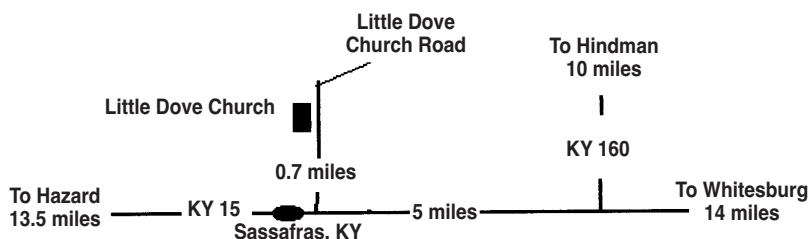
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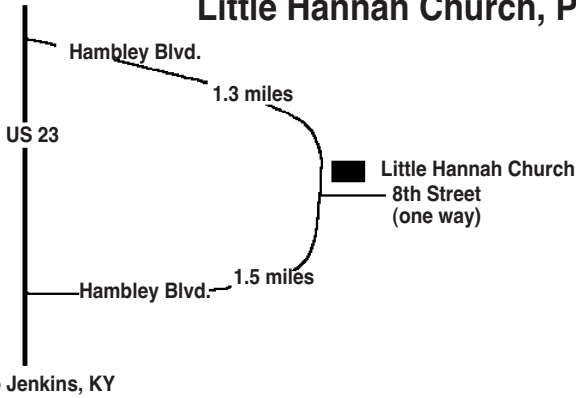
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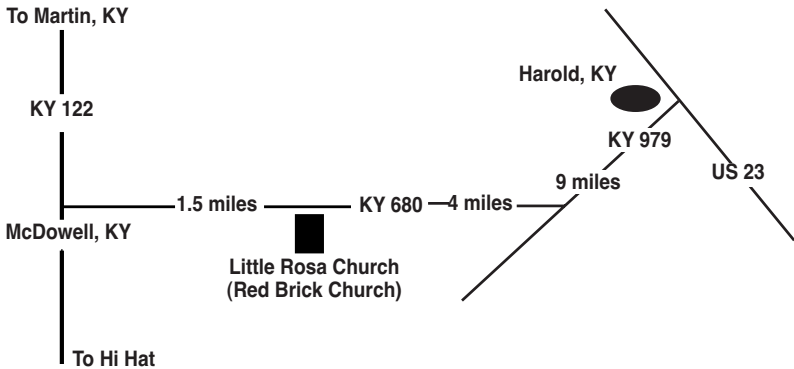
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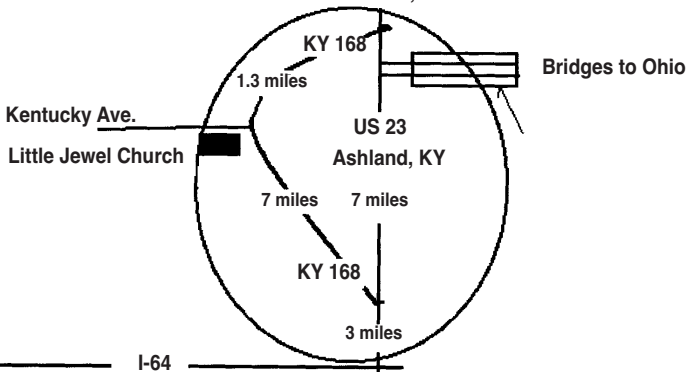


