



Proceedings
of the
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of the
Sardis Association of
Old Regular Baptist
The Church of Jesus Christ

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At the place where arrangements were made for the preaching, the services were introduced by Elder Jonah Bevins, and prayer by Elder Finis Adkins, followed by the introductory sermon delivered by Elder Hi Maynard. Text: Psalms of David—Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity.

Then the delegates assembled at the church house and after a short talk and song and prayer by Elder Milton Thacker, 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 none.
5. Called for letters from Sister Associations and received as follows: New Salem by the hands of Elders Hayes Maynard, Billie Moore, Malcolm Wright, and Tack Hall. Letter in the hands of Elder Hayes Maynard. Philadelphia by the hands of Elders Finis Adkins, W. H. Gillum, W. L. Burnette, and Tine Jones. Letter in the hands of Elder Finis Adkins. Union by the hands of Elders Milton Thacker, J. R. Coleman, H. C.

Maynard, and Basil May. Letter in the hands of Elder H. C. Maynard. Mud River by the hands of Elders John Miller, Gilbert Miller, and Brother L. W. Ball. Letter in the hands of Elder Gilbert Miller.

6. Called for transient ministers and members of our faith and order, the following received: Elders Bennett Adams, W. H. Hurley, Harrison Bevins, Willis Blackburn, Basil Robinette, and Kirby Isom.

7. Ordered that the Moderator make all temporary appointments.

8. Committee appointed to take care of the visiting brethren, as follows: Brothers Ernie Runyon, Elden Maynard, Troy Francis, and Willie Nichols.

9. Committee appointed to see that the stand be supplied with ministers and that peace is preserved around the stand: Brothers Johnnie Nichols and Ernie Runyon.

Committee to arrange the ministry for Saturday consisting of one member from each church with the entire delegation of the Apple Orchard Church.

Ministers as follow: First, Elder H. C. Maynard; Second, Elder Malcolm Wright; Third, Elder W. H. Gillum, and Fourth, Elder Gilbert Miller.

Friday night: Elders Basil May, W. A. Hurley, and Willie Hay.

11. Appointed clerks to write letters to corresponding Associations.

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

13. On motion by Elder E. S. Coleman, the Association adjourned until 9:00 o'clock Saturday morning.

SATURDAY MORNING

Met pursuant to adjournment and after song and prayer service introduced by Elder John Miller. Prayer by Elder Jonah Bevins.

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 Harrison Bevins, Troy Francis, and L. V. S. Curry.
4. Called on the Treasurer to report, who reported as follows:

Total on hand at close of last year.....	\$292.56
Paid out for printing of minutes....	\$ 60.00
Secretary's fee	10.00
Expenses of delegates to Sister	
Associations and tax	15.19
Clerk's fee	15.00
Total paid out	\$100.19
Balance on hand in Bank	\$192.37
Received from churches this year.....	152.95
Total on hand for next year.....	\$345.32

5. Ordered that Elder Willis Blackburn be retained as Treasurer.
6. That the Clerk superintend the printing of the minutes and that he have two thousand (2,000) copies printed and that he be allowed fifteen (\$15.00) dollars 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 all were admonished to be more faithful this coming year.
8. Appointed same Committee to arrange for preaching Sunday which reported as follows: First, Elder Tack Hall; Second, Elder Hayes Maynard; Third, Elder Finis Adkins, and Fourth, Elder John Miller.
Saturday night: Elders Jim Thornsbury, J. R. Coleman, and Johnah Bevins.
9. Letters to Sister Associations read and appointed delegates as follows:

New Salem to be held with the Little Rosie Church to begin on Friday before the fourth Saturday in September, 1941. Elders Hi Maynard, Jonah Bevins, W. C. Hay, Louis Smith, Emmett Case, and Brother R. L. Murphy. Letter in the hands of Elder Jonah Bevins.

Indian Bottom petition. Letters written by Elder Hi Maynard, to be held with the..... Church to begin on Friday before the first Sunday in September, 1941. Elders W. C. Hay, Hi Maynard, Jonah Bevins, Ernest Runyon, E. S. Coleman, J. G. Thornsbury, Ester Hopkins, Harrison Bevins, Brothers R. L. Murphy and Troy Francis. Letter in the hands of Elder Hi Maynard.

Philadelphia to be held with the Little Rosie Church to begin Friday before the third Saturday in September, 1941. Elders Ernest Runyon, L. G. Lowe, W. A. Hurley, Jonah Bevins, and Willis Blackburn. Letter in the hands of Elder Jonah Bevins.

Mud River to be held with the Mount Zion Church to begin on Friday before the fourth Sunday in August, 1942. Elders W. C. Hay, W. A. Hurley, E. S. Coleman, J. G. Thornsbury, Hi Maynard, Jonah Bevins, Brothers Pete Dials, Mosco Gilman, and R. L. Murphy. Letter in the hands of Elder W. C. Hay.

Union to be held with the Elk Horn Church to begin on Friday before the third Saturday in September, 1941. Elders W. C. Hay, Ester Hopkins, J. H. Brown, Hi Maynard, Harrison Bevins, and Brother R. L. Murphy. Letter in the hands of Elder Harrison Bevins.

**Upon Request the Following Churches Have Union Meetings
May, 1942**

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

TURKEY CREEK: Emmett Case, Harrison Bevins, Bud Coleman, and Finis Adkins, W. C. Hay, Wallace Maynard, and Jonah Bevins with the Moderator attending.

June, 1942

ENON: First Saturday and Sunday. Elders W. C. Hay, Asa Evans, and Hi Maynard, with the Moderator attending.

