

Proceedings

of the

Sardis Association of
Old Regular Baptist

The Church of Jesus Christ

in session assembled with

TURKEY CREEK CHURCH
TURKEY CREEK (PIKE Co.), KY.

SEPTEMBER 8, 9, 10, 1939

PROCEEDINGS

of the

FORTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL SESSION OF THE SARDIS ASSOCIATION OF OLD REGULAR BAPTIST THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST

In Session Assembled with Turkey Creek Church, September 8, 9, 10,
1939.

At the place where arrangements were made for the preaching, the services were introduced by Elder Jonah Bevins, followed by the introductory sermon delivered by Elder Asa Evans. Text: Mathew, 7th Chapter, 14th Verse—"Strait is the gate, narrow is the way which leadeth unto life and few there be that find it".

Then the delegates assembled at the church house and after a short talk and song and prayer by Elder F. A. Hopkins, 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, Assistant Clerk.
3. At the request of the Moderator, the Rules of Decorum were read by the Clerk.
4. Called for newly organized churches and received one church, which church was Little Vine.
5. Called for letters from sister associations and received as follows: New Salem, by the hands of Elders Hays Maynard and F. A. Hopkins, and Brother Billie Moore. Letter in the hands of Elder F. A. Hopkins.

Kyova by the hands of Elders C. Cole, R. A. Damron, Earl Clay, G. W. Thornhill, C. M. Childers and Brother J. H. Pack. Letter in the hands of Elder C. Cole.

Philadelphia by the hands of Elders Finess Adkins and Brother Fred Akers. Letter in the hands of Elder Finess Adkins.

Union by the hands of Elders H. M. Mullins, H. C. Maynard, M. V. Burk, Brothers W. S. Mullins, Johnnie Wright. Letter in the hands of Brother W. S. Mullins.

Mud River by the hands of Elders Leonard Oxley, John Miller, Brother C. Hill. Letter in the hands of Elder Leonard Oxley.

6. Called for transient ministers and members of our faith and order, the following received: J. R. Evans, Willard Blair, George Clay, Willis Blackburn, M. P. Burk, Asa Evans and Burl Maynard.

7. Ordered that the Moderator make all temporary appointments.

8. Committee appointed to take care of the visiting brethren as follows: Elder Ester Hopkins, Brothers Ken Varney and Troy Francis.

9. Committee appointed to see that the stand be supplied with ministers and that peace be preserved around the stand: Elder Lark Lowe, Brothers Louis Marcum and Floyd Runyon.

10. Committee to arrange the ministry for Saturday consisting of one member from each church with the entire delegation of the Turkey Creek Church. Ministers as follows: First, Elder Henry C. Maynard; Second, Elder Leonard Oxley; Third, Elder G. W. Thornhill; Fourth, Elder F. A. Hopkins.

11. Appointed clerks to write letters to corresponding associations.

12. Committee on arrangements consisting of one delegate from each church with the moderator and clerks with the corresponding associations invited.

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

SATURDAY MORNING

Met pursuant to adjournment and after song, services were introduced by Elder Hayes Maynard, and prayer by Elder Ester Hopkins.

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: Elder Ester Hopkins, Brother Troy Francis and Elder J. G. Thurnsbury, 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 years 1938 and 1939.....\$215.31

Paid out for printing of minutes.....	60.00
Secretary's Fee	15.00
Expense of delegates to sister associations...	23.80
Typist's Fee	10.27

Total Paid Out

.....	\$109.07
Balance in Bank on hand	106.24
Received from churches this year.....	129.00

Total on hand for the years 1939 and 1940 \$235.24

5. Ordered that Elder Willis Blackburn be retained as Treasurer.
6. That the clerk superintend the printing of the minutes and that he have 2000 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 reports. Their reports received, failures excused. They were all admonished to be more faithful this coming year.
8. Appointed same committee to arrange for preaching Sunday who reported as follows: First, Ruben Dyer; Second, Elder John Miller; Third, Finess Adkins; Fourth, Hi Maynard; Saturday night at the School House, Elders Blaine England and Ruben Dyer.
9. Letters to sister associations read and appointed delegates as follows: New Salem to be held with the Enterprise Church to begin on Friday before the fourth Saturday in September, 1939. Elders Ester Hopkins, Hi Maynard, Willis Blackburn and Brother R. L. Murphy. Letter in the hands of Elder Ester Hopkins.

Kyova to be held with the New Mount Olivet Church to begin on Friday before the first Sunday in September, 1940. Elders Ester Hopkins, W. A. Hurley, W. C. Hay, Jonah Bevins and Brothers Burl Maynard and R. L. Murphy. Letter in the hands of Elder Ester Hopkins.

Philadelphia to be held with the Mount Olivet Church to begin on Friday before the third Saturday in September, 1939. Elders Willis Blackburn, W. A. Hurley, Ernest Runyon, Jonah Bevins and Brother B. F. Maynard. Letter in the hands of Elder Jonah Bevins.

