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Proceedings

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CIATION OF OLD REGULAR
BAPTIST CHURCH OF JESUS
CHRIST

In Session Assembled with the Buck Creek
Church, September 13, 14, 15, 1935

At the place where arrangements were made for preaching, the services were introduced by Elder Jonah Bevins, followed by the introductory sermon delivered by Elder Hi Maynard, text: Isiah 8th chapter, 20th verse,—“To the law and to the testimony, if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them.”

Then the delegates assembled at the house and after a short talk and a song and prayer by Elder Finas Adkins, the Association proceeded as follows:

1. Called for the letters from the several churches and received the letters and seated the delegates.

2. The Association then organized by electing Elder Hi Maynard as Moderator. Elder Ester Hopkins, Assistant Moderator.

Elder Jonah Bevins, Clerk and Brother R. L. Murphy as Assistant Clerk.

3. At the request of the Moderator the Rules of Decorum were read by the Moderator.

4. Called for newly organized churches and received two, named Little Rosa and Beech Grove. Both churches received upon motion duly seconded.

5. Called for letters from the sister Associations, and received as follows:

New Salem by the hands of Elders Aaron Pack, W. C. Wright, F. A. Hopkins and S. C. Crume.

Kyova by the hands of Elders C. M.

Childers, C. Cole, Brother J. H. Pack, J. A. Smith and G. W. Thornhill.

Philadelphia by the hands of Elders H. G. Spence, Finas Adkins, Brother W. H. Woods.

Union by the hands of Elder Joe Hall, No letter.

Friendship by the hands of Elders W. R. Estep, Perry Cline, Tracy Hatfield, Blain England.

Mud River by the hands of Elders Leonard Oxley, Peter Oest. The letters from the above named Associations were received and the delegates given the right hand of fellowship by our worthy Moderator and seated with us and aided us in council.

6. Called for transient ministers and members of our faith and ordered the following received:

Elder Frank Canterbury, James Jude, W. A. Hurley, W. H. May, Brothers R. F. Hanicker and Jeff Chaffin.

7. Resolved that the Moderator make all temporary appointments.

8. Committee appointed to take care of our visiting brethern as follows:

Pete Dial, Shadie Pauley, Lilburn Jude.

9. Committee appointed to see that the stand be supplied with ministers and that peace is preserved around the stand. Bros. John Pauley and Pete Dial.

10. Committee to arrange the ministry for Saturday consisting of one member from each church with the entire delegation of the Buck Creek church. Ministers as follows:

Elders Perry Cline, Joe Hall, Malcolm Wright, W. R. Estep.

11. Appointed clerks to write letters to corresponding associations.

12. Committee on arrangements consisted of one delegate from each church with the Moderators and Clerks with the corresponding brethern invited.

13. On motion by Brother Harrison Bevins, the Association adjourned until 9:00 o'clock Saturday morning.

MET PURSUANT TO ADJOURNMENT and after prayer by Elder F. A. Hopkins, proceeded as follows:

1. Called the roll and marked the absentees.

2. Read the Bill of Arrangements and discharged the Committee on same.

3. Appointed a committee on finance, consisting of Bros. R. L. Murphy, Elder Ester Hopkins and Frank Canterbury, who reported the contributions from each church as shown in the statistical table.

4. Called on Treasurer to report, who reported as follows:

Total on hand for the year 1934.....	\$141.79
Paid out for printing minutes	\$54.50
Secretary's fee	6.00
Expenses of delegates to sister associations	39.54
Typist's fee	4.50
Banking expense	.24

Total paid out 104.78

Balance in bank on hand 37.01
Received from churches this year 105.51

Total on hand for 1935 \$143.26

5. Resolved that Elder Willas Blackburn be retained as Treasurer.

6. Resolved that the clerk superintend the printing of the minutes and that he have 2500 copies printed and that he be allowed \$15.00 for his services for preparing manuscript and recording the same.

7. Brethren called in union meetings and Associations last year made their report.

Their reports received, failures excused. They all were admonished to be more faithful this coming year.

8. Appointed same committee to arrange for preaching Sunday, who reported as follows:

Elder Blain England, 1st; Elder C. Cole, 2nd; Elder F. A. Hopkins, 3rd; Elder Hi Maynard, close.

9. Letters to sister Associations read

and appointed delegates as follows:

New Salem to be held with Long Fork Church, Pike county, Ky. To begin on Friday before the fourth Saturday in September, 1935.

