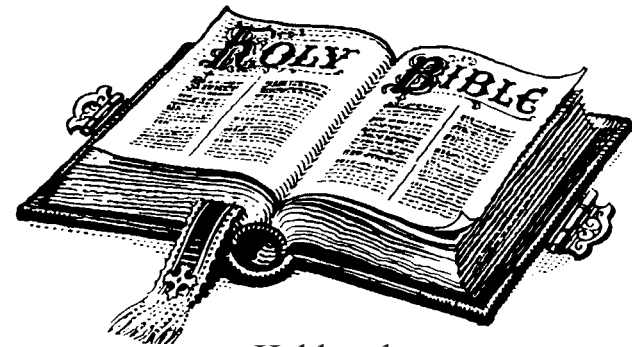


Minutes of the
One Hundred and Thirteenth
Annual Session of the

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



Held at the
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Sassafras, Knott County, Kentucky
September 5,6,7, 2008

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Co-Hosted By: Hurricane Gap Church

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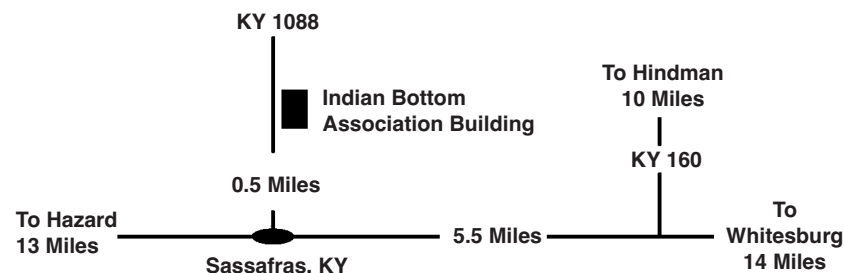


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A TRIBUTE TO OUR DECEASED MINISTER



Elder Tommy Hagerman



Elder Euel Ratliff

The voices of Elders Tommy Hagerman and Euel Ratliff 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 it. They fought a good fight; they finished their course; they kept the faith; they have gone to receive their reward, a crown of righteousness and a home in Heaven.

**MINUTES OF THE
ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTEENTH
ANNUAL SESSION OF THE
INDIAN BOTTOM ASSOCIATION OF
OLD REGULAR BAPTIST CHURCHES
OF JESUS CHRIST
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2008 AND
THE TWO FOLLOWING DAYS**

The Indian Bottom Association, being in session, assembled at our association building at Sassafras, Knott County, Kentucky, on September 5, 2008 and the two following days. Hosted by the Blair Branch Church and co-hosted by the Hurricane Gap Church, 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 Elder Roger Gibson to introduce the service and lead in prayer. Elder Robert Combs followed with the introductory sermon. The delegates were dismissed from the congregational department and asked to assemble in the delegate room. Brothers Howard Owens, Carl Slone, Eddie Newsome and Greg Lewis 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 Brother Feldon Ruggles, Jr. to introduce the session and Brother Doug Gibson 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 Rick Whitaker, Joe Steely, and Harlan Eldridge. 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 Blair Branch Church. The letter was read by the clerk. By a move and second, with no objection, it was received, along with the other church letters, as they were in regular form. A letter was not received from the Lily of the Valley

Church. 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: Wayne Smith, H.B. Reedy, Jr. and Freddy Watts.)

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. None responded.
7. A move and second, with no objection, was made to omit the reading of the Articles of Faith, the Constitution and the Rules of Decorum. All were directed to be printed in the minutes.
8. The moderator called for transient members and ministers and the following responded: Elder H.B. Reedy, Jr.
9. The Committee on Ministry made the following report for preaching services:

Friday afternoon: Brothers Terry Bryant and Eugene Thacker.
Saturday morning: Brothers Alonzo Mosley, Danny Dixon,
Jim Blankenship and Roy Slone.

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, was made for the Committee on Arrangements to meet on Friday afternoon at 1:00 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 1:00 p.m. on Friday afternoon in the congregational department of the association building. After singing, Elder Terry Bryant introduced the service and led in prayer. Elder Eugene Thacker then preached, after which the committee arranged the work for Saturday. Elder David Jent 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 Ronnie Robinson to introduce the session and Elder Hershall (Jimmy) Hall to lead in prayer.

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

3. The ministers chosen to preach on the stand were excused to go to the congregational department of the association building.
4. The Committee on Finance reported a sum of \$9,253.00 collected from the various churches. By a move and second, with no objection, the report was received and the committee discharged.
5. By a move and second, with no objection, the minutes of this session of the association were ordered to be printed. The clerk is to be secretary/treasurer and will decide how many copies to have printed and distributed to each church, according to the amount of money collected.
6. 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.
7. The circular letter was read by Elder Howard Owens, who had been chosen last year to write a circular letter for approval by the association this year. By a move and second, with no objection, the letter was received and ordered to be printed in the minutes.
8. A. The Committee on Ministry, being the same as on Friday, chose the following ministers to preach on Sunday, to wit: Brothers Bill Halcomb, Ellis Adams, Eddie Newsome, Bobby Amburgey, and Elwood Cornett.

B. The Committee on Ministry chose Elder H.B. Reedy, Jr. to preach the introductory sermon for the 2009 session and Elder Robert Holcomb to be the alternate.

C. The Committee on Ministry chose Elder Gary Mosley to write a circular letter for consideration for approval next year.
9. By a move and second, with no objection, obituaries are to be printed in the minutes. Obituaries may be given to the clerks at any time during the year. They are to be typed and may be on

paper, a computer disk/CD (MS Word) or emailed to the clerks.

10. 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 (9/1/07) \$1057.84

Collections:

Church Contributions \$9,626.00

Interest \$9.60

Total in treasury \$10,693.44

Expenses:

Printing 3,394 Minutes \$9,400.00

Safety deposit box \$50.00

Typing for Minutes. \$100.00

Total expenses..... \$9,550.00

Balance in treasury (9/6/08) \$1,143.44

11. 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 (8/31/07) \$894.82

Collections:

Church contributions \$11,025.00

Elevator donations \$8,285.00

Donations \$7,350.94

Odd Sunday \$1,886.00

Concessions \$200.00

Total in treasury \$28,746.94

Expenses:

Loan \$18,000.00

Insurance \$1,257.83

Elevator expenses	\$2,009.66
Utilities	\$2,077.18
Labor.	\$640.00
Stamps	\$24.60
Total expenses	\$24,009.27
Balance in treasury (9/3/08)	\$5,632.49
Amount owed on elevator loan	\$7,000.00

12. Elder Elwood Cornett, our moderator, appointed the following brothers to serve another year as the Committee on Council. These brothers are: Terry Bryant, Harvey Creech, Emory Caudill, Ronnie Robinson, Nelson Craft, Roy Slone and Elwood Cornett.
13. Elder Elwood Cornett reported that the Association did not receive a church letter from the Lily of the Valley Church. The clerk read a letter from the Lily of the Valley Church stating that the church was withdrawing from the Indian Bottom Association. By a move and second, with no objection, the Lily of the Valley Church was dropped from the list of Indian Bottom Association churches. By a move and second, with no objection, the names of the ministers of the Lily of the Valley Church, James Slone, Mike Smallwood and Clifford Hughes, were removed from the list of Indian Bottom Association ministers. By a move and second, with no objection, it was agreed to receive members of the Lily of the Valley Church desiring membership into Indian Bottom Association churches by recommendation.
14. The request from the Cedar Grove Church to host the 2009 Association and the requests from the Big Leatherwood and New Home Churches to co-host the 2009 Association were read and the requests were granted by a move and second, with no objection.
15. The request from the Reynolds Fork Church to remove Paul M. Watson's 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 Reynolds Fork Church to change their Saturday meeting time from 9:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. was read. By a move and second, with no objection, the request was granted.
17. The request from the Dixon Memorial Church to change their Saturday meeting time from 9:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. was read. By a move and second, with no objection, the request was granted.
18. The request from the Kingdom Come Church to change their memorial meeting time to the first Sunday in June and their union meeting time to the first weekend in May was read. By a move and second, with no objection, the request was granted.
19. The request from the Summertown Church to change their Saturday meeting time from 5:30 p.m. to 10:00 a.m. was read. By a move and second, with no objection, the request was granted.
20. The request from the Emmanuel Church to remove Freddie Ramey's name from the list of ministers was read. By a move and second, with no objection, the request was granted.
21. The request from the Bethlehem Church to remove Billy Campbell's name from the list of ministers was read. By a move and second, with no objection, the request was granted.
22. The request from the Pilgrim's Home Church to remove Arnold Deel's name from the list of ministers was read. By a move and second, with no objection, the request was granted.
23. The request from the Bethany Church to remove Woodrow Tackett's name from the list of ministers was read. By a move and second, with no objection, the request was granted.
24. By a move and second, with no objection, the clerks were directed to write a tribute to the deceased ministers of the Indian Bottom Association.

25. By a move and second, with no objection, the clerks were directed to write a resolution of appreciation to the Blair Branch and Hurricane Gap Churches for hosting the 2008 session of the Indian Bottom Association.
26. There was a move and second, with no objection, to have services at the association building on the following odd-Sundays: November 30, February 1, May 31 and August 30; and at 6:30 p.m. on the Friday night of the Association.
27. By a move and second, with no objection, the reading of the minutes of the 2008 session of the Indian Bottom Association was omitted and ordered to be printed in the 2008 minute book.
28. By a move and second, with no objection, we adjourned until the 2009 session of the Indian Bottom Association convenes on September 4, 2009. The moderator called on Elder Jim Fields to make the closing remarks and Elder Don Pratt to lead in prayer.

SUNDAY

On this final day of the one hundred and thirteenth session of the Indian Bottom Association, a large congregation of brothers, sisters and friends gathered to worship God. After singing some old songs of Zion, Elder Elwood Cornett, the moderator, welcomed the congregation. Elder James Caudill began to rejoice, to shout and to give glory to God for His blessings. Many other voices were also raised in shouting and praising the goodness of the Lord. Elder Elwood then called upon Elder Bill Halcomb to introduce the service and lead in prayer. He was followed by Elders Ellis Adams, Eddie Newsome, James Caudill and Bob Amburgey. Elder Elwood Cornett then came forth and preached, bringing the meeting to a close. As we lifted our voices in a closing hymn, "Dear Friends Farewell", there was much shouting and rejoicing in the spirit of the Lord. Elder Emory Caudill led in a prayer of dismissal, thus ending the 2008 session of the Indian Bottom Association.

RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION TO HOST CHURCHES

We, the Indian Bottom Association, wish to express our heartfelt appreciation to the Blair Branch and Hurricane Gap Churches for hosting the 2008 session of our association. The building was clean and ready, and your constant efforts during the time of the Association were a labor of love. The sisters did a wonderful job with preparing and serving the food. 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 her grandchildren for providing snacks and hot coffee in the concession stand. May God bless you for your labors.

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

Dearly Beloved Brothers and Sisters of the Indian Bottom Association: Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

It is with much fear and with much praying for the Lord's guidance that I attempt to write this letter for I know that I am weak and, in myself, can do nothing. Acts 17:28 says that, "in Him we live, and move and have our being"

Brothers and Sisters, I love our old-time way. I believe that the Indian Bottom Association is on the old path. Let us continue in the way of the Lord. Galatians 6:9 says, "let us not be weary in well doing, for in due season we shall reap if we faint not."

Brothers and Sisters, I pray that we maintain our zeal for Christ and let our light shine so that this sinful and adulterous world will glorify God and repent of their sins and become born again. I love to see born again Christians go down to the water and be buried in baptism just as our Savior did. As He said in Matthew 3:15, "for thus it becometh us to fulfill all righteousness."

Let us encourage water baptism as does Scripture and not to discourage by preaching it isn't necessary.

Acts 10:46,47,48, "Then answered Peter, Can any man forbid water, that these should not be baptized, which have received the Holy Ghost as well as we? And he commanded them to be baptized."

Paul told Timothy to make full proof of his doctrine. While we, by the word of God, encourage water baptism for God's Children, if they follow Christ in baptism, I believe it will add joy and blessings to their salvation.

Brothers and Sisters, let us continue on that old path and grow. 2 Peter 1:5,6,7 says, "Add to your faith virtue and to virtue knowledge; and to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience Godliness; and to Godliness brotherly kindness, and brotherly kindness charity. For if these things be in you and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. But he that lacketh these things is blind, and cannot see afar off, and hath forgotten that he was purged from his old sins."

So, Brother and Sisters, in closing so that this letter isn't too lengthy, let us encourage each other to be diligent to make our calling and election sure. And I thank God that He is able to keep that, that I have committed unto Him.

May God Bless Us All.
Your Brother in Christ,
Elder Howard Owens

DELEGATES TO THE 2008 ASSOCIATION

Cedar Grove – Zennith Ison, Ken Watts, Bob Ison

New Home – Ronnie Robinson, Lowell Shepherd, Harvey Amburgey

Defeated Creek – Keith Smith, Albert Wilder, Matt Combs

Reynolds Fork – Nelson Craft, David Hayes, James Amburgey

Bull Creek – Truman Jent, David Jent, Earl Combs

Ivy Point – Alonzo Mosley, Johnny Slone

Little Dove – Danny Amburgey, Phillip Mullins, Merle Caudill

Tolson Creek – Greg Banks, Marshall Roark, Phillip Combs

Dixon Memorial – Alan Whitaker, Homer Smith, Roger Whitaker

Big Creek – Douglas Gibson, Blain Ison

Happy Home – Alger Mullins, Duane Hall, David Smith

New Bethlehem – Carl Slone, Mickey Amburgey, Timothy Ritchie

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

Northern New Home – Harry Francis, Frank Copley, Bobby Hogg

Blair Branch – Jerry Adams, Ellis Adams, Rodney Ison

Mount Olivet – Curtis Caudill, Oliver Mullins, Randy Blair

Little Zion – Kenny Oliver, Roger Gibson, Ross Wright

Hurricane Gap – Charles O. Shepherd, Charles T. Shepherd,
Jimmy Ray Bailey

Kingdom Come – George Roark, Walter Caudill, Roger Fields

Poor Fork – Harvey Creech, Robert Holcomb, Joe Steely

Big Cowan – Charles Raleigh, David Cornett

Little Mary – John Bowling, Ronnie Little, Coy Tolliver

Mount Zion – Earl Mosley, Carl Mosley

Friendship – Harlan Eldridge, Marvin Caudill, James Osborne

Little Bethlehem – Bob Amburgey, Keith Mullins, John Reedy

Little Bethany – Hurley Short, Hershell Short, Jack Isaac

Garden of Love – Don Francis, Scott Mosley, Michael Everage

Rock Fork – Earl Slone, Daryl Slone, Arlie Jackson

Summertown – Bob Combs, Howard Owens, Sim Shepherd

Emmanuel – Eddie Newsome, David O’Quinn, Tony Yates

Little Hannah – Jimmy Hall, Bennie Roberts, Bob Sparks

Bethlehem – Walter Sheets, James Stump, Jim Blankenship

Bethany – Charles Craft, Harvey Ross, Jr., Fred Ross

Little David – Bill Stacy, Inard Anderson, Frank Newsome

Big Leatherwood – Delmer Cornett, Asbel Shepherd,
Jimmy Amburgey

Mount Olive – Freddy Compton, Eugene Thacker, Roy Slone

Chester Hogg Memorial – Michael Bowen, James Everage,
Clayton Hensley

Bright Morning Star – Michael Hagerman, Willard Hicks

Pilgrims Home – Dewayne Belcher, Arnold Bailey, Leo Bailey

Rose of Sharon – Layton Phipps, James Webb, Jr.

Little Jewell – Terry Bryant, John Fortner, Larry Conley

Caney Fork – Rodney O’Quinn, Estil Stiltner, Kyle Carty

Little Rosa – Jimmy Hall, Lawrence Hicks, C.J. Caudill

Left Beaver – Frank Adkins, Gary Compton, Darrell Bates

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Eld. Steve Hagerman	Bright Morning Star Church	304-967-6138
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Eld. Virgil Halcomb	Cedar Grove Church	Not Listed
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Eld. Jimmy W. Hall	Little Hannah Church	606-639-6558
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Bro. Danny Hamilton	Little Hannah Church	606-437-5036
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Eld. Willard Hicks	Bright Morning Star Church	304-967-7073
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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
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
Bro. Northern Smallwood	Little Bethany Church	260-499-4667
Bro. David Smith	Little Dove Church	606-791-0075
Eld. Homer Smith	Dixon Memorial Church	606-633-0281
Eld. Tim Smith	Garden of Love Church	419-604-3784
Eld. Wayne Smith	Blair Branch Church	606-633-7855
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. Eugene Thacker	Mt. Olive Church	606-785-0784
Bro. Coy Tolliver	Little Mary Church	606-768-9014
Eld. Jack Varney	Northern New Home Church	513-575-4256
Bro. Corey Watson	Reynolds Fork Church	606-785-5928
Eld. Paul Watson	Friendship Church	859-332-9064
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

Meetings:

Union meeting: First Saturday and Sunday in May.

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

Communion: First Sunday in June.

Ministers called: Lonnie Gregory, Euel Debord,
John Bowling.

Memorial: First Sunday in October, 2009.

Ministers called: Milburn Slone, John Bowling, Daryl Slone.

Ministers called for various meetings:

January: Terry Bryant, Elwood Cornett,
Ronnie Little.

February: Feldon Ruggles, Jr., Greg Lewis.

March: Milburn Slone, Hurley Short.

April: Coy Tolliver, Jim Fields.

July: Gary Compton, John P. Church.

August: Marty Slone, Earl Mosley.

September, 2009: Roger Gibson, Layton Phipps,
James Webb, Jr.

Bethany Church... (continued)

November, 2009: Greg Lewis.

December, 2009: Bill Halcomb, Charles Craft,
Ronnie Little.

BETHLEHEM CHURCH

Rt. 604, Poplar Creek, Grundy, VA

Moderator:

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

Clerk:

James Stump
3053 Poplar Creek Rd.
Grundy, VA 24614
Phone: 276-935-8251

Regular Meeting Time: Third Saturday and Sunday.

Ministers:

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

Meetings:

Union meeting: Third Saturday and Sunday in June.

Ministers called: Ronnie Robinson, Terry Bryant,
Merle Caudill, Jimmy Hall (Little Hannah).

Communion: Third Sunday in July.

Ministers called: Elwood Cornett, David O'Quinn,
Eddie Newsome, Squire Watts.

Memorial: Third Sunday in August.

Ministers called: Harvey Creech, Frank Newsome,
Jim Fields, James McClanahan,
C. Paul McClanahan.

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
Phone: 606-634-8970

Regular Meeting Time: Fourth Saturday and Sunday.

Ministers:

Eld. Freddy Frazier
107 Woodside Dr.
Whitesburg, KY 41858

Meetings:

Union meeting: Fourth Saturday and Sunday in April.

Ministers called: Robert Holcomb, Wayne Smith,
Roger Gibson, David Jent, Merle Caudill,
Roy Slone, Elwood Cornett,
Emory Caudill.

Communion: Fourth Sunday in July.

Memorial: Fourth Sunday in September, 2009.

Ministers called: Roy Slone, Robert Holcomb, David Jent,
Jim Blankenship, Merle Caudill,
Howard Owens, Wayne Smith.

BIG CREEK CHURCH

Highway 7, Dupont, IN

Moderator:

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

Clerk:

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

Regular Meeting Time: Fourth Saturday and Sunday.

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

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 25 at 6:00 p.m.:

James Everage, Terry Bryant,
John Bowling, Feldon Ruggles, Jr.

Friday, June 26 at 6:00 p.m.:

Bill Halcomb, Jack Varney,
Ray Williamson, Layton Phipps.

Saturday and Sunday:

Roy Slone, Don Pratt, Dean Jacobs,
Alger Mullins, Duane Hall.

Communion: Fourth Sunday in July.

Memorial: Fourth Sunday in August.

Ministers called: Jim Fields, Lonnie Gregory,
home ministers.

Big Creek Church... (continued)

Ministers called for various meetings:

April: Jimmy Hall (Little Hannah), Gary Mosley.

May: Howard Owens.

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.

Meetings:

Union meeting: Third Saturday and Sunday in June.

Ministers called: Elwood Cornett, Howard Owens,
Johnny Fields, Roger Gibson, Squire Watts.

Communion: Third Sunday in August.

Memorial: Third Sunday in May.

Ministers called: Harvey Creech, Merle Caudill,
James Caudill, Jim Fields, Danny Dixon.

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.

Blair Branch Church... (continued)

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

Meetings:

Union meeting: Third Saturday and Sunday in April.
Ministers called: Toby Breeding, Ronnie Robinson,
Alonzo Mosley, Jim Fields, Carl Slone.
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.

Bright Morning Star Church... (continued)

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

Ministers:

Eld. Michael Hagerman
HC 61, Box 59B
Paynesville, WV 24873
Phone: 304-967-7665

Eld. Steve Hagerman
P.O. Box 447
Jolo, WV 24850
Phone: 304-967-6138

Eld. Willard Hicks
Paynesville, WV
Phone: 304-967-7073

Meetings:

Union meeting: First Saturday and Sunday in April.
Ministers called: Larry Branham, Theodore Looney,
Arnold Bailey, Jerry Newsome.

Communion: First Sunday in May.

Memorial: First Sunday in June.

Ministers called: Toby Bailey, David O'Quinn,
Jim Blankenship.

Hagerman Cemetery Memorial meeting:

First Sunday in July at 11:00 am.

Powell Cemetery Memorial meeting:

Second Sunday in August at 11:00 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.

Bull Creek Church... (continued)

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 Branch Rd.
Hallie, KY 41821
Phone: 606-633-4200

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, Ross Wright,
Elwood Cornett, Jim Fields,
Robert Holcomb, Howard Owens.

Communion: Third Sunday in August.

Memorial: Third Sunday in June.

Bull Creek Church... (continued)

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. Jerry Newsome
P.O. Box 250
Haysi, VA 24256
Phone: 276-865-5363

Clerk:

Randy Looney
245 Liza Flts.
Haysi, VA 24256
Phone: 276-835-7013

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 250
Haysi, VA 24256
Phone: 276-865-5363

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

Meetings:

Union meeting: First Saturday and Sunday in July.
Ministers called: Eddie Newsome, Jim Fields,
David O'Quinn, Elwood Cornett,
Roger Gibson, Freddy Compton.
Communion: First Sunday in August.

Caney Fork Church... (continued)

Memorial: First Sunday in June.

Ministers called: Squire Watts, Terry Bryant, Ellis Adams,
Alonzo Mosley, Feldon Ruggles, Jr.

CEDAR GROVE CHURCH

Highway 1103, Hallie, KY

Moderator:

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

Clerk:

Randy Campbell
40 Windmill Acres
Blackey, KY 41804
Phone: 606-633-0529

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
371 Perkins Branch
Jeremiah, KY 41826
Phone: 606-633-4401

Bro. Bill Johnson
1222 Left Fk. Long Fk.
Virgie, KY 41572
Phone: 606-639-6662

Cedar Grove Church... (continued)

Meetings:

Union meeting: Fourth Saturday and Sunday in June.

Ministers called: Eddie Newsome, Jimmy Hall (Little Rosa),
Daryl Slone, Lonnie Gregory,
Ronnie Robinson.

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: Harvey Creech, Robert Holcomb,
David Jent, Jim Fields, H.B. Reedy, Jr.

Communion: First Sunday in June.

Memorial: First Sunday in May.

Ministers called: Doug Gibson, 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:

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

Meetings:

Union meeting: First Saturday and Sunday in June.

Ministers called: Roy Slone, Nelson Craft,
Jenning Ritchie, Allan Whitaker.

Communion: First Sunday in July.

Memorial: First Sunday in October, 2009.

Ministers called: Robert Combs, Howard Owens,
Jim Fields, Daryl Slone.

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, Bill Johnson,
Ellis Adams, Bill Halcomb, Danny Dixon.

Communion: Second Sunday in August.

Memorial: Second Sunday in July.

Ministers called: David Jent, Emory Caudill, Harvey Creech,
Squire Watts, Toby Breeding.

DIXON MEMORIAL CHURCH

Highway 7, Jeremiah, KY

Moderator:

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

Clerk:

Relon Hampton
1700 Johnson Fork
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
1700 Johnson Fork
Premium, KY 41845
Phone: 606-632-3081

Dixon Memorial Church... (continued)

Meetings:

Union meeting: Fourth Saturday and Sunday in June.

Ministers called: All of the same faith and order.

Communion: Fourth Sunday in July.

Memorial: Fourth Sunday in September, 2009.

Ministers called: All of the same faith and order.

Memorial at Dixon, Back & Smith Cemetery:

Fourth Sunday in May.

Memorial at Henry Adams and Johnny Blair Cemetery:

First Sunday in September.

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

Eld. Eddie Newsome

677 Viers Ridge Rd.

Birchleaf, VA 24220

Phone: 276-865-4410

Eld. David O'Quinn

3461 Big Ridge Rd.

Clintwood, VA 24228

Phone: 276-835-1761

Emmanuel Church... (continued)

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

Bro. Columbus Fleming
4155 Old Greenbrier Rd.
Haysi, VA 24256
Phone: 276-597-7097

Bro. Tony Yates
1801 Old Greenbrier Rd.
Haysi, VA 24256
Phone: 276-597-8290

Meetings:

Union meeting: Second Saturday and Sunday in May.

Ministers called: Terry Bryant, Jim Blankenship,
Frank Newsome, Jerry Newsome.

Communion: Second Sunday in June.

Memorial: Second Sunday in July.

Ministers called: Greg Lewis, Toby Bailey,
Harvey Creech, Feldon Ruggles, Jr.

FRIENDSHIP CHURCH

Ike Singleton Road, Waynesburg, KY

Moderator:

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

Clerk:

Marvin Caudill
P.O. Box 254
Nancy, KY 42544
Phone: 270-866-7631

Regular Meeting Time: Third Saturday and Sunday.

Appointed Meeting Time: First Saturday at 10:00 a.m.

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.

February: Terry Bryant.

March: Coy Tolliver.

April: Jim Fields, Howard Owens.

July: James Caudill, Bill Halcomb.

August: Merle Caudill, Ellis Adams.

September, 2009: Harvey Creech, Johnny Fields,
Jimmy Hall (Little Hannah).

October, 2009: Ross Wright, Doug Gibson.

November, 2009: Mickey Amburgey,
Milburn Slone.

December, 2009: Hurley Short, 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

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: 419-296-6202

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: Daryl Slone, Coy Tolliver, Eual Debord.

Communion: Third Sunday in June.

Memorial: Third Sunday in September, 2009.

Ministers called: L.D. Mosley, H.B. Reedy, Jr.,
Ronnie Robinson.

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

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, Bobby Amburgey,
Elwood Cornett, Ray Williamson,
Hurley Short, David Smith.

Communion: First Sunday in July.

Memorial: First Sunday in May.

Ministers called: Don Pratt, 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
456 Hwy. 463
Gordon, KY 41819
Phone: 606-589-5458

Hurricane Gap Church... (continued)

Regular Meeting Time: Third Saturday and Sunday.

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

Wednesday 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

Bro. Jennings Ritchie

290 Francis Hollow

Brinkley, KY 41822

Phone: 606-785-9002

Meetings:

Union meeting: Third Saturday and Sunday in August.

Ministers called: Roy Slone, Bobby Amburgey, Nelson Craft,
Bill Halcomb, Jim Fields.

Communion: Third Sunday in August.

Memorial: Third Sunday in October, 2009.

Ministers called: Roger Fields, Johnny Fields,
Harvey Creech, Robert Holcomb.

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.

Ivy Point Church... (continued)

Appointed Meeting Time: First Sunday at 6:00 p.m.
Odd Sunday 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. Clinton Williams
225 Haywood Br.
Prestonsburg, KY 41653
Phone; 606-886-9996

Meetings:

Union meeting: Fourth Saturday and Sunday in June.

Ministers called: James McClanahan, Harlis Watts,
Eddie Newsome, Theodore Looney.

Communion: Fourth Sunday in July.

Memorial: Fourth Sunday in August.

Ministers called: Alger Mullins, Milburn Slone,
Arnold Bailey, Jimmy Hall (Little Rosa),
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.

Kingdom Come Church... (continued)

Appointed Meeting Time: Second Sunday in August at 10:00 a.m.
at George Ison Cemetery.

Ministers:

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

Eld. Roger Fields
2656 Defeated Creek
Linefork, KY 41833
Phone: 606-633-0871

Bro. Clifford Gilbert
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 May.

Ministers called: Wayne Smith, John Collins,
James Caudill, Vergle Caudill.

Communion: First Sunday in July.

Memorial: First Sunday in June.

Ministers called: Ellis Adams, Marvin Sparkman,
Roy Slone, Bill Halcomb, home ministers.

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
Phone: 606-452-4232

Regular Meeting Time: Fourth Saturday and Sunday

Appointed Meeting Time: Odd Saturday at 6:00 p.m.

Left Beaver Church... (continued)

Ministers:

Eld. Darrell Bates
604 Robbins Ave.
Falmouth, KY 41040
Phone: 859-409-1839

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
Box 223
Mousie, KY 41839
Phone: 606-946-2794

Meetings:

Union meeting: Fourth Saturday and Sunday in July.

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

Communion: Fourth Sunday in August.

Memorial: Fourth Sunday in May.

Ministers called: Clinton Moore, Jimmy Hall (Little Rosa),
Freddy Compton.

LITTLE BETHANY CHURCH

Sawmill Road, Jeffersonville, KY

Moderator:

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

Clerk:

Israel Isaac
104 Spencer Spring Dr.
Mt. Sterling, KY 40353
Phone: 859-497-4335

Regular Meeting Time: Fourth Saturday and Sunday.

Little Bethany Church... (continued)

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: 859-398-5342

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

Meetings:

Union meeting: Fourth Saturday and Sunday in July.

Ministers called: Coy Tolliver, Lonnie Gregory,
John Bowling, Elwood Cornett.

