

**Minutes**

of the

**Fifty-seventh Annual Session**

of the

**Sardis Association of  
Regular Baptist**

THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST

IN SESSION ASSEMBLED WITH

**SARDIS CHURCH**

Delbarton, Mingo Co., W. Va.

September 9, 10, 11, 1949

**PROCEEDINGS**  
of the  
**FIFTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL SESSION OF THE**  
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*In session assembled with the Sardis Church, Delbarton, Mingo Co., W. Va., September 9, 10 and 11, 1949. At the place where arrangements were made for the preaching. The Services were introduced by Elder Shadle Pauley, followed by the introductory sermon delivered by Elder Emmette Case. Text: ST. JOHN, 15th Chapter and a portion of the Fourth Verse. (Abide in Me).*

*Then the Delegates assembled at the Church house and after a short talk and song and prayer by Elder James Green, The Association preceded 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 Ester Hopkins, Moderator, Elder, Grover Cary, Assistant Moderator, Elder W. C. Hay, Clerk, and Brother Troy T. Francis, 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, (Name), Muncy Valley.
5. Called for letters from Sister Associations and received as follows:

NEW SALEM—By the hands of Elders: F. A. Hopkins, Squire Hamilton, M. V. Burke, Anthony Hamilton, Troy Nichols, and Willie Collins. Letter in the hands of Elder F. A. Hopkins.

PHILADELPHIA.—By the hands of Elders: John Moore, John Reed, and M. W. Burnette. Letter in the hands of Elder John Moore.

UNION—By the hands of Elders: S. T. Wright, Ballard Baker, James Green, Earl Hogston, George Perrigen, Francis Hubbard, J. H. Hensley, Elmer Church, Bruce Mullins, John Hess, A. D. Turner, Silas Bartly, and Rube Johnston. Letter in the hands of Elder S. T. Wright.

MUD RIVER—By the hands of Elder George Adkins; Brothers George Miller, Leonard Miller, Hillard Pauley, Joe Thomas, and Joe Sizemore. Letter in the hands of Elder George Adkins.

THORNTON UNION—By the hands of Elders James Wright, Loyd Webb, Bill Sparks, and Brothers Raymond Webb, and J. M. Webb. Letter in the hands of Elder Bill Sparks.

INDIAN BOTTOM—By the hands of Elders Nelson Seals, Paris Hagans, and Brother Dewey Hagans. Letter in the hands of Elder Nelson Seals.

FRIENDSHIP—By the hands of Elders H. C. Burks, J. C. Widner, Taylor Blankenship, J. H. Belcher, J. H. Burks, and Brothers Walter Anderson, Richard Keen, Elbert Cline, Norman Hess, and Okley Lane. Letter in the hands of Elder H. C. Burks.

6. Called for transient Ministers and members of our faith and order. The following received.

Elders Bruce Mullins, J. R. Evans, Troy Nichols, J. G. Thornsby, J. W. Griffy, Billie Moore, J. L. Nichols, Orville Runyon, John Brown, A. D. Turner, G. W. Elkins, Earl Belcher, Willie Miller, Green Lester, Merida Lester,

Henry May, Willis Blackburn, R. L. Webb and Shadle Pauley.

7. On Motion it is ordered that we correspond with the following Associations. New Salem, Union, Mud River, Thornton Union, Indian Bottom, Friendship, and Philadelphia.

8. Ordered that the Moderator make all temporary appointments.

9. Clerks appointed to write letters to corresponding Associations.

10. Committee appointed to take care of the visiting Brethren as follows: Elders: Wallace Maynard, Asa Evans, and J. R. Evans.

11. Committee appointed to see that the stand be supplied with Ministers, and that peace is preserved around the stand. Elder, Tommy Adair, and Brother Jessie Farley.

12. Committee appointed to arrange the Ministry for Friday Night and Saturday. Consisting of one member from each church, with the entire delegation of the Sardis Church. Ministers as follows: Friday Night, Elders, first, John Moore; second, Paris Hagans; third, Francis Hubbard. Saturday: Elders, first, George Adkins; second, Troy Nichols, third, Taylor Blankenship, fourth, F. A. Hopkins and fifth, Willie Collins.

13. Committee on arrangements, consisting of one delegate from each Church, with the Moderators and Clerks, with the corresponding Associations invited.

14. On motion by Elder Lewis Marcum, The Association adjourned until nine o'clock, Saturday morning.

#### **Saturday Morning**

Met pursuant to adjournment, and after song, and prayer, service was introduced by Elder Taylor Blankenship.

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 Elders H. C. Maynard, Harold Edmonds, and Willie Stanley, who reported the contributions from each Church as shown in the statistical table.

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

Total on hand for the year ending Sept. 9th, 1949	\$362.74
Paid for the Printing of Minutes	\$274.50
Secretary's Fee	10.00
Clerk's Fee	15.00
Treasurer's Fee	10.00
Total Paid Out	\$309.50 \$309.50
Balance in Bank	\$ 53.24
Received from Churches this year	\$267.60
Total on Hand for next year	\$320.84

5. By motion it is ordered that Brother Troy T. Francis be appointed as Treasurer, and that he be allowed \$10.00 for his service.

6. Ordered that the Clerk superintend the printing of the minutes, and that he have 3,000 copies printed, and that he be allowed \$15.00 for his service, 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 the same committee to arrange for preaching Saturday night and Sunday, who reported as follows:

Saturday Night—Elders: First, M. V. Burk; Second, John Hess; Third, Nelson Seals. Sunday—Elders: First, Paris Hagans; Second, Anthony Hamilton; Third, J. H. Belcher; Fourth, James Green, and our Moderator, Elder Ester Hopkins, closed.

9. Letters to sister Associations read and appointed delegates as follows:

NEW SALEM—To be held with the Rebecca Church, Hall, Knot County, Ky. To begin on Friday before the fourth Saturday in September, 1949. Elders Ester Hopkins, Lewis Marcum, Shadle Pauley, Jonah Bevins, Wallace Maynard, Emmette Case, and Brothers Earl Belcher, Ralph Varney, Donnie Lowe, and George Fraley. Letter in the hands of Elder Ester Hopkins.

PHILADELPHIA.—To be held with the Little Rosa Church, Greenup, Ky. To begin on Friday before the second Saturday in August, 1950. Elders Lewis Marcum, Lewis Smith, H. C. Maynard, Grover Cary, Wallace Maynard, Ernie Runyon, Ester Hopkins, Leslie Blair, Floyd Cline, J. G. Thornsby, John Brown, and Sam Herald. Brothers Ireland Harrison, Leslie Blanton, and Jeff May. Letter in the hands of Elder Ester Hopkins.

MUD RIVER—To be held with the Mt. Zion Church, Lake, Logan Co., W. Va. To begin on Friday before the fourth Sunday in August, 1950. Elders G. W. Elkins, John Hensley, W. C. Hay, Grover Cary, H. C. Maynard, Ester Hopkins, Leslie Blair, Jonah Bevins, Ernie Runyon, Floyd Cline and Sam Herald. Letter in the hands of Elder W. C. Hay.

UNION—To be held with the Home Creek Church, Grundy, Virginia. To begin on Friday before the third Saturday in September, 1949. Elders Ester Hopkins, Perry Cline, Tracy Hatfield, Charlie Evans, and Brothers Troy T. Francis, Cecil Evans, Leslie Blanton, Joe Robin-

ette, and George Hinkle. Letter in the hands of Elder Ester Hopkins.