Elders Jonah Bevins, Hi Maynard, Ester Hopkins, E. S. Coleman, Erna Runyon. Letter in the hands of Elder Ester Hopkins.

Kyova to be held with the Bethany Church, Kenova, W. Va., to begin on Friday before the first Sunday in September, 1936. Elders Asa Evins, Wallace Maynard, J. R. Evins, Ester Hopkins, Erna Runyon, Frank Canterbury, Pricie Canterbury. Letter in the hands of Elder Asa Evins.

Philadelphia to be held with the Friendship Church, Greenup county, Ky., to begin on Friday before the third Saturday in September, 1935. Elders Willas Blackburn, Jonah Bevins, Brother R. L. Murphy. Letter in the hands of Elder Jonah Bevins.

Mud River to be held with the Sarah Church on Rock Creek foster, Boone county, W. Va., to begin on Friday before the fourth Sunday in August, 1935. Elders Jonah Bevins, Bro. R. L. Murphy, Elder E. S. Coleman, W. A. Hurley, Earney Runyon, Asa Evins, J. R. Evins, Jeff Chafin and Brother Grover Carry. Letter in the hands of Elder Asa Evins.

Union to be held with the Steven Chapel Church, Wise county, Va., to begin on Friday before the third Saturday in September, 1935. Elders Ester Hopkins, Hi Maynard, Bros. Harrison Bevins, James Blackburn. Letter in the hands of Hi Maynard.

Friendship to be held with the Rosa Church on Gilbert Creek, Mingo county, W. Va., to begin on Friday before the first Saturday in September, 1936. Elders Hi Maynard, E. S. Coleman, Louis Smith, Willis Blackburn, Bros. R. L. Murphy, Harrison Bevins, Elder Jonah Bevins, Abe Shepherd, Elder L. G. Lowe. Letter in the hands of Elder Jonah Bevins.

10. Resolved that the following churches have union meetings:

MAY 1936

Salem—The first Saturday and Sunday. Elders Hi Maynard, Asa Evins, Wallas Maynard, W. C. Hay with Moderator to attend.

Rebecca—The second Saturday and Sunday. Elders L. G. Lowe, Earney Runyon, Ester Hopkins, Hi Maynard with Moderator to attend.

JUNE 1936

Apple Orchard—First Saturday and Sunday. Elders Ester Hopkins, Wallas Maynard, F. A. Hopkins, Willas Blackburn with Moderator to attend.

Enon—First Saturday and Sunday. Elders, E. S. Coleman, Asa Evins, Jonah Bevins with Moderator to attend.

Lenah—Second Saturday and Sunday. Elders James Jude, Wallas Jackson, Earney Runyon, Jonah Bevins with Moderator to attend.

Buck Creek—Third Saturday and Sunday. Elders C. Cole, Jonah Bevins, F. A. Hopkins, Hi Maynard with Moderator to attend.

Sidney—Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Elders James Jude, Hi Maynard, Jonah Bevins, Ester Hopkins with Moderator to attend.

JULY 1936

Dick's Fork—To begin on Friday before the first Saturday and Sunday. Elders Asa Evins, J. R. Evins, Wallas Maynard, Hi Maynard, Ester Hopkins with Moderator to attend.

Mt. Pleasant—Second Saturday and Sunday. Elders Ester Hopkins, Asa Evins, Hi Maynard with Moderator to attend.

Muzzle Creek—Second Saturday and Sunday. Elders Wallas Maynard, Grover Curry, W. T. Rife with Moderator to attend.

Big Branch—Third Saturday and Sunday. Elders Earney Runyon, E. S. Coleman, L. G. Lowe, Jonah Bevins with Moderator to attend.

Mary Elizabeth—To begin on Friday be-

fore the third Saturday and Sunday. Elders J. H. Brown, Asa Evins, Willas Blackburn, Ester Hopkins to attend.

Narrows Branch—To begin on Friday before the fourth Saturday and Sunday. Frank Canterbury, Asa Evins, Wallas Maynard, Blain England, W. H. May, Willie Hay with Moderator to attend. Communion on Saturday evening.

Little Rosa—Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Elders Ester Hopkins, Wallas Maynard, J. R. Evins with Moderator to attend.

AUGUST 1936

Tibitha—First Saturday and Sunday. Elders W. T. Rife, Grover Curry, Jonah Bevins, W. H. Hurley to attend.