Communion: Fourth Sunday in August.

Ministers called: Jim Fields, Ross Wright, Terry Bryant.

Memorial: Fourth Sunday in September, 2009.

Ministers called: Jim Rush, Earl Mosley, home ministers.

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.

Little Bethlehem Church... (continued)

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: 859-333-7138

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,
Ellis Adams, Vergle Caudill.

Communion: Fourth Sunday in August.

Memorial: Fourth Sunday in September, 2009.

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.

Odd Sunday at 10:00 a.m.

Little David Church... (continued)

Ministers:

Eld. Stephen Lyall
489 Snoda Lane
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: Jim Blankenship, Elwood Cornett,
Jim Fields, Squire Watts,
Jimmy Hall (Little Rosa).

Communion: Fourth Sunday in July.

Memorial: Fourth Sunday in August.

Ministers called: Greg Lewis, Feldon Ruggles, Jr.,
Toby Bailey, Harvey Creech,
Toby Breeding.

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: 606-642-4068

Bro. David Smith
P.O. Box 191
McDowell, KY 41647
Phone: 606-791-0075

Meetings:

Union meeting: Second Saturday and Sunday in May.
Ministers called: Terry Bryant, Danny Dixon, Squire Watts.
Communion: Second Sunday in July.
Memorial: Second Sunday in June.
Ministers called: 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 Sunday 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
Box 497
Mallie, KY 41836
Phone: 606-497-5815

Bro. Leslie Roberts
4602 Long Fork Rd.
Virgie, KY 41572
Phone: 606-639-6863

Little Hannah Church... (continued)

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,

Memorial: Second Sunday in September, 2009.

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: Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.

Third Sunday at 9:30 p.m.

Ministers:

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

Eld. Sabert Nichols
HC 67, Box 3506
Pilgrim, KY 41250
Phone: 606-395-5055

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

Little Jewell Church... (continued)

Meetings:

Union meeting: Fourth Saturday and Sunday in April.

Ministers called:

Friday, April 24 at 6:30:

Milburn Slone, Jim Fields,

Ronnie Robinson.

Saturday, April 25 at 6:30:

Michael Everage, Gary Compton,

Gary Mosley.

Sunday, April 26:

David Smith, Eddie Newsome,

Jim Blankenship, David O'Quinn.

Communion: Fourth Sunday in June.

Ministers called: Ross Wright, Roger Gibson.

Memorial: Fourth Sunday in October, 2009.

Ministers called: Clinton Moore, Jimmy Hall (Little Rosa),

Roy Slone, Jimmy Hall (Little Hannah).

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 Sunday at 9:30 a.m.

Little Mary Church... (continued)

Ministers:

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

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

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

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

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

Meetings:

Union meeting:

Second Saturday and Sunday in September, 2009.

Ministers called:

Friday, Sept. 11 at 6:30:

Elwood Cornett, James Caudill.

Saturday, Sept. 12 at 6:30:

Bill Halcomb, Ray Williamson.

Sunday, Sept. 13:

Clinton Moore, Jerry Manns, Daryl Slone,
Jimmy Hall (Little Rosa).

Communion: Second Sunday in October, 2009.

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

Memorial: Second Sunday in August.

Ministers called: Frank Newsome, Eddie Newsome,
David O'Quinn.

Little Mary Church... (continued)

Odd Sundays/Ministers called:

November 30, 2008: Don Pratt, David Smith.

February 1, 2009: John P. Church, Layton Phipps.

May 31, 2009: Gary Mosley, Billy Mosley.

August 30, 2009: Jim Fields, Johnny Fields.

LITTLE ROSA

McDowell, KY

Moderator:

Eld. Clinton Moore

McDowell, KY 41647

Phone: 606-377-6446

Clerk:

Jeff Brown

71 Reynolds Rd.

Beaver, KY 41604

Phone: 606-587-1094

Regular Meeting Time: First Saturday and Sunday.

Appointed Meeting Time: Third Sunday at 9:30 a.m.

Odd Sunday at 9:30 a.m.

Ministers:

Eld. Hershall (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

Grethel, KY

Phone: 606-587-2675

Bro. Kevin Bartley

McDowell, KY 41647

Phone: 606-377-2780

Bro. Darvin Hamilton

Teaberry, KY

Phone: 606-587-1441

Bro. Danny Ray Moore

Prospect, OH

Phone: 740-528-2879

Little Rosa Church... (continued)

Meetings:

Union meeting: First Saturday and Sunday in May.

Ministers called: Danny Dixon, David O'Quinn,
Frank Newsome, Squire Watts.

Communion: First Sunday in July.

Memorial meeting: First Sunday in September, 2009.

Ministers called: Jimmy Hall (Little Hannah), David Smith,
Terry Bryant, Feldon Ruggles, Jr.

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

Bro. Dean Mullins
P.O. Box 393
Vicco, KY 41773
Phone: 606-476-8579

Bro. Greg Mullins
P.O. Box 182
Vicco, KY 41773
Phone: 606-476-8325

Meetings:

Union meeting: Second Saturday and Sunday in March.

Ministers called: Charles Shepherd, Squire Watts,
Feldon Ruggles, Jr.

Communion: Second Sunday in June.

Ministers called: Robert Holcomb, Daryl Slone.

Memorial: Second Sunday in July.

Ministers called: Bill Halcomb, Danny Dixon,
Toby Breeding.

Fields Cemetery Memorial:

Sunday, May 31, 2009 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:

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

Clerk:

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

Regular Meeting Time: Second Saturday and Sunday.

Mount Olive Church... (continued)

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 D. Keene
Hindman, KY 41822
Phone: 606-785-9259

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

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: Danny Dixon, Daryl Slone,
Jimmy Conley, John Bowling.

Communion: Second Sunday in July.

Memorial: Second Sunday in May.

Ministers called: Alonzo Mosley, 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.

Mount Olivet Church... (continued)

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

Meetings:

Union meeting: First Saturday and Sunday in May.

Ministers called: Greg Lewis, Howard Owens,
Terry Bryant, Elwood Cornett.

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

Mount Zion Church... (continued)

Meetings:

Union meeting: Second Saturday and Sunday in Oct., 2009.

Ministers called: Daryl Slone, H.B. Reedy, Jr., Mike Everage.

Communion: Second Sunday in June.

Memorial: Second Sunday in May.

Ministers called: Danny Dixon, Gary Mosley, Jim Fields.

NEW BETHLEHEM CHURCH

Off Rt. 80, Talcum, KY

Moderator:

Eld. Carl Slone

Box 322

Hindman, KY 41822

Phone: 606-785-5595

Clerk:

Timothy Ritchie

7680 Vest Talcum Rd.

Talcum, KY 41722

Phone: 606-251-3683

Regular Meeting Time: Third Saturday and Sunday.

Appointed Meeting Time: Odd Sunday 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: Freddy Compton, Bobby Amburgey,

Willie Crase, Jr., Eugene Thacker.

Communion: Third Sunday in July.

Memorial: Third Sunday in September, 2009.

Ministers called: Marty Slone, Bobby Combs, Roy Slone.

NEW HOME CHURCH

Highway 550, Leburn, KY

Moderator:

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

Clerk:

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

Regular Meeting Time: First Saturday and Sunday.

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: Daryl Slone, Ellis Adams, Carl Slone,
Squire Watts, Jim Blankenship.

New Home Church... (continued)

Communion: First Sunday in July.

Ministers called: Terry Bryant, Roy Slone.

Memorial: First Sunday in August.

Ministers called: Jimmy Hall (Little Rosa), Don Pratt,
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: Odd Sunday at 10:00 a.m.

Second Sunday at 10:00 a.m.

Ministers:

Eld. Bill Halcomb

1259 James Road

Hamilton, OH 45013

Phone: 513-896-6800

Eld. Irvin Stollings

8408 South Mountain Rd.

Pound, VA 24279

Phone: 276-796-7311

Eld. Sherman R. Williamson

9135 Haines Rd.

Waynesville, OH 45068

Phone: 937-885-3191

Eld. Jack Varney

1379 Fay Rd

Loveland, OH 45140

Phone: 513-575-4256

Meetings:

Union meeting: Fourth Saturday and Sunday in April.

Ministers Called: Toby Breeding, Eual Debord,

Layton Phipps, John Bowling.

Northern New Home Church... (continued)

Communion: Fourth Sunday in August.

Ministers Called: Jim Blankenship, Harvey Creech,
Howard Owens, Robert Holcomb.

Memorial: Fourth Sunday in June.

Ministers Called: H.B. Reedy, Jr., Jeff Combs, Bill Johnson,
home ministers.

Ministers called for various meetings:

March: Elwood Cornett, Johnny Fields, Charles Shepherd.

May (2nd Sunday): Coburn Ison, Doug Gibson,
Bill Conley.

July: Terry Bryant, Duanne Hall, Alger Mullins,
Homer Smith.

September: Nelson Craft, Emory Caudill, Roger Gibson.

October: Jim Fields, Curl Dixon, James Caudill,
Ronnie Little.

PILGRIMS HOME CHURCH

Vansant, VA

Moderator:

Eld. Arnold Bailey
7294 Lovers Gap Rd.
Vansant, VA 25656
Phone: 276-597-2424
615-597-3055

Clerk:

Leo Bailey
1107 Bailey Circle
Vansant, VA 24656
Phone: 276-597-8197

Regular Meeting Time: Second Saturday and Sunday.

Ministers:

Eld. Arnold Bailey
7294 Lovers Gap Rd.
Vansant, VA 25656
Phone: 276-597-2424

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

Pilgrims Home Church... (continued)

Bro. Josh Bell
135 Hawkins Dr.
Smithville, TN 37166
Phone: 615-597-3055

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

Meetings:

Union meeting: Second Saturday and Sunday in May.

Ministers called: Danny Dixon, Theodore Looney,
Michael Hagerman, Ellis Adams.

Communion: Second Sunday in June.

Ministers called: Willard Hicks, home ministers.

Memorial: Second Sunday in July.

Ministers called: John P. Church, Robert Holcomb,
Jerry Newsome, Steve 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 Sunday at 9:30 a.m.

Ministers:

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

Poor Fork Church... (continued)

Meetings:

Union meeting: First Saturday and Sunday in May.
Ministers called: Earl Combs, Toby Breeding, Roger
Gibson, Bill Halcomb, Eddie Newsome.
Communion: First Sunday in July.
Ministers called: Freddy Frazier, Merle Caudill,
Vergle Caudill.
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:

James H. Amburgey
165 Wiley Hill Drive
Mallie, KY 41836
Phone: 606-642-3846

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

Ministers:

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

Bro. Corey Watson
P.O. Box 85,
Mallie, KY 41836
Phone: 606-785-5928

Meetings:

Union meeting: Third Saturday and Sunday in May.
Ministers called: Elwood Cornett, Don Pratt, Roy Slone,
Harlis Watts, Daryl Slone.
Communion: Third Sunday in June.

Reynolds Fork Church... (continued)

Ministers called: Terry Bryant, Ronnie Robinson,
Hurley Short, Alonzo Mosley.

Memorial: Third Sunday in July.

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

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 5:00 p.m.

Odd Sunday at 10:00 a.m.

Ministers:

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

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: Jim Blankenship, David O'Quinn,
David Smith.

Rock Fork Church... (continued)

Communion: Fourth Sunday in July.

Memorial: Fourth Sunday in October, 2009.

Ministers called: Carl Slone, Lonnie Gregory,
Mickey Amburgey.

9th Annual Dedication:

August 19, 20, 21, and 22, 2009 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:

Bill Conley

710 Millstone Rd.

Beaver, OH 45613

Phone: 740-226-2506

Regular Meeting Time: First Saturday and Sunday.

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

Ministers:

Eld. Layton Phipps

9577 Jackson Runyon Rd.

Pleasant Plain, OH 45162

Phone: 513-877-2210

Eld. Bill Conley

710 Millstone Rd.

Beaver, OH 45613

Phone: 740-226-2506

Bro. James Webb, Jr.

1551 Lindaire Lane

Mansfield, OH 44906

Phone: 419-529-2419

Meetings:

Union Meeting: First Saturday and Sunday in April.

Ministers called: Greg Lewis, Doug Gibson, Bill Halcomb,
James Everage.

Rose of Sharon Church... (continued)

Communion: First Sunday in August.

Ministers called: Feldon Ruggles, Jr., Terry Bryant, Greg
Lewis, Jack Varney, Ray Williamson.

Memorial: First Sunday in May.

Ministers called: Elwood Cornett, Curl Dixon,
Jack Varney, home ministers.

Ministers called for various meetings:

January: Roger Gibson, Greg Lewis.

February: Milburn Slone, Jack Isaac, Hurley Short.

March: John Bowling, Coy Tolliver, Euel Debord.

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

July: Jim Fields, Ray Williamson, Jack Varney.

October: Eugene Thacker, Jim Blankenship, Ellis Adams.

November: Elwood Cornett, Toby Breeding.

December: 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 Sunday at 5:30 p.m.

Ministers:

Eld. Robert Combs

4463 Lotts Creek Road

Hazard, KY 41701

Phone: 606-439-2198

Eld. Howard Owens

39 Clear Fork Road

Hazard, KY 41701

Phone: 606-785-0284

Summertown Church... (continued)

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

Bro. Joe Fields
P.O. Box 662
Vicco, KY 41773
Phone: 606-785-5369

Meetings:

Union meeting: Second Saturday and Sunday in March.

Ministers called: Emory Caudill, Terry Bryant, David Jent,
Ronnie Robinson, Nelson Craft,
Toby Breeding.

Communion: Second Sunday in September, 2009.

Ministers called: Earl Combs, Jeff Combs, Allen Whitaker.

Memorial: Second Sunday in August.

Ministers called: James Caudill, Roger Gibson,
Carl Slone, 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

Tolson Creek Church... (continued)

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

Meetings:

Union meeting: Fourth Saturday and Sunday in June.

Ministers called: David O'Quinn, Jim Fields,
Alonzo Mosley, Roy Slone,
Eddie Newsome.

Communion: Fourth Sunday in July.

Memorial: Fourth Sunday in August.

Ministers called: Robert Holcomb, James Caudill, Elwood
Cornett, Wallace Bolling, Gary Mosley,
Roger Gibson, home ministers.

MONTHLY APPOINTED MEETINGS

CHURCH	First		Second		Third		Fourth		Odd		Other Odd Meetings
	Sat/Sun	Meeting Time	Sat/Sun	Meeting Time	Sat/Sun	Meeting Time	Sat/Sun	Meeting Time	Sat/Sun	Meeting Time	
Big Creek									Sun	9:30am	
Bright Morning Star					Sun	5 pm					
Bull Creek	Sun	5 pm									
Caney Fork					Sun*	10 am					*at Sweet Home
Emmanuel					Sat	5 pm					
Friendship	Sat	10 am									
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 pm	
Little David			Sun	5 pm					Sun	10 am	
Little Hannah									Sun	10 am	
Little Jewell					Sun	9:30am					Easter Sunday Wed at 6:30 pm
Little Mary									Sun	9:30am	
Little Rosa					Sun	9:30am			Sun	9:30am	Christmas Day 3 pm
Little Zion							Sun	5 pm			
New Bethlehem									Sun	9:30am	
Northern New Home			Sun	10 am					Sun	10 am	
Poor Fork									Sun	9:30am	
Reynolds Fork							Sun	6 pm			
Rock Fork			Sun	6 pm					Sun	10 am	Easter Sunday Mother's Day
Rose of Sharon									Sun	9:30am	
Summertown									Sun	5:30pm	
Tolson Creek			Sat	6:30pm							

STATISTICAL TABLE

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Cedar Grove	6	0	0	0	0	5	0	165	4 th	9:30	\$400
New Home	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	37	1 st	9:30	\$200
Defeated Creek	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	21	2 nd	9:30	\$150
Reynolds Fork	2	0	2	0	10	2	3	52	3 rd	6:00	\$300
Bull Creek	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	64	3 rd	6:00	\$200
Ivy Point	5	0	0	0	2	1	0	48	4 th	6:00	\$150
Little Dove	2	2	0	0	0	5	1	73	2 nd	9:30	\$400
Tolson Creek	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	36	4 th	6:30	\$300
Dixon Memorial	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	25	4 th	6:30	\$125
Big Creek	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	21	4 th	3:00	\$200
Happy Home	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	25	1 st	9:30	\$150
New Bethlehem	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	21	3 rd	9:30	\$125
Clear Fork	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	16	1 st	9:30	\$100
Northern New Home	2	0	1	0	1	0	2	81	4 th	4:00	\$200
Blair Branch	3	0	0	0	0	2	0	102	3 rd	6:30	\$550
Mt. Olivet	4	0	0	0	1	3	1	87	1 st	6:30	\$450
Little Zion	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	28	2 nd	6:30	\$250
Hurricane Gap	1	2	0	0	0	0	2	51	3 rd	6:30	\$250
Kingdom Come	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	13	1 st	9:30	\$100
Poor Fork	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	16	1 st	5:00	\$200
Big Cowan	2	2	0	0	0	1	0	29	4 th	9:30	\$225
Little Mary	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	33	2 nd	4:00	\$200
Mount Zion	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	20	2 nd	6:00	\$100
Friendship	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	18	3 rd	4:00	\$125

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Little Bethlehem	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	22	4 th	9:30	\$250
Little Bethany	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	12	4 th	6:30	\$100
Garden of Love	4	0	1	0	0	1	1	31	3 rd	6:00	\$100
Rock Fork	5	2	1	0	3	1	0	60	4 th	10:00	\$250
Summertown	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	22	2 nd	10:00	\$200
Emmanuel	3	0	0	0	2	1	4	67	2 nd	9:30	\$300
Little Hannah	0	3	0	1	0	0	0	42	2 nd	10:00	\$150
Bethlehem	1	2	0	0	4	3	14	73	3 rd	9:30	\$200
Bethany	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	24	1 st	6:00	\$100
Little David	2	1	1	2	4	0	1	93	4 th	9:30	\$400
Big Leatherwood	1	0	0	0	0	2	1	44	3 rd	6:00	\$200
Mount Olive	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	12	2 nd	9:30	\$150
Chester Hogg Memorial	0	1	0	0	0	2	2	24	1 st	5:00	\$200
Bright Morning Star	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	8	1 st	5:00	\$25
Pilgrim's Home	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	26	2 nd	10:00	\$125
Rose of Sharon	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	29	1 st	9:30	\$150
Little Jewell	7	0	0	5	0	2	1	51	4 th	9:30	\$350
Caney Fork	3	7	0	2	2	2	0	39	1 st	10:00	\$100
Little Rosa	3	0	3	0	2	5	0	93	1 st	9:30	\$478
Left Beaver	0	1	1	0	0	5	1	35	4 th	10:00	\$175
TOTALS	61	30	11	11	34	61	40	1889			\$9,453

Obituaries



ELLIS CRAIG ADAMS

Craig was born on July 5, 1953 into the home of Ellis and Ila Whitaker Adams. He passed from this life on September 2, 2008, being fifty-five years, one month and two days of age at the time of his passing.

Craig came down with lung cancer in 2007 and took treatments for several months. When he became bedfast, Hospice helped out.

His brother, Jerry, and sister-in-law, Bonita, spent the nights with him, telling him about the Lord. Also, Katrina came often and talked to him.

He repented and went to sleep in the arms of Jesus. Sleep on until we all meet in Heaven.

Craig leaves behind his Dad and Mom, two brothers, Jerry and Scott, and one sister, Tammy.



VINTA LEE AMBURGEY ADAMS

Vinta Lee Amburgey Adams was born on August 6, 1913 to Wiley J. Amburgey and Nancy Honeycutt Amburgey. She passed from this life on March 27, 2008, making her stay here on earth ninety-four years, seven months, and twenty-two days. Preceding her in death was her husband, Sidney Adams; her parents; beloved

stepmother, Ida Mae; four sisters: Lottie, Gerta, Dulcie and Monnie; and five brothers: Lester, Gorman, Delta, Norris, and Maynard. Left to mourn her are two sons: Stanley Gordon and wife, Erma, and Rudean and wife, Sue; one daughter, Nancy Sue and husband, Roger; nine grandchildren: Paul Adams and wife Anna, Robin Adams, Tammy Adams, Sandy Broering and husband, Blake, Bryan Adams and wife, Melissa, Jill Patrick and husband, Anthony, Acacia King and husband, Bryan, Joshua Pigman, and Jordan Pigman and wife, Heather; and nine great-grandchildren: Matthew, Jared, Cassie, Dawn, Bryce, Braxton, Jace, Reese, and Maddox.

Vinta was a kind and gentle lady and she truly loved all, and were loved by all. She spent most of her life taking care of her family and did so with such joy. She filled her home with warmth and love and helped her husband and children in every way she could. She always greeted you with a sweet smile, and welcomed you with open arms. She expected everyone who visited to be hungry, and she was pleased to be able to cook for her family and friends. When she knew someone was coming to visit, her first thought was what to fix for dinner.

Vinta gave her many gifts and talents to help others have more rewarding lives. She cross-stitched many quilts for her children and grandchildren and loved watching the birds in her yard at her feeders and the hummingbirds whizzing by. She loved working in the garden when she was able and breaking beans and putting the corn and tomatoes and beans away. She made the best peach marmalade ever. Her sock-it-to-me cake was the favorite of everyone. She encouraged and loved each and every one in her family. She was truly a remarkable woman.

Vinta loved her Lord and tried to live her life in accordance with His teachings. Her Bible was her constant companion and she read it daily. She loved to go to church and always treated Sunday as the Lord's Day. She was a faithful member of the Little Dove Regular Baptist Church. She was such a generous, kind, and loving daughter, wife, mother, grandmother, sister, aunt and friend. Her passing has left a great void in the lives of her family. She will always be missed. Grace was in all her steps, Heaven in her eye; in every gesture, dignity and love.

MAYWOOD MARTIN AMBURGEY

When I reminisce about my first memory of my mother, the image of a bridge comes into play. I can recall myself standing on that bridge. I am at one end and my mother is at the other. My sister, Theresa, is saying “Mommy, what about the baby”. Growing up, in my eyes I was my Daddy’s little girl and Theresa belonged to Mother. To be totally honest, from the start, Mother and I had a rocky relationship. That memory of the bridge made my imagination run wild. Too often I thought that Mother was hoping to leave me on that bridge all alone. Throughout the course of my Mother’s life, bridges seem to play an important role.

Maywood Martin was born on December 11, 1930 on Puncheon, across the bridge on Beaver Creek, to Ibrey and Marie Hall Martin. Mom grew up with three brothers: Amom, Anon and Namon; and two sisters: Miami and Rose.

Too often, Mom would tell me her favorite childhood memory- it involved her and her brother, Amom, skipping school and going to the local grocery store with money that they had found and buying crackers, Vienna sausages and then returning to Puncheon and sitting on the bridge and having the time of their lives. Mom’s childhood stories included telling me about how she would gather coal from the hillside for the family after her father passed away, playing with her doll, Nancy, and working in the lumber camp as a cook.

Mom attended school at Puncheon and then at Wayland High School. During that time she met the love of her life, Ivan J. Amburgey. With a guitar in his hand, he sung his way into her heart. After a year and a half of dating, they were married on February 28, 1949 in Pikeville, KY. With \$17.00 in their pockets, one pan, two plates, two cups and 2 forks, their adventure together as man and wife began for the next 59 years.

The two of them journeyed to Detroit, Michigan where Mom worked for Chrysler. During the early 1950’s, Dad and Mom moved to Cleveland, Ohio, where Mom worked for Kresge Department Store, and later became a supervisor at American Greeting Card Company. It was during this time that Dad formed a band, with Mom playing the bass. One of Mom’s favorite memories involved her performing

with Johnny Cash.

On November 20, 1958, Mom and Dad welcomed a baby girl, Theresa Lynn, into their family. Theresa brought much joy into their lives and then came me and life for the Ivan J. and May Amburgey family was never the same.

I was born on Good Friday, April 20, 1962. Mom, who loved astrology, had read once that daughters that are born on Good Friday could read their mother's mind. Too often, Mother would be thinking something and I would look over at her and answer her unspoken question. When her ability to speak became limited due to the ALS, this unique ability of mine was so, so helpful. Mother could look at me and I knew what she needed. It was 'as if I could read her mind.

One of the things that Mom and Dad loved to do was to travel. From the rocky sandy shore of the New England states to the white sandy beaches of the south; across the bridges of the mighty Mississippi to the wild, wild west, our family traveled to 48 states, Canada and Mexico.

In 1977, our family moved back to Knott County where Mom and Dad opened the Upper Carr Supermarket. If you found yourself in the Pine Top area on any given day, you could catch Mom behind the counter or up on the hill with her sickle cutting the weeds down. When the store closed, Mom was able to attend church with Dad each Sunday. Soon she was baptized and became a member of the Reynolds Fork Church.

From the stage of the Blackstone in Cleveland, to being an extra in the movies "Next of Kin" with Patrick Swayze and "Fire Down Below" with Steven Seagal, Mom loved the limelight. During the mid 1980's, Mom and I became involved in the world of pageantry. We formed a nationwide pageant system-USA Royal and traveled across the country conducting pageants. One of Mom's favorite things that she was involved with was the Miss Kentucky and Miss America Scholarship Pageants. From 1988 to 1999, Mom served as the Executive Director of Miss Knott County, Miss Perry County, Miss Bowling Green and Miss Southeastern Kentucky Preliminaries. She was also the Little Miss Kentucky Director for three years. In 1990, Mom was delighted when a young woman, named Nancy Cox, entered our lives. Not only did she win our local pageant, but she went on to

become Miss Kentucky. Mom would later say that never in her wildest dreams could she have imagined, as a little girl playing with her doll, Nancy, on the bridge at Puncheon, that one day she could cross the Chesapeake bridge to watch a young girl named Nancy compete for the title of Miss America.

Other than Dad, Mom's greatest love was for her grandchildren. Austin was the little boy she never had and she spoiled him like no one could. He could do no wrong in her eyes. Autumn was her pageant diva and the result of many hours of sewing costumes and pageant clothes. Jacqueline was the scholar, who shared her birthday and that made Mom proud and the one that Mom said reminded her of herself, and Steven, who reminded her of Dad when he was younger, was oh so special to her. For all of us girls in the family, we know how much mother loved her boys.

Mom was looking forward to the birth of her first great-grandchild. When she saw the ultrasound of Autumn and Micah's baby girl, Presley Jayleigh, she had me order a pink fiddle so that one day, the baby could play at the Grand Ole Opry like Daddy had dreamed about.

When Daddy had his massive stroke, I promised him that I would take care of Mother. Nothing in the world could have prepared me for it. With my independence and Mother's strong will, it was if we were on that bridge from my childhood once again, her on one end and me on the other. With the loss of Dad, we learned that we had to meet halfway. Watching my Mother struggle with the loss of Dad was sometimes unbearable. Too often I would hear her talk to Dad's picture and tell him that she loved him and missed him. As the months went by after Dad's passing, Mother's health started to decline. After a few visits to doctors in Lexington, Mom was diagnosed with ALS, commonly known as Lou Gehrig's. Too often, I am described as the planner, the independent one and more importantly during a crisis, the strong one. As Mom got weaker, our relationship is what became stronger. We were no longer meeting each other halfway on that bridge but were traveling on it side by side. From her mile long "To Do Lists" to moving in with her fulltime, I did my best. I kept my promise to my Daddy. According to the Webster's dictionary, a bridge is a structure carrying a pathway over an obstacle. For my Mother and

me, that bridge was our journey that tried to overcome our differences and the obstacle of losing her husband and my Daddy, and for us living and fighting the horrible disease of ALS together.

On Wednesday, July 30, at 9:05 pm. I found myself, a little girl once again at one end of that bridge by myself. My mother had traveled all that she could with me and she went to the other side.

RAY BACK

Ray Back was the son of the late Joseph and Margaret “Maggie” Dixon Back. He was born on February 8, 1921 at Elk Creek, near Blackey, Kentucky. He passed away on May 30, 2007 at the age of eighty-six years, three months and twenty-two days.

As brothers, who were close in age, Ray and I developed a special relationship, when young, that continued through adulthood. I remember him as a fun loving, caring person in all stages of life. Now like many others who miss him, I do so too, but in a special way. However, I cherish fond memories of the many events we shared.

The most important aspect of Ray’s adult life was that he was greatly influenced by the doctrine and practice of the Old Regular Baptist Church. Though not a member, he attended regularly and as a result of the witnessing of the church, he saw the need to make Jesus Christ his Lord and Savior. This then means that he will spend eternity in the presence of the Holy, Loving God.

Ray served his country with bravery and honor during World War II. His company landed on the Normandy coast of France the first day after D-Day. He then participated in the famous Battle of the Bulge and other campaigns in Germany. He was awarded the E.A.M.E. Theater Ribbon with five Bronze Stars and the Good Conduct Medal.

Upon returning to civilian life, Ray married Beulah Mullins on



June 30, 1951. To this union was born one son, Joseph Ray Back. They then became grandparents of Mathew Back. Ray and Beulah shared many common interests, and probably the greatest was a sound belief in the power of education to bring improvement to their beloved mountain community. As a consequence of such interest, Ray served as a member of the Letcher County Board of Education for twenty-four years, seventeen of which he served as chairman.

In addition to Beulah, Joe, Lia and Mathew, Ray is survived by two brothers: Reedus and John Back; and three sisters: Minerva Craft, Joann Walters and Irene Brown.

By Reedus Back



HELEN JUANITA BLAIR

Juanita was born on Sunday, May 6, 1923, into the home of Elihu and Alta Perkins Back. She passed away on Wednesday, July 9, 2008. Her stay on earth was eighty-five years, two months and four days.

Juanita had one sister, Nevada, who preceded her in death. Early in life she met and married Delbert Blair. To this union was born one son, Clarence. Delbert, preceded her in death. In addition to her son, she is survived by daughter-in-law, Dorothy; three grand children: Selena (David) Slone, Tenille Blair and Bradley Blair; two great grandchildren: Jordan Blake Slone and Brianna Shae Slone; and three nieces: Helen Pratt, Brenda Blair and Carol Smith.

