

**Minutes**  
of the  
**Sixty-First Annual Session**

of the  
**Sardis Association of  
Regular Baptist**

THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST  
IN SESSION ASSEMBLED WITH  
**LITTLE ROSA CHURCH**  
Chattaroy, Mingo County, W. Va.

**September 11, 12 and 13, 1953**



**ELDER ESTER HOPKINS, Moderator**  
**ELDER B. H. BEVINS, Asst. Moderator**  
**TROY T. FRANCIS, Clerk**      **F. M. PREECE, Asst. Clerk**

**PROCEEDINGS**  
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In session assembled with the Little Rosa Church, September 11th, 12th and 13th, 1953, at the place where arrangements were made for the preaching. The services were introduced by Elder Ester Hopkins, followed by the introductory sermon delivered by Elder Tommy Adair, TEXT: 2nd Kings, 1st Chapter and the 16th Verse. Then the delegates assembled at the place where service was introduced and after a short talk and song and prayer, by Elder Jerry Hall, 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 Ester Hopkins as Moderator, Elder B. H. Bevins, as Assistant Moderator, Brother Troy T. Fancis, Clerk, and Brother F. M. Preece as 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 Southern Home, at Citra, Florida.
5. Called for letters from Sister associations and received as follows:

NEW SALEM—By the hands of Elder Wiley Coffee, Square Hamilton, Ben Hopkins, R. E. Holbrook, Jerry Hall, Sr., Billie Moore, and J. P. Hall. Letter in the hands of Elder Jerry Hall, Sr.

UNION—By the hands of Elders S. T. Wright, B. Blaine England, B. H. Baker, E. H. Wallen, James Green, Fon Bowling, Elmer Church and Rufus Perigan. Letter in the hands of Elder B. Blaine England.

PHILADELPHIA—By the hands of Brothers John Reed, Virgil Burnette, Mont Burnette, John Griffey and Asa Reed. Letter in the hands of Brother John Griffey.

MUD RIVER — By the hands of Brothers George

Miller, Wetzel Ball, Hillard Pauley and Dow Hurley. Letter in the hands of Brother Wetzel Ball.

THORNTON UNION—By the hands of Elders Charles Cornett, Ray Collins, T. G. Bates, W. C. Hogg, Kirby Isom, E. M. Embarger, Caleb Creech, Billie Day, Willie Bates, Hargis Caudill, Elbert Richie, and Brother Lawrence Moggard. Letter in the hands of Elder Charles Cornett.

INDIAN BOTTOM—By the hands of Elders George Hagens, Paris Hagens, H. D. Caudill, G. M. Caudill, and Manus Isom. Letter in the hands of Elder G. M. Caudill.

FRIENDSHIP—By the hands of Elders J. H. Belcher, Epp Cline, Clifford Green, B. C. Riffe, and N. J. Roberts. Letters in the hands of Elder J. H. Belcher.

6. Called for transient ministers and members of our faith and order, the following received: Elders H. C. Maynard, Claude Brown, Elis Cotton, Brack Hall, Mannus Mullins, Tracy Hatfield and Tyra Church.

7. On motion it is ordered that we correspond with the following associations: NEW SALEM, UNION, PHILADELPHIA, MUD RIVER, THORNTON UNION, INDIAN BOTTOM and FRIENDSHIP.

8. By motion and second, it is 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: Lacy Marcum, Ireland Harrison and Fayette Scott.

11. Committee appointed to see that the stand be supplied with ministers and that peace is preserved around the stand, consisting of Lacy Marcum, and Ireland Harrison.

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 Little Rosa Church, Ministers as follows: Friday night, First, Elders Ray Collins; Second, Fon Bowling; Third, Elis Cotton and Fourth, George Centers.

Saturday, Elders, First, Sherman Crum; Second, George Hagens; Third, Jerry Hall; Fourth, B. H. Baker, and Fifth, Wardie Craft.

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

14. On motion of Elder B. H. Bewins, 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 James Green.

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 R. A. Damron and H. C. Maynard, 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 September the 11th, 1953	\$505.97
Extra Contributions from Churches	140.30
Total	\$646.27
Paid for Printing of Minutes and Freight Charges	\$597.26
Secretary's Fee	10.00
Clerk's Fee	15.00
Treasurer's Fee	10.00
Total Paid Out	\$632.26
Balance in Bank	14.01
Received from Churches this Year	\$570.00
Received for Pictures	25.00
Total on Hand for Next Year	\$609.01

5. By motion it is ordered that Troy T. Francis be appointed as treasurer and that he be allowed \$10.00 for his services.

6. Ordered that the Clerk superintend the printing of the minutes and that he have three thousand copies printed (3,000) and that he be allowed \$15.00 for his services preparing manuscript and recording same.

7. Brethren called in union meetings and associa-

tions last year made their reports, their reports received, failures excused. They all were admonished to be more faithful this coming year.

8. By motion it is ordered that we continue printing union meetings in our minutes.

9. Appointed the same committee to arrange for preaching Saturday night and Sunday, who reported as follows: Saturday night, Elders, First, Fon Bowling; Second, John Moore; Third, Dow Hurley; Fourth, Ira Adkins, and Fifth, H. A. Lane.

Sunday, Elders, First, B. Blaine England; Second, James Green; Third, J. H. Belcher; Fourth, Elmer Church and Fifth, our Moderator Elder Ester Hopkins, to preach and close.