Mud River to be held with the Sarah Church to begin on Friday before the fourth Sunday in August, 1940. Elders Ester Hopkins, W. A. Hurley, Jeff Chafin, Burl Maynard, and Brother R. L. Murphy. Letter in the hands of Elder W. A. Hurley.

Union to be held with the Little Hattie Church to begin on Friday before the third Saturday in September, 1939. Elders Ester Hopkins, Hi Maynard, W. C. Hay, J. G. Thornsby, Jeff Chafin, and Brother R. L. Murphy. Letter in the hand of Elder Hi Maynard.

10. Upon request, it is ordered that the following churches have union meetings as follows:

UNION MEETINGS

May, 1940

SALEM: First Saturday and Sunday. Elders W. C. Hay, Hi Maynard, Willis Blackburn, with the Moderator attending.

TURKEY CREEK: Second Saturday and Sunday. Elders Ester Hopkins, W. C. Hay, Shadel Pauley, with the Moderator attending.

June, 1940

APPLE ORCHARD: First Saturday and Sunday. Elders Willis Blackburn, Grover Carey, Hi Maynard, Jonah Bevins, with the Moderator attending.

ENON: First Saturday and Sunday. Elders J. R. Evans, Asa Evans, with the Moderator attending.

LEANAH: Second Saturday and Sunday. Elders Willis Blackburn, Wallace Maynard, Ester Hopkins, Shadel Pauley, with the Moderator attending.

BUCK CREEK: Third Saturday and Sunday. Elders J. R. Evans, Grover Carey, Hi Maynard, Wilis Blackburn, with the Moderator attending.

SIDNEY: Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Elders E. S. Coleman,

H. C. Maynard, J. G. Thornsby, Ester Hopkins, Jonah Bevins, with the Moderator attending.

July, 1940

DIX FORK: First Saturday and Sunday. Elders Louis Smith, H. C. Maynard, Willie White, Asa Evans, Wallace Maynard, Ernest Runyon.

MT. PLEASANT: Second Saturday and Sunday. Elders Hi Maynard, H. C. Maynard, Willis Blackburn, with the Moderator attending.

LITTLE VINE: Second Saturday and Sunday. Elders J. G. Thornsby, H. C. Maynard, Grover Carey, with the Moderator attending.

BIG BRANCH: Third Saturday and Sunday. Elders Jonah Bevins, H. C. Maynard, E. S. Coleman, with the Moderator attending.

MARY ELIZABETH: Third Saturday and Sunday. Elders Bill Jude, Louis Smith, Jonah Bevins, Basil Robinett, Willis Blackburn, Ernest Runyon.

NARROWS BRANCH: Friday before the fourth Saturday and Sunday. Elders W. C. Hay, Hi Maynard, Willis Blackburn, Willie White, Asa Evans, Harrison Bevins, with the Moderator attending.

LITTLE ROSIE: Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Elders Wallace Maynard, J. G. Thornsby, Grover Carey, Shadle Pauley, with the Moderator attending.

August, 1940

TABITHA: First Saturday and Sunday. Elders Wallace Maynard, Willie White, W. C. Hay, Grover Carey, Basil Robinett.

LITTLE DOVE: First Saturday and Sunday. Elders Willie White, Jonah Bevins, Asa Evans, Wallace Maynard, Grover Carey, J. R. Evans, and all others invited.

REBECCA: Second Saturday and Sunday. Elders Ester Hopkins, Harrison Bevins, Ernest Runyon and Willie White.

ELK FORK: Third Saturday and Sunday. Elders Hi Maynard, Jonah Bevins and Grover Carey.

BENT BRANCH: Third Saturday and Sunday. Elders Jonah Bevins, Asa Evans, W. C. Hay, with the Moderator attending.

BEECH GROVE: Third Saturday and Sunday. Elders H. C. Maynard, J. G. Thornsby, Burl Maynard, Willis Blackburn, Wallace Maynard, with the Moderator attending.

PILGRIM HOME: Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Elders W. C. Hay, Shadle Pauley, Harrison Bevins, with the moderator attending.

BETHANY: Friday before the fourth Saturday and Sunday. Elders Hi Maynard, Wallace Maynard, Grover Carey and Willie White.

SARDIS: Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Elders Hi Maynard, Ester Hopkins, Earl Clay, with the Moderator attending.

11. Ordered, that we print obituaries presented to the Brother Clerk at the close of the association.

12. Ordered, that the treasurer pay the expense of one car for visiting sister associations, paying for the oil and gas.

13. Ordered, that we advise ministers of our association not to marry people into adultery where either man or woman has a living wife or husband.

14. 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 the companions for the cause of fornication and such cases to have the Gospel or church evidence of same.

15. We, the Sardis Association, do hereby advise the churches of our union to use discretion in setting apart men for the ministry as we believe that if a man is called to the ministry by the spirit of God the same spirit will fully manifest its work to the church to which this man belongs and will prompt such church to liberate the man; again we do advise the churches not to ordain any man to the ministry when such party make demand for such action, and further advise the churches that they be sure that a man has the gift of preaching or exhortation before they lay hands on same. And after he has been liberated and set forth by the church to preach the Gospel and fails to exercise his gift we advise the church to which he belongs to deal with him and, if necessary, demand his credentials.