Juanita was retired from the Knott County School System. She was a cook at Carr Creek School for many years, and all the children loved her.

Juanita, along with her Dad, was baptized into the Mt. Olivet Church on September 7, 1975. She was a faithful member until her death. She will be greatly missed by her brothers and sisters in the

church.

Juanita was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, friend and neighbor. She will be missed by all. We feel our loss is Heaven's gain.

SOPHIA IRENE BACK BROWN

Sophia Irene Back Brown, the daughter of the late Joe Back and Margaret Dixon Back, was born on March 10, 1919. She passed from this life on August 2, 2008, making her eighty-nine years, four months and twenty-one days of age at the time of her death.

On February 13, 1941, Irene married Jack Brown, the son of Jim and Sally Dixon Brown. To this happy couple was born two children: Violet and Robert. They were wonderful parents, always wanting their children to do what was right.

Not only did she care for her own family, but in 1935 when she was sixteen years old, her father died leaving her Mother with nine children to raise. As the oldest daughter, she took care of the house and the younger children while her mother took the older boys to the field to work and raise food for the family.

Irene and Jack were blessed to have and raise one daughter, Violet Brown Watts of Blackey, Kentucky, and one son, Robert Brown of Louisa, Kentucky. They had three grandchildren: John Watts, Neil Watts and Marla Brown Tobia; and three great grandchildren: Easton Scott Tobia, Laura Sophia Tobia and Emily Jade Watts.

Irene joined the church and served the Lord for many years. She was a charter member of the Mt. Olivet Regular Baptist Church. She made and sold homemade candy to buy blocks to build this church. She was faithful to the end, because strength and honor are her clothing.



Irene was preceded in death by her parents; three brothers: Agnan Back, Ray Back and James Back; and one sister: Artie Campbell.

She is also survived by two brothers: Reedus Back of Morehead, Kentucky, and John Back of Lexington, Kentucky; and two sisters: Minerva Craft of Walton, Kentucky, and Joanne Walters of Blackey, Kentucky.

*Who can find a virtuous woman?
For her price is far above rubies
She is like the merchant's ship;
She bringeth her food from afar.
She riseth also while it is yet night;
And, giveth meat to her household,
And a portion to her maidens.
She perceiveth that her merchandise is good.
Her candle goeth not out by night,
Strength and honor are her clothing;
And, she shall rejoice in time to come.
Many daughters have done virtuously,
But thou excelleth them all.*

Written in love by her daughter,
"I'll miss you, Mother."



JESSE BRYANT

I, with the help of Jesus Christ, will write the obituary of my Dad and brother in the Lord, Jesse Bryant. Dad was born on March 16, 1921 in Pike County Kentucky. He spent three years in the Army during World War II, two of which he spent in New Guinea where he was critically wounded. He received the Purple Heart and the Bronze Star for his service and bravery in action. Dad was very proud of our country

and his opportunity to serve it.

On his return home from the war, he married Carsie Mullins on February 6, 1945. To this union was born six children: Nana Margaret,

Alva Lee, Eddie Delon, Jewell Ruth, Jason, and Jeffrey. Mom passed away on August 5, 1985, after forty years of marriage. In 1992, he married Bernice May and divorced the same year. On August 8, 1997 he married Sharon Kay Jackson of Kenova, West Virginia. She had one son from a previous marriage, Jason Jackson. They were married until his death.

Dad joined the Little Jewell Church and was baptized in 1952. His membership was at the Bethany Church in Kenova at the time of his passing.

Dad loved the Lord with all his heart, and his brothers and sisters in the Lord. When he got too feeble to attend church I could see the sparkle in his eyes begin to fade, and I knew he was ready to go to his eternal home. Dad was eighty-seven years and twenty-eight days old when he left this life.

I will always love and miss him.

Written by Brother Lonnie Bryant,
Loved and missed by his whole family.

JUANITA OSBORNE BRYANT

By the help of God I will try to write an obituary of my dear Mother, Juanita Osborne Bryant. Mother was born on November 9, 1921 at Jonancy, Kentucky. She was the daughter of Long Joe and Bertha Osborne.

Mother was married to our Dad, Walter “Bud” Bryant, on December 23, 1946. Mother was a seventy year member of the Old Regular Baptist, with the Little Jewel Church in Westwood being her home church at the time of her death.

Mother was a member of the Union Church of the Old Regular Association for many years, and was a faithful member. I was blessed



to travel with Mom and Dad in the way of Jesus for many years. I feel that I am truly blessed to have had this pleasure.

Mother leaves behind six children: two sons, Larry and his wife, Kathy, and Terry and his wife, Rita; and four daughters, Clara and her husband, Rick Kouns, Bertha Jane and her husband, Chuck Wright, Loretta Cooper, and Lisa and her husband, Richard Bailey. She also leaves ten grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. There are also two sisters: Minerva Caudill and Loretta Hopkins.

Mother, sleep on until that great day when we will get our change. I truly feel that she is resting from her labor in a good land. I would say to her children and grand-children, if you have not repented you better start today for tomorrow may be too late.



B.F. CAUDILL

B.F. was born on December 3, 1931 to Astor and Renavae Caudill at Oscaloosa, Kentucky. B.F. had four brothers and sisters: Delphia Christine, Stephen Burtis, Mattie Vern and Baylus Astor. He was preceded in death by Christine and Burtis. They grew up mostly on Big Cowan and Dongola.

B.F. attended grade school at the Middle Cowan Grade School and graduated from high school through the American School of Correspondence.

He joined the Army on January 15, 1953, during the Korean War, and was discharged on December 10, 1954. He achieved the rank of Corporal and served in Alaska as a cook for the Army. He came out as one of the best male cooks in Letcher County.

He married Phyllis Ann Stamper on March 8, 1956. Their wedding was officiated by Reverend Clarence Lingle at the Whitesburg Presbyterian Church. To this union were born three children: Jeanie Elaine, Ben Allen and Glenn Reed. B.F. had six grandchildren:

Vanessa Lynn, Shawn Douglas, Benjamin Allen, Bethany Sue, Rebekah Ann and Kaitlyn Danielle.

B.F. worked at the Whitesburg Appalachian Regional Hospital for seven years when it first opened. Then he worked in the mines many years. The last twenty-three years of his work life were spent at Scotia Coal Company where he rarely missed a day. He retired in 1992 after suffering a major heart attack.

B.F. took membership in Big Cowan Old Regular Baptist Church on Saturday, July 28, 2001, and was baptized on Sunday, July 29, 2001. Officiating in the baptizing were Ellis Adams, Harvey Creek and George Roark.

B.F. was sick for several years before passing away. He suffered from heart ailment and kidney stones (on a regular basis), as well as arthritis which caused him great difficulty getting around.

He lived extra years on the wings of prayer and his determination to not give up. He finally went to be with the Lord on January 17, 2008.

B.F. was a kind and gifted man who loved people, especially his family, as well as his church and church family, but most of all he loved the Lord. He spent countless hours sitting with grieving families at the funeral homes. No one could say a bad word against B.F., for he was kind and considerate to all he met.

B.F. and Phyllis lived their marriage vows for nearly fifty-three years. You could see their love for each other through his sickness in many different ways. Their lives were above reproach and an example to all who knew them.

The family would like to say a heartfelt thanks to all who prayed for B.F. and thanks for the kind words and deeds for the family. A special thanks to Matthew and Mattie Vern Eldridge who were there to help time after time and to Charles Shepherd, Merle Caudill, David Jent and many others who visited and prayed with B.F. through his sickness.

The Broken Chain

*We little knew that morning that God was going to call your name
In life we loved you dearly, in death we do the same
It broke our hearts to lose you, you did not go alone
For part of us went with you the day God called you home
You left us peaceful memories, your love is still our guide
And though we cannot see you, you are always at our side
Our family chain is broken and nothing seems the same*

But, as God calls us one by one the chain will link again.

In Memory of B.F. Caudill

12/03/31 – 1/17/08

The beginning and ending dates of a man's life

Are not what's important,

It is the dash of days between them,

That is the measure of his life.

Written by Reverend Steve Stamper and B.F.'s family.



JAMES LOWELL CAUDILL

With the Lord's help, I will try to write the obituary of my Dad. James Lowell Caudill, of Jeremiah, Kentucky, was born on April 23, 1932, and passed away on August 26, 2008 at the Pikeville Medical Center. He was the son of the late Elder Alva and Betty Caudill.

Lowell is survived by his wife, Genieve (Genny) Adams Caudill; three daughters: Peggy Blair (Rudell) of Jeremiah, Kentucky, Carolyn Blair (Randy) of Jeremiah, Kentucky, and Donna Sturgill (Greg) of Cowan, Kentucky; and three grandchildren: Benjy Blair, Erica Sturgill and Shelby Sturgill. He was preceded in death by a son, Dean, and by a grandson, James (Jamie) Blair.

Lowell joined the Old Regular Baptist in 1960 and was a member of the Mt. Olivet Church in Blackey, Kentucky. Dad was a Deacon and served his church well. Dad loved the Lord and showed it in so many things he did.

Dad had been sick for several months, but on August 26, 2008 he went home to be with the Lord, and to rest from his labor here on earth. Thank the Lord for all the precious memories we will all cherish for the rest of our lives.

Dad was loved by his family and friends and will be greatly missed.

Written by daughter, Carolyn, and family.

MARGARET SUE CAUDILL

Sue Caudill was born on April 3, 1940 into the home of John and Mary Cornett Caudill. She passed away on August 4, 2008 at the St. Josephs Hospital in Lexington, Kentucky. Sue grew up with three brothers: Clarence, Hiram and James; and three sisters: Edna, Laura Odella and Hassie (who preceded her in death).



Early in her life, she met and married Hillard Caudill. They were blessed with two daughters: Sherry and Patricia. Sherry and Patricia gave her great pride and joy with the blessing of four grandchildren: Benjamin, Rebekah, Cassie and Shelly.

Sue will be greatly missed by her family. She will also be missed by all her friends that she made through her twenty-five years plus of working at the John B. Adams Store. Her fellow employees, Danna, Scott, Donna, Barb, Eva and Flo will miss her dearly. Sue was a special friend.

Sue told of a beautiful experience of salvation. Although, she was never baptized into a church, Blair Branch Church was her home. She was faithful to attend as long as she was able.

After Hillard passed away, Sue met a special friend, Dock Adams. He helped her keep things going around the home place. God blessed them with a special relationship.

Sue was a special mother, grandmother, sister and friend. We feel our loss is Heaven's gain.



VINA ISON CAUDILL

On a beautiful January day in 1910, a lovely daughter was born in the family of William “Bill” and Sarah Dixon Ison at Leatherwood, Kentucky. She was given the name of Vina, being named after both her maternal and paternal grandmothers. Vina was gently cared for and nurtured in childhood. She became a beautiful young woman. Vina always was well groomed and wanted to look her best.

Vina fell in love and married George Caudill of Tolson Creek. She was a devoted wife to George and a loving, Christian mother of two daughters: Faye and Edna and of a son: Kirby Caudill, who preceded her in death. Vina and George moved from Linefork to Whitesburg, Kentucky where they spent many happy years together. George took such good care of Vina and they both were always kind and a friend to everyone they met.

Early in their marriage Vina and George saw the need of a savior and the importance of living for the Lord. They joined the Tolson Creek Regular Baptist Church where George served as a Deacon for several years. They stood firm in their faith in God and never wavered in their Christian values. Vina lived alone in her apartment in Whitesburg after George’s death until she was around ninety-seven years of age. Vina was very independent and continued to practice her skills as a wonderful cook and homemaker. She would always make fried apple pies, and they were delicious! She loved to cook squirrel and make gravy. She would call her nephew, Preacher Bill Halcomb, and ask him to kill her squirrels when he came to the farm. He would, and take them to her. Aunt Vina was loved by her family and friends. Vina had a positive outlook and wanted to enjoy life to the fullest. She loved to travel with Edna and Odis as long as she was able. She loved Odis as a son. She was so much fun to spend time

with. She always acted so very young.

Her most important concern was the need for her family and friends to be born again and live for Jesus. She loved to attend church. She was always ready to go far and near, when invited. She spoke often of the kindness that Brother Emory Caudill extended to her. She would always ask us to call Brother Emory to ask him to pray for her. She tried to live each day for the Lord. She had a heart of compassion toward others and her priority was dedication to God. She would speak of the goodness of the Lord, and try to witness to whomever she met on the importance of being prepared to meet Jesus.

I was at her side the night at the emergency room after she had fallen. She said, “Little Mary, if I don’t make it, I will be going to live with the Lord.” We feel she has gone on to be with Jesus, and her reward is beyond our comprehension.

Written in love and with sincere respect for my
last Aunt, who left footprints on our hearts.
A loving niece, Mary Carolyn Blair.

HELEN MULLINS CHURCH

Born on May 16, 1926 and passed on May 7, 2007, she left the earth to her Heavenly home, to join her beloved of fifty-six years, Dexter. The first time I saw her after she passed, we talked as we always did. I asked her if she had seen Daddy and she said, “Yes, he holds my hand.” Mama then said to me, “You know he thinks we’re in Haysi.” You can’t imagine the rejoicing I’d felt when I woke up. Haysi and the big old house was pure Heaven to them. They were so often surrounded by family members, and their beloved brothers and sisters. Dexter and Helen called it “their plantation, a piece of Heaven on earth.” Thank you, dear Lord, for every precious singing, praying, eating, and rook game that Mother beat him at. She did pretty good



health wise for about a year after Dad left us. But, after that it was an up and down process.

But, she sure had a big streak of Mullins staying power in her.

So many nights I sat with her not thinking she would live to see daylight, but the angel wasn't ready for her to leave, and she wanted some coffee!

Dying is a long and laborious process as is being born. She told me she was ready to go; I could barely hear her, but I knew what she said. I've heard that the dying like to have permission to stop the tiring battle. I told them both that's up to you and God. I'll be there with you before you know it. She never once left Dad's side, and everyone that knew them remember as I do, there must have been an ounce or so of gypsy in the blood. They had so many dear friends on every mountain and hillside, coal mine, and Old Regular Baptist Church. "The Lord has taken care of us, and always will," Helen said.

She was the daughter of Thomas Jefferson Mullins (1900-1964) and Etta May Mullins (1905-2004). Her sister was Hazel Mullins LaBombarbe. Her brothers were Willie Junior Mullins and Walter Clayton Mullins. All preceded her in death.

She was survived by two children: Sharon Church Carver and Ronald Church plus a number of grandchildren and great grandchildren. Survivors include Sharon Church Carver's children: Lauren Mellissa and her three children: Miranda, James Dwight, and Farah; and Rebecca and her children: Victoria, Tyler and James Clayton; Ronald's son, Jeffrey David, and his son, Jeffery Dexter; and daughter, Amy Leigh, and Amy's daughter, Ada.

All were equally precious to her. Mom never missed an opportunity to mention how many grandchildren and great grandchildren she had. You also needed to have time to hear all of their names. I know we will all miss her cornbread. She made the best. I miss my Mommy, but not for long.

You daughter misses you and always will.

Love you and sleep in peace,
Sharon Church Carver.

ALBERT WAYNE COLE

Albert Wayne Cole of Hallie, passed away on Thursday, May 1, 2008 at the Whitesburg Appalachian Regional Healthcare Center. He was born on June 16, 1938, being sixty-nine years, ten months and fifteen days of age at the time of his passing.

Wayne was preceded in death by his father, Willie Cole, and mother, Goldie Cornett

Cole. Surviving are his wife, Kathleen Hall Cole; three sons and their wives: Jeffrey Lee Cole and Bonita of Hallie, Dewayne Cole and Donna of Linefork, and Bobby Lane Cole and Melissa of Hallie; one daughter and her husband, Sandra Lynn Cole Sparks and Tim of Shelby Gap; and seven grandchildren: Jessica Dawn Cole Adams (and Dusty), Barry Cameron Blair, Courtney Nicole Sparks, Megan Danielle Cole, David Austin Cole, Lakelyn Delaney Cole and Maleah Dakota Cole. Also surviving are one brother, Vernis Cole of Sweetwater, Tennessee; and two sisters: Doris Sparkman of Hallie and Thelma Turner of Speedwell, Tennessee.

On June 16, 1938, Albert Wayne Cole was the third child born to Goldie and Willie Cole. By the time he was seventeen, he had his first job working in construction for Greer Brothers and Young. It wouldn't take long for Wayne to find someone special, and begin his own family. Kathleen Hall, a lovely little lady, lived right up the road from Wayne in Daisy. In May, 1957, the two met. Little more than a year later, on July 19, 1958, Wayne and Kat traveled to Clintwood, Virginia, and were married. Shortly after their marriage, in 1959, Wayne's job in construction led him and Kat to Somerset. It was here that they had their first child. On October 27, 1959, a little boy, Jeff, was born. Shortly thereafter, they returned home to Daisy. Wayne began working underground in the coal mines. Then, on October 15, 1962, a baby girl, Sandy, was born. Wayne and Kat eventually made



their way to the small little holler called Turkey Creek. Still working underground, now for Blue Diamond Coal Company, Wayne and Kat had two more children, both baby boys, on February 6, 1968, Dewayne, and on January 30, 1973, Bobby.

Wayne and Kat both began going to church. They were baptized on February 19, 1981, and became members of the Cedar Grove Church. They were both very devoted to their faith and devoted to the church as well.

In 1987, Wayne had worked in the mines for thirty years. He always prided himself in the hard work he had done underground. That, however, would come to a halt. On February 25 of that same year, Wayne was involved in an accident at his job. He spent years in and out of doctor's offices and in and out of therapy, but there was no help for the damage done. He would never be able to turn his head as he once had and he would never regain use of his left arm. But, he would never stop being the hard worker that he always was.

It is here, after this tragedy, where I find the most wonderful memories of Papaw Wayne. Spring was spent planting the garden. Granny would drop the seeds and Papaw would follow behind gently sliding the dirt over them with his giant foot. Spring was also spent gathering firewood for the following winter. My husband, Dusty, often speaks of his first spring with my family, and the first time he helped with the wood. Papaw told him to hold the wedge while he swung the sledgehammer with his one arm. Dusty says that the first swing was one of the scariest moments he has ever experienced, but after that, he trusted Papaw not only with his hand, but with his life.

Summers were spent reaping the bountiful harvest that always seemed to me like, when I was a child, enough food to feed the entire holler for a dozen winters. It was during these times that I was most in awe of Papaw's strength and persistence. He would always emerge from the garden carrying buckets of corn and beans with one hand that I couldn't lift with two. I would always try to help Granny Kat and the other women who were there silking and stringing, but for many years I was too little to be a part of it, so I would tag along behind Papaw. Sometimes we'd go back into the garden for more food, or we'd find a shady spot and sit. We'd watch for squirrels and blue jays, and we'd talk. Every summer though, we'd venture out to the cherry tree in the backyard where we'd try to get the cherries before

the birds, but we were never quick enough. I can remember one time, just once, we managed to get one cherry. Papaw gave it me, and to this day, I can still remember how it tasted and how Papaw laughed at me when my mouth puckered.

I remember Granny calling us for dinner. She'd always have us a mess of corn or beans and whip up some mashed potatoes, and there was always some kind of meat. I'd rush in and set the table, plates, spoons, napkins and forks for everyone. Papaw had his own particular fork, though. Always, he had to have the one special fork. After I got older, I realized it was just the size of the fork that mattered. But, that's one of those things I'll never forget, just like how he used to let me eat straight from the butter bowl. He'd slide it over to me and let me spoon mouthfuls at a time until someone caught us and made me stop. And, then there was the time he led me to believe I was eating "chicken." Seven pieces later, Papaw told me it was in fact squirrel that I had ate. Squirrel just like the ones we'd watch romping through the trees. No, I'll definitely never forget that.

At some point though, whether we were in the garden or after dinner, we'd always wind up on the front porch. I can still see Papaw perched up in the swing, his long legs stretched out in the seat, his lifeless arm propped up on the slat back. He was tired, but he was happy. I wanted to grow up and be just like him; strong, faithful, fun and loving.

This is only a fragment in the enormous life that Albert Wayne Cole lived. He was a son, a brother, a husband, a father, and a grandfather. He was a member of the church, a neighbor and a friend. He was a big man with a big heart. After his accident in the mines, and his diagnoses with hypertension and diabetes, and all the complications of the two, he would suffer for many long years. We all do, and will continue to miss him. For me though, I know he is no longer suffering, no longer in pain. And, I know that his memory will live on in me, for I have more memories than all the paper in the world can hold. I grieve now, not for losing him, because I think that would be selfish of me, but someday, when I have children, they will only have pictures and stories. They will never be able to truly know him and what a great man he was.

My way of telling Papaw, "after while Crocodile".

Your loving granddaughter,
Jessica Dawn Cole Adams.



GERALDINE COMBS

Geraldine Combs, of Isom, Kentucky, was born on April 10, 1924 and passed away on January 30, 2008. She was the wife of the late James Combs, Jr.

She is survived by three children: Faye, Orville and Debbie. Two children preceded her in death: Joy Faye and Millard.

Geraldine was one of seven children born to the late Dewey and Martha Maggard. Her siblings include four brothers: Paul (her twin brother), Eugene, Donald and Doug, and two sisters: Joan Adams (deceased) and Genevieve Norris.

We miss our Mommy so much. She always took so much care of us. She cooked so many big meals, and always wanted everyone to eat with her. All of her children, grandchildren, and friends called her Gran.

Mommy was a member of the Blair Branch Old Regular Baptist Church. When her health would no longer allow her to attend church, she enjoyed Gillis Reedy visiting and singing her songs.

We miss Mommy so much, but we know she's in Heaven and we will be with her and Daddy and Millard someday.

Geraldine's children, Fay, Orville and Debbie.

*God saw 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 would 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.*

OAKLEY COMBS

Oakley Combs, age eighty-three, of Mallie, Kentucky, was born on January 20, 1924, in Knott County, Kentucky. He was the son of Barm and Polly Stamper Combs. He departed this life following an extended illness on November 10, 2007, at Hazard ARH. He was preceded in death by his father, mother and three brothers and sisters. He is survived by his wife, Mildred Reynolds Combs, one daughter and two sons.



Oakley and Mildred were married sixty-four years. As a young boy of seventeen, he joined a branch of service called the Three C's. He served two terms and sent money home to his parents. He worked hard all his life to raise his family. He retired twice. The first time was as a coalminer, and the second was a coal truck driver. He and his wife, Mildred, were baptized together on May 7, 1992. He was an ordained Deacon of Mt. Zion Church for twelve years. He was always faithful to God, the church, and to his family. He is greatly missed, but our loss is Heaven's gain.

Written by his wife and children.

TROY COMBS

It is with a sad heart, yet I'm very honored to write Troy Combs' obituary.

Troy was born on April 7, 1907 at Vicco, Perry County, Kentucky to Jim and LouAnn Combs. Troy had two brothers and two sisters. Troy was thirteen years old when he went to work in the mines. He was a coal miner by trade. When his father passed away, he helped his mother raise his brothers and sisters.

A few years later, he met and married Isabell Sumner on November 22, 1927. God blessed them with seventy-five years together before



He called Isabell home on January 27, 2003. Troy and Isabell were blessed with two sons: J.C. and Justin Combs, both of Lotts Creek, Kentucky; and one daughter: Pauline Godsey, of Lotts Creek. Also surviving are five grandchildren, eleven great grandchildren, and five great-great grandsons.

Troy was a hard working man. He loved to plant trees and flowers, and loved to dig ginseng. Often as he worked, you would hear him whistle. After he became feeble with age, he would either hum or sing, he was no stranger to hard work. Even as age began to take hold of Troy's life, he wanted to work but he just wasn't able. His mind was willing, but his body was weak.

God called Troy home on July 19, 2008 at the age of one hundred and one years. He told his family many times that he would live to be 100. God granted Troy to live to be one hundred plus an extra year.

Troy was a charter member of the Summertown Old Regular Baptist Church at Lotts Creek.

We will miss his big smile. He will always be remembered by those who knew him and loved him.

Written by daughter-in-law, Brenda Combs.

OLIVE WEST VIRGINIA HALL COX

I will try and write the obituary of my aunt, Olive West Virginia Cox Hall.

God smiled down on the home of Joe and Martha Reynolds Hall on a cold New Years Day in 1933 as he blessed them with a new baby girl. They named her Olive West Virginia Hall.

Olive was the youngest of twelve children and times were not

easy back then. Her mother had a great influence on her life. She often spoke of her mother and her mother's faith in God.

Olive was seventy-five years and nine months old at the time of her passing. She was preceded in death by her husband, Dallas Cox; her parents, Joe and Martha Reynolds Hall; her brothers: Corbet, Noah, Willie, Irvin, Ira and Leonard Hall; and her sisters: Maybelle Kaufman, Arizona Devore, Liza Redford and Carrie Potter. What a sweet reunion must be going on in Heaven.



She is survived by her stepson, Jimmy Cox and wife, Lisa; and grandchildren: Martin Cox, Nicole Manning, Tyler Dallas Cox and James Tate Cox. She is also survived by her brother, Joe Hall, Jr; special niece, Janice Conley and husband, Mike; and three special great nieces: Jackie, Megan and Sara Conley.

Olive met and married Dallas Cox. They married later in life and were together for over ten years until Dallas passed away. She loved him very much and these were perhaps her happiest years. When she married Dallas, she became part of a family that loved her very much and she loved them. After Dallas passed away, Jimmy and Lisa continued to look after her and saw that she had what she needed. And, they welcomed her into their home. She was proud of her grandchildren. She loved Tate, Nicole, Tyler and Martin so very much. It just goes to show that it's not always blood that makes a family, but it's LOVE.

Olive loved her biological family as well. She loved Janice and Mike, and she was so close to them. It was only fitting that on August 1, 1993 she stepped out into the water with them, and the three of them were baptized into the Rock Fork Old Regular Baptist Church. She treasured her church family and they treasured her. She knew she could call upon them anytime she needed to.

Olive was small in stature, but she has a heart full of love that was huge. We all loved her, but God loved her more.

Written by a broken-hearted niece, Mary Sue.



FLORENCE CRAFT

With great sadness, but by the help of our Lord and Savior, I will try to write the obituary of our sister and Mother. Florence (Meade) Craft, eighty-five, of Springfield, Ohio was born on April 12, 1923, in Millstone, Kentucky. She passed away peacefully in her home on August 11, 2008 at 8:10 p.m. Florence was the oldest daughter of Elder William Ballard and Nannie (Wright) Meade. Florence married Archie Craft, September 29, 1939 for a total of sixty-two years.

Florence and Archie were blessed with one child, Aundra Jane “Janie” McGraw, whom they loved and cherished.

She was preceded in death by her husband and brother in Christ, Archie Craft; her parents; brothers: Jesse, Newt, Daniel, George Delmar, Ballard Jr.; and sister, Norma Campbell. Survivors include her daughter, Aundra “Janie” and her husband Bob McGraw; granddaughter, Lisa and Parker Bailey; and grandsons, William and Christina, Joseph and Bridgette and Timmy. Also, surviving are great grandchildren: Brittney, Elizabeth, Rebecca, Thad and Casey; a great, great granddaughter, Aundrey Annah; two sisters: Avalene McCrone of Bellville, Ohio, and Eldridge Anne and David E. Muncy of Morehead, Kentucky; and one sister-in-law, Winifred Meade of Neon, Kentucky, along with several nieces and nephews. Florence was a teacher in the day-care nursery at Mercy Medical Center in Springfield for more than twenty-two years.

When Florence was sixteen years old, she felt a need for a Savior. In 1940 she joined the Old Regular Baptist faith, was baptized and became a member of the Elizabeth Old Regular Baptist Church in Millstone where she remained a faithful member until her death. A few days before her passing, Florence told me of her experience with the Lord. She said, “a called meeting was held at the home of Elder

Archie Craft, Sr., her father-in-law. The preaching had started and she gave her hand to the minister and her friend, Sister Mable Kiser, came forward and gave her hand.” Florence told me with a smile on her face “you know, Ell, I don’t think Sister Mabel’s feet even touched the floor.” The next month Florence and Sister Mabel were both baptized in the creek, in front of the Elizabeth Church. Mabel and Florence remained sisters in Christ and best friends until the end of their earthly journey.

Avalene and I are already missing the several phone calls a day with Florence. When we got homesick we would go to Springfield, our home since Mom and Dad passed. We went and helped Florence as often as we could. The last time she went home from the hospital she called us both and said, “when are you coming home?” She said, “this is your home, you know.” She always wanted us and all of her children and grandchildren to feel that was their home to go to for a good time. She always thought of the little things and all children loved her. The last few days of Florence’s life, she would tell me, Ava and Janie not to worry because she was ready to go. She said she was tired and wanted to go on home. She told us many times that she was not afraid to die. She told us about seeing Archie, Mommy, Daddy and siblings coming to meet her. The last day she called for Mommy many times. Florence is now at peace and in the shelter of God until He comes to get us all.

Services were on Friday, August 15, 2008 at 1:00 p.m. in the Richards, Raff and Dunbar Memorial Home with her nephew, Pastor Wade Muncy officiating. Burial followed in the Ashbury Cemetery, Cattawba, Ohio.

May the Love and Peace of our Lord and Savior be with us all,
Eldridge, Avalene, and Janie.



LOVELL CREECH

Lovell Creech was not only my grandmother, but an amazing woman. She was born to the proud parents of William “Pap Bill” and Sarah Dixon “Ma” Ison on April 12, 1908, on Linefork, Kentucky. She was born into a large and loving family.

Lovell met and married Mark H. Creech in 1935. Once married, the couple settled down on Big Branch to raise their family of seven. Mark was a widower with three young children: Burley, Carl, and Bonnie. In Lovell “Momi,” they found a loving new mother. Mark and Lovell also had four more children: Doris, Mark Ed, Don, and Bill.