Bent Branch—Third Saturday and Sunday. Elders Jonah Bevins, Ester Hopkins, Willie Hay with Moderator to attend.

Elk Fork—Third Saturday and Sunday. Elders Wallace Maynard, W. T. Rife, Ester Hopkins, Jonah Bevins with Moderator to attend.

Beech Grove—Third Saturday and Sunday. Elders Frank Canterbury, Asa Evins, Grover Curry, Percie Canterbury, W. A. Hurley with Moderator to attend.

Pilgram Home—Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Elders Ester Hopkins, Hi Maynard, F. A. Hopkins with Moderator to attend.

Sardis—Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Elders E. S. Coleman, Louis Smith, J. H. Brown, Asa Evins to attend.

Bethany—To begin on Friday before the fourth Saturday and Sunday. Elders Wallas Maynard, Grover Carry, Shadle Pauley, W. H. May with Moderator to attend.

SEPTEMBER 1936

Little Dove—To begin on Friday before the first Saturday and Sunday. Elders W. A. Hurley, L. G. Lowe, Richard Evins with Moderator to attend.

11. By motion duly seconded, the council of Elders be postponed as far as this Association is concerned on account of the

difference of opinion of the sister Associations.

12. Resolved: That we print obituaries presented to the Brother Clerk.

13. Resolved: That the Treasurer pay for the expense of the delegations visiting sister Associations, paying for the oil and gas.

14. Resolved that we have a formal church letter printed in our minutes.

15. Resolved: That we advise ministers of our Association not to marry people into adultery where either man or woman has a living wife or husband.

16. Shall we receive into our fellowship, men having more than one wife or women having more than one husband?

Answer: We advise the churches not to receive into their fellowship any such, except those who have put away their companions for the cause of fornication and such cases to have the Gospel or church evidence of the same.

17. Resolved: That we contribute as much as one page of our minutes to memorial and funeral meetings of deceased brothers and sisters.

18. Resolved: That our next Association be held with the Tibitha Church, Omar, Logan county, W. Va., to begin on Friday before the second Saturday in September, 1936, and that Elder Ester Hopkins preach the introductory sermon, with Elder Jonah Bevins as his alternate.

19. Resolved: That we tender our most heartfelt thanks to the dear brethren and sisters of the Buck Creek church and the sister churches, and the entire neighborhood at large, who threw their doors open as we feel so freely and extended to us such a kind and welcome greeting into their homes, for the great care which they took of us while conducting this the forty-fourth Annual Association of this beloved Association, for we feel impressed to say that in all our assembling together, we don't think we ever received better treatment; nor was there ever any more love mani-

fested toward the brethern.

We don't just exactly know who is to be honored for the good peace and order maintained around the place where we assembled, but we sure do feel thankful to all for their good behavior.

Now, may God of Heaven bless this community in the necessities of life, and finally receive them into His Heavenly Kingdom, is the Prayer of the Sardis Association.

20. Resolved that the minutes be read and signed by the Moderators and Clerks. The Association then adjourned to the time and place mentioned above.

Elder Hi Maynard, Moderator
Elder Ester Hopkins, Asst. Mod.
Elder Jonah Bevins, Clerk
Elder R. L. Murphy, Asst. Clerk

SUNDAY SERVICES

On Sunday morning a large and well ordered congregation met at the church house and services introduced by Elder Blain England from the Friendship Association, who briefly spoke of the Goodness of God, and the wonderful love which he has bestowed in his Son Jesus Christ, following which the brethern and sisters joined in a song, after which Brother England lead the church in prayer.

2. Elder C. Cole preached from the text of Scripture: St. John, 14th chapter, 6th verse. "Jesus saith unto him: I am the Way, the Truth and the life. No man cometh unto the Father but by me."

3. On the stand Elder F. A. Hopkins, text: Rom. 8th chapter and 31st verse. What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us?

The services closed by our worthy Moderator, Elder Hi Maynard, text: 2nd Cor. 13th chapter, and 11th verse: Finally brethern farewell; be perfect, be of good comfort, be of one mind, live in peace; and the God of love and peace shall be with you.