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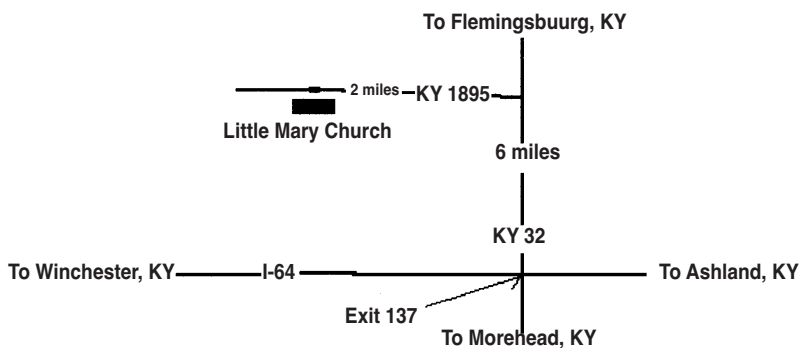
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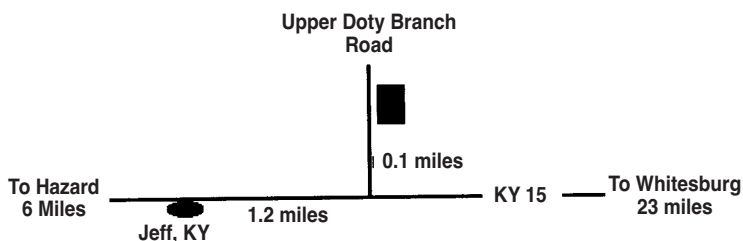


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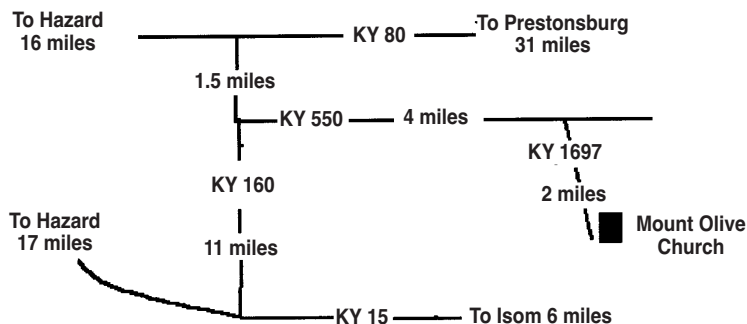
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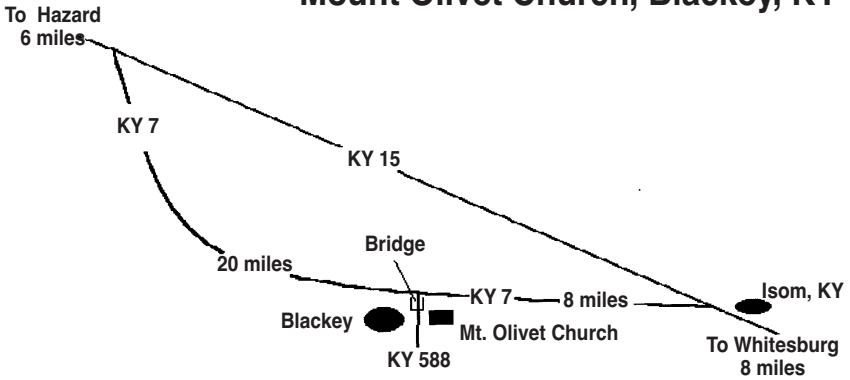


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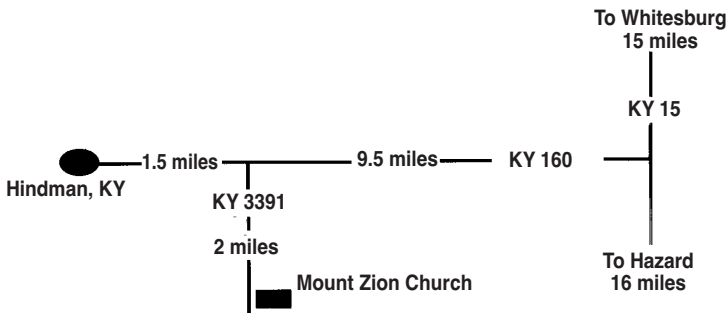