APPLE ORCHARD: First Saturday and Sunday. Elders Emmett Case, Harrison Bevins, Bud Coleman, and Finis Adkins, with the Moderator attending.

LENAH: Second Saturday and Sunday. Elders E. S. Coleman, Jonah Bevins, Willis Blackburn, and Wallace Maynard, with the Moderator attending.

BUCK CREEK: Third Saturday and Sunday. Elders Emmett Case, W. C. Hay, Harrison Bevins, and Earney Runyon, with the Moderator attending.

SIDNEY: Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Elders Grover Carey, Harison Bevins, Ester Hopkins, and Willis Blackburn, with the Moderator attending.

July, 1942

DIX FORK: First Saturday and Sunday. Elders Grover Carey, J. B. May, James Green, E. C. Maynard, Asa Evans, Willie White, and W. A. Hurley, with the Moderator attending.

MT. PLEASANT: Second Saturday and Sunday. Elders Hi Maynard, Grover Carey, J. G. Thornsby, and Willie White, with the Moderator attending.

LITTLE VINE: Second Saturday and Sunday. Elders E. S. Coleman, H. C. Maynard, J. B. May, J. G. Thornsby, and J. H. Brown, with the Moderator attending.

MARY ELIZABETH: Third Saturday and Sunday. Elders J. G. Thornsby, L. G. Lowe, W. C. Hay, and Earney Runyon, with the Moderator attending.

BIG BRANCH: Third Saturday and Sunday. Elders B. H. Bevins, Jonah Bevins, Bill Jude, and W. C. Hay, with the Moderator attending.

NARROWS BRANCH: To begin on Friday before the fourth Saturday and Sunday. Elders Jonah Bevins, W. C. Hay, and Grover Carey, with the Moderator attending.

August, 1942

LITTLE DOVE: First Saturday and Sunday. Elders Willie White, Hi Maynard, Wallace Maynard, J. R. Evans, and Grover Carey.

TABITHA: First Saturday and Sunday. Elders Wallace Maynard, Grover Carey, J. H. Hensley, Asa Evans, and W. A. Hurley.

REBECCA: Second Saturday and Sunday. Elders Harrison Bevins, Ester Hopkins, Willie Blackburn, and Jonah Bevins, with the Moderator attending.

ELK FORK: Third Saturday and Sunday. Elders W. A. Hurley, Harrison Bevins, and Jonah Bevins, with the Moderator attending.

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

BEECH GROVE: Third Saturday and Sunday. Elders Grover Carey, Asa Evans, H. C. Maynard, J. C. Thornsbur, Wallace Maynard, E. S. Coleman, and Hi Maynard, with the Moderator attending.

PILGRIM HOME: Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Elders W. C. Hay, Ester Hopkins, E. S. Coleman, with the Moderator attending.

SARDIS: Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Elders W. C. Hay, Wallace Manard, and J. R. Evans, with the Moderator attending.

BETHANY: To begin on Friday before the fourth Saturday and Sunday. Elders Matt Mounts, E. S. Coleman, H. C. Maynard, J. G. Thornsbur, Grover Carey, and J. H. Brown, with the Moderator attending.

10. Ordered that we print obituaries presented to the Brother Clerk at the close of the Association.

11. Ordered that the Treasurer pay the expense of one car for visiting Sister Associations, paying for the gas and oil.

12. 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.

13. 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.

14. Ordered that we have printed in our minutes what we believe to be the Old Original Articles of Faith of the Burning Springs Association, then to the New Salem Association, and from the New Salem Association to the Mates Creek Association, and is now the Articles of Faith of the Apple Orchard Church of Sardis Association.

ARTICLES OF FAITH OF THE APPLE ORCHARD
CHURCH AS IT EXISTED IN 1858; MATES CREEK
ASSOCIATION 1849

ARTICLE I. We believe the Holy Bible was written by men divinely inspired, and is a perfect treasure of Heaven by institution. That it has God for its author, Salvation for its end, and truth without any mixture of error for its mother. That it reveals the principles by which God will judge us and, therefore, is and shall remain to the end of the world the true center of Christian union and the supreme standard by which all human conduct and opinions shall be tried.

ARTICLE II. That there is one and only one true and living God, whose name is Jehovah, the Maker and the Supreme Ruler of Heaven and earth. Inexpressible, glorious in holiness, worthy of all possible honor, confidence and love, revealed under the personal relation of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, equal in every divine perfection, and executing distinct, but harmonious, offices in the great work of redemption.

ARTICLE III. That man was created in a state of holiness under the law of his Maker, but by voluntary transgression, fell from that holy and happy state, in consequence of which all mankind are now sinners, not by constraint, but by choice, being by nature utterly void of that holiness required by the Law of God, wholly given to the gratification of the world, of Satan, and their ever-sinful passions and, therefore, are under just condemnation to eternal ruin without defense or excuse.

ARTICLE IV. That the salvation of sinners is wholly of grace, the meditorial offer of the Son of God, who took upon Him our nature yet, without sin honored the law by His personal obedience and made atonement for our sins by His death. Being risen from the dead, He is entered into Heaven and uniting in His wonderful person the tenderest sympathies with divine perfection, is in every way qualified to be a suitable, a compassionate, and an all sufficient Savior.

ARTICLE V. That the great gospel blessing which Christ of His fullness bestowed in such as believe in Him, is justified and that justification consists in the pardon of his sins and the promise of eternal life on principles of righteousness. That it is bestowed, not in condition of any works of righteousness we have done, but through His own righteousness.

ARTICLE VI. That the blessings of salvation is made free to all by the gospel, and that it is the immediate duty of all to accept them by a cordial and obedient faith.