10. Letters to sister associations read and appointed delegates as follows:

**NEW SALEM**—To be held with the Robinson Creek Church, Robinson Creek, Virgie, Pike County, Ky., to begin on Friday before the Fourth Saturday in September, 1953. Elders: Perry Cline, H. C. Maynard, B. H. Bevins, Cecil Evans, Ester Hopkins and Brothers: Joe Robinette, John Scott, Troy T. Francis and Taulby Williamson. Letter in the hands of Elder Ester Hopkins.

**UNION**—To be held with the Sulphur Spring Church at Elkhorn, Ky., to begin on Friday before the Third Saturday in September, 1953. Elders: B. H. Bevins, Perry Cline, H. C. Maynard, Emmette Case, Carlos Gibson, Ester Hopkins, Cecil Evans, Willie Stanley and Brothers: Troy T. Francis and Joe Robinett. Letter in the hands of Elder Ester Hopkins.

**PHILADELPHIA**—To be held with the Little Mary Church, Ashland, Boyd County, Ky., to begin on Friday before the Second Saturday in August, 1954. Elders: H. C. Maynard, Charlie Johnson, Fayette Hackney, Ernest Cochran, Clyde Brown, Lewis Marcum, Claude Brown, J. G. Thornsby and Brothers: Taulby Williamson and Hi Williamson. Letter in the hands of Elder H. C. Maynard.

**MUD RIVER**—To be held with the Mount Zion Church, Pecks Mill, Logan County, W. Va., to begin on Friday before the Fourth Saturday in August, 1954. Elders: Carlos Gibson, Perry Cline, B. H. Bevins, Charlie Johnson, J. G. Thornsby, Lewis Smith, Ernest Cochran, Lewis Marcum, H. C. Maynard, Ester Hop-

kins and Brothers: J. M. Francis, Joe Robinette, Julius Cochran, Marvin Stanley and Pete Dials. Letter in the hands of Elder Ester Hopkins.

**THORNTON UNION**—To be held with the Little Ruby Church, Letcher, Letcher County, Ky., to begin on Friday before the Third Saturday in August, 1954. Elders: Ester Hopkins, R. A. Dammron, Fayette Hackney, B. H. Bevins, Jonah Ester Williamson, H. C. Maynard, Harold Edmonds, Jonah Bevins and Brothers: Caudil Williamson, Mike Young, Taulby Williamson, J. M. Francis, Donnie Lowe, and Harold Varney. Letter in the hands of Elder B. H. Bevins.

**INDIAN BOTTOM**—To be held with the Little Bethlehem Church, Amburgy, Knott County, Ky., to begin on Friday before the First Saturday in September, 1954. Elders: Ester Hopkins, B. H. Bevins, Edwin May, Eldon Maynard, R. A. Dammron, H. C. Maynard, Tracy Hattfield and Brother Harold Varney. Letter in the hands of Elder Tracy Hattfield.

**FRIENDSHIP**—To be held with the Elkhorn Church, Kimball, McDowell County, W. Va., to begin on Friday before the First Saturday in September, 1954. Elders: Perry Cline, Tommy Adair, Jonah Bevins, J. G. Thornsby, Charlie Johnson, Lewis Smith, Claude Brown, Charlie Evans and Brothers: Joe Robinette and Clyde Brown. Letter in the hands of Elder J. G. Thornsby.

11. 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.

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

13. By move it is ordered that we discontinue printing Memorials in our minutes.

14. 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.

15. 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

tion, and such cases to have Gospel or Church evidence of same.

16. In answer to request from the Muncy Valley Church we feel your request was not properly handled before coming to the association.

17. In answer to the request of the Sardis Church, your request granted, concerning publishing Wallace Maynard and Allen Stepp, in disorder, for having been excluded from the Church and their names dropped from our minutes.

18. By motion it is ordered that the circular letter written by Elder Tommy Adair, be received and to be printed in these minutes, and that Elder Ester Hopkins write a circular letter to be approved by our association next year.

19. By motion it is ordered that Article 13 will be dropped from out minutes but not changed in Article 10 of our Articles of Faith.

20. By motion it is ordered that Article 15 and 16 of last year's minutes be dropped and not be enforced any more.

21. By motion and second it is ordered that we, the Sardis Association appoint a committee to meet with the Union and New Salem Associations for the purpose of trying to make peace between two of our Sister Associations: The Indian Bottom and Thornton Union. Committee appointed as follows: Elders Ester Hopkins, B. H. Bevins, Jonah Bevins, J. G. Thornsbury and H. C. Maynard. This committee is to work providing Union and New Salem, see cause to do the same, appoint a committee.

22. Ordered that our next Association be held with the Mt. Pleasant Church, at Canada, Pike County, Ky., about half way between Williamson, W. Va., and Pikeville, Ky., on Route 119, to begin on Friday before the Second Saturday in September, 1954.

23. By vote it is ordered that Elder Emmette Case preach the introductory sermon and that Elder Ester Hopkins be his alternate.

24. Ordered that we tender our thanks to the Little Rosa Church and to the community at large.

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

DUOVE MENTIONED.

Elder Ester Hopkins, Moderator  
Elder B. H. Bevins, Asst. Moderator  
Troy T. Francis, Clerk  
F. M. Preece, Asst. Clerk

## UNION MEETINGS

### February

SOUTHERN HOME—Citra, Florida—First Saturday and Sunday. Elders: B. H. Bevins, Grover Carey, Willie White, Jonah Ester Williamson, Ester Hopkins, Ellis Moore and all others invited.

### May

SALEM—Goody, Ky.—First Saturday and Sunday. Elders: Grover Carey, Ken Varney and R. A. Damron.

TURKEY CREEK—Turkey Creek, Ky.—Second Saturday and Sunday. Elders: Grover Carey, Ester Hopkins and J. G. Thornsbury.