16. Ordered, that our next association to be held with Sardis Church, Delbarton, Mingo County, West Virginia, to begin on Friday before the second Saturday in September, 1940.

17. By vote, it is ordered that Elder Ester Hopkins preach the introductory sermon and that Elder Jonah Bevins be his alternate.

18. Ordered, that we tender our thanks to the Turkey Creek Church and to the community at large.

19. Ordered, that the minutes be read and signed by the Moderator and Clerk.

The association then adjourned to the time and place mentioned above.

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

SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE

September 10, 1939

The brethren selected by the committee to preach on the stand met a large congregation of people and proceeded with the meeting as follows:

The services were introduced by Elder Ruben Dyer of the Kyova Association; second on the stand was Elder John Milley, Moderator, Mud River Association; Text: Psalms, 127th chapter, 1st verse: "Except the Lord build the house they labor in vain that build it; except the Lord keep the city a watchman waketh in vain". He was followed by Elder Finis Adkins, Moderator, Philadelphia Association who came to the stand using for his subject Matthew, 28th chapter, 19-20th verses: "Go ye therefore and teach all nations baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost, teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you and lo! I am with you alway even unto the end of the world".

Elder Hi Maynard, our beloved Moderator, closed the service, using for a text the language of the Apostle Paul to the Corinthian Brethren—13th chapter 11th verse: "Finally, brethren, farewell. Be perfect, be of good comfort, be of one mind, live in peace and the God of Love and of peace shall be with you."

Thus closes the Forty-Seventh Annual Session of the Sardis Association.

Jonah Bevins, *Clerk.*

MEMORIALS

Memorial to be held with the Rebecca Church on the second Saturday and Sunday in June, 1940.

Memorial of Heenon Maynard and others to be held with the Apple Orchard Church first Saturday and Sunday in August, 1940. Elders called, Bud Coleman, Willis Blackburn and Jonah Bevins.

Memorial of Elbert Bevins and others to be held with the Bent Branch Church on the third Saturday and Sunday in August, 1940.

Memorial to be held at the Fraley Cemetery for J. W. Smith and others on the third Saturday and Sunday in August, 1940. Elders called, Hi Maynard, Jonah Bevins, H. E. Hensley, Ernest Runyon, J. G. Thornbury and Bill Jude.

Memorial of the deceased members of the Pilgrim Home Church beginning on Friday before the fourth Saturday in October, 1940, this being regular church time. All ministers invited.

Memorial to be held for the deceased of the Salem Church first Saturday and Sunday in October, 1940. Ministers called, Elders Hi Maynard, Hays Mavnard, and Willis Blackburn.

Memorial of Elder Bill Fields to be held on regular church time the fourth Saturday and Sunday in August, 1940; also of Brother Nathan Jude to be held on the Point near Dave Jude, September the fourth Sunday, 1940.

Memorial of the deceased brethren and sisters of Dix Fork Church to be held on regular church time August the first Saturday and Sunday, 1940. The following Elders are called: Willis Blackburn, Bud Coleman, Hays Mavnard, Hi Maynard, and Jonah Bevins.

Memorial of Elder J. S. Munsey and others will be held with the Narrows Branch Church on the fourth Saturday and Sunday in May, 1940. All the preaching brethren invited and Elder G. Bennett Adams is especially requested to be present.

Memorial of Brother Lee Robison and Wife to be held with the Leanah Church on the second Saturday and Sunday in June, 1940.

Memorial of Brother Tom McCoy to be held at Buck Branch on Wolf Creek first Sunday in September, 1940. Elders Willis Blackburn and Harrison Bevins are requested to attend.

Memorial of Elder A. L. Dempsey and others to be held with the Little Dove Church first Sunday in June, 1940.

Memorial of Nancy Staton at the Floyd Stepp Cemetery and George Jackson at the John Stepp Cemetery on the Sunday closest to Decoration Day, 1940.

Memorial at the Hannah Cemetery on the third Sunday in August, 1940, and at the Sturgell Cemetery on the fourth Sunday in September, 1940.

Memorial of Sister Mandy McCoy, on the first Sunday in June, 1940. All preaching brethren are invited and Elder A. Evans is especially requested to attend.

Funeral of Elder Frank Canterbury and Wife at the Canterbury Cemetery, on the fourth Sunday in August, 1940. Elders Hi Maynard, Grover Carey, Wallace Maynard and Willie White.

Memorial of Brother Harrison McCoy on the third Sunday of August, 1940; also on the third Sunday in July, 1940, memorial of J. M. Taylor and others. Ministers called, Ester Hopkins, Hi Maynard, Jonah Bevins and J. R. Coleman.