ARTICLE VII. That in order to be saved, we must be regenerated or born again. That regeneration consists in giving

Holy disposition to the mind, and is affected in a manner above our comprehension or calculation by the power of the Holy Spirit so as to secure our voluntary obedience to the gospel, and its proper evidence is found in the Holy fruit which we bring forth to the Glory of God.

ARTICLE VIII. That such only are real believers as endure to the end. That their persevering attachment to Christ is the ground work which distinguish them from superficial professors. That a special providence watches over their welfare and they are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation.

ARTICLE IX. That a visible Church of Christ is a congregation of baptised believers associated by a covenant of faith in the Gospel, observing the ordinances of Christ's government by His law and exercising the gifts, rights, and privileges in them by His work. That its only proper officers are bishops or pastors and deacons, whose qualifications, claims and duties are described in the Epistles of Timothy and Titus.

ARTICLE X. That Christian baptism is the immersion of a believer in water in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, to a solemn and beautiful emblem of our faith in a crucified and risen Saviour with its purifying power that is presented to the privilege of a church unto the Lord's Supper in which the members of the church, by the use of bread and wine, are to commemorate together the dying love of Christ, preceded always by a solemn and self examination.

ARTICLE XI. We also believe that feet-washing is a duty enjoined upon us to show our love for one another.

15. Ordered that the Moderator appoint a building committee, who appointed Elders W. C. Hay, Ester Hopkins, Harrison Bevins. L. V. S. Curry, E. S. Coleman, Brothers R. L. Murphy and L. E. Hackney to act in cooperation with the churches and otherwise, so as to secure money sufficient to build one church house each year.

16. Circular letter from Elder Hi Maynard.

TO MY PRECIOUS LOVING BRETHERN OF SARDIS ASSOCIATION:

I am now endeavoring, as per your request, to write this, perhaps my last circular, and with much meditation and prayer, I shall use for my subject, one word: LOVE—Using the text: First John, Fourth Chapter, Eighth Verse—"He that loveth not, knoweth not God, for God is Love".

Behold the heighth, depth, length and breadth of God's love. The human mind cannot comprehend its heighth—

Christ with His Eternal Father before worlds were. Its depth—that Eternal Son crucified, laid in the heart of the earth, put to death in the flesh, buried within the tomb, sealed with earth's strongest seal. Behold its length and breadth—like the little stone when it became a great mountain and later filled the whole earth.

For God so loved the world He gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in Him (Christ) should not perish but have eternal life. In Him was life and the life was the light of men. This love eclipses mother's love. She may forsake her babe but God's love is eternal, everlasting. All love or affection is measured by its origin, by its power, by its virtue, by its purity, and by its comprehension. The only perfection of love consists of our Supreme love to God and also to our fellow creature. Christ, our Saviour, is the special object of divine love, for God's love was manifested to us through Him. He is our Mediator, He is our Saviour, He is our Redeemer, He is our Righteousness, He is our Salvation, and He is our all. The real climax of God's love was the sacrificing of His Dear Son, also the real test of our love for Him is the surrender of personal and selfish ambition and the complete abandonment of self in our devotion to Him and to our brethren. Such as that prompts a desire to promote the welfare and happiness of others, fulfilling the law of our Blessed Master—"Love one another", and without the Spirit of Christ, we can only practice reciprocal love—which means, to love only those who love us. But that love which is predominate grace in our lives creates an impetus to love our enemies also. Hence we prove our love to God, not in word or tongue, but in deed and in truth.

This wonderful, boundless, and matchless love came from heaven at the revelation of our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Through Him the Eternal Father proves His love to us. This is the will of His Father, who sent Him, of those that God gave Him, He should lose nothing but would raise it up at the last day.

Also, this is the will of the Father that sent me, that every one that seeth the Son, and believeth on Him, may have everlasting life, and I will raise him up at the last day.

Jesus Christ, our Saviour, is the Door to all who enter, I am the Door, by Me if any man enter in, he shall be saved and shall go in and out and find pasture.

By faith in Christ we become children of Abraham, heirs of God's precious promise, heirs of His Eternal Kingdom, recipients of His wonderful love, from which, in this life, a hundred fold and in the world to come everlasting

life. Thus, we see that this love does not cease at death, but after death has taken away our natural life on earth, it will waft our spirits to Glory and it will also, at the Great Resurrection, give our mortal sleeping bodies the final and eternal victory by that sweet and glorious appearing of Christ, who, Himself, shall descend from heaven with a shout and our bodies shall be changed in a moment from mortal to immortal, from natural to spiritual, and we shall be caught up to the clouds to meet the Lord in the air where we will ever be with Him. Oh, wondrous love! How sweet will be the meeting on that Eternal shore. We will be satisfied—Yes, God is Love, and then we can sweetly acclaim. Thanks be to God which giveth us the victory through our Lord, Jesus Christ.

If this is my final letter to my brethren, I want to admonish—Live in peace, be of one mind, be perfect, be of good comfort. Now, the Lord of Peace, Himself, give you peace, by all means, always.

Finally, brethren, farewell,

By your humble Brother in Christ,

HI MAYNARD.

17. Ordered that our next Association be held with Salem Church, Goody, Pike County, Kentucky, on U. S. Route No. 119, about one-half mile from Williamson, West Virginia, to begin on Friday before the second Saturday in September, 1942.

18. By vote it is ordered that Elder Ester Hopkins preach the introductory sermon and that Elder Grover Carey be his alternate.