Mark and Lovell were both raised in a Christian household, and both were blessed with a beautiful voice in which to praise the Lord. They began to sing their songs of worship. This singing continued throughout their lives at Cedar Grove Old Regular Baptist Church. Both were devoted members of the church. Mark and Lovell enjoyed a long and happy life together as children of God.

After Mark’s passing in 1977, Lovell continued to live on Big Branch. She was a strong and independent woman, growing a garden and canning well into her late eighties. She was very adamant about being on her own, cooking and keeping house. Most of her family will remember her humming as she banged pots and pans in the kitchen. She always started cooking the next meal as soon as the table was cleared. I will always remember her and my mother, Doris, frying all those apple pies that the whole family loved.

Lovell was always very active, walking almost every day to her sister Dicey’s or to Aunt Martha’s. Her family was very important to her. She also went to church every Sunday that she could, as her family of Christians were just as important.

Although Lovell’s life was filled with hardships, having lost her

husband and several children, she never wavered in her faith and belief in the Lord. She turned to Him in all her times of trouble. Lovell left this earth on March 1, 2008, being ninety-six years old.

She remained strong and independent until the very end, but she was ready to meet her maker. My grandmother has reunited with my Papaw and her children.

Together, they are still singing their praises on high.
Her loving granddaughter, Linda Potter.

CORA J. DEEL

Cora Jane Dell, eighty-four, of Haysi, Virginia died on Friday, August 10, 2001 at the home of her son, David Deel. She was a lifelong resident of Dickenson County and a member of the Russell Prater Old Regular Baptist Church since 1947.



She was the widow of Howard C. Deel. Survivors include sons: Earnest Deel, David Deel, Chester Deel and Ronald Deel, all of Haysi; daughter: Rosie Coleman of Haysi; brother: Bart Deel of Haysi; sisters: Maxie Clevenger of Cedarville, Ohio, Pearlie Coleman of Taylorsville, North Carolina, and Lulie Deel of Haysi; sixteen grandchildren; and ten great grandchildren.

MARGARET JANE DEEL

With tears in my eyes and memories in my heart, I will try to write an obituary of a mother, grandmother and friend, Margaret Jane Deel.

Mom was born in Buchanan County to Tilden and Louannie Yates on January 12, 1941. She departed this life on November 23, 2007, making her stay on earth sixty-six years, ten months and eleven days.



Mom married Bruce Deel on May 3, 1958. To this union three children were born: Theda Frances Stiltner, Gregory Bruce Deel, and Marvin Scott Deel. Mom was preceded in death by one son, Gregory Bruce Deel; her husband, Bruce Deel; her devoted parents, Tilden and Louannie Yates; one sister, Sylvia Jean Yates, and one brother, Jerry Yates.

Mom joined the Old Regular Baptist Church on Easter weekend in March, 1989. She enjoyed all the singing and preaching. For the last three years she wasn't able to go to church like she wanted, but I feel the Lord knew what was in her heart.

Those left to mourn her are Theda (Jerry) Stiltner; Scott Deel; three sisters: Ponzella (James) Deel, Sadie (Auty) Deel, and Brenda (Jackie) Yates; five brothers: Lonnie (Fayger) Yates, Troy (Sue) Yates, Billy (Geraldine) Yates, Herman (Cookie) Yates, and Danny (Margie) Yates; six grandchildren: Jonathan (Ginni) Stiltner, Nathan Stiltner, Derek (Brandi) Stiltner, Latasha Deel, Brady Deel and Beca Deel; and six great grandchildren: Ethan, Mason, Jorja, Dakota, Casin and Aubree. Also surviving are nieces, nephews, four aunts, one uncle and a host of friends.

Mom worked and managed the Rainbow Restaurant for several years. She took classes to better her education then she worked in the respiratory department at Buchanan General Hospital until becoming disabled in 1992. Mom and Dad then moved to Abingdon from Buchanan County where they enjoyed taking long drives and being together. In 2003, Mom was diagnosed with cancer. She had surgery to remove the cancer, but it returned in 2005. Their health problems worsened and they moved in with me and Jerry to help assist with care in 2004.

Mom would get homesick to come back to Virginia. Whenever she was able we would bring her in for a visit. For the last three months Mom wasn't able to travel on long trips. Up until August,

2007, she was going to Vanderbilt every two to three weeks for treatments of the cancer. The cancer was making her bones so brittle and the doctors told us in August that nothing else could be done except to help her control the pain and try to make her comfortable. She covered her pain well whenever family came to visit from Virginia or friends stopped by the house.

This last week was difficult for Mommy. She was having problems breathing besides being in pain and so very weak. She would ask for Daddy often. When her baby boy came to visit she was trying to be strong, but wasn't able to get out of bed for three days. After he left Mom's condition continued to get worse. The death angel came and Mommy went home to meet all the loved ones that have passed on. She had a very calm and peaceful expression.

Sleep on sweet, Mommy, and the rest of the family will try to meet you in glory land one day.

Love, your Broken-Hearted Daughter.

MARY LOUISE THACKER DEEL

With a broken heart and loving memories we will try to write the obituary of a devoted wife, mother, grandmother and great grandmother.

Mary Louise Thacker Deel passed away on June 14, 2008 at the Wellmont-Bristol Regional Medical Center. She was born on August 11, 1932 to the late Tom and Alice Charles Thacker. She married Ervin Deel on April 4, 1952, and to this

union four daughters and one son were born. She gave her hand and was baptized in November, 1956 and was a member of the Pilgrim Home Old Regular Baptist Church. She was a lifelong resident of Buchanan County, and was an employee of the Buchanan County School System working as a custodian at the Grundy Junior High for thirty years.



She is survived by her husband, Ervin Gilford Deel, of Grundy Virginia; four daughters: Brenda Skeens of Lebanon, Virginia, Shelia and husband, Roy Clanton, of Grundy, Virginia, Jenny and husband, John Ramey, of Elizabethton, Tennessee, and Sandy and husband, Tim Riffe, of Grundy, Virginia; and one son, Larry and wife, Jackie Deel, of Devenport, Virginia. Also surviving are sisters: Joann and husband, Billy Don Deel, of Vansant, Virginia, and Rosie Thacker of Richards, North Carolina; and brothers: Ira and wife, Linda Thacker, of Vansant, Virginia, and Jimmy and wife, Irene Thacker, of Vansant, Virginia. She was also survived by eight grandchildren: Flo and husband, Shawn Doughty, Carol and husband, Robbie Davis, Vanessa and husband, Richie Waddell, Tracy and husband, Chad Garrick, Chris Skeens, Lyn and husband, Matt Owens, Dara and husband, Brad Hurley, and Wayne Deel. Also surviving are nine great grandchildren: Sydney Clanton, Zachary Dotson, Caleb Doughty, Tyson Owens, Ciera Skeens, Connor Hurley, Sara Owens, Makayla Davis and Kadence Deel.

She was preceded in death by three sisters: Edna Robinson, Pinkie Viers, and Jacqueline Thacker; and one brother, Arthur Thacker.

She will live forever in our hearts and memories and will be greatly missed each day. So, we will not say goodbye to her, but so long for now, until we meet again in Heaven one day.

Written by her loving Family.



LENORA MARIE CAUDILL DIXON

Writing my Mother's obituary is something I did not think that I would have to do for many years, but with a heavy heart I write this today. Lenora was born on July 8, 1956 in Blackey, Kentucky to the late Spencer and Ruby Caudill. She passed away on June 21, 2008, at her home, surrounded by her

husband, children, brothers and sisters. She was surrounded by love and prayers when the Lord called her home

Lenora married Fred Dixon on June 6, 1979 in Clintwood, Virginia. Over the years, Lenora and Fred were blessed with four children and three grandchildren. Lenora is survived by Fred; three sons: Billy Jones, Travis Dixon and Thomas Dixon; one daughter: Michelle Miller; and three grandchildren: Emylie Jones, Marcus Jones and Kylie Miller. Lenora is also survived by four sisters, five brothers and a host of other family and friends.

Lenora was baptized on November 4, 2007. She was baptized in Blackey, Kentucky at the Mount Olivet Old Regular Baptist Church. This was a joyous day for her family and friends. I miss my Mother more than words can describe, but it comforts me to know that she is now at peace in the arms of the Lord.

I will always remember her strength, compassion, unconditional love and true joy of life. Even though her time was short, she made an unforgettable impact on those of us lucky enough to have known her. "God only takes the best."

Written with love by her daughter, Michelle Miller.

EMIL ELDRIDGE

Emil Eldridge, a loving husband, father and grandfather passed away at home on October 31, 2007. He was the son of Henry and Lucinda Fields Eldridge. He was born on July 24, 1932. His stay here on earth was seventy-five years, three months and seven days. He married Margaret Day Eldridge on January 3, 1953. To this union was born four children: Harold Eldridge of Somerset, Kentucky, Kenneth (wife,



Patricia Corn Eldridge) of Bronston, Kentucky, Barbara R. Eldridge Lewis (husband, Daniel Lewis) of Burnside, Kentucky and Frieda Kay Eldridge. Also surviving are six grandchildren, nine great grandchildren and four step great grandchildren.

Preceding him in death was a daughter, Frieda K. Eldridge, and two grandchildren, Kenneth Wayne and Sherry Lynn Eldridge.

Emil had five sisters and six brothers, surviving are: Betty Sue Williams of Shelbyville, Indiana, Stella (Ray) Shelton of Crab Orchard, Kentucky, Arlie (Benny) Simpson of Waynesburg, Kentucky, and Hubert Eldridge of Blackey, Kentucky. Preceding him in death were five brothers and two sisters.

Emil was a member and Deacon of the Friendship Old Regular Baptist Church since 1973. He was a faithful member and a pillar of the church.

He was a retired factory worker and farmer, and he loved to restore old cars. He was loved by everyone that knew him, and a friend to everyone he met.

Emil will be sadly missed by all and is now resting in the arms of Jesus.

Written by: Wife and Children.



ANDREW “ANDY” ELLIOT

It is with a mixture of sadness and joy that we are remembering our brother, dad, grandpa, and friend, Andy Elliott. Sadness because we will no longer see the happiness he received from his family and church, joy because we know that the pain and suffering he was going through is now over.

Andy was born on May 31, 1929 to Francis “Bud” and Darkie (Alley) Elliott. He passed away on March 1, 2008 in Florida. Even though he spent many years living far away,

he never forgot his days in Kentucky. McDowell was never out of his heart and mind.

Andy married Sally Jo Tuttle in August, 1959. Within a couple of years they had two sons, Mike and Steve, both born in Chicago. To support his family, Andy moved his family to Michigan in order to find work. He was lucky enough to live near some of his brothers and sisters that helped him get through many rough days. Andy made many sacrifices for his family. He made sure that his sons knew right from wrong, and what it meant to lead a good life.

Andy loved the Baptist Church. He loved going to church and he loved talking about the church. Even when he had to get up early for work, he loved having his friends come over and stay up late to talk about church, about Kentucky, and about memories of happy times.

In 1981, Sally Jo passed away. It was hard on everybody, but Andy kept his family together. At the time, he thought a lot about moving back to Kentucky, but decided not to. It was more important to him to make sure that his sons were going to be okay. Eventually, Andy retired and moved to Florida, where he spent the last twelve years of his life. He went there to get away from the cold and snow, but was never really happy in Florida. He didn't get to see his family very often, but he tried to talk to everyone as much as he could. He loved talking to his brothers and sisters, his sons, his daughter-in-law, Theresa, and granddaughters. He always talked about how proud he was of his three granddaughters: Samantha, Shannon and Haley. Andy would light up when he would get to see the girls.

Andy was always the happiest when he would go back to Kentucky. Every person who walked or drove by seemed to know Andy, and was always glad to see him. He would go from house to house to say hello to everyone, and to catch up on things. He would always end up on his mom's front porch, usually talking to his brother, Jr. He could have spent the whole week on that porch, and would have been very happy.

The last few years of Andy's life saw him in failing health, but he never complained. He didn't want anyone to worry about him. The last few weeks of his life were especially hard on him, but now he is in a better place. He's back in Kentucky, the place he loved more than any other place on earth. Now he can rest in peace next to Sally

Jo, which is where he belongs.

Andy left behind his two sons, his daughter-in-law, and his three granddaughters. He also left behind his brother, Francis Elliot, Jr. of McDowell, Kentucky; and sisters, Leona Mitchell and Lucy Schmittou of Lincoln Park, Michigan, Oma Moore of Taylor, Michigan, and Hazel Nickols of Punta Gorda, Florida.

We know Andy is in a better place now. He was a good man, a good father, a good brother, a good grandpa, and a good friend. Whenever someone thinks of Andy Elliott, they can't help but get a smile on their face.

Written by his broken-hearted son, Mike Elliott and family.



MAMIE ENGLE

On January 19, 1923, Dan and Virgie Smith Adams welcomed their daughter, Mamie Ellen, the first of their nine children, into their Jeremiah home. Mamie, Margaret, James Gid, Mary, Dock, Juanita, Blain, Coreen and Ivan were all young when their father, Dan, passed away, leaving Virgie with a large family to raise.

Since they were the oldest, Mamie and Margaret helped out with the younger ones and with the help of Virgie's parents, J.T. and Margarette, the children all grew into adulthood. Like other mountain families, they had their struggles and hard times and knew the meaning of hard work.

As a young woman, Mamie met and later married John Engle. To this union was born three children: Harrison, Wilma Jean and Bobbie. They grew up at Jeremiah and when the children grew into young adults they branched out to different areas to make their way in the world. Harrison went into the service, Jean settled in Ohio, and Bobbie moved on to Michigan. John and Mamie were also blessed to be able

to care for their granddaughter, Monica, who they raised as if she was their own daughter. She was company to them after their older children had begun their own families. Mamie enjoyed it when her children would come back to visit and soon they had families of their own to bring back to the mountains with them.

Mamie was close to her mother throughout her whole life, especially after John passed away. She visited with Virgie and Margaret every day, two and three times a day, until they passed away.

The last years of her life, Mamie battled cancer and the effects of chemotherapy off and on and handled both very well. She kept up with her friends and family by phone calls and was an avid letter writer. Mamie was blessed to be a very good seamstress, quilt maker, and possessed a talent for needle work.

She saw many of her family and friends pass away these last few years, and she was in and out of the hospital herself. Although Mamie did not belong to any church, she felt the Lord had saved her and Heaven would be her home. Mamie always considered the Dixon Memorial Church as her church.

Like most people her age, Mamie wanted to stay at her own home as long as possible. Juanita and Ivan helped out when they could and Coreen checked on her daily the last few months, seeing that she had a hot meal and seeing to it that she was alright. Mamie will be missed by all that knew her.

Surviving Mamie are one son: Harrison Engle; three daughters: Wilma Jean Smith, Bobbie L. Morgan and Monica L. Ivey; two brothers: Dock Adams and Ivan Adams; and two sisters: Juanita McCrrey and Coreen Pridemore. Also surviving Mamie are six grandchildren and six great grandchildren, along with a host of other relatives and friends.

Mamie was preceded in death by two brothers: James Gid Adams and Blaine Adams, and two sisters: Margaret Caudill and Mary Denny.

“Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his Saints.”



PAULETTIA EVERAGE

Paulettia Everage, the daughter of William Everett and Mary Ashley Everage, was born on March 23, 1960 and deceased on January 7, 2008. At the time of her death she was forty-seven years, nine months and fifteen days. She is preceded in death

by her father, William Everett who passed away on November 15, 1991. Paulettia is survived by her mother, Mary; a brother, Everett, Jr.; and sisters: Edith Richie, Cretia Sumner, Joyce Sturgill and Dorothy Everage. She is also survived by her good friend, Anna Bedwell. When I would visit with Paulettia, she would always show me the needlework that she had done. I know Mary's heart is broken now, and I will miss the visits I had with Paulettia, but I feel Paulettia is at rest now.

Written by a brother in hope, Landis Everage.



WILLIAM EVERETT EVERAGE

On July 6, 1930, William Everett Everage was born into the home of William Bill and Nancy Amburgey Everage. Everett deceased this world on November 15, 1991 after a long illness.

Everett was preceded in death by his parents and one brother, Arthur. Everett is survived by his wife, Mary Ashley Everage; daughters:

Edith Ritchie, Cretia Sumner, Joyce Sturgill, Dorothy Everage, and Paulettia Everage; and one son, Everett, Jr. Also surviving are five sisters: Gertia, Melba, Brenda Gaye, Linda Lou and Cuba. He is

survived by four brothers: Troy, Sam, Nick, and John P. Also surviving are five grandchildren.

Since Everett's death his daughter, Paulettia, joined her Daddy in Heaven on January 7, 2008. Everett was a minister and a member of the Happy Home Old Regular Baptist Church. Everett was sick for many years and he knew Jesus was the answer. We all should try to follow in his footsteps. I know that Everett's family and friends miss him, but I feel he is at rest in the arms of Jesus.

Written by a Cousin and Brother in hope,
Landis Everage.

FRED FULLER

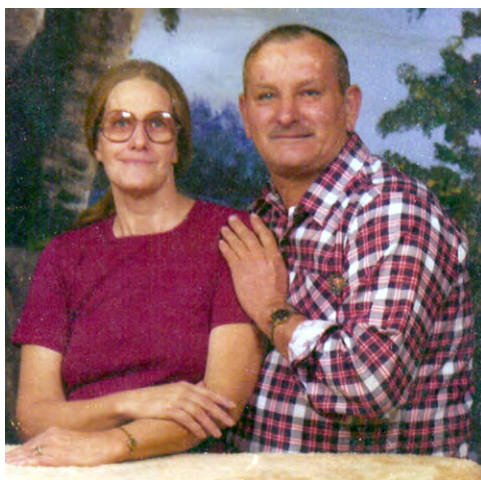
It is with a sad and broken heart that we try to write the obituary of our dear, sweet Dad, Fred Fuller. Through these words, we hope to pay tribute to a man who was dedicated to his family, his friends and to his church.

Fred was born at Johns Creek, Kentucky, on August 1, 1926 to the late Bud and Fronie Fuller. God took him home on August 31, 2007, making his stay on this earth eighty-one years and thirty days.

He began his adult life by joining the United States Navy. He served his country during World War II. He received an honorable discharge on July 20, 1946.

Fred married the love of his life, Glema Duggins, on August 19, 1948. To this union six children were born, three sons: Kemper, Freddie and Joey, and three daughters: Louise, Carol and Shelia.

After returning home from the war, Fred began working in the coal mines where he remained until he was disabled in the mid seventies. He was a member of United Mine Workers of America.



Fred was dedicated to the mining profession. He had a true passion for the work he did. Whenever he talked about the “good old days” it was easy to see his deep pride for being a coal miner.

Fred loved to go to church and visit with family and friends. He was a faithful member of the Old Regular Baptist Church. He and Glema could be found in a church house somewhere every Sunday morning. They dearly loved their church family.

Fred lived most of his life in the Bartlick area of Dickenson County. He loved the people in his community and everyone knew him. He was a man who never met a stranger. He loved to talk and would speak to anyone who took the time to join him in a conversation. Neither Bartlick nor Haysi will ever be the same.

Fred leaves to mourn his loss: one brother, Buster Fuller of Palatka, Florida; one sister, Ann Woods of Kingsport, Tennessee; four children: Kemper Fuller of Pikeville, Kentucky, Freddie Fuller and Carol Stanley both of Haysi, Virginia, and Joey Fuller of Timberlake, North Carolina; eight grandchildren: Kimberly, Joey, Richie, Darren Daniel, Dewayne, Bessie and Fredrick; and thirteen great grand-children.

He was preceded in death by one sister, Hazel Thomas; six brothers (Kemper, Junior, Bud, Jim, George, Roy and Raymond); his wife, Glema; two children (Louise Owens and Shelia Deel Fuller); and one grandchild, Selena Fuller.

Fred will be forever loved by his family and friends. However, our loss is Heaven’s gain.

Written by his broken-hearted family.

POLLY ANN DUNCIL GIBSON

The winter has been long and hard, but the Easter lilies have begun to reach for Heaven. Their buds will soon break into flowers and we are reminded of the great and glorious resurrection of the Saints of God.

Polly Ann Duncil Gibson was born in Letcher County, Kentucky on February 9, 1920 into the home of Ezra and Ella Pigman Everidge. She passed from this life on Friday, February 29, 2008 at Whitesburg Appalachian Regional Hospital. Her life of eighty-eight years and

twenty days has etched untold memories in the lives of old and young alike.

Early in life, Polly Ann fell in love and married Floyd Duncil. Floyd's untimely death on January 1, 1958 left Polly Ann to finish raising their two teenage children. That challenge brought forth a straight forward toughness to be admired. This was seasoned with a special love, sweetness, a compassion that bears the mark of



a virtuous woman. She had a way that caused each grandchild and each great grandchild to feel that they were the choice one.

Later in life Polly Ann married Charlie Gibson who also preceded her in death.

Polly Ann believed, repented, and was born again by the blood of Jesus. She was baptized into the Blair Branch Regular Baptist Church in May, 1965. Few women have done more work than Polly Ann. During her work at school she loved the children and they loved her. Whatever the job, she did it. Her grandchildren, amusingly and yet seriously, describe their grandmother as the Queen of chicken and dumplings.

Polly Ann is survived by a son: Earl C. Duncil and wife, Coleen, of Kite, Kentucky; by a daughter: Mercitus Adams and husband, Johnny, of Sandlick, Kentucky; two brothers: Emmitt Everidge and L.B. Everidge of Colson, Kentucky; and four sisters: Dicie Jenia of Franklin, Ohio, Samantha Hall of Colson, Kentucky, Nell Williams of Whitesburg, Kentucky, and Wilma Preece of Hindman, Kentucky. She is also survived by four grandchildren, six great grandchildren and one great great grandchild, as well as a host of other relatives and friends. She was preceded in death by a sister, Gladys Holbrook.

Polly Ann faced many trials and tribulations. She dealt with whatever came before her. She lost her hearing. She was resigned to a wheelchair. She could no longer stay alone. All the while she cheered up everyone else with that magic smile. It was genuine, open, and

assuming. You could almost see her heart through her smile.

The Master called “Rise up, my love, my fair one, and come away. For now 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: Arise my love, my fair one, and come away”.



WILLMER HALCOMB

It is with a sad and heavy heart, I will write the obituary of my husband, Willmer Halcomb. Willmar went to be with his Lord and Savior on July 22, 2007. Willmer was born on October 24, 1922 at Gordon on Linefork, Kentucky. He was the son of the late Irvin and Mary E. Halcomb. He spent his young life on Linefork and was a proud graduate

of Kingdom Come High School.

Willmer was drafted into the military during World War II. He served his country well and received some of the most distinguished awards for bravery after being wounded. After his discharge, he wanted more education, so he entered the University of Kentucky and Eastern Kentucky University, where he received his degrees in Agriculture and Agronomy.

We met at church and from there we decided we wanted to spend our lives together. On June 5, 1948 we were married and for fifty-nine years we worked hard and were blessed with three children; two daughters: Pamela and Wilma; and a son: Wilmer. Willmer loved his children, his son-in-law and his grandson, Jeremy Wayne, as well as all his brothers and sisters and his in-laws. He really loved to meet with his family at their family reunion. He will be missed.

One day he felt something was missing in his life. He accepted the Lord and was baptized, and became a member in the Cedar Grove

Old Regular Baptist Church. He loved to attend the Cedar Grove Church and the Little Mary Church.

He always told people he was a happy man and loved to tell people about the liquid grave of baptism and how the wall of water came up and rolled over him. He wanted so much for people to experience the view that he did. He was in awe. He was preceded in death by three brothers, a son, and his mother and father.

Willmer loved the outdoors and loved fishing with his brother, Clarence; hunting elk with his brother, Ross; and talking honey bees with his brother, Wallace. He really loved gardening and working with honey bees. He loved to sell his honey and meet and talk with people. His one wish was that all of his family and friends would accept Christ and all could become a family again in God's kingdom.

He is greatly missed by all who knew him,
Wife, Mary Della Halcomb, and daughters.

TOMMY R. HAGERMAN

Tommy R. Hagerman, age 68, died on Monday, October 1, 2007, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne, Indiana. He was born on May 25, 1939 in Jolo, West Virginia. Tommy was the son of Rosevelt and LouVicy Vance Hagerman.

He moved from Paynesville, West Virginia to Ligonier, Indiana nine years ago. A coal miner by trade, he retired in 1986 after 28 years of employment with Pittson Coal Company in Jewel Ridge, Virginia. He was a minister at the Bright Morning Star Church at Paynesville, and had been the moderator of the Rock of Ages Church of Love in Ligonier, Indiana. In his leisure time, he enjoyed fox hunting, riding four wheelers and most especially, enjoyed his children and grandchildren.



On April 19, 1958, he married Leah Hicks in Paynesville, West Virginia.

He is survived by his wife, Leah; six sons, Allen (Mary) Hagerman, Stephen (Nancy) Hagerman, Jeffrey (Betty) Hagerman, Michael (Stephanie) Hagerman, Anthony (Chrissy) Hagerman and Aaron (Shannon) Hagerman; five daughters, Ann (Ron) Marshall, Sherry (Luther) Hagerman, Carolyn (Ernest) Vance, Deleah (Dennis) Ratliff, and Tommi Jo (Estil) Pruitt; daughter-in-law, Tiffany Hagerman.

Also surviving are four brothers, Henry (Francis) Hagerman, Theodore (Beatrice) Hagerman, Jimmy (Maria) Hagerman and Perry (Nancy) Hagerman, two sisters, Tennessee Woods and Clara (Charles) Handshoe; forty-six grandchildren and 20 great grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, Tommy was preceded in death by two daughters, Madelene Hagerman and Ethelene Hagerman; two sons, Mark Hagerman and Jonathan Robert Hagerman; son-in-law, Charles Gross; two grandsons, Joshua Hagerman and Joseph Hagerman; and four sisters, Barbara Hagerman, Celia Woody, Mae Baker, and Elizabeth Jane Payne.



ANAKIN ISAAC COCHRAN HALL

Born on April 28, 2008 in Northport, Alabama, he was the son of Mary Cochran and Travis Hall. He was a beautiful baby boy with big dark blue eyes and gorgeous brown hair. He was a happy boy who loved music, being read to, and he was a big eater. He stole

everybody's heart.

We are Mary and Travis, and this is the short story. Our story begins in August, 2007 when we found out we were pregnant with

our first child. The pregnancy was utterly normal, but the baby did not want to come on its own. I was induced on April 28, 2008, which ended in a cesarean section. When our son was born we were told that he seemed to have some form of dwarfism and that he wasn't breathing much. A half an hour later, a neonatologist told us that he thought Anakin has Thanatophoric Dysplasia. Our world came crashing down. Anakin lived on a ventilator until May 30, 2008 when we took him home. He passed away at home in my arms at 3:00 a.m. on June 1, 2008.

Survivors include his maternal grandparents, Joan and David Cochran of Danville; paternal grandparents, Bonnie and Thomas Hall of Hollybush; two great grandmothers, Helen Cochran of Danville and Connie (and the late Monroe) Slone of Hollybush; four uncles: Zachari, Dakota and Jakob Hall of Hollybush, and David (Kristi) Cochran, Jr. of Stanford; a cousin, Brady Cochran of Stanford; a godfather, Joe Isaac; and many great aunts, great uncles and cousins.

We want to thank Jesus, our God, for entrusting us with this little Angel. "See ya soon, baby boy. You may be gone, but you shall live forever in our hearts." To read Anakins full story go to his web page: www.anakinssong.com.

Written by Anakin's beloved
Mommy and Daddy

KATHLEEN OSBORNE HALL

It is with a sad and aching heart that we try to write the obituary of our beloved Mother. Mom was born at Jonancy, Kentucky on October 11, 1923 to the late Long Joe and Bertha Adkins Osborne.

Mom met and married our father, Harold Hall, on August 24, 1937. He passed away in August, 2004 after having been married for sixty-seven years. Mom was very



lonely after his death.

Mom passed away on Saturday, March 15, 2008, making her stay here on earth eighty-four years, five months and four days. In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by her brother, Elsworth Osborne, and a sister, Juanita Bryant. She is survived by her children: Hazel (Jim) Ford of Racine, Ohio, Jean (Coy) Adams of Virgie, Kentucky, Harold (Sylvia) Hall, Jr., of Greenup, Kentucky, Lois (Dennie) Williamson of Jonancy, Kentucky, and Jarold Hall of Heath, Ohio; and nine grandchildren, nineteen great grandchildren and eighteen great great grandchildren. She is also survived by two sisters: Minerva Caudill, and Loretta Hopkins; and a host of family and friends that miss her dearly.

Mom was a member of Old Union Regular Baptist Church. She loved to go to church and worship the Lord and fellowship with her brothers and sisters of the church.

Mom was employed by the Pike County Board of Education. She worked for thirty years at Virgie High School as a Matron. She enjoyed work and meeting all the teachers and students. It was such a blessing to her family to hear all the good things that some of the students and teachers had to say about her at her funeral. We knew how special she was, but it was wonderful to hear of all the good she did for the young people at school and everywhere she went.

Mom enjoyed her grandchildren so much, whether it was a board game, baseball, swinging in the swing or badminton, she made sure all had a good time, but one of her greatest joys was cooking family meals, especially on holidays when all of her family was present. She tried to make sure she had made our favorites. Mom, we miss you and love you dearly.

Written by her loving children.

LIZZIE MAE HALL

With a sad and broken heart, I will try to write an obituary of my loving Mom and grandmother, Lizzie Mae Hall. Mommy was born on July 21, 1942, and left this world on September 9, 2007 at the Hazard Hospital, making her stay here sixty-five years.

Lizzie was the daughter of the late Hiram Johnson and Nerva Jane Hall Johnson. She married our Dad, the late Oley Hall, and to this union was born five children. Her surviving kids are: James Eddie and Lynn Hall, Janet Sue and Marty Little, Oley, Jr. and Helena Hall, Jeanene and James Hamilton, and Jennifer and Donald Salsbury. She had four sisters that preceded her in death: Sally Hamilton, Vassie Bryant, Octavie Newsome, and Tanie Johnson. Four brothers preceded her in death: John C. Johnson, Wilburn Johnson, Clevend Johnson and Kendrick Johnson. One brother, Frank Johnson, survives her. Also surviving Lizzie are twelve grandchildren and six great grandchildren.