THORNTON UNION—To be held with the Little Samuel Memorial Church, Othair, Perry Co., Ky. To begin on Friday before the third Saturday in August, 1950. Elders Harrison Bevins, Jonah Bevins, H. C. Maynard, Emmette Case, Ester Hopkins, and Brothers, Ralph Varney, Harvey Lowe, and John Maynard. Letter in the hands of Elder H. C. Maynard.

INDIAN BOTTOM—To be held with the Indian Bottom Church, Blackey, Letcher Co., Ky. To begin on Friday before the first Saturday in September, 1950. Elders Ken Varney, Shadle Pauley, Grover Cary, Ernie Runyon, Ester Hopkins, W. C. Hay, Harold Edmonds, and J. H. Hensley. Brothers Harvey Lowe, Sam Hearld, Sid Stratton, J. H. Lyons, Leslie Blanton and George Hinkle. Letter in the hands of Elder Ester Hopkins.

FRIENDSHIP—To be held with the Samariah Church, Jolo, McDowell Co., W. Va. Beginning on Friday before the first Saturday in September, 1950. Elders G. W. Elkins, J. G. Thornsbury, John Brown, B. H. Bevins, Willie Stanley, Tommy Adair, Asa Evans, Emmette Case, Tracy Hatfield, Jonah Bevins and Perry Cline. Also Brother Earl Belcher. Letter in the hands of Elder J. G. Thornsbury.

10. Ordered that we print obituaries of the deceased Brothers and Sisters, presented to the Brother Clerk, at the close of the association, or within ten days thereafter.

11. Ordered that the treasurer pay the expense of one car (1), for the visiting sister associations. That is: paying for the gas and oil.

12. Ordered that we continue the printing of Memorials in our minutes.

13. Ordered that Elder B. H. Bevins write a circular

letter, to be read at our next Association for approval, or disapproval.

14. Ordered that we receive the report of the committee to Little Dove Church, and publish same in disorder.

15. Ordered that all members of the Little Dove Church who are not in favor and fellowship with Sunday School Teaching, may take membership with any other church in the Sardis Association, by recommendation.

16. Ordered that we receive the report of committee sent to Philadelphia Association, and discharge the same.

17. 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.

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

ANSWER—We advise the churches not to receive into their fellowship any such, except those who, have put away their companion for the cause of fornication, and such cases to have gospel or church evidence of same.

19. Ordered that our next Association be held with the Mary Elizabeth Church, Heisey, (Pike County), Ky. To begin on Friday before the second Saturday in September, 1950.

20. By vote it is ordered that Elder Wallace Maynard preach the introductory sermon, and that Elder Ester Hopkins, be his alternate.

21. Ordered that we tender our thanks to the Sardis Church, and the community at large.

22. Ordered that the minutes be read and signed by the Moderators and Clerks.



23. On Motion we adjourned to the time and place above mentioned.

Elder Ester Hopkins, *Moderator*  
Elder Grover Cary, *Asst. Moderator*  
Elder W. C. Hay, *Clerk*  
Brother Troy T. Francis, *Asst. Clerk.*

## UNION MEETINGS

### May

SALEM—Goody, Ky.—First Saturday and Sunday. Elders: Shadle Pauley, Asa Evans, and Grover Cary, with moderator attending.

TURKEY CREEK—Turkey Creek, Ky. Second Saturday and Sunday. Elders Willie White, W. C. Hay, and Ester Hopkins, with moderator attending.

### June

ENON—McCarr, Ky. First Saturday and Sunday, Elders J. G. Thornsby, Orville Runyon, and J. R. Evans, with moderator attending.

APPLE ORCHARD—Heenon, Ky. First Saturday and Sunday. Elders S. B. Fraley, Willie White, and Ester Hopkins, with moderator attending.

LITTLE ROSA—Chattaroy, W. Va. Second Saturday and Sunday, Elders J. G. Thornsby, Harold Edmonds, and Wallace Maynard, with Moderator attending.

MUNCY VALLEY—Varney, W. Va. Third Saturday and Sunday. Elders John Fouch, Emmette Case, J. H. Hensley, Wallace Maynard, Tommy Adair, and Willie White, with moderator attending.

SIDNEY—Threeforks, Ky. Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Elders Ester Hopkins, W. C. Hay, B. H. Bevins, and Wallace Maynard with Moderator attending.

### July

DIX FORK—Canada, Ky. First Saturday and Sunday. Elders Asa Evans, Shadle Pauley, Willie White, Grover Cary, and Lewis Smith, with moderator attending.

LEANAH—Moree, Ky. Second Saturday and Sunday. Elders Willis Blackburn, Willie White, and Ester Hopkins with Moderator attending.

MT. PLEASANT—Sidney, Ky. Second Saturday and Sunday. Elders Emmette Case, Grover Cory and Wallace Maynard, with moderator attending.

SAMARIA—Kirk, W. Va. Third Saturday and Sunday. Elders Wallace Maynard, J. R. Evans, Willie White, Orville Runyon, and Willie Stanley with moderator attending.

BIG BRANCH—Thomas, Ky. Third Saturday and Sunday. Elders H. C. Maynard, Lewis Smith, and Ester Hopkins, with moderator attending.

MARY ELIZABETH—Hatfield, Ky. Third Saturday and Sunday. Elders: Shadle Pauley, Harold Edmonds, and Emmette Case with moderator attending.

NARROWS BRANCH—Hardy, Ky. To begin on Friday before the fourth Saturday. Elders Willis Blackburn, J. G. Thornsby, and Ester Hopkins, with moderator attending.

### August

TABITHA—Barnabus, W. Va. First Saturday and Sunday. Elders Ester Hopkins, Wallace Maynard, Emmette Case and Tommy Adair with moderator attending.

REBECCA—Trace Fork of Pigeon Creek, W. Va. Second Saturday and Sunday. Elders Ester Hopkins, B. H. Bevins, James Green, and Grover Cary with Moderator attending.

ELK FORK—Elk Fork of Pigeon Creek, W. Va. Third Saturday and Sunday. Elders Willie White, J. G. Thornsby, H. C. Maynard and Ester Hopkins, with moderator attending.

BENT BRANCH—Meta, Ky. Third Saturday and Sunday. Beginning at one o'clock on Saturday. Elders Wallace Maynard, Willie Collins, Shadle Pauley and Ester Hopkins with moderator attending.

ROSA—Baisden, W. Va. Third Saturday and Sunday, Elders J. G. Thornsbury, George Hopson, Taylor Blankenship, Delbert Saunders and Francis Hubbard with moderator attending, with Communion Sunday afternoon.

PILGRIM HOME—Varney, Ky. Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Elders W. C. Hay, Shadle Pauley, Willie Collins and Troy Nichols, with Moderator attending, with Communion Sunday afternoon.

BETHANY—Lenore, W. Va. Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Elders Grover Cary, J. G. Thornsbury, H. C. Maynard, with moderator attending.

SARDIS—Delbarton, W. Va. Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Elders J. G. Thornsbury, Lewis Smith, H. C. Maynard, B. H. Bevins, and Harold Edmonds with moderator attending.

#### **Agreement By Request**

The Apple Orchard Church, together with the Big Branch Church, have agreed to have a communion meeting on the head of Sycamore Creek, on the fourth Saturday and Sunday in July, 1950, with Communion Saturday afternoon, by request of some of their members over there who are not able to go far to church. Ministers requested: Elders J. L. Nichols, Eldon Maynard and Ester Hopkins.