### June

ENON—McCarr, Ky.—First Saturday and Sunday. Elders: J. G. Thornsbury, Grover Carey, Watt Shepherd and Joda Otten.

APPLE ORCHARD—Heennon, Ky.—Friday before the First Saturday in June, and the two following days. Elders: Emmette Case, Edwin May and Willie White.

LITTLE ROSA—Chattaroy, W. Va.—Second Saturday and Sunday. Elders: John Wagner, J. G. Thornsbury, James Green and R. A. Damron.

MUNCY VALLEY—Pie, W. Va.—Third Saturday and Sunday. No Ministers requested.

BUCK CREEK—Beauty, Ky.—Third Saturday and Sunday. Elders: J. G. Thornsbury, Grover Carey and B. H. Bevins.

LITTLE VIRGIE—Coleman, Ky.—Third Saturday and Sunday. Elders: Wayne Hearld, Harold Edmonds,

ver Carey.

SIDNEY—Threeforks, Ky.—Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Elders: Charlie Johnson, J. G. Thornsberry, J. L. Nichols and Edwin May.

**July**

DIX FORK—Canada, Ky.—First Saturday and Sunday. Elders: Charlie Evans, Grover Carey, Booker Rife, Lewis Smith and Jonah Bevins.

LEANNAH—Moree, Ky.—Second Saturday and Sunday. Elders: H. C. Maynard, B. H. Bevins with Moderator attending.

MT. PLEASANT—Canada, Ky.—Second Saturday and Sunday. Elders: Wayne Hearld, James Green and Grover Carey, with communion Sunday afternoon.

SAMARIA—Kirk, W. Va.—Third Saturday and Sunday. Elders: Tommy Adair, Cecil Evans and Lewis Marcum.

BIG BRANCH—Thomas, Ky.—Third Saturday and Sunday. Elders: H. C. Maynard, J. R. Coleman, Ester Hopkins, with Moderator attending.

MARY ELIZABETH—Hatfield, Ky.—Third Saturday and Sunday. Elders: Ester Hopkins, Wayne Hearld, J. G. Thornsberry and James Green, with Moderator attending.

NARROWS BRANCH—Hardy, Ky.—Beginning on Friday before the Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Elders: Elis Cotton, Wiley Coffee, with our Moderator and Assistant Moderator attending.

**August**

TABITHA—Barnabus, W. Va.—First Saturday and Sunday. Elders: Wayne Hearld, J. G. Thornsberry, Willie White and B. H. Bevins.

REBECCA—Trace Fork of Pigeon Creek, W. Va.—Second Saturday and Sunday. Elders: J. G. Thornsberry, Emmette Case and Ester Hopkins. This is also our Memorial meeting time.

ELK FORK—Elk Fork of Pigeon Creek, W. Va.—Third Saturday and Sunday. Elders: J. G. Thornsberry, Shadle Pauley and H. C. Maynard.

BENT BRANCH—Meta, Ky.—Third Saturday and

Emmette Case, with Moderator attending, and Communion Sunday afternoon.

ROSA—Baisden, W. Va.—Third Saturday and Sunday. Elders Taylor Blankenship, Wayne Hearld, Ester Hopkins and Willie White, with Communion Sunday afternoon.

BETHANY—Lenore, W. Va.—Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Elders H. C. Maynard, Grover Carey and Wayne Hearld. This is also our Memorial meeting time.

SARDIS—Delbarton, W. Va.—Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Elders: B. H. Bevins, H. C. Maynard, Edwin May and J. G. Thornsberry.

PILGRIMS HOME—Varney, Ky.—Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Elders Ellis Moore, B. H. Bevins and Delbert Sanders, with Communion Sunday afternoon.

**Agreement by Request**

The Apple Orchard Church together with the Big Branch Church have agreed to have a Communion meeting at the head of Sycamore Creek on the Fourth Saturday and Sunday in July, 1954, with Communion Saturday afternoon by request of some of their members over there, who are not able to go far to Church.

**SUNDAY SERVICE**

A large and orderly congregation met at the place arranged for the preaching. For some reason three of the ministers selected to preach were not present.

1. Elder Grover Carey was called to the stand to introduce the service. He used only a few minutes of time and called for a song— Song, Amazing Grace. Brother Carey also led us in prayer.

2. Elder B. Blaine England filled the stand. He used for a text: St. John, 5th Chapter and 24th Verse, which reads as follows: (Verily, Verily, I say unto you, he that heareth My words, and believeth on Him that sent Me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation, but is passed from death unto life.)

3. Elder W. C. Hay was called to the stand. He used for a text: A portion of the 16th Verse of the 3rd Chapter of Ruth as follows: (Who Art Thou My Daughter?)

Assistant Moderator. He used for a text: A portion of the 9th Verse of the 3rd Chapter of Genesis, which also reads as follows: (Where Art Thou?) It seemed all the Brethren had the same mind and was wonderfully blessed with the spirit of preaching, and we wish to thank the Little Rosa Church and all of the good people on Buffalo Creek for their hospitality shown us during this session of our association, and we wish to thank the Sheriff of Mingo County, especially Mr. Johnnie Keesee, for the good job he done in directing the traffic for us.

Brethren let us all pray that we may meet together next year in another lovely association, which will be held with the Mt. Pleasant Church, about half way between Williamson, W. Va., and Pikeville, Ky., on Rt. 119. May the God of Heaven bless us all until we meet again, thus ending the Sixty First annual session of the Sordis Association.

Your unworthy Clerk,  
Troy T. Francis.