Also, as there was not sufficient room in the church house for the congregation, the

following named Elders preached at the school house just across the road at the same time, in the following order:

Introductory and prayer by Elder W. A. Hurley. 2nd Elder Leonard Oxley, 3rd Elder Joe Hall, 4th Elder W. R. Estep. The preaching throughout this session of Sardis Association was harmonious and God surely was in our midst, as our gathering was not in vain but to the Glory of our Heavenly Master, and amidst the shouts and rejoicing in the conclusion of our services, it was evident that God's divine Grace was in the hearts of his poor, humble children. Thus ended the 44th Session of the Sardis Association.

YOUR UNWORTHY CLERK

OBITUARY

By request of the widow of Brother W. L. Varney, I attempt to write this obituary, and with a sad heart, though not without hope, but rather full assurance that Brother Varney is at rest with Christ.

W. L. Varney was born May 20, 1861, died June 25, 1935, aged 74 years, one month and five days. He was married to Lila Francis, August 21, 1880. To this union were born three children, Octavia, Thomas Jefferson and Martha Jane. The last two named died in infancy. Octavia is still living with a mother to mourn the loss of a pious husband and father. Also he leaves seven grand children and ten great grandchildren.

Brother Varney joined the Church of Jesus Christ, called Regular Baptist, May 20, 1922, and was baptized by the hands of the writer of this obituary, taking fellowship with the Pilgram Home church. He was ordained to the ministry in 1929. Prior to his death he was a faithful councillor to the church, and was a peacemaker among his brethern and sisters. He was much loved by them all, and his death was much lamented by the church as well as by all the neighbors where he lived. He was one of the outstanding lights to the

church, and was a stake in it's upbuilding. Ever living that humble, child-like faith which binds the church in one body, and proved to the world that he was a child of God by the fruit of his life, which bound his brethern and sisters to him by a cord of love which is as strong as death, which has separated us. But love will unite us together again, where we will never be parted no more, and the sorrow of sister Varney and the daughter with the church will be turned into joy in that morning of the resurrection. May his council ever live in the heart of the church and we pray God that the off-spring of his body will seek the Lord in their youth, and give comfort to sister Varney and sister Harrison, the daughter. Your humble servant in hope of Eternal Life.

JONAH BEVINS

MEMORIALS AND FUNERAL MEETINGS OF DECEASED BRETHERN AND SISTERS AND THEIR RELATIVES

Memorial of Uncle Shadle Pauley and family to be held on the second Saturday and Sunday in October of each year.

Memorial of Elder Joe Smith and wife, Mary Smith, W. L. Lowe, Jesse Lowe, to be held at the Fraley Cemetery on Big Creek with the Mary Elizabeth Church, at it's regular meeting time on the third Saturday and Sunday in each following year.

Memorial of Nathan Jude, the fourth Sunday in September of each year, to be held with the Sidney Church, Martin County, Ky. The funeral of Sister Hughes will be preached August 2nd Saturday and Sunday, 1936. The services will begin on Friday evening at the home of Uncle Jim Hughes. Ministers as follows:

Elder Ester Hopkins, Finas Adkins and Jonah Bevins.

Memorial of Elder J. S. Muncy will be held with Narrows Branch Church on regular church time the fourth Sunday in

May, 1936. Brethern all invited.
Memorial to be held with the Rebecca Church, second Sunday in June, 1936.

OBITUARY OF SISTER NANCY JANE HARRIS

Daughter of O. B. M. Lowe and Elizabeth Lowe, Born Sept. 2, 1862 at White Post, Pike county, Ky. She was married to J. B. Harris in the year of our Lord 1881. He died and left her with eight children March, 1901, Octava, Ella, Fanny, Louisa, Alice, Minnie, Ida and J. B. Harris, Jr. Two of the children preceeded her in death, Sarah Ann Harris died in infancy. Alice Harris Maynard died leaving 7 of the children with the mother until her death October 10, 1935. She also leaves three brothers and sisters, Oreson, Mont and Hayse Lowe, Sarah Ann Slater, Octava Williamson and Vivia Stepp are left to mourn with the children. She also leaves thirty-two grand children and 22 great grand children. Sister Harris joined the regular Baptist Church of Jesus Christ and was baptized at the hands of Elder J. W. Smith, Novmber, the first Sunday 1915 and lived a pious christian life until her death, always attending the regular church meetings, never missing except when sickness prevented her from coming and proved her sainted life by washing the saints feet, always dressing modestly as the women are commanded who profess Godliness. She was a living example of her sisters in the church.