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#### **SUNDAY SERVICE**

Met with a large and orderly congregation of Brethren, Sisters, and friends, and after a few lovely old songs to the praise and Glory of God, services were introduced by Elder Paris Hagens, of Indian Bottom Association, Using as a foundation, "Trouble not, Thyself, because of evil doers." Who with wonderful revelation and feeling of the spirit of God, spake in the name of Jesus.

The congregation stood and sang with the spirit and

understanding, the song, Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound. Elder Paris Hagens also led us in Prayer.

The stand was then filled by Elder Anthony Hamilton, of New Salem Assn., who used as a text: "The gifts and callings of God are without repentance." Declaring people are unable to save themselves much less any one else; that God because of his great love, saves repented sinners by Grace through faith, and that not of yourself, it is the gift of God, not of works, lest any man should boast.

Elder J. H. Belcher was third to fill the stand, using as a text: Isaiah, 28th chapter, 16th verse: "Behold, I Lay in Zion for a Foundation, Etc. Showing forth that Jesus Christ is that stone, the Foundation of the Church of the living God. That no man cometh unto the Father except by Jesus for He is the way, the truth and the life.

Fourth to fill the stand was Elder J. H. Green of Union Association, who used as a text: St. Mark, 4th chapter, 41st verse. "And they feared exceedingly and said one to another, What manner of Man is this that the Sea and waves obey him?" He showed that Grace was with God in the beginning and is given unto men according to the measure of their faith, and that men are commanded to grow in Grace and in the knowledge of the truth.

That God is the Father of lights, in whom there is no veritableness or shadowed of turning, and that since light has existed, light and darkness has never mixed. Many, many other good things, so numerous that they cannot be mentioned here.

Fifth and closing, our moderator, Elder Ester Hopkins, occupied the stand, referring to the many good things said by the brethren and admonished to pray without ceasing. "There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God." Go preach the preaching that I bid thee. Cry, and the Lord hears the Cry, Jonah cried and said, "Out of the Belly of Hell, Cried I, and the Lord heard my cry. An unbeliever doesn't cry and therefore are not heard,

but the believer, like Jonah cries and the Lord hears their cries. For his ears are open to their prayers. But his face is against them that do evil.

Service was closed by singing, "My dearest friends in bonds of love," and amid much rejoicing, thus closed the fifty-seventh session of the Sardis Association.

THE CLERKS.

## MEMORIALS

Memorial to be held with the Mt. Pleasant Church, second Saturday and Sunday in October, 1950. Ministers requested—Elders H. C. Maynard, W. C. Hay and B. H. Bevins.

Memorial of Elder Heenon Maynard and others, to be held with the Apple Orchard Church, First Saturday and Sunday in August, 1950.

Memorial of Joe Taylor and others, will be held Sunday after the first Saturday in September, 1950.

Memorial of Mose Maynard, to be held on the first Sunday in July, 1950, on the Ireland Lowe cemetery. Ministers requested—Elders Eldon Maynard, J. L. Nichols, J. R. Coleman and Dee Ratcliff.

Memorial to be held on the Scott cemetery, on Brushy Creek, on the fourth Sunday in August, 1950. Ministers requested—Elders J. L. Nichols, J. R. Coleman, Eldon Maynard and Emmette Case.

Memorial to be held with the Enon Church, first Saturday and Sunday in August, 1950.

Memorial will be held on the J. M. Lowe cemetery, Brushy Creek, Ky., on Sunday after the first Saturday in July, 1950, in memory of Moses Fonco Lowe and Phillip Hanners. Ministers requested—Elders Harold Edmonds, and Shadle Pauley.

Memorial to be held with the Rebecca Church, Second Saturday and Sunday in August, 1950.

Memorial to be held with the Bent Branch Church, Third Saturday and Sunday in June, 1950. Ministers requested—Elders J. G. Thornsby, Willis Blackburn, H. C. Maynard, and Emmette Case.

Memorial will be held on the head of Big Branch, the third Sunday in September, 1950. In memory of Brother

Flem Maynard and others. Ministers requested—Elders Eldon Maynard, Ester Hopkins, J. L. Nichols and Harvey Lowe.

Memorial of Edward McCoy, who lost his life in France for his country will be held on the Henry Taylor cemetery, the fourth Sunday in September, 1950. Ministers requested—Elders J. L. Nichols, Eldon Maynard, S. B. Fraley and Harold Edmonds.

Memorial of Elder Wallace Jackson and others will be held with the Mary Elizabeth church, third Saturday and Sunday in September, 1950. Also a memorial of Elder J. W. Smith and others will be held on the Fraley cemetery, the Third Saturday and Sunday in August, 1950. All ministers invited.

Memorial and funeral of Roy Nichols' small son will be held on Sunday following the third Saturday in June, 1950. On the cemetery opposite Old Brother Jim Gilman's home above Long Branch on Big Creek. Ministers requested—Elders Ester Hopkins, B. H. Bevins, and Lewis Marcum.

Memorial of Russel Pete McCoy, and others will be held on the Ratcliff Cemetery Sunday after the third Saturday in May, 1950. Ministers requested—Elders Eldon Maynard, Emmette Case and Wallace Maynard.

Memorial of Susaner Blackburn and others will be held near the Mouth of Brushy Creek, Sunday after the Third Saturday in June, 1950. Ministers requested—Elders Eldon Maynard and Harold Edmonds.

Memorial of J. M. Taylor and others will be held Sunday after the Third Saturday in July, 1950. Elder Ester Hopkins, requested, also memorial of Brother Harrison McCoy and others will be held Sunday after the third Saturday in August, 1950. Both of these memorials will be held with the Big Branch church. Ministers requested—Elders Eldon Maynard, J. L. Nichols and J. R. Coleman.



Memorial of all the deceased members of the Bethany church will be held the fourth Sunday in August, 1950.

Memorial of all the deceased members of the Elk Fork Church, will be held the third Saturday and Sunday in October, 1950.

Memorial of all the deceased members of the Pilgrim Home Church will be held the Fourth Saturday and Sunday in October, 1950. Ministers requested—Elders Shadle Pauley and W. C. Hay.

Memorial of all the deceased members of the Salem Church will be held the first Saturday and Sunday in October, 1950. Ministers requested—Elders F. A. Hopkins, Willis Blackburn and Ester Hopkins.

Memorial of all the deceased members of the Sidney Church, will be held the Fourth Saturday and Sunday in August, 1950. Also a Memorial of Nathan Jude and others will be held on the cemetery near Dave Jude's Home the Fourth Sunday in July, 1950.

Memorial of all the deceased members of the Dix Fork Church will be held the First Saturday and Sunday in August, 1950. All ministers invited.

Memorial of Elder J. S. Muncy and other deceased members of the Narrows Branch Church will be held the Fourth Saturday and Sunday in May, 1950. Ministers requested—Elders Ken Varney, Wallace Maynard and Grover Cary.

Memorial of Brother Tom McCoy, Lee Robinson, Jobe Blackburn and others will be held on the Robinson cemetery Sunday following the Second Saturday in July, 1950.

Memorial of Sister Matilda Robinson, and others will be held Sunday after the second Saturday in June, 1950. Ministers requested—Elders Orville Runyon, J. R. Evans, and Bill Jude. Also Memorial of friend John Jude's children will be held on Sunday after the second Saturday

in May, 1950. Ministers requested—Elders Bill Jude, Eldon Maynard, and J. L. Nichols.

Memorial will be held on the Lowe cemetery, on the head of Big Branch, on Sunday after the second Saturday in August, 1950. Ministers requested—Elders Ester Hopkins, Emmette Case, and Eldon Maynard.

Memorial of all the deceased members of the Turkey Creek Church, will be held on the second Saturday and Sunday in August, 1950.