### CIRCULAR LETTER

Dear Brothers and Sisters of Sordis Association:

Being chosen by our last association to write a circular letter for your inspection at our next association when we meet with the Little Rosa Church, Chattaroy, West Virginia.

Realizing my unworthiness for such an important task I will try to fulfill your request. I know without the spirit of God I cannot write anything that will be worth while, I hope that God will bless me and direct me in writing this letter. I don't want to use any special Scripture but, if the Lord will, I will just write in general of what I believe to be a few of the principles of the Regular Baptist Doctrine. I want to make this letter brief since I know there has been many good long circular letters written over a period of years by good, able Brothers who are far more able than I am to write concerning the doctrine of our Lord Jesus Christ. All I can do probably is to rewrite something that has already been written. First of all I hope that peace and love will reign in the hearts of all the Brothers and Sisters when we meet together in our next as-

and pray that God will preserve our association. I believe we should always sacrifice our own personal feeling for the good of each other when we can do so without sacrificing a principle of the doctrine of Christ.

I believe that we should examine our opinions very carefully before we publish them to others. 2nd Timothy, 2nd Chapter, 15th Verse, tells us to study, to show ourselves approved unto God a workman that needeth not to be ashamed rightly dividing the word of truth. In my opinion if we would spend more time in a prayerful study of the Scriptures we would have less trouble in our churches and we probably wouldn't have any trouble in our associations.

I believe that all right thinking men and women will agree that preaching repentance toward God and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ is one of the most important gospel messages to be preached today since God has commanded all men everywhere to repent. I believe it to be the duty of every God-sent preacher to spread this glorious message wherever they may go. I believe that God has offered men and women everywhere salvation on the condition that they repent of their sins and believe in the Lord Jesus Christ.

I don't believe that men and women are forced to repent of their sins. I believe that they are led to repentance by the goodness of God and that it's through the goodness and love of God that the gospel is preached which is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believes it. And men and women can accept or reject the invitation to be saved. I believe that it takes the power of God to deliver men from their sins that no person has the power within himself to deliver his own soul but, as the Scriptures tell us, salvation is of the Lord. I believe that every person that truly repents of their sins calling on the name of the Lord that God will forgive them and will enroll their names in the Book of Life and will give them of His spirit to guide them in the way of all truth and the same Holy Spirit will lead them to the water to be buried with Jesus Christ in Baptism and raised to walk in newness of life.

I don't believe that any true Baptist believes that water has anything to do with cleansing our souls from sin, but we believe that it takes the precious blood of Jesus Christ to cleanse our guilty conscience and that

believe that it is the inward principal of man that is born of the spirit of God and that when our souls are born again it will cause us to confess Jesus Christ with our mouth and men will see our good works, and will glorify our Father which is in Heaven. We find proof of an inner man in many Scriptures. I will mention just a few: 1st, Peter, 3rd Chapter, 3rd Verse, clearly states this fact whose adorning let it not be that outward adorning of plaiting the hair, of wearing gold or putting on of apparel, but, let it be the hidden man of the heart in that which is not corruptible even the ornament of a meek and quite spirit which is in the sight of God of great price. Also Romans, 2nd Chapter, 28th Verse, "For he is not a Jew, which is one outwardly; neither is that circumcision, which is outward in the flesh". He is a Jew which is one inwardly and circumcision is that of the heart. In the spirit and not in the letter whose praise is not of men but of God.

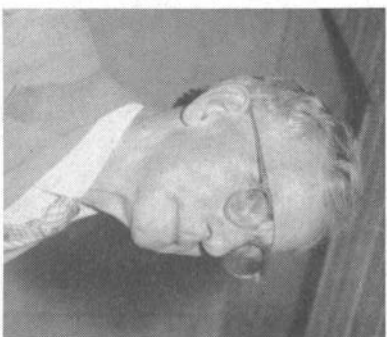
I believe that we live in hope while we live in this world and when we die our flesh shall rest in hope that Jesus Christ will call our sleeping bodies from the grave and as it is written in the 3rd Chapter and 23rd Verse of Philippians, "Who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body, according to the working whereby He is able even to subdue all things unto himself". Also Jesus speaking in St. John, 11th Chapter, 26th Verse, said: He that believeth in Me though he were dead yet shall he live and whosoever liveth and believeth in Me shall never die. We believe that according to the Scriptures that the soul which is born of the spirit of God shall never die. We sometimes use the expression that the sinner will live on throughout eternity, but according to the Scriptures there is an eternal death to the person raised in the resurrection of the unjust in Revelation 20th Chapter, 6th Verse, Jesus said: Blessed and Holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection on such the second death hath no power. All that are not in the first resurrection the second death will have power over them and they will ever die throughout eternity. The punishment of the wicked will be as long as the happiness of the righteous as I have already said, I believe in a resurrection of the just and the unjust and only after our bodies arise from the grave will they be like Jesus. John, 3rd Chapter, 2nd Verse, says: Beloved now are we the sons of God and it doth not yet appear what we shall be but we know that when He shall appear we shall be

every person on earth shall have an opportunity to go to Heaven. That they can lay hold on eternal life and live forever, but, if they reject the counsel of God against themselves their damnation is just. In closing let me say I didn't try to write in a way to gain praise or to make this an imposing letter, I just wanted to write simply what I believe and that I think that the majority of Regular Baptist believe. May the Lord bless and preserve you is my prayer.

Written by your unworthy Brother in Christ,  
Tommy Adair.