Lizzie was a member of the Pleasant Valley Church at Tinkerfork on Big Mud Creek. She loved to go to church as often as she could. She loved everybody who knew her. She was a wonderful mother and grandmother. Mommy became very sick before God took her to be with Daddy.

It was hard to give up our precious mother, but God loved her more and needed another Angel in Heaven. So sleep on Mother, until we meet again. We love you and miss you so much, and it's hard to go on without you here with us on earth, but by the help of God, we will keep praying that the pain will ease.

We pray that we meet you, Mommy, in Heaven some sweet day.

Written by your daughters,

Jeanene, Jip, Janet and the rest of the family.

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 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 on May 31, 1947 in Martin, Kentucky, making her stay here on earth sixty years, one month and one day. Mom was the daughter of the late Sterling and Olga Helen Hamilton. Julinia was a beautiful woman who, at the age of fourteen, met and fell in love

with the love of her life, Eugene Hamilton. They were married on April 21, 1962. The Lord blessed them with forty-five years, two months and ten days of a wonderful life together. From this joyous union came three daughters: Bonetta Daugherty of Destin, Florida, Gwanetta Williams of Stanville, Kentucky, and Jenna Hamilton of Teaberry, Kentucky. God bestowed one grandchild, Brad Daugherty, and one great grandchild, Davin Daugherty, upon them.

Mom's cheerful smile and her heart of gold was shared with her two sisters: Wanda Rex of Ann Arbor, Michigan, and Scarlet Hamilton King of Teaberry, Kentucky; and one brother, Scotty Hamilton of Dayton, Ohio. She was the best this world could hold, never selfish, always kind.

Mom was a retired business owner and a member of the Little Rosa Regular Baptist Church, Indian Bottom Association, McDowell, Kentucky. She was saved in February of 2000, then baptized by Clinton Moore, Jimmy Hall, and James Swiger on March 4, 2000 at Little Rosa Church where she followed her membership. Mom was a faithful member of the Little Rosa Regular Baptist Church at McDowell, Kentucky. 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 just 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 the church, and Mom and Dad spent many hours

traveling together to church and to visit the sick and elderly.

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 of 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.

Mom truly believed that you just had to have faith. About two weeks before Mom passed away, she sang "Proud to be a Christian" on the phone with her sisters. Every night Mom was on the phone with Bon and Gwan or Wanda and Scarlett sharing daily events and checking on family. Mom was there for everyone, and she would do anything to give a supporting hand or helpful advice. 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 of 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. 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 across 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
Oh joy and love, a life well spent
And now to God a mother's sent.
On 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 and heartbroken,
Eugene and Daughters



LETRELL HAMPTON

Letrell “Let” Hampton was born into the home of the late Willie and Ella Bowling Hampton on November 3, 1940. He passed away on November 25, 2007, making his stay here on earth sixty-seven years and twenty-two days, after a long battle with diabetes and heart and lung disease. He knew it was a battle he couldn’t win and

it was only a matter of time. In 1963 he married Maxie Eldridge Hampton. To this union one daughter was born. Let had a hard time while growing up without the love and guidance of a mother, having lost his mother by death when he was only five years and three months of age. Let didn’t get very many breaks while growing up and nothing seemed to come easy for him. But, by the loving grace of God, he lived to reach adult-hood. After he was blessed with a family, he worked at whatever he could find to support his family, from

mechanics, to the steel mills of Indiana, and the coal mines of Eastern Kentucky. Let didn't have very much while here on earth in the way of worldly goods and didn't want much. He didn't believe in storing up worldly treasures. He said he didn't bring anything into this world when he came, and couldn't take anything with him when he left except his salvation. As long as his family had food to eat, clothes on their back, and a roof over their head he was content. He loved these old hills and always wanted to live as close to them as possible. He loved to just walk through the mountains and enjoy God's creations as long as he was able to do so. When he could no longer walk up and down the hills he spent many hours sitting on an old sofa on his front porch reading and looking at the mountains he loved so well. Let was an avid reader and would read anything he could lay his hands on as long as it wasn't foolishness. He loved to tinker with older model vehicles and drove an old truck himself. Let loved his family and his family loved him. He leaves to mourn his passing, Maxie, his wife, of forty-five years; his daughter, Sheila Hart and husband, Jerry, of Cowan; three grand-children and one great grandchild; two sisters, Bernice Small of Blackey, Kentucky and Betty Ruth Hatton and husband, Vernol, also of Blackey; one brother, Relon Hampton and wife, Adeline, of Premium, Kentucky; one half brother, L.D. Hampton and wife, Gabriel (Gabby) of Georgia; plus a host of nieces, nephews and friends also survive.

Let didn't complain very much about his illness, saying the Lord already knew about it, and was the only one who could heal him. And, I feel that he was healed on November 25, 2007 when he answered that final call. Let was a member of the Dixon Memorial Old Regular Baptist Church.

As David said "he can't come to us, but we can go to him."

Written by his natural brother and
brother in hope, Brother Relon Hampton.



CURTIS HUFF

With the saddest heart, we will try to write the obituary of our beloved Dad, Curtis.

Dad was born on November 2, 1953 to his parents, James and Lillie Huff, bringing much joy into their home. Later in life, he met and married Freda Slone. To this union was born two children: Stacie and Brian, and five grandchildren. Dad and Mom's marriage ended in divorce. Dad, after a few years, met and married Linda Nelson. They

didn't have any children, but they did have a dog named "Poochie," which he loved with all his heart.

Dad was baptized into the Indian Bottom Association on July 8, 2006, after he gave his heart to God. He took his fellowship with the Little Dove Church with all his brothers and sisters he loved so dearly.

God called Dad home on October 9, 2007. He leaves to mourn his passing, his wife, children, grandchildren, brothers, sisters and a host of nieces and nephews.

Our hearts are so sad since you left us, Dad. But, we know you are resting in Heaven, where we hope to live with you again someday.

"It broke out hearts to lose you, Dad, but you didn't go alone, a part of us went with you the day God called you home. We love you, Dad".

Written by your broken-hearted children, Brian and Stacie.

JAMES E. ISON

James E. Ison, 70, of Franklin, Indiana, passed away on April 30, 2008 at the Indiana Masonic Home. He was a former resident of Columbus.

James was born on July 7, 1937 at Roxana, Kentucky to Chester and Julia Whitaker Ison. He married his wife, Sue, on September 22, 1961 in Clintwood, Virginia. He is survived by his wife, Sue, and by one daughter, Patricia (Bruce) Foreman of Franklin, Indiana. Also surviving are four brothers: Quenton Ison, Bobby Ray Ison, George Ison and Chester Ison, Jr.; four sisters: Irene Caudill, Mary Kilburn, Doris Ison and Barbara Watts; and two grandchildren: Mathew Foreman and Mary Elizabeth Foremen.

James was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Elmer and Venon Ison; and two sisters, Anna May Ison and Mattie Miller.

He was a machinist at Cummins in Columbus for twenty-five years. James was a member of the Chester Hogg Memorial Church in Charlestown, Indiana. He was also a member of St. John's Masonic Lodge #20 F.&A.M.

When I reflect on my Dad's life, the phrase "no regrets" comes to mind. Dad lived his life with integrity and had very few things for which to be sorry. He was a serious man who made every decision carefully, many times after long hours of contemplation. He had simple needs. He was most happy when he could help someone else with a project, or work on a project of his own. He believed that a job worth doing was worth doing well. He was a perfectionist. If he weeded the garden, every weed would be gone. If he cut the grass, it was cut to perfection. He made everything he did look easy, and many of us are still trying to live to his example.

Dad was wise in so many ways that family and friends looked to him for advice on matters large and small. He was honest and respected honesty in others, and even though he might disagree with



someone, he respected them for the opinion they had.

When someone suffers a terrible illness like Alzheimer's disease, it becomes easy to see and remember only the destruction the disease leaves in its wake. The person Dad was before the disease took its toll is the person he would want us to remember, but we can't forget the lessons we learned from watching him battle the disease.

Some will remember Dad as a little boy running up and down the mountainside near the old home at Roxana, Kentucky. For some, he will always be the thin, tall basketball player at Kingdom Come High School, or the hunting and fishing buddy who made the most of nature's bounty. For our family, he will always be remembered as our problem solver, our counselor, our handy man, and our rock.

Now that this long fight is over, the legacy he leaves us is one of humility, hope and perseverance. He would want us to live as he did, with no regrets.

In loving tribute, Trich.



MARY ISON

Mary Watts Ison was born on January 4, 1915, the daughter of Squire and Celia Caudill Watts, and passed away in Indianapolis, Indiana on January 3, 2008, at the age of ninety-two years, eleven months and twenty-nine days. She was married to Manus Ison, son of George B. and Ardelia Caudill Ison, on April 19, 1936. They loved each other dearly and Mary

was always supportive of Manus during his years of dedication to the church.

Mary was a faithful member of the Cedar Grove Church since October, 1970. She went to church every time she could. She was always so beautiful in her many hats. Mary toiled willingly, keeping many overnight guests and cooking for them as well as her family.

Mary was preceded in death by her husband, Manus; a daughter, Mary Lou Blair; a son, Manus Ison, Jr.; and a daughter-in-law, Valerie Ison. She was also preceded in death by three brothers: James, Kirby and Kirt; and four sisters: Alice Watts Eldridge, Georgeann Watts Spencer, Martha Watts Ison and Artha Mae Watts.

She is survived by her children, Martha Lee Ison (Bob), Sue Ison (James), Alice Sexton (Roy), Robert Ison (Barbara), and Curtis David Ison (Sharon). Mary leaves seventeen grandchildren, twenty-nine great grandchildren, six great-great grandchildren, and a host of special friends and relatives to mourn her passing. She cherished every one of them and was dearly loved by all.

Mary lived the last few years of her life with Alice “Margie” and Roy Sexton at their home in Indianapolis, Indiana. There, she was given the best of care by Margie and her family. Margie so lovingly cared for Mary, doing everything possible to make life easier for her.

*I know a woman
Of strength and beauty.
I have watched her for years,
Learned from her,
Been cared for by her
Been loved by her in a way
That no one else could ever love me
She has been my guide, my protector.
My inspiration, and most important
She has been my friend.
And she will always be these things
For even when we are far apart,
I carry her with me
As if her heart
Were at the center of mine.
She is my mother.*



RACHEL STEPHENS ISON

Rachel Stephens Ison, seventy-six, of Martin, Kentucky, died on Friday, September 27, 2007 at her home. Born on May 31, 1931 to the late Hubert and Bess Stephens, she was a beloved mother, grandmother, homemaker and a member of the Left Beaver Old Regular Baptist Church. Besides her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Delbert (Red) Ison; her brother, George P. Stephens of Prestonsburg, Kentucky; and a grandchild, Stephen Daniel Ison, of Martin, Kentucky.

She is survived by four children: John C. Ison (Regina), Delbert Ison, Jr. (Terri), Gregory Ison (Christy) all of Martin, Kentucky; and Pamela Ison Lane (Matthew) of Lexington, Kentucky. Surviving also are six siblings: William Hagar Stephens of Florida, Bertha Clifton of Prestonsburg, Catherine Crisp of Martin, Hubert Stephens of Michigan, Joanne Storey of Prestonsburg, and Reverend Jim Stephens of Prestonsburg. Surviving grandchildren include Scotty and Jennifer Ison, Johnna and Jacob Ison, Shandon Moore and Kennedi Ison, Gabriel and Noah Lane, and a great granddaughter, Taylor Ison. She also leaves behind many adoring nieces and nephews.

The children and family wish to express their gratitude for everyone's love, kindness, thoughts and deeds displayed during this time of grief and sorrow.

HENRY JOHNSON

This is very hard for us to write. We loved our Dad deeply, and miss him very much. He was a special man, not only to us, but to all he met. He was always there for anyone who needed help, or just someone to talk to.

Some of our best times were spent listening to him telling stories of our ancestors, and of his past. Other times, when we were quiet, he would start singing “Precious Memories”. There are so many memories, but we will keep them in our hearts, keeping him there as well.

Dad was born on July 5, 1913, to Joseph and Rebecca Johnson. He went to be with the Lord on December 19, 2007, making his stay on earth ninety-four years, five months, and fourteen days.

He is survived by his wife of sixty-five years, Emmazel Ritchie Johnson. They had three sons: Leon (Kathy) Johnson, Larry (Janelle) Johnson, and Kenneth W. (Linda) Johnson, all of whom live at Fisty, Kentucky. They had two daughters: Trena F. (Franklin J.) Fugate, and Anna R. (Robert L.) Walker, both living in Louisville, Kentucky. They had thirteen grandchildren, twenty great grandchildren (three were born after Dad’s death), and one great great grandson.

We were raised on Chestnut Log Branch, in Knott County. He was laid to rest in the Owens Branch Cemetery.

Dad was a hard worker and a strong man. He worked in the coal mines from a very early age, until health problems caused his retirement.

He not only loved his family, but his purpose in life was his family and friends. He was loving, fun, strict, and fair to us all. In his later years, his joy was having us all around him. He loved watching the little ones play, and would often play with them when he could.

Dad and Mom were baptized hand in hand on April 23, 2006. They became members of the Clear Fork Church. We were all blessed



to be there for the baptism. There was so much joy surrounding us all in the days following. Dad would witness to all who came to visit, with tears streaming, during his last days. He wanted everyone to know his joy in our Lord and Savior.

Dad, go rest high on your mountain and we'll see you again soon.

Written by his children

With all our deepest love and respect.

Gracious N' Great

*I knew a man so gracious and kind,
No greater soul could you find;
Not since the dear Savior's birth,
Has a light so brightly shone.
Though harsh and hard his life may have started,
From grace and kindness he never departed.
Meek and mild the mate he found,
So his light could brighter shine.
A small child on the long walk home,
A neighbor in need,
A stranger at the door,
All found kindness and grace freely given.
For the five, thirteen, nineteen and one
And for all those who passed by his door;
The lessons to be shown
Being gracious and kind to the end
Made him great before God and men.*

Written by: Mary Kay Cornett (Niece)

DENNIS JONES

It is with a heavy heart that I attempt to write the obituary of my beloved Brother in the Lord. Brother Dennis was such a blessing to visit with, and we enjoyed his stories about his young life and his working days. He earned his living as a coal miner and carpenter. Most of all we loved to hear him tell of how he loved his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Dennis was born on March 6, 1910, and departed this life on August 13, 2008 at the age of ninety-eight years, five months and seven days. Dennis was born at Dice, Kentucky. He was the son of

the late Daniel Jones and the late Mary Combs Jones. He was a lifelong resident of Perry County.

Brother Dennis was a member of the Summertown Old Regular Baptist Church. He is preceded in death by his parents, Daniel and Mary Combs Jones, and his first wife, Lilly Jones.

Brother Dennis is survived by the following relatives: wife, Effie Gayheart Jones of Bulan, Kentucky; two sons: Bennie Jones of Wolfe County, Kentucky, and Willis Jones of Fairborn, Ohio; four daughters: Gloria Faye Jones of Fairborn, Ohio, and Loretta Reading of Vandalia, Ohio, Josephine Villamin of Fairborn, Ohio, and Ethel Martinez of Chicago, Illinois; one half brother, Daniel Jones, Jr., and one half sister, June Noplis of Hazard, Kentucky. Brother Dennis is also survived by two special neighbor children, Austin and Tyler Howard, twelve grandchildren, eleven great grand children, nine great, great grandchildren and a host of other relatives and friends.

Brother Dennis will be greatly missed by his companion, Effie, whom he called his “Big Sugar”. She, in return, called him her “Sweetheart”.



Written by a Brother in the Lord,
Elder Howard Owens.



LARRY LEONARD KIDD

With the help of the Lord, I will try to write an obituary of our precious brother, husband, father, grandfather and uncle who went to be with the Lord on February 8, 2008, at the age of sixty. Larry was born on May 9, 1947 to Leonard Kidd and the late Mildred Hall Kidd.

Larry married the love of his life, Lois Keathley Kidd, on June 3, 1967. They became the proud parents of a son, Larry

Douglas Kidd. Larry is survived by his wonderful wife, Lois Keathley Kidd; son, Larry Douglas Kidd; daughter-in-law, Melissa Kidd; and grandchildren, Derek Kidd and Shae Lynn Kidd of Grethel, Kentucky. Other survivors include his father, Leonard Kidd of Pikeville, Kentucky; five sisters; Betty (Don) Conley of Prestonsburg, Kentucky, Jo (William) Newsome of Stanville, Kentucky, Lois Waller of Grethel, Kentucky, Patrina (William) Compton of Pikeville, Kentucky, and Mary Ann (Kennith) Newman of Pikeville, Kentucky. Three brothers surviving Larry are: Roy Kidd of Grethel, Kentucky, Don Kidd of Ivel, Kentucky, and Gary Kidd of Grethel, Kentucky. He is also survived by several nieces and nephews and a host of friends.

Larry was an equipment operator for Bayonet Mining. After finally being diagnosed with dermatomyositis, an autoimmune disease on January 11, 2007, he continued working until August 2, 2007. He was very dedicated to his job, hard working, and actually seemed to do the job of several people. He didn't want to retire, but was forced to do so because his illness was so severe.

Larry started attending church with Dad after the passing of Mom in 1998. He was saved and joined Pilgrim's Home Old Regular Baptist Church, and was baptized on December 17, 2006. Shortly after being saved, Larry was struck with the illness that eventually took his life. The Sunday Larry was saved, that morning, he came by our home to

pick up Dad and he said “I’m going up today” which meant he was going to join the church. Kenneth and I had planned on going to Little Rosa of the Indian Bottom Association, of which we are members, but after hearing Larry make that statement we decided to go to Pilgrim’s Home instead. As church was breaking, Larry started crying, reached over and hugged me and said he was going up. That was a day so precious to me I will never forget.

Larry was a very kind and thoughtful person. He liked to help family and friends out when they needed him. Larry and Lois always enjoyed having visitors at their home and during his stay in the hospital. Family get-togethers were something that he really enjoyed. The last family get together here on earth was a surprise Christmas dinner, December, 2007, at the home place of Mommy and Daddy. This was our last get together with him here, but we can have another get together someday on that golden shore. Everybody needs to give their heart to Jesus and get ready for this day. Don’t delay, but ask Jesus into your heart today and let’s join Larry in Heaven one day. “For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, so that whosoever believes in him should not perish, but have eternal life.” John 3:16.

*Our previous loved one is in Heaven above
Wearing a robe as white as a dove.
Because of his new birth, there’s no more
Suffering here on earth,
Our hearts are heavy, because we had to let him go,
But the Lord only takes the best,
We can all be with again someday,
Where he is at rest.*

Written by his sister, Mary Ann Newman.

Sadly missed by the family.

We love you, Larry.



MARGIE TACKETT KISER

It is with loving memories that I will write this obituary of our loving and devoted mother, Margie Tackett Kiser. Mom was born on September 11, 1932. She went into God's loving arms on January 31, 2008. She was seventy-six years old at her passing. Mom was the daughter of the late Berry Tackett and Elva Hamilton Tackett. She lost her own mother at the tender age of seven. Mom left behind one sister:

Opal Reynolds of Beaver, Kentucky; and two brothers: Sterling (Porky) Tackett of Harold, Kentucky, and Jimmy Tackett of Pikeville, Kentucky. She had three sisters: Barbara Ellen, Bonnie Sue, and Olga Hamilton; and two brothers: Paul and John B. Tackett, who preceded her in death. Mom met and fell in love with the love of her life, our Dad, the late Andy Kiser, Jr. They were married five months later on March 29, 1948. The Lord blessed them with fifty-five years of a wonderful life together. Mom just hadn't been the same since we lost our Dad in April, 2003. She was very lonely without him. They had four children, three sons: Daylio (Pat) Kiser of Howe, Indiana, Andy Jay (Cathy) Kiser of Bronson, Michigan, and Zackary Kiser of Teaberry, Kentucky; and one daughter: Angela (Jeffery) Brown of Beaver, Kentucky. They were blessed with nine grandchildren: Paul, Kent, Michelle, Heather, Anthony, Brandon, Shawn and Adam. One grandson, Brent Alan, preceded her in death. She also had eight great grandchildren.

No matter what our sorrows or needs were, we children could always count on Mom. Her smile brightened our day and warmed our hearts. Her love was everlasting. She was not only our Mother, she was our fiend, counsel, and confident. Mom worked so very hard to help raise her family, often as a factory worker. Mom loved to sew and cook for her family. We will miss the family gathering. Mom especially enjoyed the holidays. They were special times in our family. We have so many

wonderful memories of Mom and Dad while growing up. We were a very close family. Mom gave her life to Jesus and was baptized on April 4, 1982. She was a faithful member of the Little Rosa Baptist Church, and served as a deacon's wife for many years. She loved her church family very much. Mom and Dad spent many hours traveling together to church and to visit the sick and elderly. She loved the Lord and made sure us kids knew of His love and forgiveness. She worried about everyone and prayed always for her family and church. One of Mom's proudest moments was the day she received her diploma. Mom decided to return to school after fifty-two years. She had a desire to get her high school diploma. In September, 2002, at the age of seventy, Mom walked proudly up to receive her diploma. Mom and Dad's love for each other and the Lord was an inspiration to us all. You left us with such wonderful memories that will last forever. Mom, it broke our hearts to lose you, but you did not go alone, for part of us went with you. The day God called you, Mom, you gave us such precious memories that will last in our hearts forever. Thank you, Lord, for blessing us with such wonderful and devoted parents. Our loss is Heaven's gain.

Written with love, by daughter, Angela Brown.

MARGIE ELDRIDGE LARGE

Margie Eldridge Large, daughter of the late Cora and Nehemiah Eldridge, was born on June 19, 1917, in Letcher County, Kentucky. She entered into eternal life with our Lord and Savior on November 28, 2006. She joins in eternal rest her husband, Jesse Large; four brothers: Roy, Hargis, Preston and Vilas; and three sisters: Virgie, Alta and Liza. She was eighty-nine years of age at the time of her passing.



She leaves to mourn her passing two brothers: Joe Eldridge of

Arizona, and Arnold Eldridge of Tennessee; two daughters: Lu (Jerry) Bartel of Cincinnati, Ohio, and Cora Sue (George) Hendrix of Harrodsburg, Kentucky; seven grandchildren: Janie Barlow of Ohio, Lisa Johnson of Ohio, Rick Back of Ohio, Steve Back of Ohio, Pattie Harmon Stewart of Kentucky, Debby Ballard of Kentucky, and Doug Hendrix of Kentucky. She is also survived by ten great grandchildren and four great great grandchildren.

Margie was married to Jesse Large on June 27, 1936. They were blessed with two daughters, Lu and Cora Sue. Jesse went home to be with the Lord on August 8, 1970. On September 20, 1970, Margie accepted the Lord as her Savior and was baptized into the kingdom of Heaven.

Margie enjoyed caring for people, and retired as a caretaker from a nursing home.

Margie was a kindred soul whose memory warms everyone's heart that knew her. She loved to spend time with her family and many memories were made in doing so. Margie poured her love into making beautiful quilts, a talented many wish they had now had the time to learn from her.

Margie's passing left us all full of sorrow, but we also rejoiced in the promise of a new life in Heaven where she could be herself again. She left behind a legacy of love and patchwork quilts, of memories to warm our hearts until we are all together in Heaven again.

"My Precious Grandmother"

*Silver hair as white as snow,
Shiny eyes and a wrinkled nose.
Calloused hands from years of work,
Be it a quilt, a bear or sweeping the floor.
She loved to laugh and play board games
Beating us all at "Aggravation" and my favorite "Old Maid"
She kept us smiling and made us laugh
If we needed love, we could just crawl up in her lap.
She wanted to be a special part of our lives.
And she became more like a mother to us over time.
Years passed by and her mind began to change,
We all knew grandmother would never be the same.
So into her daughter's house she came
Carrying her rusty "Aggravation" game.
She had a new home where she now must live,
The care she needed we all tried to give.*

*As time went on she began to fade
But, she could always recognize her name
We knew she recognized us by the smile on her face,
On very special days a kiss she would place.
She grew in our hearts and still lives there today
Even though God has now called her away.
To her mansion in Heaven with family and friends.
She told us to be ready to meet her there in the end.
We don't want to let her go, but we know she needs the rest
God saw she was so tired, and now she feels her best.
Another beautiful flower added to the garden there,
No tears are cried, no hurts are felt, only happiness is shared.
She's free to live again, the way she did here once before,
But, we'll love her and we'll miss her each day more and more.*

In loving memory of Margie Eldridge Large

Obituary written by her daughter,

Cora Sue Hendrix, and her great

Granddaughter, Elizabeth Elliott.

WILLARD LOGAN

Willard Logan, age eighty-seven, passed away on Tuesday, November 13, 2007 at his home. Willard was born on July 31, 1920 to the late Robert and Ila Watts Logan.

He met and fell in love with Lois Newsome. They were married on December 21, 1946. To this union were born seven children: Phillip Dale (Sheliah), Joseph Wayne, Debra Ann (Johnny), Kathy Lynn (Perry), Lesia Renee (Tim), Jill Marie and Robert Shane (Darlene).

Willard (Papaw) is also survived by fourteen grandchildren and fifteen great grandchildren, each one holding their own special place in his heart. He is also survived by one brother, Clayton Logan and



three sisters: Agnes Logan, Ruth Bustle and Francis Powell. Along with his parents, Willard was preceded in death by a son, Joseph, a grandson, Christopher, and two brothers and three sisters.

He was a member of the Left Beaver Old Regular Baptist Church. He served his country honorably in the U.S. Army during World War II. He enlisted in March of 1942 and was honorably discharged in October of 1945.

He worked for Bush Construction Company for many years as a superintendent on road construction and then as a foreman on a coal strip job until he retired at eighty years of age.

Willard was a light and inspiration to his family. A loving husband and a shining star to his children. He was a kind hearted man and a friend to everyone. His knowledge and wisdom was lovingly passed on to his children, who strive to be the person he wanted them to be. His wisdom and love will always be held close to them in their hearts, because there will never be such a man that he was to them, a husband, father, grandfather, friend and a respected shining light in their lives and in their community, that will always be in their heart and soul.

He will live on in his family's heart. His friends, co-workers and church members and anyone who ever knew him, will never forget the impact and influence he made in their lives. He will live on forever in many hearts.



BARBARA MARTIN

Barbara Martin was born on November 16, 1930 at Spurlock, Kentucky. She was one of six daughters born to Floyd and Geneva Spurlock. Her sisters are: Merica Bayes, Berchie Case, Norma Jean Akers and Myrtle Goble. Her youngest sister, Emmalene Parsons, preceded her in death.

She married Creed Martin on May 22, 1948. She was the mother

of nine children. An infant daughter died a few days after her birth. She became the grandmother of thirteen grandchildren and seven great grandchildren. Her children are: Brenda Grace Weems of Las Vegas, Nevada, Neil Martin, Jackie Martin, Kenny Martin and Rita Martin of Printer, Kentucky, Belinda Martin of Allen, Kentucky, Patty Martin of Columbus, Ohio, and Jennifer Dillard of Williamson, West Virginia.

Barb devoted her life to raising her family. She was thrilled each time a grandchild or great grandchild arrived. Even though she had raised eight babies of her own, and at a young age, and helped family members with their babies, she never tired of cuddling an infant or playing with toddlers.

She loved nature and appreciated all of God's creatures. She spent countless hours weeding flowers and watching birds and rabbits. She loved her nineteen year old cat, Sugar. She loved going to church and listening to hymns.

She lived her life according to God's word and taught her children to do the same. People were surprised on July 22, 2007 when she gave her life to the Lord in baptism at Little Rosie Church at McDowell, Kentucky. So many of them thought Barb was already a Christian.

Barb went to be with the Lord on Friday, November 2. She leaves behind Creed, her companion of fifty-nine years, and her grieving children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. Their world will be a lonely place without their mommy and granny, but they can find comfort in knowing she has a place in Heaven. She now walks with Jesus and she is with her child, her mommy and daddy, and her baby sister whom she loved dearly.

Granny, I Remember

*I remember your smile, your everlasting spark
But, with October's bitter cold
You've left us in the dark
Now who will I look up to?
You're the woman I've wanted to be
Who will we all turn'into?
Since the roots are missing from our tree.*

*I remember the front porch swing
And, the summers we would sit together*

*You would hold me in your arms
And, I wished these moments lasted forever
What was the last thing I told you?
I'm trying to recall
Our memories dancing in my mind
The writing wasn't on the wall.*

*I remember the humming birds in the yard
And, how you loved them so
It's unfair how they still come around
And, you're the one who had to go
I'm thinking of you often
And, what you'd say if you were still here
Are you proud of whom I've become?
It's been a long confusing year.*

*I'm looking at your picture
And, it reminds me of all these times
But, all your love and all your strength
Cannot be captured in these rhymes
I miss you and those summers
Why did things have to change?
Just like the leaves in the fall
Our lives get rearranged*

*But every time I sit and swing
Or a humming bird passes by
I'll think of that extraordinary woman
And, our summers in July.*

Alexa

NORA MARTIN

Nora Martin, age ninety-four, of Prestonsburg, Kentucky and formerly of McDowell, passed away on Friday, May 16, 2008 at Prestonsburg Health Care Center. She was born on August 25, 1913 at Orkney, Kentucky, the daughter of the late Wilson "Wilse" New-some and Henrietta Jane Hopkins.

She was a member of the Left Beaver Regular Baptist Church, a business person, and a housewife.