Memorial of Elder W. H. Bowling, his wife and family, will be held at the Tom Price school house, on the right hand fork of Brushy Creek, on the first Saturday and Sunday in September, 1950. Ministers requested—Elders Orville Runyon, Wallace Maynard, J. R. Evans, Grover Cary and Emmette Case.

Memorial will be held on the Harmon Maynard cemetery, Piso, Ky., the first Sunday in August, 1950. Ministers requested—Elders Wallace Maynard, J. R. Evans and B. H. Bevins.

Memorial will be held on the Hannah cemetery, the third Sunday in August, 1950. Ministers requested—Elders Orville Runyon, Willie White, J. R. Evans, and Ellis Davis.

Memorial will be held on the Lackey cemetery, the second Sunday in August, 1950. Ministers requested—Elders W. H. May, Willie White, and Ellis Davis.

Memorial will be held on the Sturgell cemetery the fourth Sunday in September, 1950. Ministers requested—Elders J. R. Evans, Ellis Davis, W. H. May and Wallace Maynard.

## OBITUARY

### Nancy Jane Bevins

Sister Nancy Jane Bevins was born into this world February 6, 1863, the daughter of James Smith and America West Smith. She deceased this life May 14, 1949, making her stay in this world 86 years, 3 months, and 8 days.

Sister Bevins married Thomas J. Bevins October 27, 1890, and to this union were born five children, two girls and three boys. Three of the children and the husband preceeded Sister Bevins in death. Those who have gone on and were waiting for mother over there are Hattie, Bertha, and one that died in infancy. It must have been a happy meeting when mother departed this life and her sweet soul was carried by the sweet little band of Angels to the throne of God, where it joined the souls of her loved ones who were waiting for her around the throne of God.

The children who had to give up mother are Willie Bevins, of Sidney, Ky., and Thomas J. Bevins, Jr., of Columbus, Ohio. Besides these two loving sons, she leaves 8 grandchildren, one great grandchild, and a host of relatives and friends who are left to mourn her loss.

But we are confident that our loss is her eternal gain. For exactly 16 years before the death angel came and called mother away from a world of trouble to a heavenly home of eternal rest, Sister Bevins joined the Mount Pleasant Church of Regular Baptists of Jesus Christ. She was baptized into the fellowship of the Church on May 14, 1933, at the hands of Elder Jonah Bevins.

From that good day until death came she remained a faithful member of the church, and leaves a vacancy in the Mt. Pleasant Church that no one else can fill.

But while there is a seat vacant here, one has been filled in Heaven around the throne of God, where her sweet spirit is awaiting the resurrection of the body which so sweetly went to sleep.

Christ said in Revelation the second chapter and the 10th verse, "Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life."

So, to the family let me say that Sister Bevins has exchanged her cross for the crown which Jesus had laid up in store for her and has entered into her great reward. If you want to see mother again, deny yourselves and come take up your cross and follow Jesus and you can finally join mother in heaven where we can live with her forever.

Written by one she loved,  
Elder Harold Edmonds.

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**Edna May Lowe**

Sister Edna May Lowe, was born February 17, 1897, the daughter of Johnny Bevins and Minerva Keesee Bevins, both of whom preceded her in death.

Sisters Lowe was united in marriage to James Lowe on August 31, 1916, and to this union were born four children, three girls and one boy, all of whom are left to mourn the loss of this devoted mother.

Sister Lowe became a member of the Bent Branch Church of Old Regular Baptists of Jesus Christ and was baptized the third Sunday in June of this year, at the hands of Elder Harold Edmonds and Brother Rudolph SESCO. Her presence at Church was much enjoyed, for it seemed to us that she dearly enjoyed it and that she realized that she couldn't be with us long.

Children left to mourn the loss of this sainted mother are Mrs. Frank Lowe, of Turkey Creek, Mrs. Virgil

Smith, of Canada, Ky., Mrs. Cabell M. Dickenson, of Merlin, Maryland, and James E. Lowe, of Canada, Kentucky. She leaves one sister, Mrs. Ben Maynard, of Coal Run, Ky., and two brothers, Millard Bevins, of Bluefield, W. Va., and Amos Bevins, of Buffalo, New York, besides a large host of relatives and friends who are left to mourn the loss of mother, sister, and friend.

But we feel that our loss is her eternal gain for the scripture says, "Blessed are the dead that die in the Lord, for henceforth they do rest from their labors and their works do follow them." "She hath chosen that good part which shall never be taken away from her."

So, to the children, let us say, prepare to meet mother in Heaven, where Jesus went to prepare a place for her. To the relatives and friends, permit us to say, "There is a crown laid up for her, which the Lord, the righteous judge shall give, and not for her only, but for all them that do love and serve him."

May God bless and save you, one and all, is my prayer in Jesus' name.

Your humble servant,  
Elder Harold Edmonds.

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**Jane Caines**

With much sadness. We will try to write the obituary of our dear mother, who was called away suddenly July 7, 1949.

She was born May 31, 1875. The daughter of Wash and Tempa Young. She was married to R. J. Caines, March 17, 1898, who preceded her in death nine years ago and to this union was born four children all living, one son Clell and three girls Mae Stanley, June Ratliff, and Lizzie Maynard and fourteen grand children. She leaves one sister Lizzie Smith and two brothers—Alford

Young and Marion Young, and a host of friends and relations to mourn her loss.

She joined the Regular Baptist Church August 25, 1923, and was baptized by the hands of Elder Jonah Bevins. She always attended church as long as her health permitted. We know we have lost a loving mother. Her home in heaven she has won where no pain nor sorrow can never come.

Wirtten by her children.

**Thomas Taylor**

It is with a sad and broken heart that I try to write an Obituary of my dear Husband, Thomas Taylor.

He was the son of J. E. and Sophia (Maynard) Taylor, Born June 5th, 1891 and deceased this life August 31st, 1949.

He was married to Della Fields, March 11th, 1909, and to this union was born ten children. Three of which preceded him in death. I feel that God blessed and called my beloved Husband home. He was very patient during his illness, praying continually. He found Jesus in pardon and remission of his sins, and was baptized by the hands of Elders, Eldon Maynard, and J. L. Nichols.

He prayed for God to spare him a few days and make him able to travel with Brother Eldon from place to place to church.

Now to his children and Brothers and Sisters; If you ever want to meet Daddy and Brother, you must repent of your sins in this world. For as death finds us Judgment will receive us.

Written by his Heartbroken Wife,

Mrs. T. N. Taylor.

### **Dave Jude**

It is with a sad heart, that I try to write an Obituary of a brother in the Lord, Brother Dave Jude.

He was born June 6th, 1868, and deceased this life, September 25th, 1948, at the age of 80 years.

Brother Dave was married to Sarah Farley, in 1890, and to this union was born ten children. Two of which preceded him in death. The eight still living are, namely: Bill, Sunny, Jack, John, Lewis, Morning Triplet, Mary Dunking, and Patty Horn.

Brother Dave confessed a hope in Christ and was baptized by the hands of Elders Bill Jude and Shadle Pauley, August 8th, 1948. He took his membership with the Sidney Church, and was a faithful member until taken by death. He said there wasn't anything in his way.

I want to say to his children: Daddy is gone from you. He cannot return to you, but you can go to him. So I believe if you want to see daddy again, you must repent of your sins as he did. Remember, the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ, Our Lord.

May God bless and save all of you in my Prayer in Jesus name.

Written by a Brother in Hope of Eternal Life,

Willis Dials.