## OBITUARIES

**Brother J. R. (Dick) Evans**



**Elder J. R. (Dick) Evans**

It is with great sadness of heart that I try to write the obituary of Brother Joel Richard Evans, who was born November 9th, 1880, and deceased this life on February 8, 1953. He was 72 years, 3 months old at death. The writer has known Brother J. R. Evans for twenty years and we have traveled for the most of this time together.

Brother Dick was a faithful minister and when I would drive to the gate and call Brother Dick, he would always say, "Coming Brother Orvill".

Now to the children and his wife—if you expect to

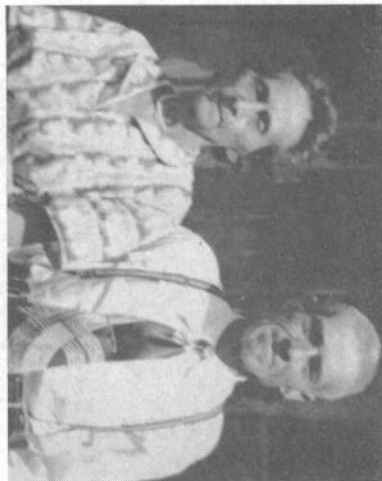


path that he walked.

Written by a brother in hope of meeting Uncle Dick.

Elder Orvill Runyons.

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**Elder Asa Evans**



**Elder Asa Evans, Deceased**

**Wife still living**

Elder Asa Evans was born August 18, 1876, and died April 27, 1953, being 76 years old. He was the son of Harvey Evans and Malissia Bradley Evans, both of whom preceded him in death. He was married to Deliah Staten June 29, 1907. Sister Deliah survives him. To this union were born nine children, all living. Four sons: Jennings Bryan Evans, of New Castle, Delaware; Woodrow Wilson, Cornwell and Buddy Evans, all of Delbarton, West Virginia. Five daughters: Mrs. Bertha Martin, Mrs. Virgie Estep, Mrs. Daisy Dempsey, Mrs. Vada Farley and Mrs. Esther Hodge, all of Delbarton, West Virginia.

Brother Asa joined the Old Regular Baptist Church about 1910, the exact date is not known. He was licensed to preach the fourth Saturday in December, 1921. He was ordained the fourth Saturday in May, 1923. He was a faithful church member for 43 years and preached 32 years. He was widely known and much in demand as a preacher. He was very sincere and faithful to his church duties. Brother Asa was elected Clerk of the Sardis Church, Delbarton, West Virginia, November 24, 1923. He was appointed Assistant Moderator January 24, 1925, and was elected

This office he held until his death. He was also elected Moderator of Sardis Association in 1927 while the Association was split. The Association being held that year at Elk Fork Church. Brother Asa worked very hard to support his family and between his work and church duties had very little spare time, but he was never too busy to go to any one in need; people called for him all hours of the night and day. His life was full. He was also Moderator of many other churches during the time he was Moderator of Sardis Church, including Tabitha Church at Chauncey, West Virginia, where he was also Moderator at the time of his death.

I have heard him say many time he would just as soon be called when at church with the towel girded around him washing the Brethrens' feet as any way. I could write a book on the life of this dear Brother and elder but his life was an open book and his record. I would like to say to Sister Deliah, I feel it will not be long until you will meet Brother Asa again where you will never have to part anymore, and to his children that are outside of the church, forsake this world of sin and follow Dad's example for I believe if you ever see Dad again you will have to meet Jesus in a pardon of your sins. May God bless you all is my prayer.

Written by Your Unworthy Servant,  
Tommy Adair.

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**Sarrah L. (Canterbury) Morock**



**Sarrah L. (Canterbury) Morock**

my dear Sister, whom God called away October the 2nd, 1951. She was the daughter of W. M. Canterbury and Maryann (Baisden) Canterbury, and was married to Edward Morock. To this union were born two children, Maryann, and William Edward.

She professed a hope in Christ and was baptized by the hands of Elders Wallace Maynard and Grover Carey and lived a faithful Christian life before the world. I feel that our loss is her eternal gain, and by the help of God I can meet with her again some day,

*More and more each day I miss her,  
Friends may think the wound has healed,  
But they little know the sorrow  
That lies in my heart.  
God took you home in his good care,  
And in my heart your memory's there,  
But a star shines over the grave  
Of the one I love so dear.*

Written by her Sister,  
Elvira Carey.

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**W. M. Canterbury**



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It is with much sadness that I will write of dear Father, whom God called away February 23rd, 1952. He was born August 18th, 1874, a son of Joseph and Sarah (Lottery) Canterbury.

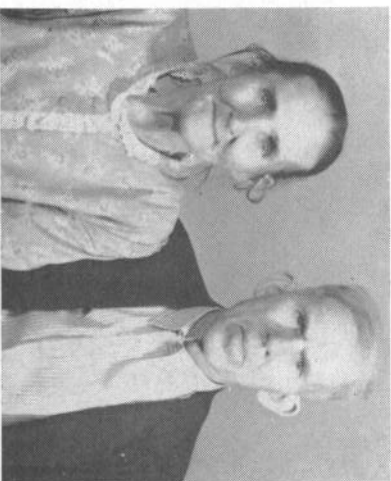
Father was married to Maryann Baisden and to this union were born 12 children, eight preceded him in

from the life he lived before us we feel assured that our loss is his eternal gain, and his soul is happily housed with all the Saints that have gone on before. Father was baptized by the hands of Elders Wallace Maynard and Wayne Hearld.

*Now daddy is gone and left us.  
His advice I hear no more,  
But I feel with all my heart  
He is resting on that bright shore.  
Although his chair is empty now,  
I miss him more each day,  
But I hope with all my heart  
We will meet again some day.*

Written by,  
Elvira Carey.