To the children: You have lost a pious, christian mother and her prayers in the night time when you were slumbering in sleep. Mother was praying to God in your behalf but she is gone now from your presence but do not forget those sainted prayers and let them ever weigh in your hearts and God will be pleased to answer the prayers of your mother in you. The church will still plead God in Mother's behalf for you children. Oh! so many times she has asked the Church to pray for her children, that you would fill that vacant seat in the church

for her and bring rejoicing in Heaven where mother is, for there is rejoicing in Heaven when a sinner comes to God and when you will have to give up this life and die as mother did.

You can meet mother again where the family circle will never be broken any more. Oh! that sweet resurrection day will bring mother again from the dead with all the Church, then our consolation and joy will be full and complete.

Written by her humble brother in Hope of Eternal Life.

JONAH BEVINS

OBITUARY OF MARY JANE JUSTICE

It is with sadness of heart that I take my pencil in hand to try in my weakness to write an obituary of a saint of God and a loving sister in Christ, to-wit: Sister Mary Jane Justice, wife of Albert Justice.

She was born October 21, 1876, died August 14, 1934, at the age of 57 years, 10 months and a few days. She was married to Albert Justice in the month of December, 1892. To this union were born 8 children, two of them preceding her in death in infancy. During and just before her death, she called the name of her little baby, Rebecca, and said to it three times: "Open the door for your mother." These were her last words on earth, and in a few moments, she breathed out this life and now, no doubt, in the writer's mind, she is asleep in Jesus with little Rebecca. The writer has known sister Justice for many years and especially during the 19 years of her religious life.

She joined the church of Jesus Christ, called Regular Baptist, in the year 1916 and was baptized by Elder J. W. Smith, and lived a pious, christian life; was faithful to attend her church meetings as long as she was able, and after she was afflicted, she would call for the brethren to come and preach for her. She would shout and praise the Lord, and talk to her husband and children and tell them of her hope, pleading with

them to seek the Lord in pardon and remission of their sins, and thus they could meet her in heaven where the family circle would not be broken by the great enemy, death, in the home which she so often told the husband and children she was soon to enter.

Now, a few words of exhortation to Albert and the children: Don't forget her advice and remember the words of Jesus Christ, her's and your Savior: Except you repent, you shall all likewise perish. Now this obituary is written by one in hope of eternal life and confidence of meeting sister Justice again, where she will not be afflicted, but our afflictions are good, though they seem severe to us. Paul tells us: "For our light affliction which is but for a moment worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory. While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen; for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal.

The untold beauties of heaven have never been seen, but God has prepared them for those that obey and serve him.

Written by a brother in hope of Eternal Life.

JONAH BEVINS

PREAMBLE TO CONSTITUTION

From a long series of experiences, we the churches of Jesus Christ, being regularly baptized upon our profession of faith in Jesus Christ are convinced of the necessity of a combination of churches in order to perpetuate a union and communion among us and preserve, maintain and keep the rules and orders of an association according to the following form of government:

Article 1. The Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches and duly sent to represent in this association who shall be members whom they shall think best qualified for the purpose and producing letters from their re-

spective churches certifying their appointment shall be entitled to seats.

Article 2. In the letters from the different churches shall be expressed their number in full fellowship, their baptized, received by letter, restored, dismissed, excommunicated and dead since the last Association.

Article 3. The members thus chosen and convened shall have no power to lord it over Gods heritage nor shall they infringe on the internal rights of any church in the union.

Article 4. The Association when convened shall be governed and ruled by a regular and proper decorum.

Article 5. The Association shall have a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer who shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.

Article 6. New churches may be admitted into our union that shall petition by letter and delegate, 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.

Article 7. Every church in the Union shall be entitled to a representative in the Association.

Article 8. Every query presented by any church to the Association, being first debated by their own church, shall be taken up by the Association.

Article 9. Every motion made and seconded shall be taken up by the Association, except it be withdrawn by the member who made it.

Article 10. The Association shall endeavor to furnish the churches with the minutes of the Association.

Article 11. The church shall send money by the delegate of each church for printing the minutes of the association.

Article 12. There shall be a record book kept wherein the proceedings of every association shall be regularly recorded by the Secretary appointed for that purpose.

Article 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.

Article 14. Amendments of this plan or form of government may be made at any time, by a majority of the Union, when they deem necessary.

Article 15. All matters coming before the Association shall be decided by the will of the majority.