19. Ordered that we tender our thanks to the Apple Orchard Church and to the community at large.

20. 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, *Assistant Moderator.*

Elder Jonah Bevins, *Clerk.*

R. L. Murphy, *Assistant Clerk.*

SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE

September 14th, 1941

Service was introduced by Elder W. A. Hurley of the Sardis Association. Following the singing of a good old-time song, Brother Hurley led in prayer.

Second on the stand was Elder Hays Maynard, Moderator of the New Salem Association. Brother Maynard used for his text: Amos, third chapter, second verse, "You, only, have I known of all the families of the earth".

Third on the stand was Elder Finis Adkins, using as a text: St. John, third chapter, seventh verse, "Marvel not that I said unto thee, ye must be born again".

Fourth on the stand was Elder John Miller, of the Mud River Association, using as a text: First John, third chapter, ninth verse, "Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin".

Another session of our Association ended with those present enjoying the love and fellowship of each other and the bountiful blessings of God.

The preaching was in harmony with the old time doctrine and done under the power and demonstration of the Spirit.

The writer was blessed to attend four Associations and I want to state that I found them all in peace. I never witnessed so much love, harmony, and fellowship in all my life as I did this year. So, farewell, brethren, we may not meet again on earth, but our hope is in the resurrection, where we shall meet in God's Eternal City.

R. L. Murphy. *Assistant Clerk.*

MEMORIALS

Memorial to be held with the Rebecca Church on the second Saturday and Sunday in June, 1942.

Memorial of Elder Heenon Maynard and others to be held with the Apple Orchard Church the first Saturday and Sunday in August, 1942. Also memorial of Dina Parson and others on Big Branch the last Saturday and Sunday in August, 1942.

Memorial of Elbert Bevins and others to be held with the Bent Branch Church on the third Saturday and Sunday in August, 1942.

Memorial to be held at the Fraley Cemetery for J. W. Smith and others on the third Saturday and Sunday in August, 1942.

Memorial of the deceased members of the Pilgrim Home Church on the fourth Saturday and Sunday in October, 1942. All ministers invited.

Memorial to be held for the deceased of the Salem Church the first Saturday and Sunday in October, 1942.

Memorial of the deceased brethren and sisters of the Dix Fork Church to be held on regular church time, the first Saturday and Sunday in August, 1942.

Memorial of Elder J. S. Munsey and others to be held with the Narrows Branch Church on the fourth Saturday and Sunday in May, 1942. Ministers called: Elders Willie White, Ester Hopkins, J. H. Brown, W. C. Hay, and J. G. Thornsby.

Memorial of Brother Lee Robinson and wife to be held with the Leanah Church on the second Saturday and Sunday in July, 1942. Elders called: W. L. Lowe, and Ester Hopkins, to attend.

Memorial of Brother Tom McCoy to be held at Buck Branch, on Wolf Creek, the first Sunday in September, 1942. Elders Wallace Maynard, Bud Coleman, and Orvil Runyons.

Memorial at the Hannah Cemetery on the third Sunday in August, 1942, and at the Sturgill Cemetery on the fourth Sunday in September, 1942. Elders Willie Hay and Willie White to attend.

Memorial of Brother Harrison McCoy on the third Sunday in August, 1942. Elders J. M. Justice, J. R. Coleman, and Ester Hopkins to attend.

Memorial of J. M. Taylor and others on the third Sunday in July, 1942.

Memorial of Sister Cynthia Bowling to be held on the first Saturday and Sunday in September, 1942.

Memorial to be held with Buck Creek Church on the third Sunday in August, 1942. Elders G. B. Adams, Bill Jude, Hays Maynard, and Hi Maynard to attend.

Memorial of Brother Nathan Jude to be held on the fourth Sunday in September, 1942.

Memorial of Sister Jessie Farley to be held near Enon Church on the first Sunday in May, 1942. All ministers invited.

Memorial on Laurel Fork of Pigeon Creek, near Tom's Branch, on the Sunday after the fourth Saturday in July, 1942. Elders Wallace Maynard, and Grover Carey. All ministers invited.

OBITUARIES

Ollie Jane Farley

It is with a sad heart but with a glorious hope, that I try to write the obituary of a dear sister, which through neglect wasn't put in last year's minutes.

Sister Ollie Jane was married to Jack Farley about the year 1920. To them was born three children, one preceding her in death. Two daughters, Frances and Betty, are left with the father, and six sisters and three brothers and a host of friends, to mourn her loss. It brings me much sadness when I think of such a dear sister being gone, but her sweet, innocent face will never be forgotten by the writer.

Sister Ollie Jane professed a hope in Christ and was baptized by Brother Jonah Bevins and what a good humble life she lived until God called her home. She was so faithful to fill her seat in the old Enon Church, even when she was weak in body she was strong in spirit.

Sister Ollie Jane was sick a long time, but so patiently bore her suffering. She has told me so many times that she wanted God's will to be done and not her's.

A few words to Jack and the girls and sisters and brothers: Don't forget her loving counsel and sainted prayers gone up so often in your behalf, and I feel God will be pleased to answer them. The Church will still plead God for you all, and pray God will send Enon Church more such loving and faithful sisters and brothers as she was. So I pray God that you all will accept Christ, as Sister Ollie Jane did, and be a bright shining light as she was in the Church and to her family, neighbors, and friends.

I feel deep down in my soul, some time when God sees fit, I will see my dear sister again and our loving Saviour also.

A Sister in hope of Eternal Life,

Ethel Varney.