### **Mary Ellen Stanley**

This beloved Sister was the daughter of the late Andrew Jackson (Uncle Jack) Bevins, and Nellie Hunt Bevins. She was born Sept. 24th, 1870; spent most of her life in the Bent Branch, and Road Fork communities, in Pike County, Ky. She was married to Brother William Stanley on April 5th, 1888, with Elder George Pinson offici-

ating. She professed a hope in Christ and was baptized on April 1st, 1945, at the hands of Elders Jonah Bevins, and Ester Hopkins. Departed this life Nov. 11th, 1948 at the age of 78 years, one month and 17 days.

She leaves her husband and four children—Rell, Landon, Trimble, and Mrs. Pearl Blackburn to mourn her loss along with many devoted friends. Four deceased children had passed on in earlier life.

Her life was an endless cord of love, that severed not with her passing here, but lead on unbroken to safe anchor-age with life interminable, as though a bright star had crept into its hiding, beyond the slopes of silent hills, leaving a sad and lonesome place against the skies of this life; yet, her evening star here, was a morning star, in God's Glory World.

A glow of gratitude was ever hers to bestow upon every one, who came within the shadow of her home. A biography of her life would reveal thousands of deeds, done in charity for others, and yet her unfaltering hands moved on as true as—that her virtue had no end, witnessed in countenance, signaling a beacon of prayer. A voice bearing a soft and pleading tenor, was a deep well of blessing to her husband, through all the trials of this life, and to all her children, neighbors, and friends everywhere.

*She enjoyed great love, and special care,  
By those she had loved so well;  
Kept snow white clean, in garment fair,  
Adorned in love—God, alone can tell.*

*Her companion—fain to have gone along,  
And share with her the scenes of death,  
To rise and greet a Holy Throng,  
With one Eternal Breath.*

Written by request of the family. This feeble report



has been guided by truth alone . . . May the grace of God remain with you all.

Yours in hope,

A. M. Varney.

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**George Maynard**

It is with sad and broken hearts that we will try to write an Obituary of our loving Father, George Maynard.

He was the son of A. J. Maynard, born May 16th, 1884, and departed this life April 25th, 1949, being 64 years, 11 months, and 21 days old at time of death.

He was married to Artie Williamson, June 21st, 1906, and to this union was born ten children. Two of them, and Mother preceded him in death. Eight are still living, namely: Mrs. Robert Ray, Craft Maynard, Mrs. Nancy Ann Elkins, Christopher Maynard, Mrs. Willie Stanley, Arthur Maynard, Mrs. Edward Murphy, and Mrs. Condolee Runyon.

On August 31, 1924, Daddy, along with Mother was baptized into the Regular Baptist Church, by the hands of Elder Hose Bowling, and placed his membership with the Pilgrim Home Church, where he lived a faithful member until death.

He would often tell us that he did not worry for the two little ones that were gone, but for us that are living, we know he taught us what to do and if we fail to make heaven our home, it will be our fault, for we have heard them pray for us. He left this world praying for us children to love and be good to one another.

Besides us children, he leaves two brothers, Tremble and Gordon Maynard; three sisters, Mrs. Orison Stanley, Mrs. Harrison Smith, and Mrs. Orison Lowe, with a host of friends and relatives and the entire membership of the

Pilgrim Home Church to mourn his loss.

*Now he's gone and left us, his memory here will stay,  
We hope by God's great mercy, to meet him some sweet  
day,  
Our precious and loving father, your voice from us is still,  
A chair in our home is vacant, which never can be filled.*

Written by the children and his brother,

Tremble Maynard.

### **Sherman S. Lowe**

It is with much sadness and grief that I will try to write a short Obituary of my Father, Sherman S. Lowe, who departed this life, October 1947.

He was born April 29th, 1868, father lived to a very old age, 78 years, 5 months, and 18 days, old at time of death.

He was married to Ida (Blackburn) Lowe, October 3rd, 1894, and to this union was born eight children, six girls and two boys, as follows: Dannie, and Dennis Lowe, Mrs. Effie Thompson, Mrs. Nettie Lowe, Mrs. Mallie Compton, Mrs. Patty Syck, Mrs. Shirley Gilman.

He leaves sixteen grandchildren, two great grandchildren, and one brother, Elder L. G. Lowe, besides a host of friends and relatives to mourn his loss.

Father became a member of the Regular Baptist Church, in October, 1927. And was baptized by the hands of Elder Dee Ratliffe, and I believe he lived a faithful life, letting his light shine before us children. And now I want to say to my Brothers and Sisters in the flesh, if we ever expect to see daddy and to live with him again, you must repent of your sins and be born again, for as death finds you, so shall the judgment.

I believe Daddy is resting, just sleeping that sweet sleep

and awaiting for the Trumpet to sound at which time he will be among that number that Christ will bring with him at the last day.

So may God bless all of you to see your lost condition, before it is too late, and he will if you will only trust in him as Daddy taught you to do.

*Now he's gone and left us,  
His memory here will stay,  
We hope, by God's great mercy  
To meet him some sweet day.*

Written by his Daughter,

Effie Thompson.

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**Louisa (Morrison) Nichols**

It is with a sad heart, but a sweet and glorious hope that I try to write an Obituary of my dear Mother who left us some time ago to be with the Heavenly Host.

She was born October 4th, 1874, and deceased this life March 20th, 1949.

She was married to John Nichols, February 24th, 1895, who had preceded her in death. To this union was born eight children, two had died in infancy, and six living, namely: Amy Lowe, Talmage, and Elbert Nichols, Dixie Lowe, Anna Lowe and Ella Parsons.

She was a member of the Regular Baptist Church for forty years or more, and was baptized by Elder Ali Ward.

She was a devoted Christian, a sweet and loving mother, and a kind neighbor, giving good advice to all. We miss her so badly, but feel that our loss is Heaven's gain.

She was patient, gentle and knew us all until the end.

*A loving one from us is gone,  
A voice so sweet and kind is still,*

*Her place is vacant in our home,  
Which never can be filled.*

Written by her Daughter,

Amy Lowe.

**Martha Pauley**

Sister Martha Pauley, the daughter of George W. Bevins and Nancy (Williamson) Bevins, was born February 26th, 1875. She deceased this life June 22nd, 1949, being 74 years, 3 months, and 26 days old.

She was married to Thomas Pauley, December 2nd, 1891 and to this union was born eight children. Two boys and six girls. Those preceding their mother in death were Jane, Belva, Bertha, Pearlie and William. Those left to mourn the loss of this Sainted Mother are, namely: Mrs. Fannie Maynard, Mrs. Gracie Smith, and Clyde Pauley.

Her husband also preceded her in death, on January 29th, 1949. Besides these loving children, Sister Pauley leaves a large host of relatives and friends to mourn her loss. But we feel that our loss is her eternal gain.

Sister Pauley joined the Regular Baptist Church of Jesus Christ, and was baptized into the fellowship of the Dix Fork Church on the first Sunday in March, 1945. She suffered her affliction with much patience and was a faithful Christian until death.

But children, don't weep for Mother, for her suffering is over and she has gone on up yonder to that heavenly home that is waiting for all that believe, to the saving of their souls. So prepare to meet your Mother in Heaven, where you can live with her and Jesus, forever and forever.

Jesus says in his own words, "Ye believe in God, Believe also in me, in my Father's house are many mansions, I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a

place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; That where I am, There ye may be also."

If you desire to see Mother again, and to live forever in Heaven, Get on the Robe of Righteousness which Jesus gives to them that love and serve him, and then we can be happy in this world and enjoy eternal peace in the world to come.