Survivors are: a daughter, Phyllis E. Grigsby (Pete); a son, Julius C. Martin (Mary Rose); a daughter-in-law, Margueritte Hall Martin;

nine grandchildren: Malinda Gay Majakey and Elizabeth Lynn Barr of San Francisco, California, Nora Rich of Nashville, Tennessee, Sam Martin, III, Violet Elizabeth “Beth” Rowe, Geri Grigsby of Lexington, Kentucky, J. Clint Martin, Pete Grigsby, III, Blue Springs, Missouri, and Virginia Davis; eighteen great grandchildren: Nora Barr, Sarah Barr, John Robert Rich, David Tate Rich, Grace Rich, Lucille Rich, Meredith Majakey Sleight, Lauren Majakey, Eric Majakey, Pete Grigsby, IV, Kate Grigsby, Amanda



Martin, Julius C “Jay” Martin, III, Elizabeth Davis, Alex Davis, April Martin Cornett, Celina Rowe and Dustin Rowe; and one great grandchild, Gabriella Sleight.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Sam Martin, Sr.; a daughter, Betty Wellman; a son-in-law, Robert Wellman of Nashville, Tennessee; a son, Sam Martin, Jr.; and brothers and sisters, Milton Ramsey, James Ellis Ramsey, Levi Hall, Owen Hall, Andy Jack hall, Dona Hall Newsome, Martisha Newsome, Melvina Newsome Berry, Phillip Newsome, Cora Newsome Fraley and Ben Newsome.

Funeral services were held of Sunday, May 18, 2008 at 2:00 p.m. at the Hall Funeral Home of Martin, Kentucky with Regular Baptist ministers officiating. Burial took place in the Lucy Hall Cemetery at McDowell, Kentucky under the professional care of Hall Funeral Home of Martin, Kentucky.



SHERD AND ALMA MARTIN

Sherd and Alma Martin were united in marriage on October 18, 1928. Sherd was born on June 2, 1907 and Alma was born on September 13, 1913. They were blessed with twelve children: Joseph, Lester, Greta, Leatrice, Sherdie, Ruth, Dennis, Archie, Karen, Donna, Darrell, and

Sharon. They had twenty-eight grandchildren, thirty-eight great grandchildren, and four great great grandchildren.

Alma went home to be with the Lord on May 9, 2007 and Sherd went home to be with the Lord on September 6, 2007. Sherd had been a member of the Thornton Old Regular Baptist Church since 1931 and Alma had been a Christian for many, many years and attended the Thornton Old Regular Baptist Church. Their devotion to their church, their family and to each other was so remarkable. We were blessed as their children to have such wonderful parents that taught us how to love each other and to work hard for the things you want. We were blessed to be raised in a Christian home and to have been taught such priceless values. They are truly missed by all of us and someday we will get to see them again as we put our trust and faith in Jesus Christ.

JEFFREY WAYNE MITCHELL

Jeff was born into the home of David “Dock” Mitchell and Janice Smith Mitchell on January 3, 1956. He passed away on August 8, 2008, making him 52 years, 7 months and 5 days of age. The fifth child and one of twelve children, he was a ray of sunshine that brought both laughter and optimism unwaveringly. He touched everyone with his thoughtfulness, love and smile. We will miss the many meals he

cooked and carried to family and friends and the special recipes he shared.

Jeff took time to think about special gifts he either made himself or bought for his family or friends. He loved the holidays, especially Christmas, because of the sharing and giving. He loved Christmas music, Bluegrass and religious songs.



Jeff was a great Dad to Tiffany and Kyle. He was a wonderful Grandfather to grandsons, Jalen and Caleb. He loved his Mom, brothers and sisters. He left a special part of himself with everyone he knew or touched in his life.

As a young man Jeff went to church often with his grandmother, Lovell. He always knew someday he would belong to the Old Regular Baptist Church. In July 2008, family, friends and members of the Mt. Olivet Old Regular Baptist church witnessed the most beautiful, touching and heartfelt baptism of my brother, Jeff.

He was only here for 52 years, but he left an impression of many lifetimes. The love he shared with so many will never be forgotten.

With Love, Sister Nancy

AILEEN MULLINS

With much sadness, I will write the obituary of my dear sister, Aileen. She was born on September 15, 1931 to Ethel and Parker Blackburn in Weeksbury, Kentucky.

Early in life she met and married Lewis "Tootsie" Collins and unto this union was born four sons: Lewis, Jr. (Pam) Collins, Stanley Collins, Wayne (Nelda) Collins, and



Ray Collins who preceded her in death; and two daughters: Patricia (Kevin) Bailey and Sandra (Rob) Tucker. Tootsie died in a coal mining accident in 1966, leaving Aileen alone to raise five children.

Later she married Tommy Jr. Brown and unto this union two daughters were born: Judy (Michael) Wright and Kimberly Jones. After Junior passed away, she married Johnny Mullins, and was blessed with another son, John Anthony Mullins.

Aileen worked hard to raise her children. She worked at several places, but she liked working at the produce stand best of all.

We met a man and his wife during the funeral that said when their church was having dinner they would call to have them save some green beans and Aileen would say, “come and get them and I’ll have them broke up for you”. That’s what she did for so many people.

Aileen was loved so much and will be missed by so many people.

Aileen was preceded in death by her parents; one son; three brothers: James, Don and Parker, Jr. Blackburn; and one sister, Wilma Adams.

She is survived by her children; eight brothers: Arlie Jackson, Charles Jackson, Millard Jackson, Ernest Jackson, Michael Blackburn, Adam Blackburn, Dingus Blackburn and David Blackburn; and ten sisters: Ruby Marshall, Alma Anderson, Pearl Potter, Shirley Kiser, Marie Dawson, Alma Martin, Olive Frye, Kathy Taylor, Brenda Wicker and Shela Perkins.

Aileen was blessed with fifteen grandchildren and eight great grandchildren that she loved so much.

Aileen was a private person about herself. She didn’t want to worry anyone about her health. She found out she had cancer just a short time ago and she handled it so good.

She became a Christian and she said she was ready to go home when God was ready for her. God granted her that wish on July 8, 2008. God called and she answered. It was a peaceful exchange. Those who were around Aileen in her passing now have witnessed a prayer being answered right then, a precious memory.

On late Tuesday evening, Aileen’s children saw her suffer all they could stand and became willing to let her go, and asked Brother Jerry Manns to pray for the suffering to be over and for God to sent his

Angel for her and she left during the prayer. What a witness of her future! Her future is with our Father and his holy angels, and your future can be there, too, if you turn your life over to God.

Arlie

GERTRUDE MCINTOSH MULLINS

Gertrude McIntosh Mullins was born on June 8, 1921 and departed this life on January 30, 2007, making her stay on earth eighty-five years, seven months and twenty-two days.

Gertrude was the daughter of McKinley and Hettie Elizabeth Pridemore McIntosh. On November 12, 1938, she married Ray Mullins. To this union were born five children: a son, Raymond, and a daughter Phyllis, who preceded her in death; and Jimmy Darrell, Glenn Edward, and Delynn. She leaves three sons, three daughters-in-law (Celeste, Bethel, and Verla), four grandchildren: Patrick Bryant, Michael, Lois Marie, and Raenell), and five great grandchildren (Nathan Bryant, Kaitlin, Cole Darrell, Madelynn, and Connor) to mourn her passing. A sister, Elaine Miller, three brothers-in-law, four sisters-in-law, and a host of nieces, nephews, and friends are also left to mourn.

She lived for her children, grandchildren and great grand-children. We will miss her sweet smile.



Revelation 21:4:

“And, God shall wipe all tears from their eyes
And there shall be no more death, neither sorrow,
Nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain
For the former things are passed away.”



JOHN L. OSBORN

It is with much sadness that we will try and write an obituary of our beloved brother. John L. Osborn who passed away in Cookville TN. on September 13th 2008.

He was born on February 3, 1938, making his stay on this earth 70 years and 7 months. He was born in Portsmouth, Ohio to the late Elder Steve Osborn and Sister Thelma Smith Osborn who belonged to the

Little Jewel Old Regular Baptist Church for over 50 years until they passed away in 1991. He was also preceded in death by 2 baby brothers, Alec Osborn in 1934 and Baxter Osborn in 1947.

John leaves to mourn his passing his wife, Margaret Peggy Brundridge Osborn of Cookville, TN. He had three sons: Roy (Mary Ann) Osborn of Gainsboro, TN, John Jr. of Phoenix, AZ, and Steve (Debbie) Osborn of Sparta, TN. He also had five daughters: Wanda (Ron) Skagg of North Carolina, Patty Osborn of Sparta, TN, twin daughters, Mary Jobe of Mt. Joliet, TN and Thelma Garrison, and Barbara Wilson both of Cookville, TN. Also two step daughters: Faith (Steve) Johnson and Sonia Harden of Arizona. He also had one step son, Fred Harden of Georgia.

Bro. John had 22 grand children and 9 great grand children. He also leaves 12 brothers and sisters: Ethel (Bill) Fields of Ashland, KY, Becky (Tom) Short of Sparta, TN, Thomas (Portis) Osborn, Cleve (Fran) Osborn of Paragould, AR, David (Patty) Osborn of Boulder City, Nevada, Mary(Jim) Pennington of Sparta, TN, Jesse (Estella) Osborn of Glendale, AZ, twin sisters, Ruth (Wilbur) Schuk and Naomi (Greg) Hesman of Sask, Canada, Matthew (Tina) Osborn of Dayton, OH, Samuel (Gwinn) Osborn of St. Joe, Texas. There are lots of nieces and nephews. There also is special uncle and aunt that he loved very much, Hiarm and Faith Osborn.

Bro. John loved going to church. Our Dad always went to different places and John was always ready to go with him. He always said he

wanted to walk in Daddy's footsteps. I believe he really tried. He moved to Arizona and out there he started going to a Freewill Baptist Church and finally joined them. He started singing and preaching God's word. Even in the hospital his daughter took her camera and with him in a quiet room and though he had his tubes in and could hardly breathe, she took pictures and made a DVD of him singing from the Little Jewel song book I had sent him. He talked about the end and for his children to remember if they want to see him again they would have to go to God.

Bro. John also loved to work with his hands. When he could, he made stage coaches and horses. Which I am a lucky one to have a set. I will always cherish it.

Bro. John had a heart surgery in December, 2000 and he suffered a lot. The doctor said at the hospital, a few days before he passed away, that he lived 5 years longer than he expected.

Bro. John, as much as we love you and miss you, sleep on Dear Brother and we will meet you on the other side.

Bro. John was buried in Cookville, TN.

Written by two of his broken hearted sisters,
Sister Ethel Fields & Sister Becky Short.

WARREN THOMAS PRATER

It is with a broken heart that I try to write a tribute to my precious son, Warren Thomas Prater. He was born on September 8, 1976 at Pikeville, Kentucky to Tommy and Dottie Prater. He passed away on April 13, 2008, after a brief battle with malignant melanoma. His life on this earth was thirty-one years and seven months. Warren was our only child. God blessed us with this child and when it came time, he returned back to his father.



Warren Thomas was our life. It is hard to explain how much we loved him, and he loved us. As I reflect back over his life I realize how blessed we were. Warren always had a gift of working with his hands. He had a talent few possessed. He would research and read until he taught himself what he needed to know. He loved his car and motorcycle. He was an excellent mechanic and enjoyed this type of work.

He always loved animals. He would often take food to work to feed stray dogs. At times he even took medicine to care for them. He had such a kind heart. He could never see anything suffer.

His dog, Molly, is an American Eskimo Spitz. She was his pride and joy. He wouldn't agree to go to the hospital until we promised to always take care of her. We will always keep that promise.

Warren's ordeal began in March, 2006 with the removal of a mole that was malignant melanoma. The doctors told him no further treatments were needed. He was to have regular check-ups with his dermatologist and oncologist. Each year he was to have a PET scan as a follow-up procedure. He did all these things as instructed and each test showed negative findings. We were relying totally on what the test was telling.

In March, 2008, our world was about to change forever. Several moles began appearing on his scalp. The malignant melanoma had returned. He was hospitalized and the prognosis was terminal. He was offered a chemotherapy treatment to try to slow the progress of the very aggressive cancer. He chose to try the treatment. By this time we found out the cancer had already spread to his liver and spleen. The outcome was growing dimmer each day. He started treatments and was optimistic they would work. He knew what he was facing and he told us not to worry he had made peace with God. This brought such comfort to our broken hearts. Our child was in the fight of his life and we were helpless. I had always told him that wherever he was or whatever the situation was, God was always there and he could talk to him without saying a word.

The treatments ravaged his body, as did the cancer. Each day we prayed and asked God for a miracle. Prayers went up all across the land for our precious son. I know sometimes God cannot give us what we ask for, but he gives us what we need. In our case, he gave

us comfort and strength to endure what lay ahead. I cried enough tears to wash the cancer away, as I sat by his side. Watching this disease ravage his body was so hard. I came to a realization that it was not my will, but “thy will be done”.

On April 13, 2008 our precious son lost his battle with this dreaded disease. He was surrounded by God and a loving family. I watched this child take his first breath and now I was to see his last. I truly believe God was present and waiting to take him home.

It seems his presence is everywhere. So many things remind us of something he said or liked to do. Our hearts are broken and there is a void that time nor words can fill. We long for the day our family will no longer be separated, but joined forever in the kingdom of God. Our faith helps us take one day at a time and always remember our precious son.

Written by his loving mother, Dottie Prater.
Sadly, missed by his Dad, Mom, grandmothers,
aunts, uncles, cousins, his many friends
and his dog, Molly.

The Broken Chain

*We did not know that day,
That God would call your name.
In life we loved you dearly,
In death we do the same.
It broke our hearts to lose you,
You did not go alone,
For part of us went with you,
The day God called you home.
You left us peaceful memories,
Your love is still our guide,
And, though we cannot see you,
You are always at our side.
Our family chain is broken,
And nothing seems the same;
But, as God calls us one by one
THE CHAIN
Will link again.*



EDWARD DONALD RAINES

Edward Donald Raines was born on April 24, 1928, the third child of John Raines and Margaret Bailey Raines. He left this world on March 20, 2006, making his stay on earth seventy-seven years, ten months and twenty days.

Donald is preceded in death by his mother and father; two brothers: Howard and Ira Raines; and one nephew, Fredrick Valentino.

He is survived by his wife of fifty-three years, Betty Rozenweig Raines.

Betty and Donald were never blessed with any children, but they have been loved and had given love to many nieces and nephews. Donald has also given fatherly love to his younger brothers and sisters.

He, too, is survived by five brothers: Paul Raines, Roby G. Raines, Benny Raines of Breaks, Virginia, Oscar Raines of Lexington, Kentucky, and Jerry Raines of Oakwood, Virginia; and six sisters: Pebble Valentino, Clara Kendrick of Lexington, Kentucky, Dorothy Robbins, Bertha Emerson and Linda Sebera of Hopewell, Virginia, and Gracie Wimmer of Narrows, Virginia. He is also survived by his sister-in-law, Bertha Hofmann, and several nieces and nephews in Germany.

Betty wishes to express special thanks to Benny Raines and his daughter, and also to Johnny and Wilma Deel, and all of the love and support of his brothers and sisters.

The last mile is over, Brother, your soul now rests with God. We thank God for every step we shared and every mile we treaded. Peaceful is the sleep of your body now that it is going back to dust, awaiting the redemption of it as glorious children of God.

We are thankful for the love we shared and a love that conquered all. Our boyhood days are just pleasant memories now. Working in

the fields of corn and hay as we talked together and wiped sweat from each other's brow, are treasures not to be forgotten. Being from a large family, hard work was essential. But, sharing work and playing together was many a good time had. Since you have gone before us, the more earnestly we press on sharing Beulah Land will make our hearts forever glad.

The promises of God are forever and precious to us all. The righteousness of Jesus causes us to be sinless and pure. The hope He gave us is an anchor of the soul, sure and steadfast.

We will miss you at the family gatherings. Our lives and that of your wife's life will never be the same. But, when the trumpet sounds and awakens the dead, let us listen carefully and perhaps we can hear our names.

The Lord will keep the memory of you in the family cemetery, by Mother and Dad and your wife, Betty, that will be coming to join you soon with the rest of the family. May we all raise together and thank God that made it possible by giving us Jesus our Savior.

ELDER EUEL RATLIFF

Elder Euel Ratliff was born on March 4, 1931 in Pikeville, Kentucky. He was a son of the late William and Causby Mullins Ratliff. He was preceded in death by two brothers, Samuel and Daniel Ratliff. He leaves behind to mourn his two children: a son, Tony Ratliff, and a daughter, Linda Cathey, and two grandsons: Mitchell and Matthew. He also has two sisters: Pansy Gibson and Esther Jeanelle Sturgill, and one brother, Hardrick Ratliff.



Brother Euel was truly a man of God who will be missed by many. Every time someone would go and see him in the nursing

home, he would always say that he was ready to go home. Sometimes he had a hard time of understanding why Jesus was leaving him here when he wanted to go so bad. He would always tell me and Brother Junior, and many more, that he would just have to wait for the call.

I truly believe that there wasn't anything in the way of Brother Euel going to Heaven. For the ones that knew Brother Euel and haven't repented, please listen to that low still voice that Brother Euel listened to many years ago.



VERNA FRAZIER RATLIFF

Verna Frazier Ratliff entered into rest on Wednesday, March 19, 2008 in Dillsboro, Indiana. She was buried beside her husband, Bill, on March 24, 2008 in Dade City, Florida.

She was eighty-six years old at the time of her passing. Verna was born on September 20, 1921 to Philip and Katie Frazier of Defeated Creek, Kentucky. On May 18, 1942 she married William Dazzle Ratliff and from this union they had six children. She was a member of the Old Regular Baptist Church since 1957. Her first membership was at Hurricane Gap in Gordon, Kentucky, and in 1961 she and Bill moved to Indiana with their children. There she and Bill were members of the Big Creek Church, and in 1969 they moved to Crystal Springs, Florida. Verna and Bill were part of the original congregation that formed the Star of Bethlehem Old Regular Baptist Church in Crystal Springs. Several years later, and after Bill's death in 1993, Verna moved her letter to Defeated Creek, Kentucky.

She continued to live in Crystal Springs until 2002 when she was not able to live alone any longer. She moved in with her daughter in South Carolina. She was visiting another daughter in Indiana when she fell and had to be admitted to a nursing home for rehabilitation.

Her condition slowly deteriorated, and she needed full time care until her death.

Mrs. Ratliff was predeceased by her husband, William D., in 1993 and one son, William Douglas, in 1966. She was one of eight children and was predeceased by her parents and all seven siblings: Ottis, Otis, Atlas, Fred, and Edgar Frazier, Osa Ison and Vera Thornsby.

She is survived by two sons: Philip Charles Ratliff of Morristown, Tennessee and James Eddie Ratliff of Rising Sun, Indiana. Also, three daughters: Francis Withered of Dillsboro, Indiana, Belinda Harris of Cottageville, South Carolina and Romona Ratliff of Zephyrhills, Florida. Eleven grandchildren and fourteen great grandchildren also survive.

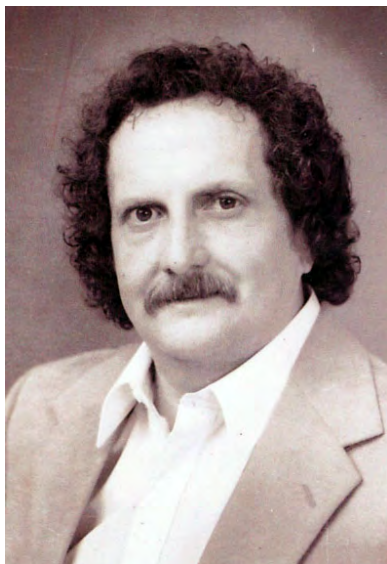
Wherever she lived she was active in her church and loved to cook for them when they had church dinners. Anyone visiting her home was always welcomed with something to eat and a place to stay if they needed it.

Her life was her faith in God and taking care of her family. Her quick wit and smile will be missed not only by her family, but her friends and church family. We (all of her children) will miss Mom every day that we live, but we know she is with God now and reunited with Dad, Doug, and all her family. We have peace knowing she is no longer suffering and we can only imagine the beauty she is seeing in Heaven. One of her favorite songs was “Just One Rose Will Do” and we will always remember her whenever we see just one rose.

JAMES CALVIN (BUB) REYNOLDS

James Calvin (Bub) Reynolds, age sixty-two, of Ligon, Kentucky, husband of Sandra Ann Osborne Reynolds, passed away on Wednesday, November 14, 2007, at his residence, following a long battle with cancer. He was born on September 19, 1945, in Ligon, Kentucky, the son of Mirtie Newsome Reynolds and the late Effort Reynolds, of Ligon, Kentucky.

Daddy was of the Old Regular Baptist faith and he attended the Rock Fork Old Regular Baptist Church at Garret, Kentucky. He was a retired store merchant and a disabled truck driver for T & T



Equipment, where he hauled coal and mining equipment.

Daddy was a very tender hearted man who loved his family dearly. He was our provider and our protector. Daddy loved watching sports and going hunting and fishing with his friends. He was very active in politics and enjoyed helping people. He was always there to lend a helping hand when needed. We all were always so proud to be part of his family.

His survivors include his wife and mother; a daughter, Lesa Gaye Reynolds Shepherd; a granddaughter, Andrea LaShae Shepherd of Ligon, Kentucky; and a sister, Freda Hayes, of Harrodsburg, Kentucky.

Daddy was preceded in death by his father, a brother, Billy Gene Reynolds, and a sister, Faye Reynolds Kemp.

Daddy, we had to give you up way too soon. There isn't a day that goes by that we don't mention your name. We talk about you like you are still here in person even though you aren't, you will always be in our hearts. We love and miss you more than words can ever say. It is so hard not having you here to talk to, to get advice from, or your shoulder to cry on. I don't know what to do without you. Daddy, I need you so much, we all do.

Daddy, you were a good husband, a great Dad and a number one Grandpa! Thanks for being all three.

Love always, Your wife, Sandy
Your daughter, Lesa (your big baby)
And your granddaughter, Andrea (Pa's little baby).

MIRTIE NEWSOME REYNOLDS

Mirtie Newsome Reynolds, age ninety-three, of Ligon, Kentucky, widow of the late Effort Reynolds, passed away on Wednesday, April 2, 2008 at the Prestonsburg Health Care Center in Prestonsburg, Kentuck, following a long illness. She was born on March 23, 1915, in Biscuit, Kentucky, the daughter of the late Jack and the late Fannie Stumbo Newsome.



Mommy was of the Old Regular Baptist faith, and by her continuous begging to the Lord to come and take her home, we believe her home is Heaven. She was a homemaker and a retired store merchant.

Mommy never wanted anyone to go hungry. She wanted to cook and feed everyone. Mom was known for her good cooking, from her homemade biscuits, gravy and fried apples for breakfast, to her old fashioned chicken and dumplings and potato salad, to her made from scratch chocolate pies and apple stack cakes.

Mommy was a very independent and strong lady, who worked very hard all of her life to provide for family. She was very inventive and creative when it came to repairs. Mom could do almost anything if she set her mind to it, from sewing and repairing electrical cords to catching chickens. She had her own way to do everything, her way, the right way.

Survivors include me, her daughter, Freda and son-in-law, Morris Hayes, Harrodsburg, Kentucky; two daughters-in-law: Sandy (Bub) Reynolds, Ligon, Kentucky and Opal (Bill) Reynolds, Beaver, Kentucky; a sister: Mae Howell, Andrews, Indiana; six grandchildren: Brigitte Flannery, Belinda Hall, Breena Akers, Chris Kemp, Lesa Reynolds Shepherd, and Amy Faye Hayes; four great grandchildren:

Cortney Flannery, Brandon Hall, Andrea Shepherd, and Cody Akers; and a host of nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband and parents; two sons: Billy Gene Reynolds and James Calvin (Bub) Reynolds; a daughter, Faye Reynolds Kemp; six brothers: Cassie, Crit, Ed and Frank Newsome, and Homer and Harold Reynolds; and six sisters: Dude Akers, Nell Cole, Ruth Hamilton, Mellie Holbrook, Doll Newsome, and Virdie Placktus.

Mommy was loved dearly and she will be missed greatly by all.

Love you always Mom, Your baby, Freda.



WOOLERY JOHN “TJ” REYNOLDS

High upon a snowy bare hillside the mournful sounds of the baying of a hound echoes throughout the hills and valleys. Sadness lies upon the land like the thick fog of morning. No longer will TJ follow his beloved dogs as the chase echoes across the hills and through the hollows. TJ’s struggle for life has ended. Woolery “TJ” Reynolds, son

of the late Issac “Ike” and Nancy Ann Campbell Reynolds, was born on January 14, 1934 and passed from this life on March 8, 2008 being seventy four years, one month and twenty three days of age. He is survived by his wife, Saddle Amburgey Reynolds; one son, Craig Reynolds; two grandchildren: Tina and John Mayhan and Steven and Nicole Reynolds; two great grandchildren: Makayla Pagent and Brookelyn Mayhan; one step great grandchild: Seth Wright; five sisters: Mary Jane Combs of Jacksonville, Florida, Floyds Short of Sunman, Indiana, Ruby Sutton of Connersville, Indiana, Betty Miller of Vandalia, Ohio, and Maxine Sparkman of Dayton, Ohio; and two sisters-in-laws, Judy and Joan Reynolds. He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers: Paul and Charles Ray Reynolds;

and four sisters: Velma Taylor, Clova Lowe; and two infant sisters: Molly and Marie Reynolds.

TJ found the love of his life when he met and married Saddle Amburgey. “United in love, Together in Life, He as her Husband, She as his wife.” TJ and Saddle united in marriage on August 4, 1976. TJ and Saddle had a good life together. She was a school teacher and he was a school bus driver, both employed by the Knott County Board of Education. TJ retired after driving twenty-nine years. TJ found much enjoyment in hunting and working with his many dogs. He also enjoyed doing things for others. As he grew older, TJ realized that the possessions and activities of life did not fill the need for peace in his soul. He knew that he had sinned against God and needed to repent of his sins. God answered his prayers and forgave his sins. On the night of August 27, 1999, TJ joined the church at the waterside after another baptism at the boat ramp near Little Dove Church. By the light from the headlights of cars, TJ was baptized at that time and became a member at the New Bethlehem Regular Baptist Church. TJ was a faithful member of his church and regularly attended the other Indian Bottom Association churches in the area. He loved to be among the brothers and sisters of his church family. TJ will be greatly missed by his brothers and sisters, but our loss is only temporary. We plan to meet again on the golden streets of Heaven.

TJ developed health problems as time passed. He had heart surgery at the Hazard Appalachian Regional Hospital on October 4, 2007. Additional health problems developed and TJ was confined to the hospital as his problems worsened. Saddle spent each day standing by his bedside, hoping and praying for his healing. Her labors and prayers were that of a loving and faithful wife. The healing of his body was not to be. In spite of the numerous prayers of brothers and sisters as they visited and supported TJ and Saddle, the Lord called him home on March 8, 2008.

God’s plan for TJ was fulfilled, his healing was complete. He died as he lived, a Christian. “For, lo, the winter is passed, the rain is over and gone; the time of the singing birds is come.” Long days and nights of suffering ended as the angels carried his soul to rest around the altar of God. Saddle is sad, lonely and heartbroken, but this is not the final goodbye. “Gone yet not forgotten, although we are apart,

your spirit lives within me, forever in my heart.” God promises strength, shelter, and the hope of eternal life. We can all meet again in Heaven. TJ’s soul is now at rest, “Free at last, free at last, thank God, he is free at last!”

By: Elder Don Pratt

When I Close My Eyes

*When I close my eyes that very last time,
Life’s journey is over, I have finished the climb.
The eyes I closed shall see no more,
Yet, I’ll have glorious sight beyond Heaven’s door.
Family and friends that have long since passed,
We will have a reunion, forever to last.
Christ my Savior, I will finally meet,
On the streets of gold beneath my feet.
Worship and praise to our Father most high,
Glory unworthy of my old set of eyes.
My body is new, neither worn nor frail,
The eyes I have now will never, ever fail.
Weep not for me, no sorrow, no cries,
My life just began when I closed my eyes.*

David R. Gayheart



**OPAL LORENE ELLISON
ROARK**

Opal Lorene Ellison Roark, eighty-one, of Commiskey, Indiana died at 4:08 a.m. on Monday, August 25, 2008 at Kings Daughter Hospital in Madison, Indiana. Born on June 27, 1927 at Blackey, Kentucky, she was the daughter of Roscoe and Stella Ellison Cornett. She has a brother, Glen Cornett, of Hamilton, Ohio. She married Jonah Mitchell Roark on November 11, 1945. Of this union was born five sons: Garland of Elizabethtown, Carrol David of Scipio, Tommy of Commiskey, Daniel of Charlestown and Lonnie of Grantville, Kansas; and a daughter, Chenilla Roark of Commiskey.

She also has a stepdaughter, Bertha Turner of Linefork, Kentucky, and a stepson, the late Curliss Roark. She has seven grandchildren: Kelly, Stacy, Christina, Lonnie David Roark, Taunya Simmonds, Karen Richey, and Barbara Bohmert; and eight step grandchildren. She has nine great grandchildren: Lindsey, Jesse, Paige, Kegan, Andrew, Houston, Daltan Roark, Emma Richey and Billy Bohmert. She has nineteen step great grandchildren and six step great great grandchildren.

Opal was preceded in death by her parents. Her husband, Jonah Roark, died on June 1, 1987. A stepson, Curliss Roark, and two brothers, William Ellison and George Cornett, also preceded her in death.

Opal and Jonah Roark moved out of the hills of Kentucky to Indiana in 1963 because their sons were all getting older and they knew the boys would all end up working in the mines if they stayed there. So, they loaded up their old "56" GMC to give their sons what they felt would be a better life. They also moved their sawmill to Indiana, which was their main source of income, sawing railroad ties and lumber to sell. They also moved their gristmill where they still grind white corn into corn meal. She would bake that corn meal into cornbread that was like no other. Add those green beans, those soupy potatoes and some blackberry pie, and you were set for a meal fit for a king. She enjoyed her garden; she loved to plant it, work it and just sit on the porch and see it. She was out picking beans in her garden just a week ago.