Richard Maynard

Brother Richard Maynard, deceased April 9th, 1941, at about the age of 56 years. He was born in Pike County, Kentucky, and was the son of Henderson Maynard and Sister Susie (Smith) Maynard, and was married to Sarah Ann (Stanley) Maynard about 36 years ago and to the union was born nine

children, one son died in infancy, leaving Prosper, Luther, and George, the three sons; Sally, Truly, Flora, Cora, and the little baby girl, Helen Uvon, the five daughters, and their widowed mother to mourn the loss of a good husband and father, and I want to say to Sarah Ann and the children: I can sympathize with you in your sorrow and trouble, but weep not, as those that hath no hope. Brother Maynard is gone and can come to you no more but, by the Grace of God, you can go to him. So strive to make your peace with God and your election sure, and in the Resurrection, you can meet and be Eternally blessed. Put your trust in God, He can heal all our sorrow and trouble, and your unworthy's hope is, that I, by the Grace of God, will meet with Brother Maynard again, as well as all the redeemed of the Lord. And by their fruits ye shall know them. Brother Maynard came into fellowship with the Old Regular Baptist the first Sunday in August, 1936, being baptized at the hands of Elders J. H. Brown and J. G. Thornsby, and his name was enrolled on the Church Book of the Dix Fork of Regular Baptist and stands there yet, but as a deceased member, and I hope, by the Grace of God, that his family will begin to come and make confession and take up the Cross as Brother Maynard did.

So, the life of Brother Maynard caused me to believe he is resting in peace with God, waiting for the Perfect Day to come when his body will come from the grave a spiritual body, so I will close.

Yours in love and hope of Eternal Life,

J. H. Brown.

ERI F. CURRY

This worthy Brother was born December 24th, 1872, having spent most all of his life on Elk Fork of Pigeon Creek.

He was married to Matilda Farley on January 21st, 1891, and to this union there were ten children born, viz: Mrs. Lula Topping, Mrs. Resa Browning, Nila Curry, Dewey Curry, Mrs. Vicie Hobbs, Wirt Curry, Wayne B. Curry, Tom Curry, Mrs. Belle Thomas, and Mrs. Quinnie McCoy, all of whom survive him. He has nineteen grand-children and six great-grand-children.

Brother Curry professed a hope in Christ about forty years ago, and was baptized into the fellowship of the Old Sardis Church by Elder Hi Maynard, but became a charter member of the Elk Fork Church in its organization, where he remained a faithful member until his passing on. He was afflicted for some

time, but bore his sickness with wonderful patience and prayed continually. When finally, on July 20, 1940, at home, he bade farewell to all below.

Sister Tilda, we believe he is only sleeping until Jesus comes. A word to his children, grandchildren, and many friends who mourn his loss: Trust God, believe in that loving Saviour, trust Him for His Grace and when He shall descend from Heaven with a shout, you can bask in His effulgent glory with the redeemed family of God, singing redeeming love.

By your humble servant,

Hi Maynard.

Bessie Young

It is with much sadness that I try to write an obituary of Sister Bessie Smith Young. She was the daughter of Leander Smith and Martha Elswick Smith. She was born October 5, 1904. She was married to James Young, April 7, 1921, to this union was born six children, four boys and two girls, one of the boys preceded Sister Bessie in death. Sister Young joined the Regular Baptist Church December 8, 1940, on a profession of faith, was baptized by the hand of Elder Basil Robinett. Two days later on December 10, 1940, she deceased this life, being 36 years, 2 months, and 5 days old. She was never permitted to fill her seat in the church house, which I feel she would if she had lived. She was kind, true, loving, and patiently, always having a good word for her children and friends and neighbors. Just a word to James and the children: Don't weep for mother, but, rather, weep for yourselves and prepare to meet Jesus, when you can raise with her and everly be with mother where you never have to part.

Written by your unworthy in hope of Eternal Life.

Marion Young.

John W. Francis

By request, I'll try, by the help of God, to write a short story of the life of my uncle in the flesh and brother in the Lord, to-wit: John W. Francis.

He was the son of Elijah and Charity Francis, was born December 29, 1853. Departed this life, June 25, 1941, at the age of 87 year, 5 months, and 25 days old. He was married to Litia Varney in the year of 1878. To this union was born

six children, five girls and one boy. Three of the girls and the boy, with the mother, preceded him in death, leaving two daughters, Dollie Young and Ella Francis. Two sisters, Deliah Varney and Tildia Weye, and a host of friends and relatives to mourn his loss. He also was married to Sallie Bevins, and to this union was born no children. He joined the Regular Baptist Church, June, 1914, and was baptized by Elder Jeff Fields and had his membership with the Pilgrim Home Church, to which he lived a faithful life until the death angel called him from this world of trouble. About two years previous to his death, he made known his request concerning his funeral to me and asked me to write the names of ministers he wanted to preach his funeral at his death, which are as follows: Elders Jonah Bevins, Willis Blackburn, Harrison Bevins, and Shadle Pauley. He also named his two favorite songs he wanted sung: "Death, What a Solemn Call to All" and "Jesus Left His Home In Glory".

I would like to say to his children and grandchildren: If you ever expect to see Uncle John again, you had better make your peace, calling and election sure with God, while you have an opportunity, for as death finds us so shall the Judgment.

Written by his Nephew and Brother,

Troy T. Francis.

Sally Jane Pinion

By request of this deceased sister, I will try, by the help of God, to write a short story of her life.