Written by your Humble Servant,

Elder Harold Edmonds.

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**Belle M. Keesee**

It is with much sadness that I will attempt to write an obituary of my loving mother, Belle M. Keesee.

She was the daughter of Richard and Mintie Caines, born July 20th, 1871, and deceased this life November 11th, 1936, being 65 years and 4 months old.

Mother joined the Regular Baptist Church the first Sunday in June, 1923, and was baptized by the hands of Elders Jonah Bevins and Heenon Maynard. She placed her membership with the Apple Orchard Church, where she remained a true and faithful member until death.

Mother was married to Orison Maynard, and to this union was born 4 children, namely: Millard Maynard, Ben Maynard, Mrs. Biddie Crider, and Mrs. Wilda Hanners. Our father and one brother preceded her in death. She was later married to Elder John Keesee, who also preceded her in death.

She leaves one brother, John Caines and two sisters, Mrs. Helen Maynard and Mrs. Emma Bowling besides a host of friends and relatives to mourn her passing.

I want to say to Ben and Biddie that I believe we can meet mother in heaven where we will part no more. If

we will only trust in God to guide and keep us as I believe mother did. I feel that her spirit is resting in the Paradise of God, while we are left alone to mourn her loss. So trust in Jesus and we will join her in the sweet bye and bye.

Written by her Daughter,

Wilda Hanners.

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**Virgie (Maynard) Runyon**

It is with much sadness of heart, that I will try to write an Obituary of my loving wife, Virgie (Manard) Runyon.

She was the daughter of Lee and Nancy Maynard. She was born January 4th, 1901, and deceased this life May 28, 1945. She was married to Ernie Runyon, Dacember 16, 1920, and to this union was born seven children, one boy and six girls, of whom the boy preceded her in death.

She leaves a father, Lee Maynard, two brothers, three sisters, her husband, six children, six grandchildren and a host of friends and relatives to mourn her loss. But we believe and hope that our loss is heaven's gain.

She professed a hope in Christ about 1922, and to this profession, she lived a devoted Christian life until death. She always loved to go to church, and to fill her seat in the church house to which she was a member, the Apple Orchard Church, of Regular Baptist.

A seat in the church is vacant, a soothing voice is still, and that beautiful smile we can't see in the home any more. She was in bad health for many years, but I thank God, she bore her sickness with patience, always giving good advice to her children. So children take the advice of your mother, be good to one another, love one another and don't wait until it is too late to lay hold on eternal life. By doing this we can see mother again up in heaven. She will not be sick there, and we won't have to say farewell any more. But it will be love, joy, peace and happi-

ness forever around the throne of God. There we can meet our loved ones again. It was mother here, it will be mother up there; just as much so as it was Abraham here it is Abraham in heaven.

Written by her Husband,  
In hope of Eternal life,

Ernest Runyon.

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**Nancy McCoy**

With much grief and sadness, I will now by the help of God, attempt to write an Obituary of my mother, Nancy (Varney) McCoy.

She was the daughter of Madison and Pity Varney Born May 4th, 1869, and was married to Johnson McCoy. She was the Mother of 15 children, ten boys as follows: L. J., T.J., K.L., Fred, Charlie, Clarence, Trimble, Grayson, Reiford and Homer, and five girls as follows: Belvie, Pricy, Hattie, Tressie and Mary. Her husband and four children preceded her in death.

Mother became a member of the Regular Baptist Church in the year of 1904, and was baptized by the hands of Elder C. Cole. She was a faithful member until the death angel called her from us on June 7th, 1949, making her stay on earth 79 years, 1 month and 4 days, at death. Mother lived a life of trouble in this world, but she was a sweet mother. I can recall the day when God in his great mercy, pardoned her many sins. She liver a humble life thereafter. Many times I have seen tears of joy fall from her eyes, but as she grew older and unable to attend church she would call for the brethren to come in and preach for her.

So many times she called me to her bedside and told me to tell the rest of the children if they ever reached heaven they will have to do as I have done. I have fought

a good fight, I've kept the faith and my exchange will be a happy one for me.

Now I want to say to you that have not repented of your sins: In the name of Jesus Christ who died for you. Begin today to seek the Lord while he may be found. Call upon him while he is near and by so doing you can rest in peace with Mother when this life is over.

Written by her Son,

Elder Ken Varney.

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**Norma Cornett**

By request of her husband, I, in my weakness, will try to write an Obituary of Sister Norma Cornett.

She was born Dec. 30, 1892, and departed this life April 6, 1949. Age 57 years, 3 months and 7 days.

She was married to John Cornett and to this union was born four children, three boys and one daughter, namely: Winston, Satch, and John Ollie, one son preceded her in infancy.

She joined the Old Regular Baptist Church, August, third Sunday, 1932, and was baptized by Elder Heenon Maynard, and J. E. Taylor, and took her membership with the Big Branch Church. She was a faithful member as long as she was able to go.

She said she knew her sickness was unto death, but said she had a better home, and also said she would live again. So I want to say to John and her children, if you want to see sister Norma again, you will have to have the same faith that mother had.

She bore all of her troubles with much patience. Trusting God for her trouble bearer.

So I want to say, the church has lost a true member,



and the children a loving mother, but we feel our loss is heaven's gain.

So don't weep for mother. She will live again in that city that outshines the sun.

Written by one in hope of eternal life,

J. L. Nichols

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**Robert Ellis**

With a sad heart, I will try and write an obituary of my dear beloved husband, Robert Ellis, who was a kind and loving father to his children. He was born in 1887, October 20th. Died 22nd, January, 1949.

He was the son of Mont and Polly Ellis. He was married to Fanny Rollins, on October 3rd, 1904, and to this union was born nine children, five which preceded him in death.

He leaves his wife and four children, namely: Mont Ellis, of Rossmore, W. Va. Fred Ellis, of Switzer, Victoria Adkins, of Ranger, W. Va. and Nellie Watson at home. Besides his family, he leaves ten grandchildren, five great grandchildren, three sisters and one brother, and a host of friends to mourn his loss. Oh, how we miss dear old daddy in this lonely world, but we feel without a doubt or fear, our loss is heaven's gain.

He joined the Old Regular Baptist Church, many years ago, and lived a faithful member until his death.

Daddy hadn't been a well man for years, but bore his pain and troubles with patience, and met every one with a cheerful smile.

I want to say to the children, you that have made peace with your Lord, can have the sweet hope of seeing dad again in the resurrection on the last day. You that have

not a hope, for heaven's sake, children, forsake the ways of the world, take up the Cross and follow Jesus and meet Daddy where the Family Circle will not be broken.

It is so lonely in this world without you, but toil on a few more days and we too can take that long sweet sleep that I believe Daddy is enjoying now.

So I hope by the help of our creator, that God gave peace to his soul by obeying the will of God, that I can meet my husband where there will be no more separation, and we can live together forever and ever.

Written by his wife,

Mrs. Fanny Rollins Ellis.

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**Eva Lowe**

By request of the family I will now attempt to write an Obituary of Sister Eva Lowe, a daughter of Barney Maynard. Born December 4th, 1865. Deceased January 9th, 1949.

She was married to Lawer Lowe in the year of 1890, and to this union was born six children, four boys and two girls, namely: Adren Lowe, Pry Lowe, John Langley Lowe, Amos Lowe, Arminda Moore, and Sarah Ann Lowe.

Sister Eva became a member of the Apple Orchard Church, being baptized the fourth Sunday in August, 1938. By the hands of Elders, Ester Hopkins and J. L. Nichols. She remained a faithful member until death.