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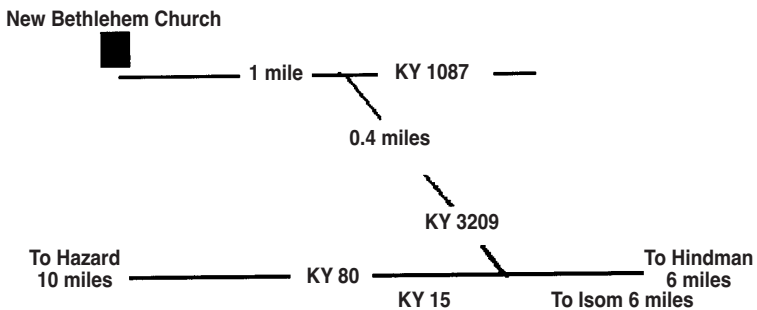
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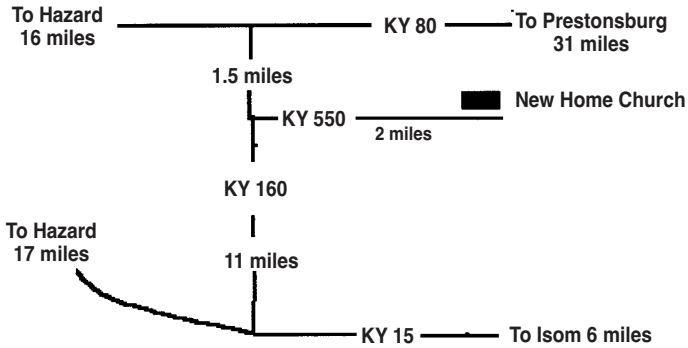


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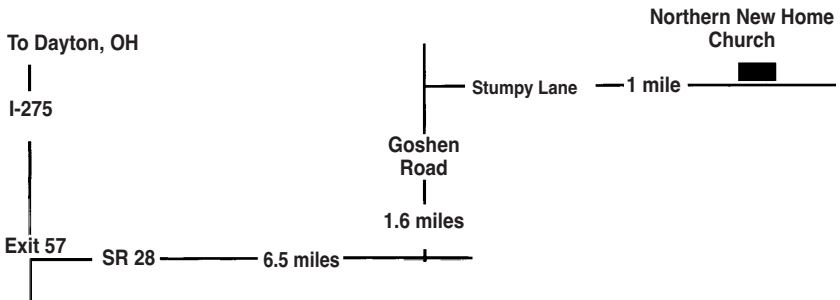


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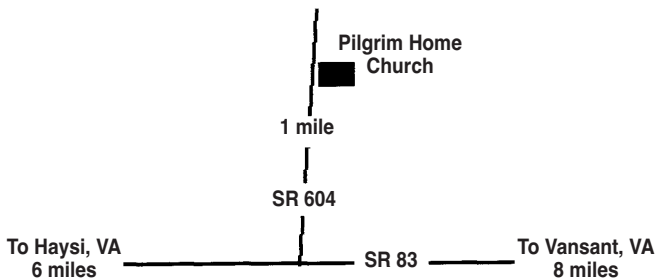
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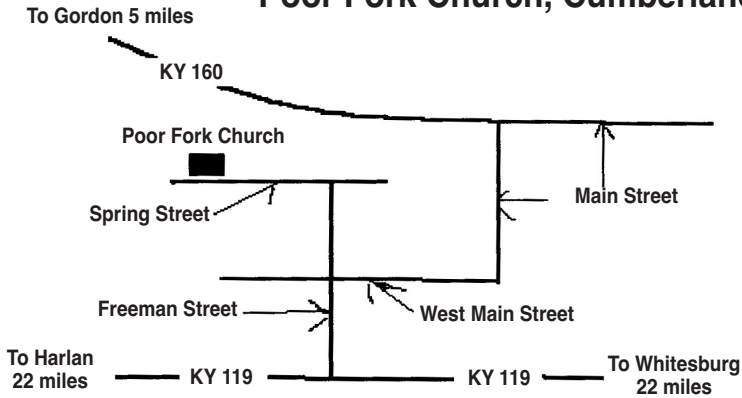


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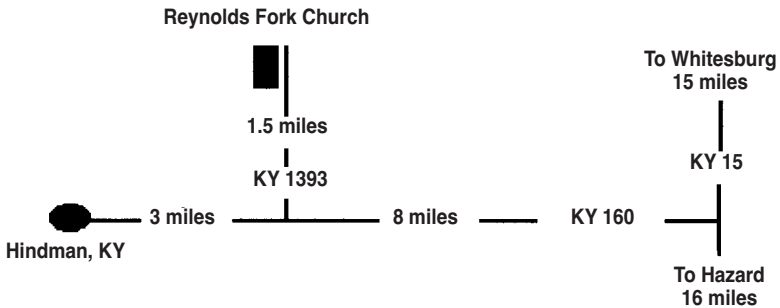