OBITUARIES

Earnest Young

With much sadness I will try to write an obituary of Brother Earnest Young. He was born July 6, 1907 and died July 29, 1939. When he was about 12 years old, he was crippled with rheumatism and after that time could never walk. Brother Earnest Young joined the Regular Baptist Church January 10, 1932. He leaves his father, mother, brother and sister and a host of friends to mourn his loss. We hope his spirit is resting with Jesus, and when Jesus sounds the trumpet on the last day, he will arise and everly be with Him, where he will never have to suffer again. So, one and all, don't weep about your brother, Earnest, rather weep about yourselves, and those who are living.

Marion, Young,
Assistant Clerk, Pilgrim Home Church.

Oscar Victor Pinson

It becomes my sad duty to write a short sketch of the life of dear Brother Oscar Victor Pinson. He was born May 24, 1918 and died August 7, 1939, age 21 years. He leaves his father and stepmother, four brothers, three sisters and a host of friends to mourn his loss. He was a member of the Regular Baptist Church, and was looking forward to the regular meeting time at the Pilgrim Home Church, but he was taken from us before that time. I, the writer, would like to say to the ones left to mourn his loss: "Oscar is gone, never to return to this world any more; therefore be ye, also, ready"

Troy T. Francis.

Benjamin Bertram Robinett

By request I will try to write an obituary of our Brother Benjamin Bertran Robinett. He was the son of Steve and Jane Robinett, and was born August 13, 1874. He died April 1, 1938. "Uncle Ben" as he was best known to all, professed a hope in Jesus Christ October 28, 1934; was baptised into the fellowship of the Pilgrim Home Church by Elder James Jude and Elder Jonah Smith. "Uncle Ben" was always present to answer his name when our roll was called. As "Uncle Ben" never married, he made his home with his relatives; the latter part of his earthly life he spent with his nephew, Lilburn Robinett and his wife. I, the writer, had the pleasure of visiting Brother Ben during

his illness. And, although he seemed to be in great pain, I thought he was the most patient person I ever knew.

Brother Robinett's presence is sadly missed from the Pilgrim Home Church, as well as among his relatives. He was the youngest child in the family of ten children, all the rest having preceded him in death. Now "Uncle Ben" is gone, never to return again, and I feel by his Christian life that he lived that if you want to see him again, you will have to accept Christ as your personal Savior and take up the Cross and follow Him daily.

To Lilburn and Fannie:

I know your home is sad and lonely,
While grief fills every heart.
We hope to meet dear "Uncle",
And never more have to part.
The golden gates were open,
A gentle voice said "Come",
And with a farewell unspoken,
He gladly entered Home.

Troy T. Francis, *Clerk Pilgrim
Home Church.*

Newton Walters

By request of the Pilgrim Home Church and relatives of the deceased, I will attempt to write a sketch of the life of Brother Newton Walters. He was the son of Tom and Betty (Smith) Walters. He was born December 28, 1871 and was 67 years of age when he died. He was united in matrimony to Mahalia Smith at an early age and to this union was born two children. His wife and one daughter preceded him in death. He made his home with his other daughter, Mrs. Asbary Francis. He leaves the following brothers and sisters: Seaton and Lacie Walters, Mrs. Joe Pard, Mintie Stanley, Belle Burris, and Susan Brown, and a host of friends to mourn his loss.

"Uncle Nute", as he was best known, joined the Regular Baptist Church March 29, 1939. He departed this life March 31, 1939, only living two days after being baptised. I, the writer, have known "Uncle Nute" all of my life, and have had dealings with him; always found him an honest and loyal man. I know that he will be missed by those who are near and dear to him. I feel that our loss is his Eternal gain. I wish to say to his brothers and sisters, also to his child and grandchildren: If you want to see Uncle Nute again, you will have to go to

his home for he cannot come to yours. You know that Jesus says "I am the way, the truth and the light; no one can come unto the father except through me". To you who haven't already professed a hope in Christ the Scripture teaches us that today is the day of salvation. I pray God that you will all make a start to meet Uncle Nute, where we will never have to take a parting hand; where we will never have to say good bye. A home in Heaven is worth striving for.

Troy T. Francis, *Clerk Pilgrim
Home Church.*

Thomas Ray

With sad feeling and hoping to be guided by God's Holy Spirit, I will try to write a sketch of the life of Brother Thomas Ray. He was born October 7, 1859 and died January 22, 1937, age 77 years. He was baptised by Elders Willis Blackburn and A. J. Case into the Pilgrim Home Church of the Regular Baptist, and was a faithful member until his death.

He was married to Nancy Robinett April 17, 1879 and to this union were born nine children, three of them preceded him in death. He leaves six children, fifty-four grand children, twenty great-grandchildren and a host of friends to mourn his loss. At this time I would like to say to his children, Mrs. Harvey Young, Mrs. Taulby Williamson, Mack, Perry, Lacie and W. B. (Jack) Ray, that I have no doubt that the spirit of your fother is resting unde rthe Altar today. And when the trumpet sounds on that last day, his spirit will unite with the same body that was planted in the cemetery which bears his name. I had the pleasure of visiting him while he was very ill. I will never forget how humble, patient and kind he was. And to you children who haven't met God in pardon of your sins, make the start today if you ever want to see father and mother again. Because they can never return to your home in this world any more. But you can, by the grace of God, go where they are. "We shall know them by their fruits".