Sister Sally Jane Pinion was the daughter of Merda and Rebecca Pinion and the granddaughter of Aunt Jane Pinion. She was born November 13, 1921, departed this life August 23, 1941, at the age of 19 years, 9 months, and 10 days old. Her mother preceded her in death, October 19, 1924, when she was only 2 years, 10 months, and 25 days old. She joined the Regular Baptist Church September 7, 1939, and was baptized by Elders Harrison Bevins and Basil Robinett. Sister Sally Jane would send for the preachers to come to her home to preach for her every opportunity she had and always seemed to enjoy hearing the brothers preach and sing. She leaves her father, step-mother, two brothers, Berlin and Bennett, two half-brothers, Cap and Joe, and two half-sisters, Dixie and Lake, and a host of friends and relatives to mourn her loss. But I, the writer, have no doubt but what Sister Sally Jane's spirit is resting under the altar of God, and when the appointed time comes that God will declare that time shall be no longer, Sister Sally Jane will

be in that number that will rise first and be caught up to meet the Lord in the air and will forever be with the Lord.

I would like to say to her fathar and the rest of her family, that if you ever expect to see Sister Sally Jane again, you will have to accept Christ as your Saviour, and follow in His trail that He marked out while here on earth He stayed, as I am made to believe she did. Meriada, I pray God that you and the rest of the family will always remember the good advice your little daughter gave you a few days before she had to leave you, for she will not speak to you again as she has in the past and I hope you will be permitted to fill her request concerning her funeral, as, no doubt, you will remember the ministers she requested, Elders Jonah Bevins, Harrison Bevins, and Willis Blackburn.

There are many more good things I could speak concerning the life of such a young sister, knowing she was only a young girl, but space will not permit it.

*Father you have lost a loved one,
And God has gained an angel, too,
You'll be granted a reunion,
If God's Will you'll only do.*

Written by her cousin,

Troy T. Francis.

Susan Walters

By the request of the children of the deceased dear Sister Susan Walters, I will write an obituary, with much sadness. She was the daughter of George Smith and Ama Reed Smith. She was born May 14, 1872. Age 68 years, 11 months, and 5 days.

She was married to J. S. Walters, August 29, 1892, and to this union was born six children, four boys and two girls. The names of the boys are George, Dewie, and Cash. Names of the girls, Ettie and Josie. One preceded her in death and the little boy by the name of James died about 1910, and dear Susan joined the Regular Baptist Church in the year 1910, and was baptized by the old Brother Joe Smith and lived a loving and faithful Christian until the death angel came and took her away, leaving five children and two sisters, Dixie and Marie, and a host of friends to mourn her loss, but we hope our loss is her eternal gain.

Written by a brother in hope of Eternal Life,

Basil Robinett.

Lucinda Caines

It is with a sad heart that I attempt to write an obituary of my beloved mother, Lucinda Caines. She was the daughter of John and Mary E. Gibson, born October 17, 1875, age 66 years, 3 months, 11 days.

Mother was twice married, first to William Hale. To this union was born eight children. Her husband and four children preceded her in death. Mother then married W. S. Caines, and to this union was born four children.

Mother joined the old Regular Baptist Church and was baptized by Elder Jonah Bevins on the fourth Saturday in June, 1926, and took up fellowship with the Pilgrim Home Church, where she remained a faithful member until her death, which occurred February 1st, 1941.

Now, brothers and sisters, mother is gone from us to a better home where there be no sickness, sorrow, pain, nor death. Mother can't come back to us, but we can go to her. Seek the Lord while He may be found so that when the trumpet sounds to awake mother out of her grave, that ye may not be found wanting.

I believe that mother will be with the first that rise and will be praising God. Brothers and sisters, give God your whole heart today, tomorrow may be too late.

*A precious one from us is gone
A voice we loved is still
A place is vacant in our home
Which never can be filled.*

Written by her daughter,

Mary E. Muncy.

Mary Ann (Scalf) Young

Born January 20, 1899. Daughter of Lee and Susan Scalf. She was married to Landon Young about the year 1919. To this union was born three boys, Fred, Paul, and Douglas Young. She joined the Regular Baptist Church of Jesus Christ, the second Saturday in July, 1928, and was baptized at the hands of Elder Willis Blackburn and L. G. Lowe, and took fellowship with the Salem Church of Regular Baptist and lived a faithful member until death.

She died June 6, 1941, asleep in Jesus until the resurrection from the dead. Her funeral will be preached the fourth Sunday

in June, 1942, at the Pilgrim Home Church of Elders Jonah Bevins and Willis Blackburn. Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His Saints.

Written by

Elder Jonah Bevins.

Polly Young

It is by request that I attempt to write a sketch of the life of a dear sister in the Lord, to-wit: Sister Polly Young was the daughter of Elisieb and Nancy Fields. She was born July 9th, 1867, deceased February 3rd, 1941, age 73 years, 7 months, 24 days. Sister Young was twice married, first to Henry Young, and to this union was born eleven children, the husband and five children preceded her in death. She then married George Young and to this union was born one son.

Sister Young lived a good moral life, but that was not enough to satisfy her heart while on her bed of affliction she met the Lord in pardon of her sins. On the 3rd day of November, she called for the Brethren to come and preach for her. She confessed a hope in Christ and was baptized by Elders Basil Robinett and Emmitt Case. Although she was never able to fill her seat in the Church, she desired fellowship with the Regular Baptist Church and rejoiced to know she had found favor with the Lord before it was too late.

I want to say to her six sons and husband: That the writer believes if you ever meet with Sister Young in peace, you will have to pray for the Lord of Glory to fill you with His saving Grace, so that you, too, can be asked into the sunlight of Heaven along with mother and all the saints that have gone on before now. May the God of Heaven bless with His grace from above.

*Sister, you have gone and left us,
Can you see us from above?
We will strive our best to meet you,
If God will give us of His love.*

Written by a brother in hope of Eternal Life,
Emmitt Case.