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**Martha (Sheppard) Runyon**



**Martha (Sheppard) Runyon, Deceased**  
Husband still living

It becomes my sad duty to write the obituary of my beloved mother-in-law, Martha (Sheppard) Runyon, a daughter of the late Allen and Polly (White) Sheppard, born May 2nd, 1878, and departed this life January 13th, 1950. She was united in marriage to William E. Runyon in February, 1893, and to this union were born 8 children, names as follows: Floyd, Julius B., Hi and Elva Runyon; daughters, Mrs. Sinda Curry, Mrs. Ruthie Spaulding, Mrs. Polly Leedy and Mrs. Rebecca Gilman. Ruthie and Hi preceded her in death. She leaves her husband, 6 children, 38 grandchildren

relatives to mourn her loss, but we feel our loss is her eternal gain. She joined the Regular Baptist Church many years ago and was baptized by the hands of Elder Zan Dempsey, and placed her membership with the Rebecca Church. She later moved her membership to the Elk Fork Church where she remained a faithful member till death called her from our midst.

I remember well the good counsel she gave us while she was still with us. I recall so many times when she would plead with her children and grandchildren, who have not made a start to serve the Lord. Loved ones won't you take heed to the good counsel she gave you and seek the Lord before it is too late, and live the life Mother lived before you then you too can have that wonderful hope of seeing Mother again in that glorious place which Jesus has gone to prepare for those who love and serve Him.

Written by her Daughter-in-law,  
Norma Runyon.

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**Pearley Sammons**



**William Pearly Sammons**

It is with a sad feeling we will try to write a short sketch of William Pearly Sammons. He was born at Dunlow, Wayne County, W. Va., January the 17th, 1899, deceased at Memorial Hospital, Huntington, W. Va., December the 5th, 1952. His stay here on earth was 53 years, 10 months and 18 days. He is survived by five sons and six daughters. One son and one daughter preceded him in death. He also leaves

and relatives to mourn his loss. He joined the Regular Baptist Church November 16th, 1952, and placed his membership with the Rosa Church, where he remained a faithful member until death. He told me the day before he passed away that no one could make him doubt what the Lord had done for him. He is greatly missed by all who knew him, for he was always ready to give a helping hand in time of need.

There is a vacancy in his home that can never be filled, but we feel that our loss is his eternal gain and we want to say to his children that are out of Christ, Father is gone from you and cannot return, but you can go to him if you will repent and accept Jesus as your Guide, and by so doing you can meet with Father over on the beautiful shores of Canon.

Written by his son,  
Howard Sammon and  
Brother Jonnie Cline.

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**Emma Canterbury**

It is with much sadness that I try to write an obituary of my dear sister-in-law, Emma Canterbury. She was the daughter of Elder Frank and Rachel Canterbury, born July 6th, 1903, deceased this life October 16th, 1951. She was united in marriage to William Canterbury, Jr., and to this union was born one child, Herbert Canterbury, who preceded her in death May 28th, 1926. She leaves her husband, one sister, three brothers and a host of friends and relatives to mourn her loss. She professed a hope in Christ and was baptized into the fellowship of the Bethany Church.

No one knows how we miss her presence since God called her away, but I believe our loss is her eternal gain, and to her husband, relatives and friends, prepare to meet Sister Emma around God's throne where there will be no more heart aches, no more pain, but all will be joy forever.

Written by her Sister-in-law,  
Myrtle Canterbury.

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**Elizabeth Lackey**

It is by request of the Samaria Church that I write a short sketch of the life of Sister Elizabeth. (York)

born September 22, 1872, departed this life October 13th, 1952. She was married to James Lackey and to this union were born ten children. Her husband and three of the children preceded her in death. She leaves seven children, names as follows: Edward, William, Ishmael, Shelva, Cornelius, Mrs. Sarilda York and Miss Mary Belle Lackey. She also leaves two sisters and one brother: Mrs. Belle Brewer, Mrs. Lula Pridemore and Bob York, thirty-eight grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren, with a host of friends and relatives to mourn her passing. Aunt Liz, as she was known to most everybody, was baptized into the fellowship of the Samaria Church, where she remained a faithful member until death called her from us. Sister Lackey was loved by all who knew her. She suffered greatly during her illness, but seemed to bear it with much patience.

So now to you children and grandchildren who have not found Jesus precious to your soul, if you want to meet with Mother again you must prepare in this life, for as death finds you so shall the judgment. I believe mother is resting with Jesus and will answer when he calls for his Saints to meet him in the air to ever be with the Angels and feast on the love of God forever and forever.

Written by her Daughter-in-law,  
Mrs. Shelva Lackey.

#### James Kimberlain

It is by request of the family that I now attempt to write the obituary of Brother James Kimberlain, who was born May the 9th, 1871, deceased this life May the 3rd, 1953, making his stay on earth 81 years, 11 months and 25 days old.

Alice (Smith) Kimberlain preceded him in death April 16th, 1917. To this union were born 7 children of which 3 are still living, as follows: Earl and Sam Kimberlain and Myrcle Ratliff. I personally knew Brother Kimberlain around fifty years. Since I first met him he has lived a faithful Christian life. He joined the Regular Baptist Church and was baptized July the 20th, 1947, and lived a faithful member until death. The last six months of his life I stayed with him most of the time, his conversation was always Godly and talked of how people ought to live in this

eternal life. There is many good things I could say concerning the life of a good brother like him which I don't feel to be necessary. I want to say to Earl and Sam and to Myrcle to remember the sweet advice he gave you and my prayer is that you may so live in this life that you can meet father in the great notable day to come.