Oh, children now be looking up,
We know there is a key.
When death has conquered, graves give up;
Our Father we shall see.

Troy T. Francis, *Clerk Pilgrim
Home Church.*

Rutha Sisco

With much sadness, I will try to write an obituary of Sister Rutha Sisco. She was born August 6, 1864, died May 23, 1939, age 75. She was the daughter of Zeek and Nancy Bowling; was married to Brother Pat Sisco March 5, 1885. To this union were born 13 children; two of which preceded her death. They, together with their mother are gone to from where travelers never return. The eleven children, fifty grandchildren, ten great-grand-children and a host of friends are left to mourn her loss.

Sister Rutha joined the Regular Baptist Church, called Apple Orchard, about 41 years ago, and lived a faithful life until death. Just a few words to the children: Mother is gone, never to return to you. If you haven't met Christ in pardon of your sins, now is the time if you ever expect to meet mother again. Mother's love can never be forgotten. Her kind words and prayers yet are still living.

Marion Young,
Pilgrim Home Church.

Sarah Ray

With much sadness I will try to write an obituary of Sister Sarah Ray. She was the daughter of Robert and Rodie Jane Hinkle. She was married to James Ray about 42 years ago and to this union were born eight children, one of which preceded her in death. She joined the church many years ago and lived a faithful life until death, which occurred June 18, 1939. She was good, kind and loving mother and we know that our loss is her eternal gain. A few words to the children and friends:

Mother is gone never to return to you again;
You must accept Jesus as your personal Savior,
If you want to see her again and never have to part.
Don't worry about mother, but rather worry about yourself.

Marion Young, *Assistant Clerk, Pilgrim Home Church.*

Mary Sparks

Mrs. Mary Sparks, daughter of the late John and Nancy Justice Stanley, was born July 7, 1871 and died February 4, 1939, at the age of 67 years. Her husband, Richard Sparks, preceded her in death 26 years ago.

She was a faithful and loyal member of the Baptist Church for 22 years, being baptised by the Elder Jonah Bevins.

Surviving are the following: Kelley Sparks, Mrs. Della Fairchild, Mrs. Pricy Epling, Mrs. Cansas May, Mrs. Ida New, Mrs. Eartly Casey; twenty-five grand children and three sisters and four brothers, and a host of fiends to mourn her loss. Sister Sparks was received into the Dick's Fort Church of Old Regular Baptist by an experience of grace and baptism. To her children, I wish to say, in the language of David: "Your mother is gone from you and can come to you no more, but by the grace of God, you can go to her". And the prayer of the Church is for you all, that you may be ready to meet the Lord in peace and meet your mother in the sweet home above, where all will be well and no sickness, pain or death can enter there.

Elder J. H. Brown.

Andy Dempsey

It is with much sadness that I try to write a short obituary of our dear Brother Andy Dempsey. He was the son of Brother Joe Bill and Sister Rebecca Dempsey, was born on February 16, 1915, being 29 years of age at the time of his death, on October 1, 1938.

He professed a hope in Christ and was baptised by Elders Willis Blackburn and T. G. Lowe on September 30, 1938. He leaves his father and mother, six brothers and three sisters to mourn his loss. I was well acquainted with Brother Andy and want to say to his brothers and sisters that if you ever expect to see brother Andy again, you must seek the Lord while he may be found and call upon Him while He is near; a cross you must bear and then a crown you shall wear.

Brother S. B. Fraley.

Elder Frank Canterbury

This faithful brother was 57 years of age, having spent 24 years of his life in the work of the ministry and was loyal to his Heavenly Master.

Brother Canterbury was married to Rachel Canterbury June 21, 1902. To this union were born two children, Emma and Pierce, both of whom survive him, but his companion preceded him in death several years ago. Later he was married to Edna Evans, November 23, 1912, and to this union were born six children, two of whom preceded him in death and also his last wife passed on leaving him and his children, namely: Etta, Barnabas, Franklin D. and Jennings Lee.

He was baptized in the year of 1906 upon a profession of hope by Elder G. W. Thornhill and was ordained to the work of the ministry in 1915, having his fellowship in the Bethany Church of Regular Baptists and faithfully served that church for years as Moderator.

Brother Canterbury possessed a true and humble life in the sense of his Master, and in last days had the child-like spirit of meekness and perseverance. He told the writer he was only waiting God's call to go to his reward. How much will we all miss him in our midst here below! But we believe that his spirit is basking in the glorious home above with Jesus and his Master.

Brother Pierce, I want you to still follow the humble steps of father and it won't be long until we can see him again in that great Eternal Victory over death in the resurrection. There we can say: "O, death, where is thy sting; O, grave where is thy victory!" May God's rich grace be with those who mourn Brother Canterbury's loss.

Hi Maynard.