She also loved flowers and enjoyed spring when she could start hanging them out. She could get a flower that was in bad shape to be growing and looking good in a couple of weeks. Until the last few years, she spent her winter months quilting, cutting and sewing those little pieces by hand and creating a quilt anyone would be proud to have. Then she would give it to her children or grandchildren.

Opal was a member of the Big Creek Old Regular Baptist Church at Dupont, Indiana, which was built in 1965. She had been going to church there longer than any other member. Jonah helped to build the church and was one of the Big Creek Old Regular Baptist preachers at his death in 1987. She also attends Queensville Community Church regularly and never missed either church as long as the weather or

her health didn't interfere. She loved both church families and was loved by both and will be missed. If something prevented her from attending church, she still didn't give up because she would watch whatever church service she could watch on television. Bad weather didn't stop her from being baptized at the Defeated Creek Church in Kentucky, after breaking the ice to do so. She also loved going to revivals and to gospel music singings. She was a person that if she didn't know you when she got somewhere, she would know you when she left.

The Bible says in second Corinthians 5:8, "To be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord." That is where Opal is today. She is resting with her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. If and, only if, you have a personal relationship with Him, as Opal did, can you have peace and hope of seeing her again.

Loved and sadly missed by her family.

Mother Dear

*Beautiful things in this life
Are manifold 'tis true'?
We count the stars by thousands
The birds and flowers, too,
The sunsets and dawning's,
Rare beauties far and near.
But, all the wide world over,
There's just one "Mother Dear".*



KYLE LYNDON SLONE

Kyle Lyndon Slone was born on January 16, 1986 and passed away on June 12, 2007. Kyle, "Bub" to all his family, was the oldest son of Jackie and Karenda (Thornsberry) Slone of Hollybush, Kentucky, and the husband of Whitney Nicole Caudill Slone. He was a 2004 graduate of Knott County Central High School, and worked as a coal

miner. But, he spent most of his time fishing with his friends. He was taken from this world, only twenty-one years old, in a tragic ATV accident.

Kyle is survived by one brother; Ethan Kane Slone of Hollybush; two sisters: Jaclyn Little of Pippa Passes and Janessa Dials of Pinetop; two brothers-in-law: Kevin Little and Robbie Dials; paternal grandparents: Monroe and Connie Slone of Hollybush, Kentucky; maternal grandparents: Roach Thornsberry and Mavis Farley (Chester “Sonny” Hicks); two nieces: Kadence Little and Emma Dials; and a host of aunts, uncles, family and friends. Mom tells the story of the day Bub was born, “He touched all four sides of the bassinet”, 9lbs. 11 oz and full of spirit. No one could believe that such a “big boy” came from such a small woman. But, Dad paraded him around saying proudly “that’s my boy”.

In peewee basketball he towered above all the rest, and again no one believed that “big boy” wasn’t too old to play. On the football field he had no match, he was strong and fearless and he would knock them all down just to pick them back up and pat them on the back.

In life he knew what he wanted to do and that’s exactly what he did. Even though we all nagged him to go to school, or go to work, he’d call John, Justin or Brandon and fish all night. He lived for today never worrying about tomorrow. We all thought he was too young to get married, but that’s what he wanted and that’s what he did. Bub and Whit were happy together and again he proved us all wrong.

With his tattoos and eyebrow ring that “big boy” looked awful tough, but Kadence had her “bubby cow” wrapped around her little finger. He never had a chance to have kids of his own, but he loved her like his own daughter. I believe he would have been a wonderful father.

I guess you don’t realize how special someone is until you lose them, and you look around and see the heartbroken faces of all the people he’s touched. Bub was truly a friend to everyone he met and we’re all better for having him in our lives. Kane used to call Bub his role model, and I’m so glad, what better role model could anyone have? If Bub has taught us anything, it’s that life is short and we should spend it with those we love and doing what we love. In the

end, the impressions and memories we leave with our family and friends is what matters most. Every time I hear this song I think of Bub and who he'd be today.

*It's not fair you died too young
Like a story that had just begun,
But, death tore the pages all away,
God knows how I miss you,
All the pain that I've been through,
Just knowing no one could take your place,
Sometimes I wonder, who you'd be today.*

Written by his sisters who miss him every day,
Jaclyn Little and Janessa Dials.



MONROE SLONE

With sad and broken hearts, we will write the obituary of our dear husband, father and grandfather, Monroe Slone. He was born on February 20, 1936 to the late Arland (Jezzie) Slone and Gracie Short Slone. He passed into eternal rest on April 15, 2008 at his residence in Hollybush, Kentucky, making his stay here on earth seventy-two years, one month and twenty-five days.

He took our precious mother, Connie Slone, as his wife on April 11, 1958. To this union were born seven children, three sons: Jackie (Karenda) Slone, Darrell (Marlene) Slone, and Sherman (Geneva) Slone; and four daughters: Bonnie (Thomas) Hall, Nancy (Estill) Johnson, Kathleen (Terry) Short and Janie (Jessie) Smith. Dad also had one other son, Timothy (Jennifer) Lamb. He was preceded in death by one grandson, Kyle Lyndon Slone, and one great grandson, Dalton Noble. He also left behind twenty-three grandchildren, and eleven great grandchildren to mourn his passing.

On November 23, 1990, Dad gave his heart to the Lord and joined

the Ivy Point Old Regular Baptist Church, and was baptized on November 25, 1990. He was a Deacon from February 27, 1993 until his death.

His wonderful voice was so unique, his tenor could be heard above all the rest like a great trumpet. He loved singing praises unto the Lord and his great fellowship with all the church members, especially Alonzo Mosley and Willie Vernon Slone. Not only will his beautiful voice be missed, but his wonderful smile, his wit, and his tender heart. He made friends everywhere he went, and he truly tried to help everyone that he thought needed it. He didn't have much money or wealth here, but his favorite song said it all "I'm Going for the Gold". On that great appointed day, I believe he will rise first and meet the Lord on that cloud of glory.

We are all so lost and lonely without him, but he will never again suffer from bad lungs, or be in pain. By the grace of God, we will meet him again on Heaven's bright shore.

Written by daughters and wife.

COLUMBUS (C.B.) SMITH

With a very sad yet joyful heart we pay tribute to our best friend, our wonderful Daddy, C.B. Smith. Daddy was born on April 2, 1927 to Jesse B. Smith and Nancy Short Owens. Daddy never knew his birth dad, but was raised by his stepfather, Elijah Owens, who loved him as much as any father could love a child.

At a young age, Daddy met our sweet Mommy, Gertrude Johnson. They were married in 1949, and were blessed with eight children and twenty-six happy years together before God called her home. A son, Danny, left to be with God and Mommy in 1991. Daddy later married Ruby Bailey with whom he spent the rest of his life.



Daddy was preceded in death by his parents; our mom, Gertrude; son, Danny; and four brothers: Colonus Smith, Jesse B. Smith, Jr., Mark Owens and Elbert Owens. He leaves his wife, Ruby; three sons: Gary (Vicki), Wayne (Paula) and C.B. Jr. (Renee); four daughters: Janet (Jim) Frazier, Joan (C.J.) Caudill, Jane (Phillip) Slone and Gayle (Tommy) Newsome; fourteen grandchildren and fifteen great grandchildren; one stepson, Larry (Lola) Bailey; four stepdaughters: Sue Bailey, Sharon (Jimmy) Hall, Glenita (Dana) Combs and Renetta (Dwayne) Slone.; one brother: Troy Eugene Owens; one sister: Velma O. Lovins; and a host of step grand/great grandchildren, other relatives and so many good friends, and his buddy, Odis Jacobs.

Fifty years ago in 1957, Daddy gave his life to God and he has been a good and faithful servant these many years. From our earliest memories in life, our family centered around a good Christian Dad and Mom who did everything in their power to raise us up in the right way. Daddy and Mommy's faith and trust in God has brought them and us through many storms and heartaches in life. Mommy would always say that the Lord would make a way somehow.

Daddy spent his life working for the Lord. He poured his heart into the church, and did all he could to up build the church and to uphold God's word. Never did we hear our Dad speak against God or question Him in any way. No matter what happened, his answer to everything was to just trust God and He would take care of things.

Daddy loved Ruby and they were blessed with many happy years. Daddy loved his children'— we know how much he loved us and no child could every have had or been blessed to have a better Daddy. He was the heart of our home and we loved and respected him more than words could ever express. We are all grown and on our own, but we are all still Daddy's babies. Those little arms of his could wrap so much love around us. He might have been small in stature, but in our eyes he was a giant. A part of our hearts will always belong to Daddy and as long as we live, he will live in us.

Daddy loved his grandchildren and great grandchildren. They all belonged to Papaw. He gave such good hugs, usually rewarded by dollars. All those little hugs with those little warm hearts and big smiles were such a special part of his life.

The main love of Daddy's life though was Jesus Christ. We all

knew how much Daddy loved the Lord for his life was a testimony to that love and that love for God made him the special Daddy and person he was. No matter what happened, what came to his life, all the heartaches, pain, sickness and afflictions he had, he always trusted God to see him through and God has blessed him so many, many times by bringing him through so much sickness; him and the good Lord, that was all that he needed as he told us too many times – just him and the Good Lord.

We could write a book about Daddy, but it is enough to say that Daddy was truly a light and inspiration to all that knew him. All friends and neighbors liked and respected him for what he was, a good Godly man. Daddy liked to joke and cut-up, but God was everything to him. He would always talk to people and tell them that if they were not ready, they needed to get in a hurry before time ran out. He didn't care who you were, you needed to get God in our life in order to have a life.

Daddy has been through so much sickness and so many times he would say, "I would be so much better off if God would just take me home", and on October 10, 2007, God did just that. He answered Daddy's prayer and took him home.

Ruby has lost a good husband, the community a good neighbor, the church a good and faithful servant and as good a Papaw that any child could every want. We have truly, truly been blessed by God to have had this special man as our Daddy and Papaw.

We know our Daddy is at rest, his troubles and pain are no more. His breathing pure and easy, his love remains a warm soft beat of our hearts, with us as long as time lasts. Now rest in peace, Daddy, and sweet dreams to you. We'll see you in the morning.

Daddy would never say bye to us, just toodle-le-doo. So, toodle-le-doo, Daddy, until we meet again.

We love you, Gary, Janet, Joan, Jane, Gayle, Wayne and Jr.



MAGGIE SMITH

Maggie Smith was born on April 8, 1932 at Defeated Creek on Linefork, Kentucky. Her parents were Hiram and Tina Sparkman. Maggie always loved her home and family in Eastern, Kentucky.

On December 18, 1952 she married Estle Smith. They spent their lives working hard and raising their children: Allen, Venetia, Keith, and Grover. She had nine grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

Maggie was baptized and became a member of the Defeated Creek Old Regular Baptist Church on the second Saturday in August, 1975.

On August the fifth of 2008, Maggie passed away leaving behind a sad family. She will forever be remembered in our hearts and memories.

Written by her loving Granddaughter,
Emily Lane Smith. I miss you, Mamaw!



LEON SPAHR

It is with a sad and aching heart that I will write the obituary of our loving mother and devoted wife. She was the daughter of the late David C. and Chloe Slone Stiltner. She was a member of the Emmanuel Old Regular Baptist Church. In addition, to her parents she was preceded in death by one grandson, Robert Vincent Lane and ten brothers and sisters. She is survived

by her husband, John Spahr; five daughters: Mrs. James (Sara) Stump and Mrs. Leon(Ruby) Elswick of Grundy, Virginia; Mrs. Tex (Liz)

Lane Of Maxie, Virginia; Mrs. Roy (Gail) Humbert of Mavisdale, Virginia and Mrs. Larry (Wanda) Lane of Vansant, Virginia; one son, Walter Sheets of Grundy, Virginia; one stepdaughter, Kathy Wertz of Hillsdale, Michigan; two stepsons, Kenny Bontrager of Pittsford, Michigan and Michael Spahr of Scotts Bluff, Nebraska; five sisters, Mrs. Vada (Alice) Yates and Mrs. David (Julie) Poland of Grundy, Virginia, Mrs. Jimmy (Lucy) Dudley, Mrs. Harley (Brenda) Crawford of Dickson, Tennessee, and Mrs. Rachel Clark of Clawson, Michigan; and one brother, Jack Stiltner of Bon Aqua, Tennessee. Ten grandchildren, eleven step grandchildren, fourteen great grandchildren and four step great grandchildren also survive.

There are no words to describe what Mom meant to us and the hurt that is in our hearts. She wasn't only our Mom, but a friend to us and each of us had a special place in her heart. Mom repented and gave her heart to Jesus and was baptized in 1974. She was a member of the Bethlehem Church until 1994 when she and John took their membership to the Emmanuel Church to help get it established. Mom loved the Lord and loved to attend church and did so even when her health started to fail. Her church family had come to mean a great deal to her, and I know she will be missed by them. The empty recliner ever reminds us of Mom and our hearts will mourn her for a long time to come. Even though my heart aches and tears sometimes fall as I write this, I know that Mom is not suffering anymore and the memories God allowed us to make with her can never be taken away. If she could tell us anything, she would tell us to please repent and serve the Lord so we can come see her in her brand new Heavenly home where good byes are never spoken. Since Mom went to her restful sleep on December 18, 2007, to wait our loving Savior's return, she has been joined by her brother, Jack Stiltner, and sister, Alice Yates.

One by one our loved ones are crossing that river to their new address. Sometimes when I think of that city I just can't help but praise my Lord for all he has done for me. Rest on, Mom, and one day by the grace of God, we will meet again.

Written by daughter, Gail.



DAVID JACK STILTNER

David Jack Stiltner, sixty-six, of Bon Aqua, Tennessee died on Wednesday, March 12, 2008 at his home. He was born on September 30, 1941 in Buchanan County, Virginia. He was the son of the late David C. and Chloe Slone Stiltner. He was a veteran of the United States Army and had been employed by the Pentagon. He was a retired equipment operator in the mining industry. He was a member of the

Bethlehem Old Regular Baptist Church in Grundy, Virginia. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by three sisters: Bonnie Stumbo, Gaynell Stiltner and Leon Spahr; and eight brothers: Amos, Hassel, Ralph, Fred, Lawrence, John, Leonard and Harmen Stiltner. He is survived by his wife, Lynda Cude Stiltner; two sons, David Ray Stiltner and wife, Amy, and Billy Frank Stiltner and wife, Juanita, all of Dickson, Tennessee; one daughter, Kelly Lane and husband, Ricky, of Abingdon, Virginia; five sisters: Mrs. Vada (Alice) Yates and Mrs. David (Julie) Poland of Grundy, Virginia, Mrs. Jimmy (Lucy) Dudley, and Mrs. Harley (Brenda) Crawford of Dickson, Tennessee, and Mrs. Rachel Clark of Clawson, Michigan; and five grandchildren: Brenna, Kaitlyn, Anthony, Austin and Logan.

Jack had a hard time breathing in this world, but like his sister, Leon Spahr, who left this world behind just about three months before him, he is resting from his labor and struggles for breath no more. Jack is just waiting for the Lord to come and take him to his new address across the river where there will be no more sorrow, pain or tears ever and no one will ever have to say good bye to loved ones again. Since he left his pain and suffering behind, another sister, Alice Yates, now joins him and Mom and a host of others that are just waiting for the Lord to come back and take all his children home.

Written for the family by niece, Gail.

GEORGIA BLANKENSHIP STILTNER

Georgia Blankenship Stiltner, seventy-four, of Grundy, Virginia, passed away on Sunday, June 1, 2008 at Wellmont Bristol Regional Medical Center in Bristol, Tennessee. She was born on May 18, 1934 in Buchanan County to the late Conley and Pearl (Charles) Blankenship.



She was a homemaker and a lifelong resident of Buchanan County, and a member of the Bethlehem Old Regular Baptist Church.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by one son, Terry Lee Stiltner; one grandson, Robert Chad Auville; three sisters: Goldie Baker, Helen Smith and Hazel Cooper, and four brothers, Morgan, Willard, Edd and Roy Blankenship.

She is survived by her husband, Robert Lee Stiltner; one son, Robert Auville, two sisters: Vacey King and Cora Looney; one granddaughter, Litisha Auville; and four great grandchildren.

Georgia was a devoted wife and mother. She and Bobby were married for over fifty-three years and they had a special kind of love and relationship that you rarely see this day and time. She was a very special person and a very special part of our family. We miss her sweet smile and the gently hugs and I love you that she gave each time she saw you. But, we have our memories and we will carry those in our hearts forever and we know that our loss is Heaven's gain and on that Sunday afternoon in June, Heaven gained a sweet angel who smiles down on us each day. We have comfort in knowing that she is at rest with the Lord and one day we will see her and all our precious family again.

Written by Her Loving Family.

KRISTINA NICOLE STURGILL

Kristina Nicole Sturgill was born on August 25, 2006 and passed away on August 25, 2006. She is survived by her parents, Eddie Sturgill and Annita Melton Sturgill; paternal grandmother, Joyce Sturgill; maternal grandparents, Alger Melton and Darlene Brown Melton; paternal great grandmother, Mary Everage; an uncle, Harrison Melton; and an aunt, Melissa Gassett. She is also survived by a special great uncle and aunt, Bill and Marlene Bailey, and a host of other relatives and friends who mourn her passing.

*Kristina, we never got to see you laugh or hear you cry,
We held you and wondered why.
Through sadness and tears we had to let you go,
To a place where little angels go.*



MONROE STURGILL

With a sad and broken heart and with the help of our Lord I will try to write this. Monroe Sturgill was born on January 1, 1940 at Hindman, Kentucky and passed from this life on May 20, 2008 at Jellico Hospital, Jellico, Tennessee, making his stay on earth sixty-eight years, five months and twenty days.

Early in life, at the age of twenty he met and married Anna Lee Everage and to this union was born six children: Joe (Newanda), Sheb (Susan), Dean (Eileen), Polly (Rick), Cora (Thomas), and Dicie (Kip); and nine grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Proceeding him in death was his Dad, Dave Sturgill; his Mom, Isabelle Holiday Sturgill; and one brother, Willis Sturgill. Dad felt

the Lord calling him twenty-two years ago. He was a member of Youngs Creek Baptist Church in Williamsburg, Kentucky.

Left to mourn his passing is his wife, children, grandchildren, great grandchildren, one brother, Gillis (Bulah) Sturgill of Hindman, and a host of special nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, and cousins who will miss him greatly.

If Dad could say anything to all of his family and friends that has not made peace with the Lord, it is get ready while you can.

Dad was too sick to go to church, but that never stopped him from watching it on TV or listening to the radio. He loved the gospel message being delivered to everyone. Dad was a blessing to all of us. He is at peace and not suffering anymore.

Written by his children.

SARAH ESTEP VANOVER

Sarah Estep Vanover, age eighty-seven, of Prestonsburg, Kentucky, widow of Clark H. Vanover, passed away on Monday, February 18, 2008 at the U.K. Medical Center in Lexington, Kentucky. She was born on October 29, 1920 in Letcher County, Kentucky, the daughter of the late George and Josephine Meade Estep.

She was a homemaker and member of the Left Beaver Regular Baptist Church.

She is survived by four sons: Clark Howard (Kay) Vanover of Dutton, Alabama, Jack (Janet) Vanover of Martin, Kentucky, Teddy Vanover of Prestonsburg, Kentucky and Larry Vanover of Drift, Kentucky; eight daughters: Lutie (Mike) Kocik of Lady Lake, Florida, Bertha Griffith of Prestonsburg, Wanda (Don) Winters, Chelias, Washington, Barbara (Bob) Guiliani, Brooklyn, Michigan, Gayle Vanover of Prestonsburg, Kentucky, Louise Williams of Ypsilanti, Michigan, Mary (Joe) Gearheart of Prestonsburg, Kentucky and Deborah Rice of Prestonsburg, Kentucky; and twenty-six grandchildren and twenty-three great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Clark H. Vanover; one son, George Vanover; brothers: John Eddie, Frank, Wilburn, Elijah, George, Jody and William Estep; sisters: Elizabeth Stone, Lutie Estep and Maggie Hall; and three grandchildren.



ALMA WHITAKER

Alma Marie Whitaker of Kingscreek passed away on September 15, 2007 at the Whitesburg Appalachian Regional Healthcare Center. Alma was the daughter of the late Isaac and Katie Callihan Mitchell. She was born on November 19, 1911, being ninety-five years, nine months and twenty-seven days of age at the time of her passing.

Alma was a member of the Tolson Creek Old Regular Baptist Church.

She was the widow of Watson Whitaker. Surviving are five sons: Lavine (Daisy) Whitaker of Gatesville, Texas, Hiram Ray (Mildred) Whitaker of Kingscreek, Earnest Wood (Ruth) Whitaker of Aurora, Indiana, James Willis (Sue) Whitaker of Lawrenceburg, Indiana, and Wendell Clay (Donna) Whitaker of Aurora, Indiana; five daughters: Lola Christine (Ralph) Hogg of Hazel Park, Michigan, Wilma Holden of Greendale, Indiana, Mary (Bill) Halcomb of Hamilton, Ohio, Cena (Sanford) Graves of Connersville, Indiana and Linda (Darrell) Day of Connersville, Indiana; and forty-three grandchildren, thirty-five great grandchildren and four great great grandchildren along with a host of other relatives and friends to mourn her passing.

RICHARD ALBERT WRIGHT

Richard Albert Wright, sixty-nine, of Commiskey, Indiana, passed away on Sunday, July 27, 2008 at Schneck Memorial Hospital. Born on October 18, 1938, he was the son of Luchin and Margaret Coffman Wright. He married Linda Terry on July 1, 1960.

Richard was an Army veteran and had owned and operated several businesses during his life. He began with Wright's Texaco, and then

went on to Wright's Auto, R & L Tech Supply, which he retired from, the Old Paris Store, and Wright Jobber Sales. He also worked for the Indiana State Highway Department. His true passion was home building. He built over thirty homes in the Commiskey area. He enjoyed going to auctions, NASCAR, fishing, boxing, gardening, and most of all, spending time with his family.



Mr. Wright is survived by his wife, Linda Wright of Commiskey; one daughter, Annette (Russell "Whitey") Richardson of Commiskey; two sons, Dwayne Wright of North Vernon, and Brian (Missy) Wright of Commiskey; three brothers: Bill and Ernie Wright of Commiskey and John Wright of Indianapolis; three sisters: Mary McKinney of Indianapolis, Linda Collie of Whitesburg, Kentucky and Shirley Ward of Seymour; grandchildren: Carrie Horton, Amanda Riley, Megan Napier, Abigail Wright, Elizabeth Wright, Adam Wright, Nick Wright, Katie Wilson, and Cory Horton; and great grandchildren: Katelyn and Michael Horton, and Hannah Riley.

He was preceded in death by his parents, three brothers: Charles, Walter and Marvin Wright; and one sister, Kathy Colley.

ALICE RUTH STILTNER BLANKENSHIP YATES

Alice Ruth Stiltner Blankenship Yates, seventy, of Grundy, Virginia died on Saturday, August 30, 2008 following a brief illness. She was a lifelong resident of Buchanan County, Virginia. She was the daughter of the late David C. and Chloe Slone Stiltner. She was a member of the Bethlehem Old Regular Baptist Church in Grundy, Virginia. In addition to her parents and first husband, Jim Bob Blankenship, she was preceded in death by three sisters: Bonnie Stumbo, Gaynell Stiltner and Leon Spahr; and eight brothers: Amos, Hassel, Ralph, Fred, Lawrence, John, Leonard and Harmen Stiltner.



She is survived by her husband, Vadie Yates; two sons: Jim Bob Blankenship, Jr. and wife, Lisa Blankenship, of Grundy, Virginia and Richard Dean Blankenship and wife, Lisa Blankenship, of Dickson, Tennessee; four grandchildren and one great grandson; one step daughter, Shelly of Greensboro, North Carolina; one step son, Michael Yates of Buchanan County, Virginia; four sisters: Mrs. David (Julie) Poland of Grundy, Virginia, Mrs. Jimmy (Lucy) Dudley, Mrs. Harley (Brenda) Crawford of

Dickson, Tennessee and Mrs. Rachel Clark of Clawson, Michigan.

Alice (Tiny, as I have known her all my life), like Mom who left this world behind in December is resting from her labors and is waiting for the Savior Lord to take her to her Heavenly home where there will be no more sorrow, pain or tears and parting will be no more. Sleep on Tiny, and by the grace of our Savior God, we will meet again to spend eternity with our Lord in Heaven where all will be peace and joy.

Written for the family by niece, Gail.

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. _____	_____	_____
Eld. _____	_____	_____
Eld. _____	_____	_____
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

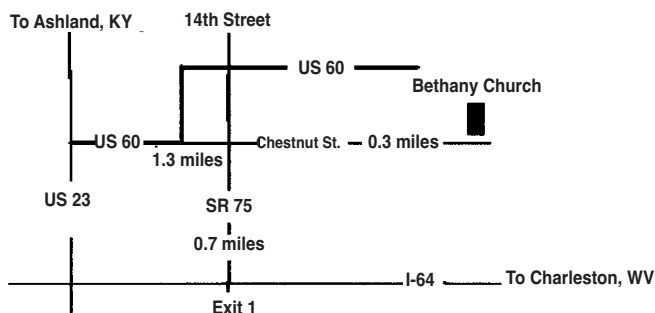
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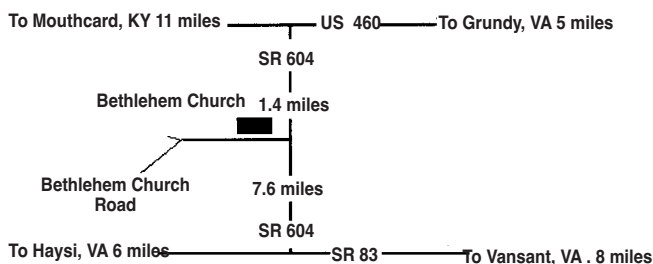
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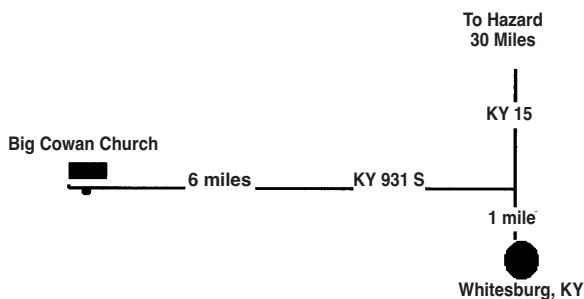
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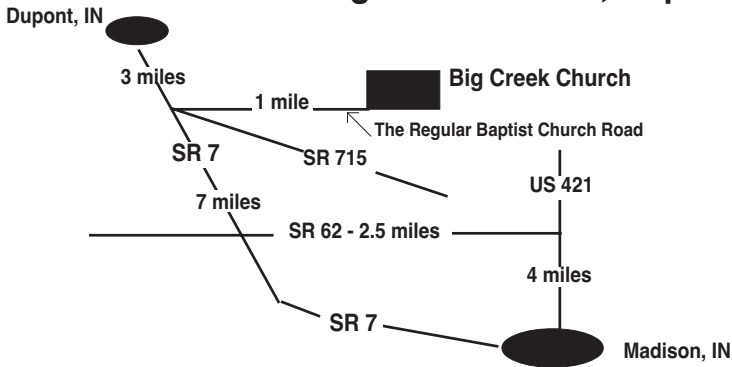


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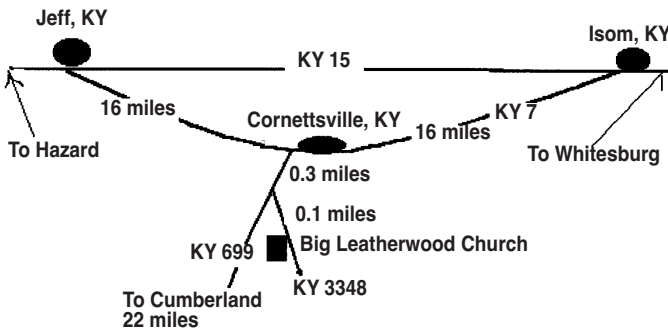


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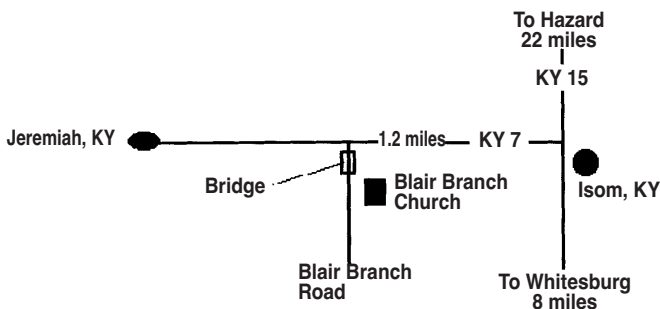
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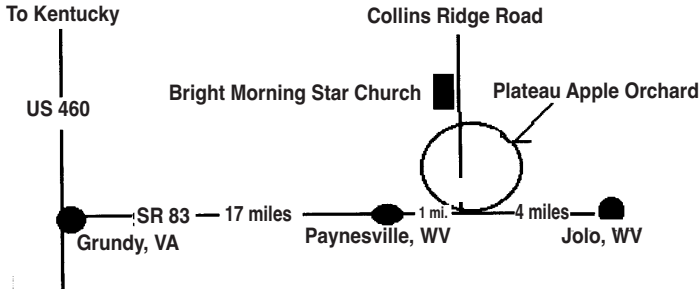