A. J. Maynard

It is with a heart full of sadness that we attempt to write an obituary of our father. A. J. Maynard, who was so near and dear to us.

Father was born in Pike County, Kentucky, November 12, 1858. He was married to Polly Ann Pinson in the year 1878, to this union was born twelve children—five boys and seven girls, six of whom, with him, has passed over the river of death and housed on the other shore.

He joined the old Regular Baptist Church and was baptized March 21, 1924, by the hands of W. H. Bowling.

Now, to our sisters, and friends of father: He has gone; he can never return; but we can go to him through and by the Grace of God. We believe, in the morning of the general resurrection, he will be among them that rise first, for, while on his bed of affliction, he often called the brethren and had them to hold prayer and preach for him. He held out faithful to the end.

He called George, a son in the flesh and, by the Grace of God, a brother in the church, to his bedside and told him to tell the boys that if they wanted to do right, to follow Him.

Father, we miss you, but believing that you are safely clothed upon with that house, that building of God, in the City of New Jerusalem. We are earnestly striving to enter in through the gates, into the City there, to be with you and behold our blessed Redeemer face to face.

*One by one their seats were empty
One by one they went away
But I hope by God's great power
To meet them all again some day.*

*Will the circle be unbroken?
By and by, yes, by and by
It's a better land awaiting
In the skies, in the skies.*

Written by his three sons,

George Maynard.
Trimble Maynard.
Gordon Maynard.

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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 I. The Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches and duly sent to represent them in this Association who shall be members whom they shall think best qualified for the purpose, and, producing letters from their respective churches certifying their appointment, shall be entitled to seats.

ARTICLE II. 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 III. The members thus chosen and convened shall have no power to lord it over God's heritage, nor shall they infringe upon the internal rights of any church in the union.

ARTICLE IV. The Association, when convened, shall be governed and ruled by a regular and proper decorum.

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

ARTICLE VI. New churches may be admitted into our union that 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.

ARTICLE VII. Every church in the Union shall be entitled to a representation in the Association.

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

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

ARTICLE X. The Association shall endeavor to furnish the churches with the minutes of the Association.

ARTICLE XI. The churches shall send money by the dele-

gates of each church for printing the minutes of the Association.

ARTICLE XII. 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 XIII. 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 XIV. 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 XV. All matters coming before the Association shall be decided by the will of the majority.

ARTICLE XVI. 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 in 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. 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

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

ARTICLE I. We believe in only one true and living God, the Creator of Heaven and earth and all things that are therein contained.

ARTICLE II. We believe in Jesus Christ, the eternal Son of God, who is head and king of His church.

ARTICLE III. We believe in the Holy Ghost, the sealer and applier of the redemption purchased by Christ.

ARTICLE IV. We believe in the Father, Son and Holy Ghost, and these three are one.

ARTICLE V. 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 VI. 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 VII. 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 VIII. We believe that Christ has but one true gospel church, and that it will finally persevere through grace to glory.

ARTICLE IX. 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 X. 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 XI. We believe that Jesus Christ is the first resurrection from the dead, and that He lives forever.

ARTICLE XII. We believe in the resurrection of the just and unjust.

ARTICLE XIII. We believe the happiness of the saints and the punishment of the wicked are eternal.

RULES OF DECORUM

ARTICLE I. The Association to be opened and closed by prayer.

ARTICLE II. A Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.

ARTICLE III. 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 IV. The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted in his speech, except by the Moderator, until he is done speaking and shall strictly adhere to the subject, and, in no wise reflect upon the person who spoke before, nor make remarks on mishaps, failures or imperfections, but shall verily state the cause and matter as nearly as he can, so as to convey his light and idea.

ARTICLE V. No person shall rise and speak more than three times on one subject without consent of the Association.

ARTICLE VI. No person shall abruptly break off or absent himself from the Association without liberty obtained therefrom.

ARTICLE VII. No member of the Association shall have the liberty of laughing during the sittings nor whispering in time of public speech.

ARTICLE VIII. No member of this Association shall address another by any other term or appellation other than that of Brother.

ARTICLE IX. The Moderator shall not interrupt a member nor prohibit him from speaking until he gives his light upon the subject, except when he breaks the rules of decorum.

ARTICLE X. The names of the several members of the Association shall be enrolled by the Clerk and called over so often as the Moderator requires.

ARTICLE XI. 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 XII. Any member who shall, wilfully and knowingly, break any of the rules shall be reprovved by the Association as it may think proper.

ARTICLE XIII. The delegation to be seated in this Association shall be limited to three members from each church.

ARTICLE XIV. No person shall speak more than five (5) minutes at the same time without liberty obtained from the Association.