May God bless you all is my prayers in Jesus name.

Written by request by,

Berlin McCoy.

#### Dike Blackburn

By request of the family I'll try to write the obituary of a loving brother, also a brother-in-law, a son of Jobe and Marnen Blackburn. He was sixty-eight years old at death, was married to Orie McCoy and to this union were born nine children. One daughter preceded him in death, leaving three sons and five daughters, along with Mother to mourn his loss. He also leaves four brothers and seven sisters. He joined the Regular Baptist Church and placed his membership with the Leannah Church. In the year of 1934 Brother Dike was ordained to the ministry, ready to answer every call until he became unable to go, then he called for the preaching Brethren to come to his home to preach and sing for him as long as he lived. He always asked them to sing Salvation, Oh, the name I love. He told me often before he died that his way was clear and his soul was white as snow. His only regret was leaving his family. From the fruits of his life I am made to believe his soul is resting from his labour and the Spirit says their works do follow them.

Children, Father is gone to return no more, but by the help of the Lord in whom your Father trusted, you can go to him where you will be happily housed around the throne of God, surrounded by Angels and attended by the Lamb of God. I hope you all will find Him precious to your souls and you may feast on the delectable mountains in peace with your Father and the Angels. This is my prayer in your behalf.

Written by a Sister in hope,

Velvie Rose.

By request I will in meekness and in sorrow, but not without a hope of this loving Sister and sainted Mother, to-wit: Sister Sally (Pauley) Jackson, born May 15th, 1878, deceased this life January 13th, 1952, age 74 years, 4 months and 2 days old. She was the daughter of William C. and Nancy (Williamson) Pauley, and was united in marriage to Dr. John Jackson, the date to me unknown. To this union were born 2 sons. Her husband preceded her in death.

Sister Jackson taught school several years before her marriage. When I was a very small boy I attended 2 schools to her in the community where we both were born and reared. She joined the Regular Baptist Church in the year of 1896. She and her father were baptized and placed their membership with the Bent Branch Church, where their names still remain. I remember well how she and her mother praised the Lord at the water's edge, everybody seemed to be happy.

Let me say to the two Sons, your best friend was your sainted Mother. She left you in this world, not willingly, but by appointment, which is temporal. Her Spirit returned to God who gave it. She is sleeping in Jesus, and Jesus will call and Mother will answer and live again in Glory, a Celestial body, made so by the power of God in a resurrection from the dead where there will be no more deaths, no more pain or no more sorrow, but all will be peace forever.

Your humble Servant,

Elder Jonah Bevins.

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**Mintie (Hinkle) Robinett**

It is with much sadness in my heart that I will try to write the obituary of my dear loving Grandmother, Mintie (Hinkle) Robinett. She was born April 30th, 1874, and went to her rest May 8th, 1953. She was the daughter of the late Billy and Mary (Williamson) Hinkle, and was united in marriage to W. M. Robinett, who preceded her in death. To this union were born 10 children, one died in infancy, 9 are still living, names as follows: Lilburn, Tobie, Lee, Marvin, Eldon, Inez, John, Eula and Fred.

She also leaves 35 grandchildren and 23 great-grandchildren, one whole brother Landon Hinkle,

kle, one half-sister, Mrs. Sarah Jane Young, with the entire membership of the Pilgrim's Home Church to mourn her loss. Grandmother joined the Regular Baptist Church and placed her membership with the Pilgrim's Home Church, where she remained a faithful member until God called her away. I want to say to the children and grandchildren that Grandmother is gone to return no more. She will never counsel us again with her sweet words of advice. If you ever expect to meet her you will have to prepare in this life for as death finds us so will the judgment receive us. So to all of you begin today to lay up treasures in Heaven where your loved ones has gone to wait for you.

*Mother dear, we long to see you,  
In your robe and crown so bright;  
We will pray for God to guide us,  
To lead us by His shining light.  
Mother's memory will linger  
With us from day to day,  
I hope by God's sweet mercy  
We will meet her some sweet day.*

Written by her Granddaughter,  
Joyce Thompson.

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**Robinson Maynard**

By the help of the Lord I will try to write the obituary of Uncle Robinson Maynard, who was born February 28th, 1875, departed this life February 23rd, 1953, being 77 years, 11 months and 23 days old. He suffered a stroke in August, 1952, and was bedfast the remainder of his life.

He leaves to mourn his loss his wife, Mrs. Oma Maynard, 11 children, five girls, namely: Mrs. Boyd Burris, Mrs. Condor Stotridge, Mrs. Fred Moon, Maggie and Wilma Lee Maynard; Six boys: Russel, John, Ferrell, J. C., Bobby and Hi Maynard.

During all of his suffering his patience seemed to grow stronger even until death, during which time he called other Brethren and me to his house and would ask us to kneel and pray with him that he might finish his suffering here on earth. Different times I've heard him beg the Lord to call him home to where he was, and told me to tell his children if they want to meet him again after this life that they must repent of their

So now I will say in order to meet the Lord in the air be prepared to stand before Him in judgment, for all of us are going to stand before God to be judged according as our deeds might be.

Written by,  
Elder Edwin May.

#### Florence Ledson

It is with a sad and mournful heart that I try to write an obituary of our beloved Sister, Florence (Clark) Ledson, who was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mayor Clark, born June the 25th, 1899, deceased this life October 3rd, 1949. She was united in marriage to Marion C. Ledson, December the 12th, 1914, and to this union were born 6 children, namely: Bertha Smith, Dora Maybury, Mable Hall, Sinda Floyd, Leon and Junior Ledson. She leaves three brothers and one sister, as follows: Mayor Clark, Jr., Leon and Joe Clark, and Rhoda Thompson, with a host of friends and relatives to mourn her loss, but we of the Bethany Church feel our loss is her eternal gain.