John Wickliff Bogar

John Wickliff Bogar, the son of Joseph and Nancy Bogar, was born on April 13, 1860 and died August 20, 1938, at the age of 78 years. He was laid to rest in the State of Washington by the side of his loving companion, Emma Lowe Bogar, to whom he was married about 54 years ago. To this union were born nine children, six of whom survive him. With his companion, Brother Bogar joined the Regular Baptist Church and was baptized by the hand of Elder Bill Fields about 40 years ago. He took fellowship with the old Apple Orchard Church of Regular Baptist, and when he moved to the State of Washington he had his letter transferred from the old Apple Orchard Church to one near his home in the State of Washington, in which church he became a loyal and faithful member. He requested that the Elders Hi Maynard, Hayes Maynard, Ester Hopkins and Jonah Evans, especially, be present at his funeral.

Brother Bogar leaves, in Pike County, one brother, Eugene, three sisters, Polly Bevins, Flora Hankins and Emma Reed, together with a host of relatives and friends to mourn his loss. But we believe his loss to us is his eternal gain.

Elder Jonah Bevins.

Hutson Blackburn

By request of Sister Nancy Blackburn, I will try to write a short obituary of her dear husband, Brother Hutson Blackburn. He was born

in May, 1869, and was married to Nancy Pinson in the year 1880, to which union were born 12 children, three of which preceded him in death; nine of which are still living with the mother to mourn his loss. He departed this life May 16, 1938.

Brother Blackburn joined the Regular Baptist Church a few years before his death, but was afflicted with a pralytic stroke and was confined to his bed almost two years. Sister Blackburn ministered unto him with her loving hands throughout his illness and rendered every service possible to give to every comfort she could; waited upon him almost day and night. No hand was so kind to him as the hand of his helpmeet.

Sister Blackburn, my heart and prayers are with you in your widowhood and your lonely life of sorrow and tribulations. Still continue in your good patience and fidelity for the Lord. We will not forget your good work for charity and love and devotion you have displayed to your husband and to your children; will pray for your children as you did for Brother Blackburn the many years before he was converted to the Lord; that you with all the children can meet your loving husband in the Paradise of God, and that the family circle will not be broken in the city of our God and of Jesus Christ, where there will be no more death.

Written by your unworthy servant, in the hope of Eternal Life.
Jonah Bevins.

Floyd Pinson

Brother Floyd Pinson was born July 17, 1863 and died November 28, 1938; age 75 years, four months and eleven days.

He was married to Sarah Morris, daughter of ("old") Brother James Morris, and to this union were born six children, one of which preceded him in death. Brother Pinson joined the Regular Baptist Church July 17, 1938, baptized August 20, 1938 at the hands of Elder Harrison Bevins. He leaves his wife and five children to mourn his loss, with a host of other relatives and friends.

Brother Pinson was very feeble for several years and suffered much in his afflictions, but his affliction which was short, compared to Eternity, is not to be compared to the glory which shall be revealed in the children of God, which Brother Pinson expressed, when he was baptized in Him by baptism.

Now, we believe that he shall also live with Christ at the resurrection of the dead. This assurance of Jesus Christ gives to you, Sister

Pinson, the assurance that as sure as the body of Jesus was raised from the dead that the body of your husband will in like manner be raised from the dead and fashioned like unto the body of Christ. If it were not for these blessed poems of God we could have no hope. But in Christ we have hope and that is the anchor of the soul. So, Sister Pinson, I know your life has been a life of much affliction and sorrow and labor, but God will not forget the ministering of your care for your father and mother in their illnesses, and, much more, to your dear husband, who labored with you so long as he was able.

So, Sister Pinson, be faithful, just a while longer, and remember that sorrow comes in the evening, but joy cometh in the morning.

Written by a Brother in the hope and by request of Sister Pinson.

Elder Jonah Bevins.

Rutha Bevins

Being requested by the children of Sister Rutha Bevins, deceased, indeed, in Christ (Timothy I, Chapter 5; Verse 5), to write an obituary, I shall now endeavor to perform that sad duty.

She was born April 12, 1865 and was the daughter of William and Sarah Ann Scott Stanley, and was married to Brother Elbert Bevins on April 22, 1886, and to this union were born eight children—Willie Bevins, Turkey Creek; John Bevins, Logan, W. Va.; Fred Bevins, Meta, Kentucky; Victory Bevins, (deceased); Mrs. Sid Blackburn, Road Fork, Kentucky; Mrs. Gertrude Young, Mrs. Ballard Blackburn, Mrs. John Maynard, all of Meta, Kentucky. Sister Rutha Bevins also has four brothers and two sisters still living to mourn the loss of this pious mother and sister.

She joined the Regular Baptist Church of Jesus Christ fifty-(odd) years ago and was a faithful member until her death, never missing her church meetings, except when illness hindered her and during her illness she called for the brethren to come and preach for her in her bed of affliction which they did and she would rejoice in God, her Savior, though weak in body but strong in spirit.