ORDAINED MINISTERS

Jonah Bevins	Goody, Ky.
Harrison Bevins	Goody, Ky.
J. H. Brown	Canada, Ky.
Hose Bowling	Meta, Ky.
Willis Blackburn	Goody, Ky.
E. S. Coleman	Hardy, Ky.
Grover Carey	R. F. D. No. 1, Williamson, W. Va.
P. H. S. Curry	R. F. D. No. 1, Williamson, W. Va.
Emmett Case	Varney, Ky.
Asa Evans	R. F. D. No. 1, Williamson, W. Va.
J. R. Evans	R. F. D. No. 1, Williamson, W. Va.
E. F. Fields	Moree, Ky.
George Gilman	Holden, W. Va.
Ester Hopkins	Goody, Ky.
W. C. Hay	R. F. D. No. 1, Williamson, W. Va.
W. A. Hurley	Verdunville, W. Va.
J. H. Hensley	Chauncey, W. Va.
James Jude	Varney, Ky.
Bill Jude	Pilgrim, Ky.
L. G. Lowe	Turkey Creek, Ky.
Hi Maynard	R. F. D. No. 1, Williamson, W. Va.
M. J. Mounts	R. F. D. No. 1, Williamson, W. Va.
Wallace Maynard	R. F. D. No. 1, Williamson, W. Va.
Virgil Maynard	Three Forks, Ky.
B. F. Maynard	R. F. D. No. 1, Williamson, W. Va.
Shadle Pauley	Beauty, Ky.
James Queen	Harts, W. Va.
Ernest Runyon	Turkey Creek, Ky.
Orvil Runyon	Nolan, W. Va.
Basil Robinett	Varney, Ky.
W. T. Rife	Holden, W. Va.
C. L. Swanson	Boomer, N. C.
Louis Smith	Hardy, Ky.
Abe Sheppard	R. F. D. No. 1, Williamson, W. Va.
Jonah Smith	Turkey Creek, Ky.
J. E. Taylor	Heenon, Ky.
J. G. Thornsbery	Canada, Ky.
Willie White	Lenore, W. Va.

LICENSED MINISTERS

Tommy Adair	Delbarton, W. Va.
George Hinkle	Hardy, Ky.

NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF CLERKS

Church

Mt. Pleasant.....	Harold Edmonds	Canada, Ky.
Apple Orchard.....	Willie Nichols	Heenon, Ky.
Enon.....	Logan Spencer	McCarr, Ky.
Rebecca.....	Burl Gilman, R.F.D. No. 1, Williamson, W. Va.	
Bent Branch.....	Forest Bevins.....	Meta, Ky.
Sardis.....	Tommy Adair.....	Delbarton, W. Va.
Big Branch.....	J. L. Nickhols	Thomas, Ky.
Mary Elizabeth.....	Lacy Lowe	Nolan, W. Va.
Bethany.....	Willard Blair	Lenore, W. Va.
Elk Fork.....	L. V. S. Curry, R.F.D. No. 1, Williamson, W. Va.	
Pilgrim Home.....	Troy T. Francis	Williamson, W. Va.
Salem.....	A. M. Varney	Road Fork, Ky.
Sidney.....	Virgil Maynard	Three Forks, Ky.
Dix Fork.....	J. G. Thornsbery	Canada, Ky.
Narrows Branch.....	Mack Smith	Hardy, Ky.
Leanah.....	J. H. Pauley	Three Forks, Ky.
Buck Creek.....	Harmon Smith	Beauty, Ky.
Tabitha.....	Comfort Gilman	Barnabus, W. Va.
Little Dove.....	James Dempsey... R.F.D. 1, Williamson, W. Va.	
Little Rosie.....	Orvil Runyon	Nolan, W. Va.
Beech Grove.....	Joe Hannah	Lenore, W. Va.
Turkey Creek.....	Ken Varney.....	Turkey Creek, Ky.
Little Vine.....	Sam Newsome	Lenore, W. Va.

STATISTICAL REPORT

Church and Delegate	Received by Baptism	Received by Letter	Received by Recommendation	Received by Restoration	Excluded	Dismissed by Letter	Died	Total Membership	Church Time	Church Contributions
Mt. Pleasant: Frank Collins, and Harold Edmonds	2	1	0	0	0	1	0	38	2	\$ 12.50
Apple Orchard: Eldon Maynard, Willie Nichols, Erney Runyons	1	2	0	0	0	1	1	47	1	4.00
Enon: Logan Spencer, W. C. Hay	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	8	1	4.00
Rebecca: Hi Maynard, Mosco Gilman	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	49	2	10.00
Bent Branch: G. C. Bevins, W. T. Lowe, Thomas Morrison	2	0	0	0	0	0	4	47	3	5.50
Sardis: N. R. Evans	7	0	0	0	2	0	2	192	4	7.00
Big Branch: J. L. Nichols, Harvey Lowe, J. E. Taylor	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	28	3	7.30
Mary Elizabeth: S. B. Fraley, Donnie Lowe	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	30	3	3.50
Bethany: Willard Blair, Jessie Canterbury, John White	4	0	0	0	4	0	0	58	4	3.85
Elk Fork: L. V. S. Curry, Sam Crum, Joe Curry	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	76	3	10.00
Pilgrim Home: Troy Francis, Marion Young, Emit Case	8	1	0	0	0	0	7	133	4	16.00
Salem: Jonah Bevins, Ester Hopkins, Fayett Hackney	6	0	0	0	0	2	2	103	1	15.00
Sidney: Bascom Maynard, Bill Maynard, Dick Fletcher	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	31	4	5.00
Dix Fork: J. H. Brown, E. S. Colmean, J. G. Thornsbery	2	0	0	0	2	0	1	35	1	9.15
Narrows Branch: Louis Smith, Mack Smith, E. B. Robinette	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	42	4	15.00
Leanah: Sam Robinson, Johnny Pauley, E. F. Fields	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	22	2	4.00
Buck Creek: Pete Dials, Aron Hale	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	29	3	3.00
Tabitha: Bill Gilman, Joe Robinette, Carlos Meadows	1	1	0	0	2	0	0	40	1	3.35
Little Dove: James Dempsey, Walter White	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	41	1	3.00
Little Rosie: No delegates or letter	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	24	4	0.00
Beech Grove: Joe Hannah	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	15	3	3.00
Turkey Creek: Ken Varney, L. G. Lowe, G. W. Runyons	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	32	2	5.00
Little Vine: Thomas Runyon	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	2	1.50
TOTALS	33	5	0	1	19	5	19	1126		\$152.95

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