Article 16. The Association shall have power: 1. To provide for the general union of the churches. 2. To preserve inviolably a chain of communication among the churches. 3. To give the churches all necessary advice in matters of difficulty. 4. To inquire into the cause why the churches fail at any time to represent themselves at the Association. 5. To appoint any member or members by and with their consent to transact any business which they think necessary. 6. The association shall have power to withdraw from any church in this union which shall violate the rules of the association or deviate from the orthodox principles of religion. 7. To admit any orderly minister of our order to a seat with us in the association. 8. The association shall have power to adjourn themselves to any future time or place they may think most convenient to the churches of the union. 9. That no minister shall be ordained unless forwarded by the church and it shall require two or more ordained ministers to compose a presbytery for that purpose.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

Article 1. We, the churches of Jesus Christ, called Regular Baptist, are constituted on the following faith, viz:

Article 2. We believe in only one true and living God, the creator of heaven and earth and all things that are therein contained.

Article 3. We believe in Jesus Christ the eternal Son of God, who is head and king of his church.

Article 4. We believe in the Holy Ghost the sealer and Applier of the Redemption purchased by Christ.

Article 5. We believe in the Father, Son and Holy Ghost and these three are one.

Article 6. We believe in the Old and New Testament scriptures to be the infallible word of God and take it for our only rule of faith and practice and nothing is to be taken from or added to it.

Article 7. We believe in the free atonement of Jesus Christ, that he tasted death for every man and that salvation is to all men and women on the terms of the gospel.

Article 8. We believe that repentance and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and regeneration are necessary previous to baptism, and that immersion is the only right way of administering the ordinance.

Article 9. We believe that Christ has but one true gospel church and that will finally preserve through grace to glory.

Article 10. We believe in the communion of the Lord's Supper, that is, taking of the bread and wine by the church of Jesus Christ, in commemoration of the death and suffering of the Son of God until his second coming.

Article 11. We believe that feet washing is an ordinance of Jesus Christ, and ought to be observed and kept up by his church till his second coming.

Article 12. We believe that Jesus Christ is the first resurrection from the dead and that he lives forever.

Article 13. We believe in the resurrection of the just and unjust.

Article 14. We believe the happiness of the saints and the punishment of the wicked are eternal.

RULES OF DECORUM

Article 1. The association to be opened and closed by prayer.

Article 2. A Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen by the suffrage of the mem-

bers present.

Article 3. Only one member shall speak at a time and he shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator when he is about to make a speech.

Article 4. The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted in his speech except by the Moderator, till he is done speaking and shall strictly adhere to the subject and in no wise reflect on the person who speaks before or make remarks on mishaps, failures or imperfections, but shall verily state that cause and matter as nearly as he can so as to convey his light and idea.

Article 5. No person shall rise and speak more than three times on one subject without consent of the association.

Article 6. No person shall abruptly break off or absent himself from the association without liberty obtained from it.

Article 7. No member of the association shall have the liberty of laughing during the sittings nor whispering in time of public speech.

Article 8. No member of this association shall address another by any other term or appellation other than that of Brother.

Article 9. The Moderator shall not interrupt a member or prohibit him from speaking until he gives his light upon the subject except when he breaks the rules of decorum.

Article 10. The names of the several members of the association shall be enrolled by the clerk, and called over as often as the Moderator requires.

Article 11. The moderator shall have the same privilege of speech as another member provided the chair be filled, but shall have no vote unless the association be equally divided.

Article 12. Any member who shall willfully and knowingly break any of the rules shall be reproved by the association as it may think proper.

Article 13. The delegation to be seated in this Association shall be limited to three

members from each church.
 Article 14. No person shall speak more than five minutes at the same time without liberty obtained from the Association.

NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF ORDAINED MINISTERS

H. Maynard	Myrtle, W. Va.
Ester Hopkins	Williamson, W. Va.
Jonah Bevins	Goody, Ky.
Willas Blackburn	Goody, Ky.
Heanan Maynard	Heanan, Ky.
Earnest Runyons	Burris, Ky.
Wallas Jackson	Heisey, Ky.
Ranson Smith	Holden, W. Va.
A. Sheppard	Holden, W. Va.
W. A. Hurley	Holden, W. Va.
Wallas Maynard	Delbarton, W. Va.
Asa Evins	Delbarton, W. Va.
J. E. Taylor	Thomas, Ky.
J. H. Brown	Canada, Ky.
E. S. Coleman	Hardy, Ky.
L. G. Lowe	White Post, Ky.
James Jude	Heisy, Ky.
Lewis Smith	Hardy, Ky.
Shadel Pauley	Beauty, Ky.
E. F. Fields	Moree, Ky.
W. T. Rife	Omar, W. Va.
Grover Kerry	Delbarton, W. Va.
Daniel Roberts	Jaeger, W. Va.
Mat Mounts	Myrtle, W. Va.
Dike Blackburn	Moree, Ky.
Jonah Smith	Heisy, Ky.
Frank Canterbury	Canterbury, W. Va.
W. H. May	Kirk, W. Va.
James Thornbery	Crigger, Ky.
Wallas Hannah	Kirk, W. Va.
George Gillman	Myrtle, W. Va.

LICENSED MINISTERS

Louis White	Myrtle, W. Va.
C. L. Swanson	Boomer, N. C.
S. B. Fraley	White Post, Ky.

FORM OF CHURCH LETTER

Date.....
 P. O.....

We, the Church of Jesus Christ of Regular Baptist called.....in regular session, sendeth our Christian love and salutation to the ministers and messengers That may compose the Sardis Association when convened with the.....beginning on Friday before the second Saturday in September 19.....

Our dearly beloved Brethern, we are in peace with each other and our present condition is as follows:

Since our last Association, we have received by experience and baptism.....; by letter.....; by restoration; by recommendation Dismissed by letter.....; died.....; excluded.....

Our total number is....., out of whom we have chosen our beloved to-wit:

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Alternates:
 to bear this, our letter, and to represent us in the Association.

ORDAINED MINISTERS

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Union meeting on the.....Saturday in.....

Donation.....
 By Order of the Church

ElderModerator

Bro.Clerk

STATISTICAL REPORT

Table of Churches and Delegates

	Received by Baptism	Received by Letter	Received by Recommendation	Restoration	Excluded	Dismissed by Letter	Died	Total Membership	Meeting Time	Money Sent
Mt. Pleasant: J. H. May	4	0	0	1	0	1	0	35	2	\$5.10
Apple Orchard: Stanford Maynard, H. Maynard, E. Runyon	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	32	1	2.10
Enon: Logan Spencer, J. B. Anderson, E. S. Stafford	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	11	1	3.50
Rebecca: Abe Sheppard, Amos Evins.....	2	1	0	0	2	0	1	54	2	6.35
Bent Branch: Tom Morrison	4	0	0	0	1	0	2	43	3	11.01
Sardis: Joe Stanley, Greenway Lowe.....	0	0	0	1	2	1	0	165	4	7.00
Big Branch: Johny Nichols, Harvey Lowe. Mary Elizabeth: S. B. Fraley, M. B. Romans	1	0	0	0	4	0	2	21	3	2.75
Bethany: Percy Canterbury, Jas. White, Willard Blair	0	0	0	0	0	16	0	22	3	1.40
.....	18	0	15	12	9	1	1	86	4	3.00

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Elk Fork: L. V. S. Curry, Jeff Chaffin, Joe Carry	9	1	0	0	1	0	0	70	3	5.65
Pilgram Home: L. G. Lowe, Troy Francis.....	11	0	0	0	2	0	1	115	4	12.00
Salem: H. Bevins, Jas. Blackburn, Ken Varney	10	0	0	0	1	0	0	94	1	12.00
Sidney: Bill Jude, R. C. Flecher	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	21	4	3.00
Dix Fork: J. H. Brown, E. S. Coleman, Marvin Stanley	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	28	1	4.50
Narrows Branch: Louis Smith, Kelly Stanley, R. L. Murphy	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	33	4	8.00
Leanah: Sam Robinson, Dick Black- burn, G. D. Reed	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	21	2	2.00
Buck Creek: R. C. Chapman, Milburn Jude, Johny Pauley	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	3	2.50
Tabitha: C. Gilmon, Tom Duty, John French	3	0	2	0	2	0	1	34	1	4.00
Little Dove: J. S. Dempsey	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	65	1	3.65
Muzzle Creek: G. F. Rife	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	16	1	1.50
Little Rosa: Ireland Harris, Tom Jack- son, W. Jackson	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	17	4	2.00
Beech Grove: Mark Hannah, Joseph Hannah, Arvil Sturgell	9	1	0	0	0	0	0	21	3	2.50
.....	68	4	17	14	25	19	13	1016	\$105.51

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