Besides her children, she leaves twenty-three grandchildren, thirty-four great grandchildren and a host of friends and relatives to mourn her loss. But we deeply feel that our loss is her eternal gain, for she was not only a good mother to her children, but to all the young boys and girls in her community. Her entire life was dedicated to doing good, yet she said, I must pray for my sins.

To know Aunt Eva, was to love her. A few days before she died she told the children she wanted Elders Ester Hopkins and Emmette Case to preach her funeral, and this request was filled before she was laid to rest.

And I want to say to you children. You have lost a good mother. The church a faithful member, and the community will miss her many good deeds, and kind words of council.

But she will live again in the Paradise of God, and it will be your mother that arises from the grave in the last day. If you want to live with her again in peace, you must do as she taught you to do. Seek the Lord in pardon and remission of your sins; pray daily and the Lord Jesus will not turn you away. He is a special Saviour to all that love and serve him. My prayers will be that you will take mother's advice and accept Jesus as your personal saviour.

Written by your humble servant,

Elder Eldon Maynard.

**Truly (Stratton) Morris**

Truly (Stratton) Morris, daughter of H. H. and Polly (Bevins) Stratton. Born June 5th, 1895. Married to Johnny Morris, Sept. 27th, 1911. To this union was born thirteen children, ten of which are still living.

She joined the Church of Regular Baptist June 15th, 1918, and was baptized by the hands of Elder Willard Akers. She placed her membership with the Bent Branch Church where she served a faithful member until death. She served the Church as Clerk for several years. She was a zealous worker in the church and her hospitality in feeding and caring for the people who visited the Old Bent Branch Church. She was greatly missed when she moved away from the community, some five years before her death.

She was afflicted in health and was deprived of visiting the church for some time before her death, but in her afflictions she called the brethren to come to her home and preach for her. And the writer of this obituary with other brethren visited her several times while she lived in Pikeville, Ky. But some time before her death she moved into the state of Ohio, where she deceased this life May 13th, 1949, to rest and wait the redemption of her body which hope she cherished for thirty years which was her anchor in her affliction, but will finally receive the fullness of that hope in the resurrection from the dead.

She leaves the husband and ten children, mother and brothers, and sister to mourn her loss, with many relations and friends with the brother and sisterhood of the church. But the writer feels that all of our loss is her eternal gain.

If I could speak to her I would say, "Sister Truly, Sleep on, Your labor is ended, But the spirit lives in Christ, Where the wicked cease from troubling and the weary is at rest."

Written by request, of the mother,

Elder Jonah Bevins.

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**Carl Lowe**

It is with much sadness, that I will try to write an Obituary of Brother Carl Lowe.

He was the son of Roscoe, and Emma (Morrison) Lowe. Born March 26th, 1915, and deceased this life, September 21st, 1947. He was married to Ethel Hanners, August, 15th, 1936, and to this union was born three children, namely: Ernestine, Jeanette and Jeraldine Lowe.

He joined the Old Regular Baptist Church Sept. 18th, 1947 and was baptized by the hands of Elder Jonny Nich-

ols, and Harvey Lowe. He leaves his father and mother, his wife and children, two sisters, namely: Lassic Hanners, and Elsie Varney, and a host of friends and relatives to mourn his loss.

I will say to you all that I believe our loss is his eternal gain.

Written by his Mother-in-Law,

Wildia Hanners.

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**Polly (Cline) Perry**

It is with a sad heart that I will try to write an Obituary of my mother, Polly (Cline) Perry.

She was born August 21st, 1866, deceased this life May 26th, 1948. She was the daughter of Anthony Cline, and Thursey Cline, and was married to Floyd Perry in 1887, and to this union was born nine children, three of which preceded her in death. Six children are still living, with 42 grand children, and a host of friends to mourn her loss.

She joined the Regular Baptist Church about 56 years ago, and was baptized by Elder W. R. Estep. She had her membership with the Rosa Church. She was a true Christian and kept the faith. She wasn't sick for very long until God called her away from this troublesome world, but we want to say while she was alive her doors were always open to help those who were in need. We feel that her seat is empty in the church as well as our homes, but one good thought that keeps back so many tears and brings joy and happiness to our soul, is that we have a hope of seeing Mother again in that bright City where Jesus is. I can recall back the years when we were children. We could see mother as she would walk in the church house with her wash bowl, and it seemed to make her so rejoice that she could wash the sister's feet.

We want to say to her children. Those who are praying, pray on and fight the battle. Though it won't be too long until we can go and see mother again. And to her Son, that is yet in sin, give your heart to God, and live for Jesus. She often told me she would be willing to die if she could only see this lost son of her's come to Christ.

You know friends, we are made to rejoice while writing this Obituary, just to think that we have a hope in the resurrection of the dead and that we can all meet mother over there with all the rest of God's children.

*Mother's face has been a beacon,  
Over a sea of deep despair,  
I shall look for her up yonder,  
Will my mother know me there.  
When I wandered to her bedside,  
And to me, She could not speak,  
With that sweet smile on her face,  
She had gently gone to sleep.*

Written by her Daughters,  
Murtie and Susie.

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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 letters, 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 and Assistant Moderator, a Clerk and Assistant Clerk, also a 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 representative 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 delegates 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 churches.
2. To preserve inviolable 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 present 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

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 matter; 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 devoid of that holiness, required by the law of God, wholly given to the gratification of the world, to 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 Saviour.

ARTICLE V. That the great gospel blessing which Christ

in his fullness bestowed in such as believe in him, is justified and that justification consist 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 are 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 effected 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 Baptized 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 qualification 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 commemo-

rate 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 enjoining upon us to show our love for one another.

ARTICLE XII. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, both of the just and the unjust. Also that 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. The 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 liberly obtained therefrom.

ARTICLE VII. No member of the association shall have the liberty of laughing during the sittings nor whispering in the 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 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.

**Names and Addresses of  
ORDAINED MINISTERS**

TOMMY ADAIR.....Delbarton, W. Va.  
 J. B. ANDERSON.....McCarr, Ky.  
 JONAH BEVINS.....Box 1534, Williamson, W. Va.  
 B. H. BEVINS.....Box 655, Williamson, W. Va.  
 DYKE BLACKBURN.....Pilgrim, Ky.  
 J. H. BROWN.....Canada, Ky.  
 WILLIS BLACKBURN.....Goody, Ky.  
 DAVE BLANKENSHIP.....Baisden, W. Va.  
 LESLIE BLAIR.....Greenville, W. Va.  
 GROVER CARY.....R.F.D. 1, Delbarton, W. Va.  
 P. H. S. CURRY.....R.F.D. 1, Delbarton, W. Va.  
 EMMETTE CASE.....Varney, Ky.  
 PERRY CLINE.....Baisden, W. Va.  
 FLOYD CLINE.....Baisden, W. Va.  
 EARL CLAY.....Canal Point, Florida  
 ELLIS DAVIS.....R.F.D. 1, Box 180, Williamson, W. Va.  
 WILLIS DIALS.....Preece, Ky.  
 ASA EVANS.....R.F.D. 1, Delbarton, W. Va.  
 J. R. EVANS.....R.F.D. 1, Delbarton, W. Va.  
 HAROLD EDMONDS.....Box 88, Canada, Ky.  
 CHARLIE EVANS.....Stirrat, W. Va.  
 JOHN FOUCH.....Curry, W. Va.  
 S. B. FRALEY.....Hatfield, Ky.  
 FAYETTE HACKNEY.....Toler, Ky.  
 TRACEY HATFIELD.....Gilbert, W. Va.  
 ESTER HOPKINS.....Box 819, Williamson, W. Va.  
 W. C. HAY.....R.F.D. 1, Delbarton, W. Va.  
 J. H. HENSLEY.....Leet, W. Va.  
 J. I. HENSLEY.....Naugatuck, W. Va.  
 BILL JUDE.....Pilgrim, Ky.  
 L. G. LOWE.....Box 51, Turkey Creek, Ky.  
 J. J. LAYNE.....Kimble, W. Va.  
 H. C. MAYNARD.....Stone, Ky.  
 WALLACE MAYNARD.....R.F.D. 1, Delbarton, W. Va.  
 M. J. MOUNTS.....R.F.D. 1, Delbarton, W. Va.  
 ELDON MAYNARD.....Hennon, Ky.  
 W. H. MAY.....Kirk, W. Va.  
 LEWIS MARCUM.....Turkey Creek, Ky.  
 CARLOS MEADOWS.....Chauncey, W. Va.  
 J. L. NICHOLS.....Thomas, Ky.  
 SHADLE PAULEY.....Beauty, Ky.  
 ORVILLE RUNYON.....Chattaroy, W. Va.  
 ERNIE RUNYON.....Greenup, Ky.  
 W. T. RIFE.....Verdunville, W. Va.  
 WILLIE STANLEY.....Hardy, Ky.