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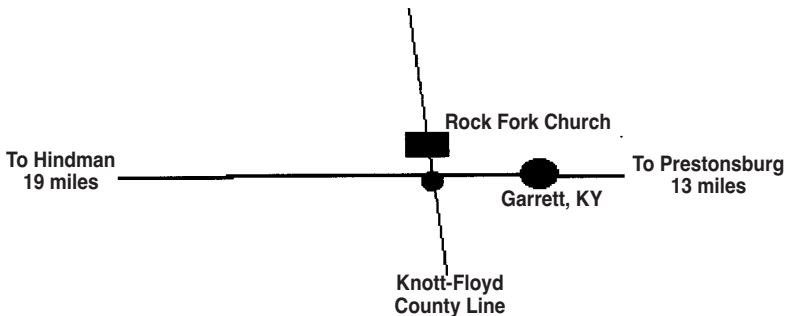
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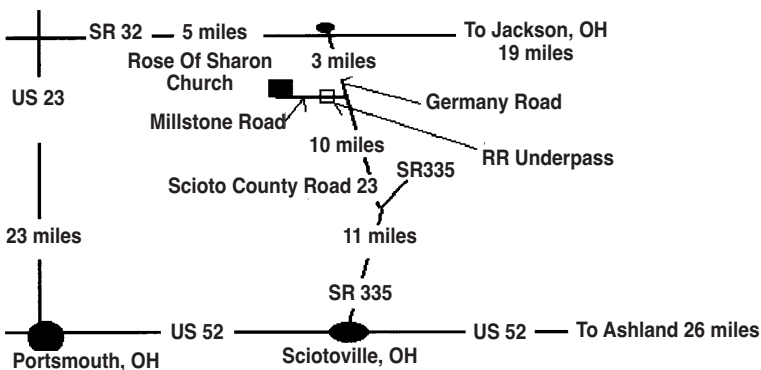


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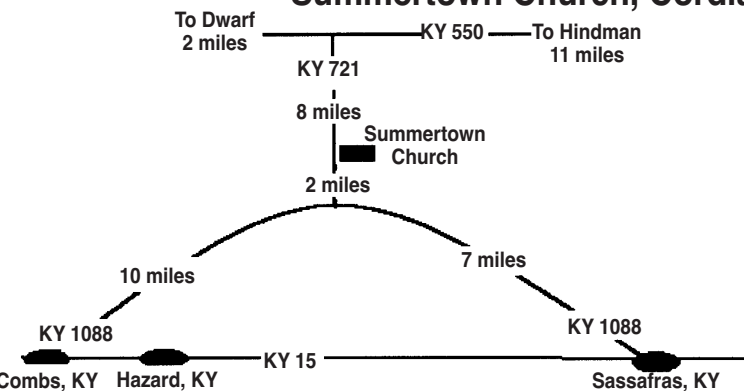


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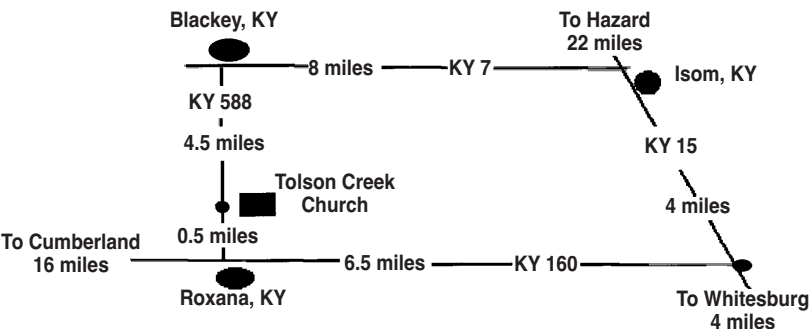
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