The church lost a faithful member and the children a loving mother, and for which children her life was a shining one. May God bless you, children; to fill that vacant seat of your mother in the old Bent Branch Church which she loved so much. Oh, children, I pray God to help you and prepare you to meet your mother and your father, whose spirits are resting with Jesus!

Then, when life and its disappointments are over, we can greet

them in the eternal plain of Heaven, where the family circle cannot be broken again by death.

Written by a Brother in hope.

Elder Jonah Bevins.

Rebecca Stanley McCoy Oney

Sister Rebecca Stanley McCoy Oney was the daughter of John and Nancy Stanley, born February 13, 1883, deceased December 14, 1938, age 55 years. She was married to Lovel McCoy in 1902, to which union were born five children, Cecil, Trimbel, Truley, Gracon and Walter, two of which and her husband preceded her in death.

Sister Oney joined the Old Regular Baptist Church about the year 1915 and to this union were born six children, Earl, Opal, Ruby, Myrtle, James and Willie, two of which preceded her in death.

Sister Oney joined the Oldl Regular Baptist Church about the year of 1917 and was baptized at the hands of Elder Jonah Bevins and placed her membership with the Mount Pleasant Church, Big Creek, Canada, Kentucky, and lived a devoted christian life until her death on December 14, 1938.

She leaves seven children, a husband, four sisters, five brothers and ten grandchildren to mourn her loss.

Elder Jonah Smith.

Gracey Stanley

Sister Gracey Stanley was the daughter of Landon and Mary Jane Hinkle. She was born January 19, 900 and was married to Willie Stanley, October 14, 1920. To this union were born six children, two of which preceded her in death. Sister Stanley joined the Regular Baptist Church and was baptized by Elder James Jude, the fourth Sunday in October, 1934. She took fellowship with the Pilgrim Home Church and was a pious and faithful member until her death on January 6, 1939. She leaves her husband and four children; her father and mother preceded her in death; to mourn her loss.

Elder Jonah Bevins.

Myrtle Newson

Sister Myrtle Newson, who was born March 4, 1890 and died June 6, 1939, was married to Brother Newson March 13, 1912, and to this union were born seven children, Elmer, Coady, Charley, Flora, Flossie, Junior, Lindell, with whom she leaves her husband to mourn her loss.

She was baptized by the hand of Elder Frank Canterbury in July, 1938, taking her fellowship with the Bethany Church.

Her funeral will be held the fourth Sunday in July, 1940, at the McCoy Cemetery about two miles up Road Fork of Pond Creek, with the Elders Willie White, J. G. Thornsby, H. C. Maynard, Percy Canterbury attending.

Percy Canterbury.

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 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 who they shall think best qualified for the purpose and producing letters from their respective 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 God's 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 delegates 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 Modertor and Clerk before the Association rises.

Article 14. Amendments to 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 when the churches fail at any time to represent themselves at the Association. 5. To appoint any member 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 it will finally persevere 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 example of Jesus Christ, and ought to be observed and kept up by His Church until 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 members 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 spoke 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 whisperings 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 wilfully 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.

ORDAINED MINISTERS

L. G. Lowe	Turkey Creek, Ky.
Jonah Bevins	Goody, Ky.
Ester Hopkins	Goody, Ky.
Harrison Bevins	Goody, Ky.
C. L. Swanson	Boomer, N. C.
W. C. Hay	R. F. D. No. 1, Williamson, W. Va.
Ernest Runyon	Turkey Creek, Ky.
Shadle Pauley	Beauty, Ky.
Ransom Smith	Kimberly, W. Va.
Louis Smith	Hardy, Ky.
Orvil Runyon	Nolan, W. Va.
J. E. Taylor	Heenon, Ky.
J. H. Brown	Canada, Ky.
J. G. Thornsbery	Canada, Ky.
E. S. Colemn	Hardy, Ky.
Hose Bowling	Meta, Ky.
Willis Blackburn	Goody, Ky.
James Jude	Varney, Ky.
Basil Robinett	Varney, Ky.
Willie White	Lenore, W. Va.
Hi Maynard	R. F. D. No. 1, Williamson, W. Va.
W. A. Hurley	Verdenville, W. Va.
Abe Sheppard	R. F. D. No. 1, Williamson, W. Va.
M. J. Mounts	R. F. D. No. 1, Williamson, W. Va.
Grover Carey	R. F. D. No. 1, Williamson, W. Va.
Jeff Chafin	R. F. D. No. 1, Williamson, W. Va.
Asa Evans	Delbarton, W. Va.
Wallace Maynard	R. F. D. No. 1, Williamson, W. Va.
J. R. Evans	R. F. D. No. 1, Williamson, W. Va.
George Gillman	R. F. D. No. 1, Williamson, W. Va.
Jonah Smith	Turkey Creek, Ky.
E. F. Fields	Moree, Ky.
Dike Blackburn	Moree, Ky.
W. T. Rife	Switzer, W. Va.
James Queen	Harts, W. Va.
Wallace Hannah	Kirk, W. Va.
Bill Jude	Laura, Ky.
J. M. Jude	McClure, Ky.
B. F. Maynard	R. F. D. No. 1, Williamson, W. Va.
P. H. S. Curry	Delbarton, W. Va.
J. H. Hensley	Delbarton, W. Va.

NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF CLERKS

Church

Mt. Pleasant.....	Fred Varney.....	Road Fork, Ky.
Apple Orchard....	E. V. Maynard.....	Henon, Ky.
Enon.....	Logan Spencer.....	McCarr, Ky.
Rebecca.....	Nicholas Runyon. RFD No. 1..	Williamson, W. Va.
Bent Branch.....	Victoria Blackburn.....	Meta, Ky.
Sardis.....	Tommy Adair.....	Delbarton, W. Va.
Big Branch.....	J. L. Nickhols.....	Thomas, Ky.
Mary Elizabeth....	S. B. Fraley.....	Heisey, Ky.
Bethany.....	Percy Canterbury.....	Lenore, W. Va.
Elk Fork.....	L. V. S. Curry..... R. F. D. No. 1..	Williamson, W. Va.
Pilgrim Home.....	Troy Francis.....	Williamson, W. Va.
Salem.....	A. M. Varney.....	Road Fork, Ky.
Sidney.....	Virgil Maynard.....	Threeforks, Ky.
Dix Fork.....	J. G. Thornsbury.....	Canada, Ky.
Narrows Branch...	Mack Smith.....	Hardy, Ky.
Leanah.....	Johnie Pauley.....	Threeforks, Ky.
Buck Creek.....	Harmon Smith.....	Beauty, Ky.
Tabitha.....	Comfort Gillman.....	Barnabus, W. Va.
Little Dove.....	James Dempsey... RFD No. 1..	Williamson, W. Va.
Little Rosie.....	Orvil Runyon.....	Nolan, W. Va.
Beech Grove.....	Orvill Sturgill.....	Lenore, W. Va.
Turkey Creek.....	Ken Varney.....	Turkey Creek, Ky.
Little Vine.....	Wallace Hannah.....	Kirk, W. Va.

STATISTICAL REPORT

Churches and Delegates	Received by Baptism	Received by Letter	Received by Recommendation	Restoration	Excluded	Dismissed by Letter	Died	Total Membership	Time	Money Spent
Mt. Pleasant: W. F. Collins, John H. May, Bee Scott	5	0	0	0	0	0	1	38	2	\$ 8.00
Apple Orchard: Elbert Maynard, Stanford Maynard, Willie Nichols	8	0	0	0	1	1	1	45	1	4.10
Enon: Logan Spencer, J. B. Anderson, Robert Farley	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	11	1	3.00
Rebecca: Hi Maynard, Mosco Gilman, Will Mullins	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	57	2	6.50
Bent Branch: W. F. Lowe, G. C. Bevins, Loren Deskins	6	0	0	0	1	0	2	47	3	8.00
Sardis: Jessie Farley, N. R. Evans, H. P. Evans	9	0	0	0	1	0	1	188	4	6.50
Big Branch: J. L. Nickols, Harvey Lowe, J. E. Taylor	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	26	3	6.30
Mary Elizabeth: S. B. Fraley, T. D. Lowe, M. B. Romans	3	0	0	0	4	0	1	29	3	2.11
Bethany: Willie White, Willard Canterbury, Percy Can- terbury	4	0	0	0	12	6	5	68	4	4.00
Elk Fork: L. V. S. Curry, Comfort White, Sam Crum	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	66	3	5.00
Pilgrim Home: Troy T. Francis, Basil Robinett, Emit Case	10	0	0	0	3	0	5	122	4	16.00
Salem: Ester Hopkins, Jonah Bevins, A. M. Varney	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	90	1	15.00
Sidney: Lewis Jude, R. C. Fletcher, Ben Maynard	1	0	0	0	3	0	0	26	4	3.00
Dix Fork: J. C. Thornsbury, E. S. Coleman, Richard Maynard	7	0	0	0	0	0	1	36	1	7.50
Narrows Branch: Louis Smith, George Stanley, R. L. Murphy	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	46	4	12.00
Leanah: Johnnie Pauley, Samuel Robinson, Oliver Robinson	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	31	3	2.00
Buck Creek: Pete Dials, Virgil Maynard, R. C. Chapman	3	0	0	0	1	0	0	35	1	5.00
Tabitha: Tom Duty, W. F. Riffe, Dewey Huffman	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	44	1	2.51
Little Dove: Mack Davis, Steward Davis, Chris Hall	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	44	4	2.00
Little Rosie: Orvil Runyon, Rolen Smith, Ireland Harrison	7	0	0	0	3	0	0	24	4	2.00
Beech Grove: John Harmon, Messer Joseph, Orville Sturgill	0	0	0	0	10	5	0	16	3	5.50
Turkey Creek: Ken Varney, Floyd Runyon, Julius Burgett	6	0	0	0	1	0	1	32	2	5.28
Little Vine: Wallace Hannah, Thomas Runyon, Riley Dillon	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	7	0	2.00
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