C. L. SWANSON ..... 508 20th St., N.W., Roanoke, Va.  
 LEWIS SMITH ..... Hardy, Ky.  
 A. A. SHEPARD ..... Holden 23 W. Va.  
 JONAH SMITH ..... Turkey Creek, Ky.  
 J. E. TAYLOR ..... Heenon, Ky.  
 J. G. THORNSBURY ..... Canada, Ky.  
 WILLIE WHITE ..... Lenore, W. Va.  
 KEN VARNEY ..... Box 1942, Williamson, W. Va.  
 GEORGE ELKINS ..... Barnabus, W. Va.

### Ministers Liberated to Prove Their Gift

GEORGE HINKLE ..... Sidney, Ky.  
 RUDOLPH SESCO ..... Piso, Ky.  
 ORVILLE STANLEY ..... Road Fork, Ky.  
 CECIL SHEPARD ..... Lenore, W. Va.  
 WILLARD BLAIR ..... Lenore, W. Va.  
 WAYNE HEARLD ..... R.F.D. 1, Delbarton, W. Va.  
 ERNEST COCHRAN ..... Canada, Ky.  
 SAM HEARLD ..... Crum, W. Va.

### Names and Addresses of CLERKS

Mt. Pleasant ..... Harold Edmonds ..... Box 88, Canada, Ky.  
 Apple Orchard ..... R. B. Maynard ..... Heenon, Ky.  
 Enon ..... Logan Spencer ..... McCarr, Ky.  
 Rebecca ..... F. M. Preece ..... R.F.D. 1, Williamson, W. Va.  
 Bent Branch ..... Forrest Bevins ..... Meta, Ky.  
 Sardis ..... Tommy Adair ..... Delbarton, W. Va.  
 Big Branch ..... Harvey Lowe ..... Gulnare, Ky.  
 Mary Elizabeth ..... George Fraley ..... Hatfield, Ky.  
 Bethany ..... Willard Blair ..... Lenore, W. Va.  
 Elk Fork ..... Matilda C. Curry ..... R.F.D. 1, Delbarton, W. Va.  
 Pilgrim Home ..... Troy T. Francis ..... Box 52, Williamson, W. Va.  
 Salem ..... A. M. Varney ..... Road Fork, Ky.  
 Sidney ..... Clinton Howard ..... Moree, Ky.  
 Dix Fork ..... Omer Williamson ..... Canada, Ky.  
 Narrows Branch ..... Willie Stanley ..... Hardy, Ky.  
 Leanah ..... T. J. Robinson ..... Moree, Ky.  
 Buck Creek ..... Clerk's Name and Address Unknown.  
 Tabitha ..... Comfort Gilman ..... Barnabus, W. Va.  
 Little Rosa ..... Ireland Harrison ..... Box 36, Borderland, W. Va.  
 Turkey Creek ..... Julis Burgett ..... Turkey Creek, Ky.  
 Samaria ..... Pearl Dillon ..... Kirk, W. Va.  
 Rosa ..... Dewey Cline ..... Baisden, W. Va.  
 Muncy Valley ..... Robert H. Adkins ..... Pie, W. Va.

## STATISTICAL REPORT

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Churches and Delegates	Rec'y by Baptism	Rec'y by Letter	Rec'y by Restoration	Rec'y by Recommendation	Dismissed by Letter	Died	Excluded	Total Membership	Church Time	Church Contributions
Mt. Pleasant—Harold Edmonds, W. F. Collins, Mont Williamson -----	6	0	2	0	0	1	1	49	2	\$15.00
Apple Orchard—Eldon Maynard, Roland Maynard, Elkana Robinson -----	6	0	0	0	0	2	1	46	1	6.00
Enon—W. C. Hay, Logan Spencer, J. B. Anderson -----	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	9	1	10.00
Rebecca—Mosco Gilman, Nicholas Runyon, Jim White -----	0	0	1	2	0	2	2	62	2	15.00
Bent Branch—Thomas Morrison, John Maynard, John Lyon -----	12	1	0	0	0	3	1	66	3	15.00
Sardis—Wallace Maynard, Tommy Adair, Wayne Hearld -----	7	3	0	0	5	1	4	177	4	15.00
Bib Branch—Ali Griffy, Harvey Lowe, Landon McCoy -----	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	29	3	10.00
Mary Elizabeth—S. B. Fraley, Donnie Lowe, George Fraley -----	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	30	3	10.00
Bethany—Willie White, Ellis Davis, Hayden Hannah -----	19	0	3	1	0	0	4	71	4	15.00

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Elk Fork—Grover Cary, John Ward, Sam Herald -----	3	1	0	0	1	2	1	71	3	15.00
Pilgrim Home—Emmette Case, Marshall Williamson, Rudolph SESCO -----	4	0	0	0	1	2	3	115	4	20.00
Salem—Jonah Bevins, Harrison Bevins, Leslie Blanton -----	3	0	0	0	4	1	3	149	1	20.00
Sidney—Bill Jude, Tom Howell, Willis Dials -----	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	30	4	7.60
Dix Fork—H. C. Maynard, Marvin Stanley, Sterl Smith -----	11	0	0	0	0	1	0	70	1	15.00
Narrows Branch—Lewis Smith, Willie Stanley, Ottis Hall -----	5	2	0	0	0	0	0	50	4	20.00
Leanah—T. J. Robinson, Clinton Howard, John Fraley -----	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	23	2	5.00
Buck Creek—No Letter, No Contribution-----										
Tabitha—Charley Evans, Carlos Meadows, Tom Duty -----	15	0	3	0	4	1	3	61	1	10.00
Little Rosa—Orville Ruynon, Ireland Harrison, Luther Staten -----	3	1	0	0	0	1	1	23	2	4.00
Turkey Creek—Ken Varey, Lewis Marcum, James Varney -----	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	72	2	15.00
Samaria—Sherman May, Jeff May, Willie Lackey -----	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	24	3	10.00
Rosa—Leslie Blair, Perry Cline, Floyd Cline -----	6	3	0	0	0	1	1	67	3	10.00
Muncy Valley—Robert H. Adkins, Strauther Adkins, Cecil Evans -----								13	3	5.00
TOTALS-----	108	11	9	3	15	23	27	1,307		\$167.60