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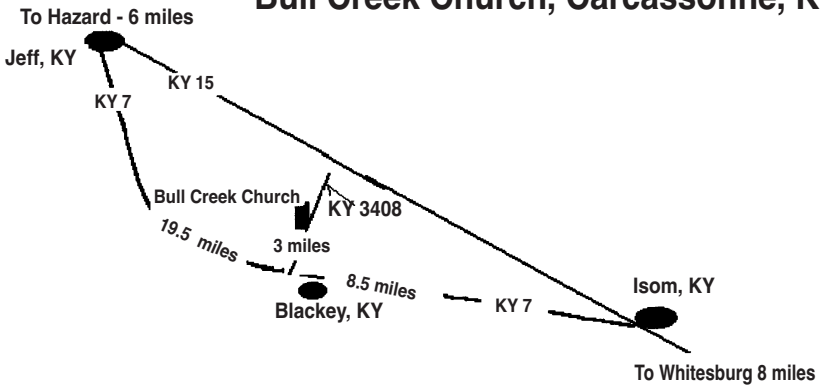


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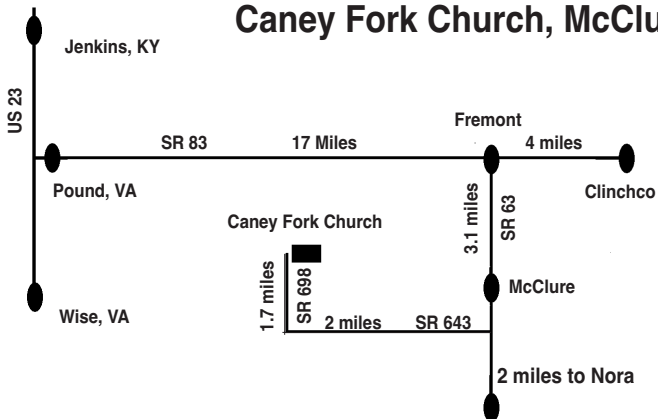
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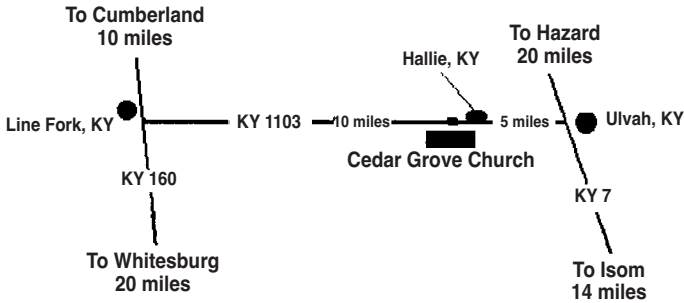


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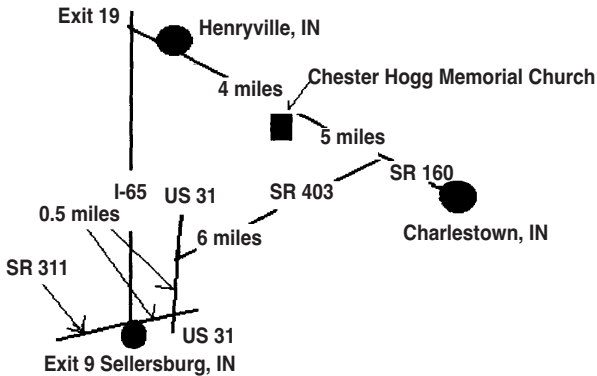


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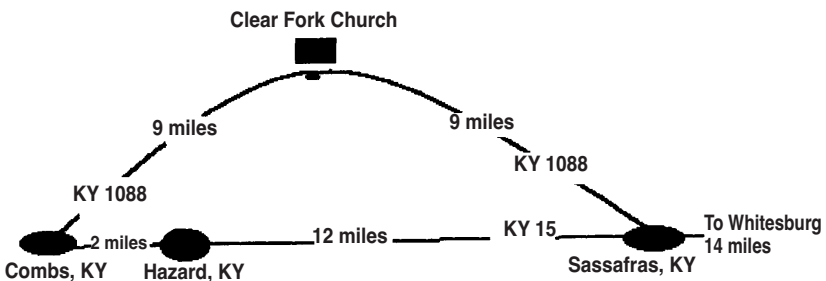
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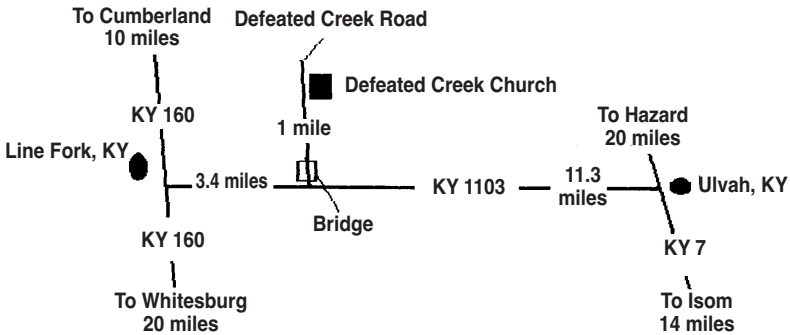


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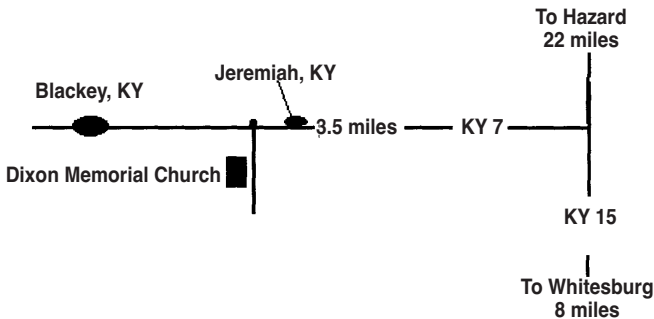


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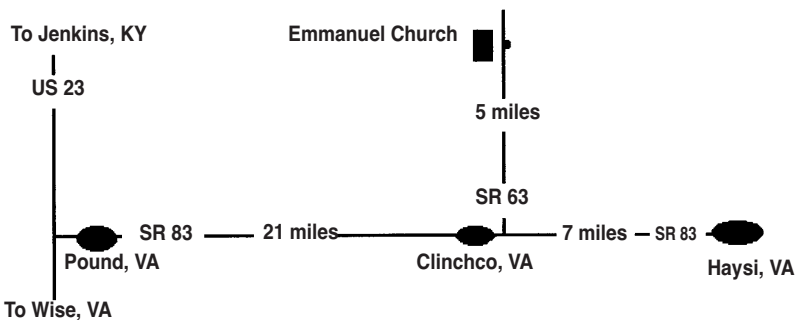
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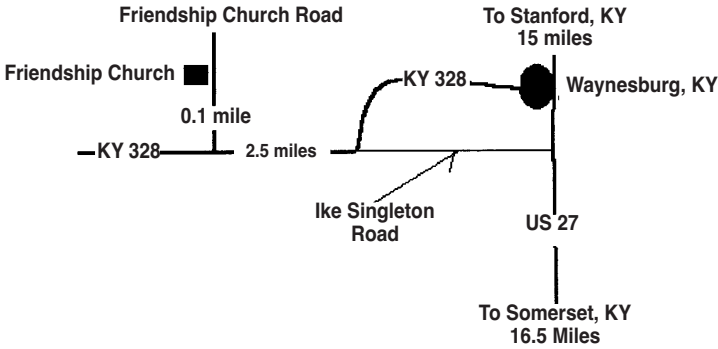


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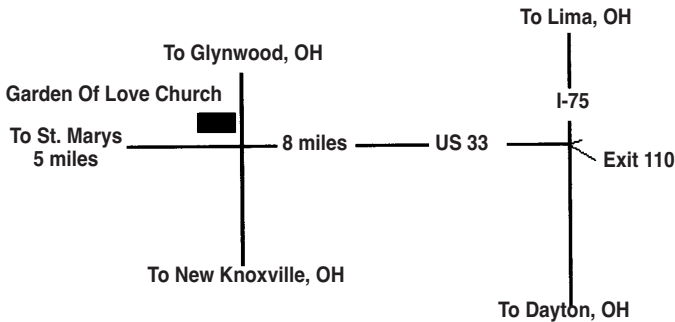


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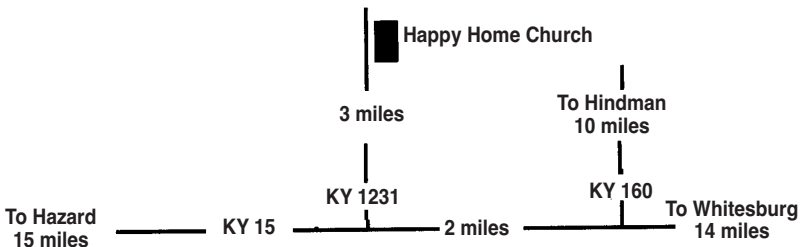
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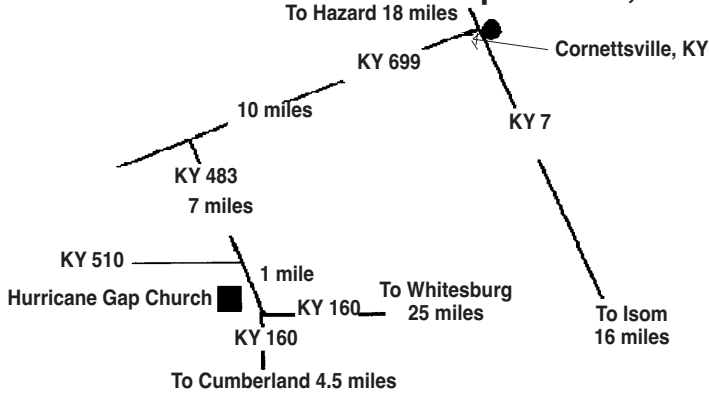


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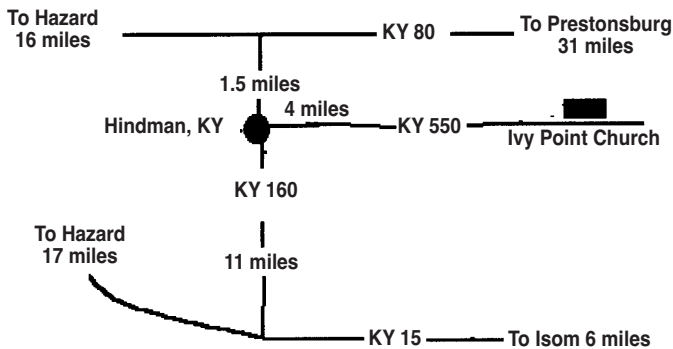


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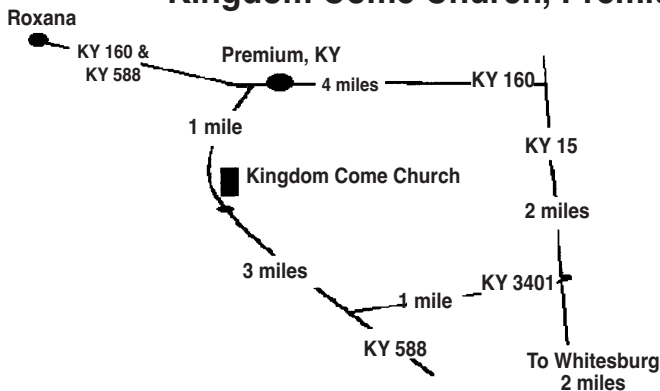
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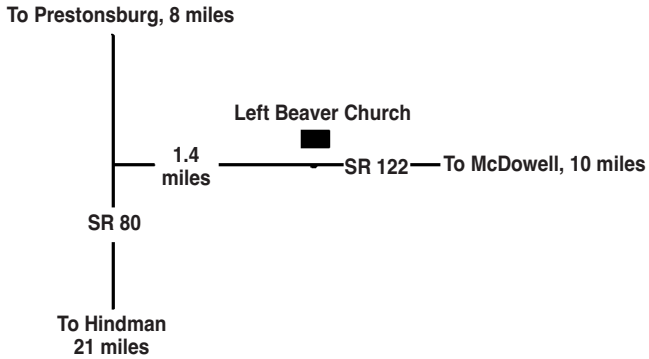


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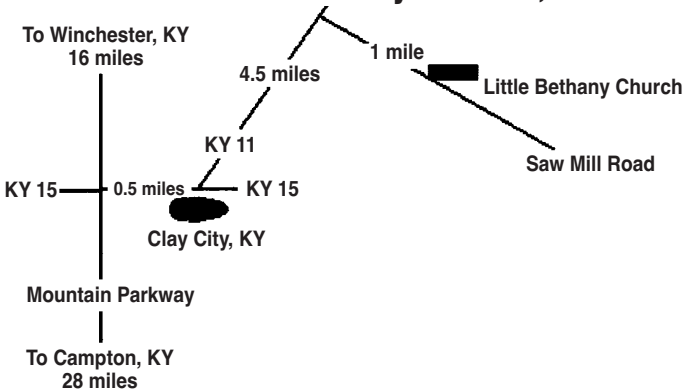


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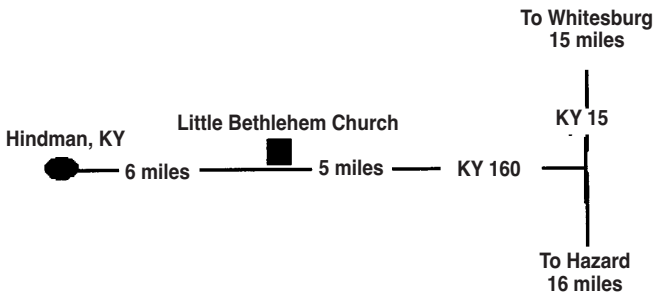
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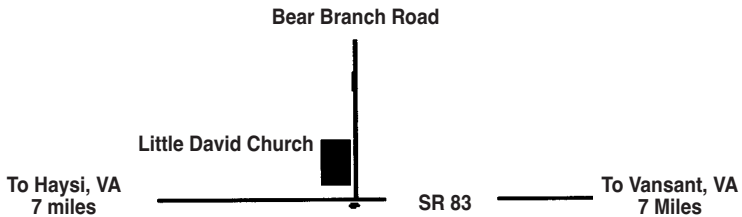


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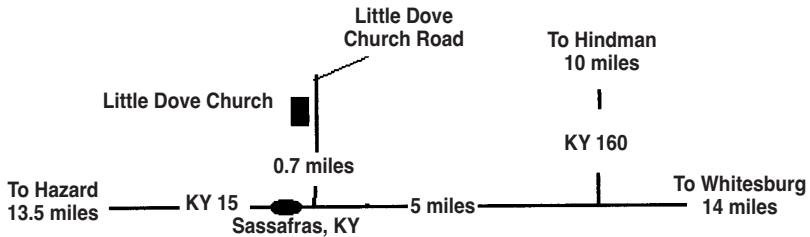


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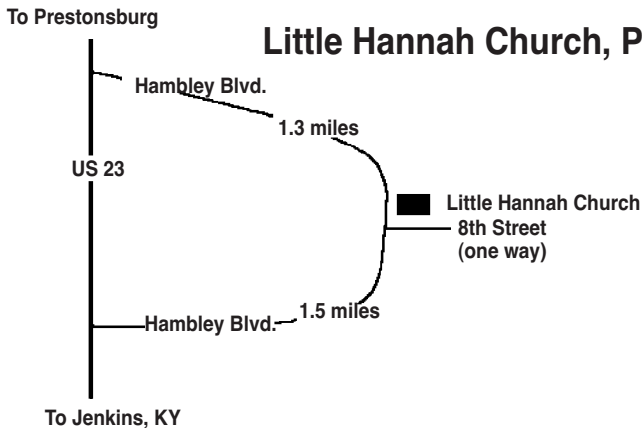
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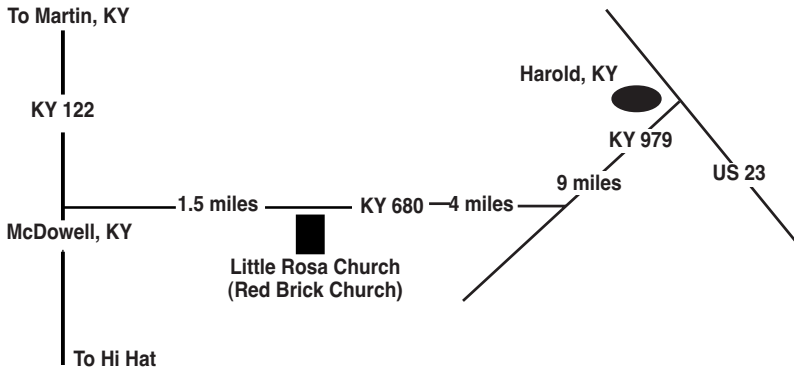
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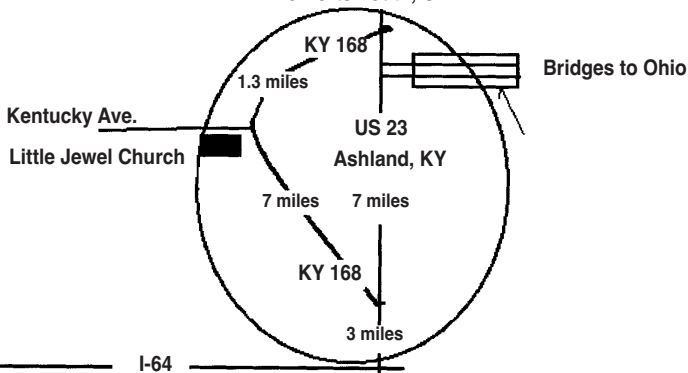
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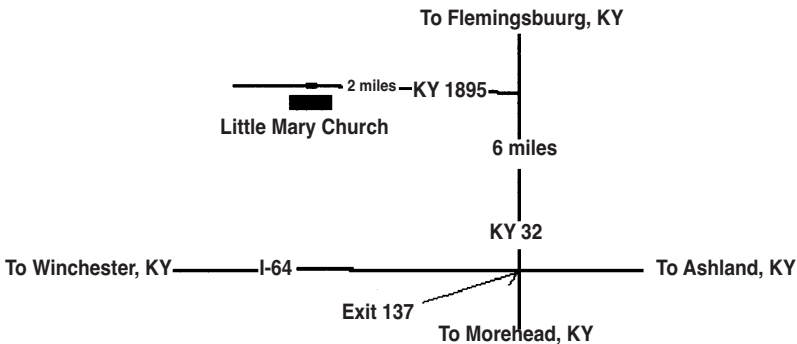
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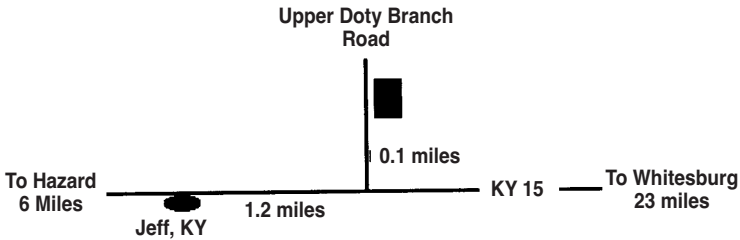


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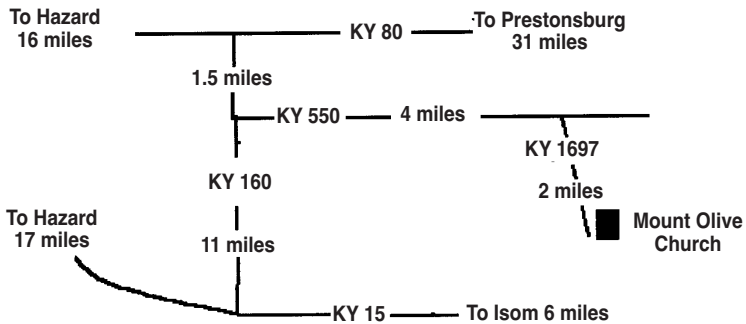


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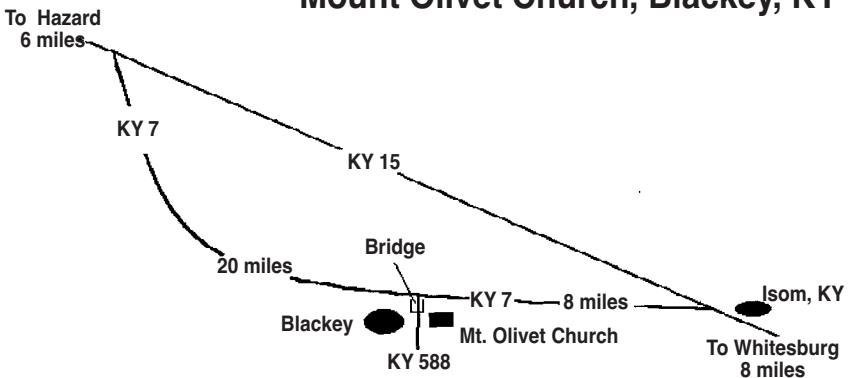
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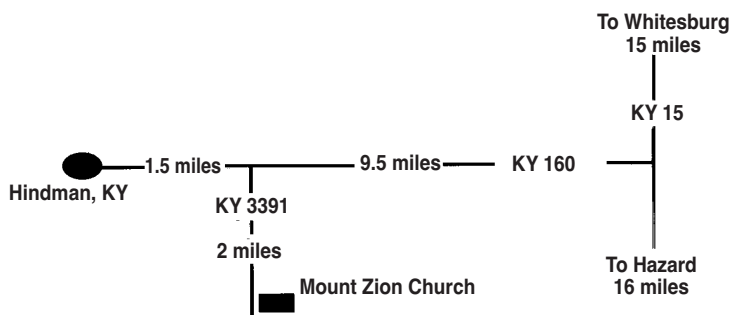


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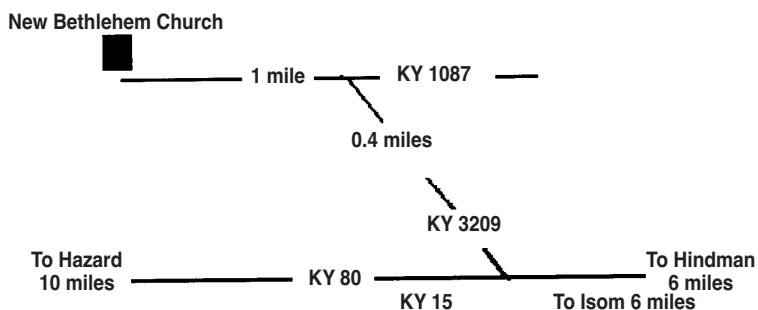


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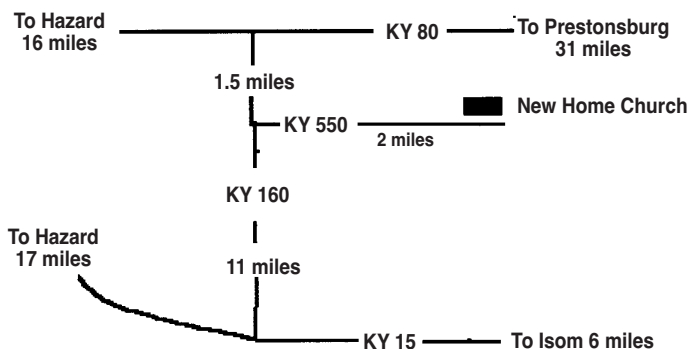
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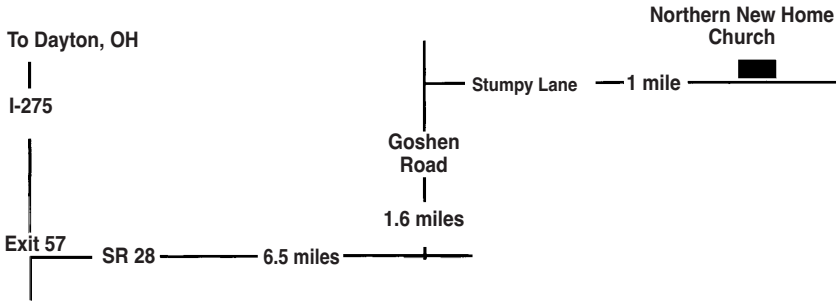


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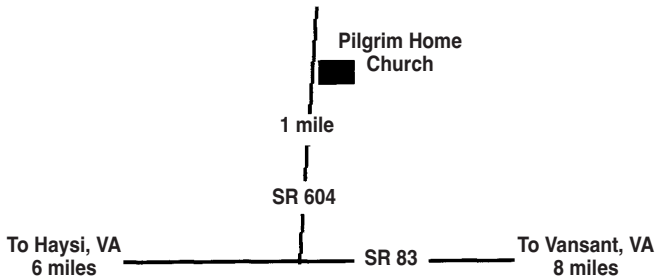


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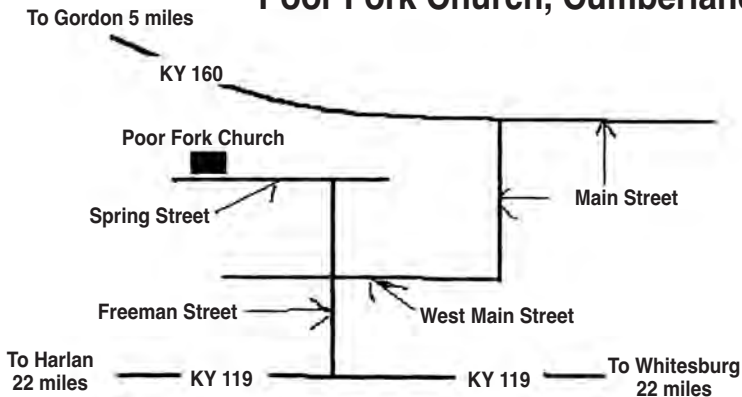
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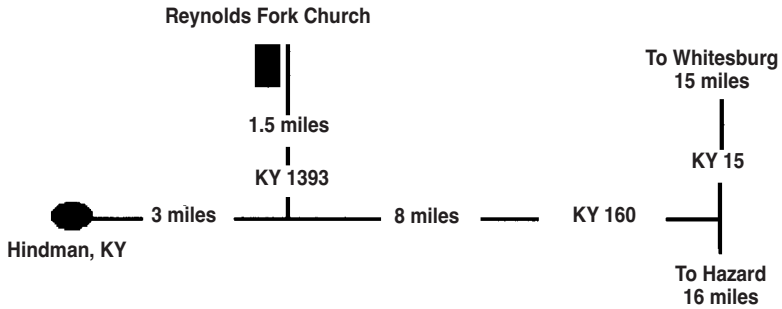


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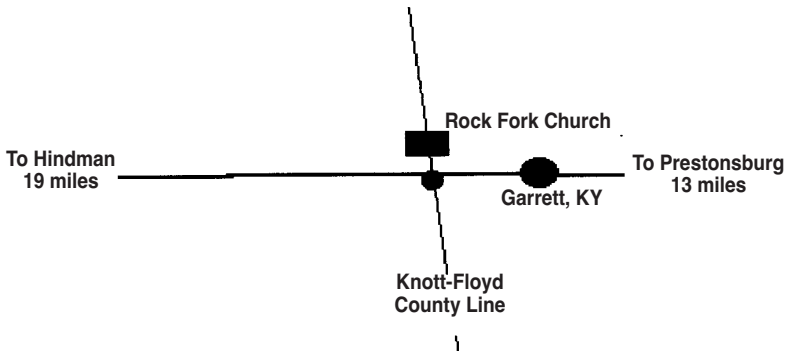


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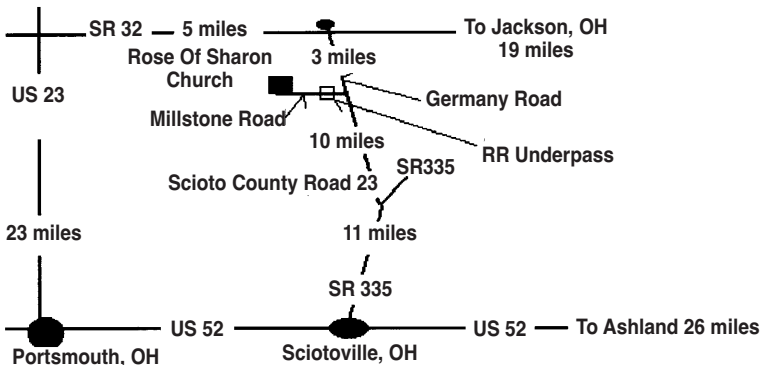
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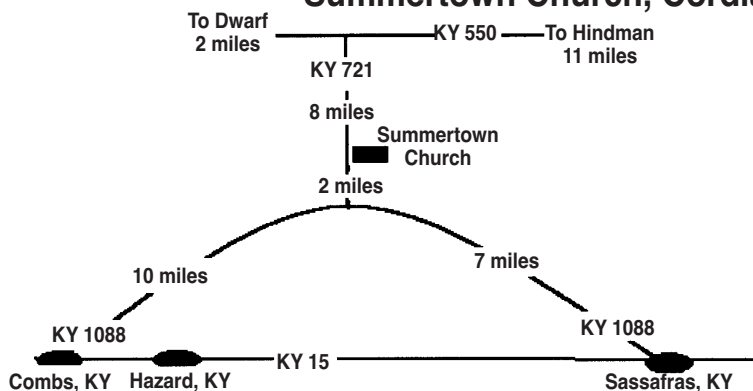


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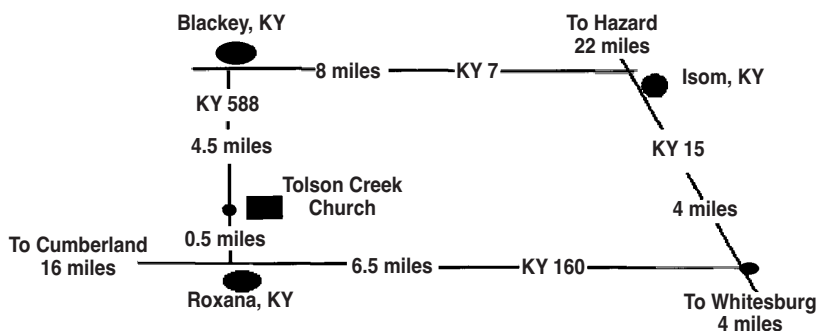


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