Sister Ledson joined the Regular Baptist Church in August, 1942, and placed her membership with the Bethany Church, but was not able to attend very much because of her affliction. I want to say to her children, relatives and friends that I believe if you ever see mother again and enjoy the happiness that I believe she is enjoying you will have to repent of your sins and be born again for Heaven is inherited through a new birth in Christ Jesus. Children, I know you have given up a devoted and loving Mother and her absence around the old home will be greatly missed, but don't weep for her but rather weep for yourselves and your children, that when Jesus comes to call the sleeping dead from the dust, that you can go home with Him forever and be with Mother where you will never have to part.

My prayer is that the God of Heaven will bless and help you all to bear the loss of mother and would you children who have not accepted Christ as your personal Saviour, take advice from one that loves you and turn to Him before it is too late.

Written by a Brother in Christ,  
Elder Ellis Davis.

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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 letters 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.

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nish the churches with the minutes or 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.

Article I. We believe the Holy Bible was written by men divinely inspired and is a perfect treasure of Heaven by inspiration, 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 meritorious 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 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 are made free to all by the Gospel, and that it is the im-

obedient taint.

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 His 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 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 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.

en 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 the time of public speech.

Article VIII. No members 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 as 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 reproved 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**

TOMMY ADAIR-----Delbarton, W. Va.  
 J. B. ANDERSON-----Motewon, W. Va.  
 STRAUTHER ADKINS-----Box 45, Varney, W. Va.  
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 WILLIS BLACKBURN-----Goody, Ky.  
 LESLIE BLAIR-----Hunt, W. Va.  
 CLAUDE BROWN-----Hardy, Ky.  
 GROVER CAREY-----RFD 1, Delbarton, W. Va.  
 EMMETTE CASE-----Varney, Ky.  
 PERRY CLINE-----Boisden, W. Va.  
 FLOYD CLINE-----Boisden, W. Va.  
 JOHNNY CLINE-----Boisden, W. Va.  
 EARL CLAY-----Pahokee, Fla.  
 EARNEST COCHRAN-----Canada, Ky.  
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 CHARLIE EVANS-----Sarah Ann, W. Va.  
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 JOHN FOUCH-----Curry, W. Va.  
 S. B. FRALEY-----Hatfield, Ky.  
 FAYETTE HACKNEY-----Toler, Ky.  
 J. I. HENSLEY-----Naugatuck, W. Va.  
 TRACY HATFIELD-----Hampton, W. Va.  
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 ELDON MAYNARD-----Stone, Ky.  
 W. H. MAY-----Kirk, W. Va.  
 LEWIS MARCUM-----Turkey Creek, Ky.  
 JEFF MAY-----Parsley, W. Va.  
 EDWIN MAY-----Meta, Ky.  
 CARLOS MEADOWS-----Omar, W. Va.  
 J. L. NICHOLS-----Thomas, Ky.  
 SHADLE PAULEY-----Beauty, Ky.  
 ORVILLE RUNNYON-----Chattoroy, W. Va.  
 ERNIE RUNNYON-----Greenup, Ky.  
 A. A. SHEPHERD-----Holden, W. Va.  
 WATT SHEPHERD-----R.F.D. 1, Delbarton, W. Va.  
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 WILLIE STANLEY-----Hardy, Ky.  
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 JONAH ESTER WILLIAMSON-----Varney, Ky.

GEORGE HINKLE-----Sidney, Ky.  
 RUDOLPH SESCO-----Piso, Ky.  
 CECIL SHEPHERD-----Lenore, W. Va.  
 WILLARD BLAIR-----Lenore, W. Va.  
 R. B. MAYNARD-----Heenon, Ky.  
 CASEY WEST-----Turkey Creek, Ky.  
 HARVEY LOWE-----Gulnare, Ky.  
 ROSS CLINE-----Boisden, 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-----Box 113, McCarr, Ky.  
 Rebecca-----F. M. Preece-----RFD 1, Delbarton, W. Va.  
 Bent Branch-----Forrest Bevins-----Meta, Ky.  
 Sardis-----Jesse Farley, Rfd 1, Box 10, Delbarton, W. Va.  
 Big Branch-----J. L. Nichols-----Thomas, Ky.  
 Mary Elizabeth-----George Fraley-----Hatfield, Ky.  
 Bethany-----Ellis Davis-----Lenore, W. Va.  
 Elk Fork-----Dewey Vernatter-----RFD 1, Delbarton, W. Va.  
 Pilgrims Home-----Troy T. Francis-----Box 52, Williamson, W. Va.  
 Salem-----A. M. Varney-----Road Fork, Ky.  
 Sidney-----Willis DiAls-----Pilgrim, Ky.  
 Dix Fork-----Omer Williamson-----Canada, Ky.  
 Narrows Branch-----Dock Scott-----Hardy, Ky.  
 Leannah-----T. J. Robinson-----Moree, Ky.  
 Bucky Creek-----Oma Muncy-----Beauty, Ky.  
 Tabitha-----Comfort Gilman-----Barnabus, W. Va.  
 Little Rosa-----Foy Scott-----Rt. 1, Box 220, Williamson, W. Va.  
 Turkey Creek-----Fred Lowe-----Turkey Creek, Ky.  
 Samaria-----Jeff May-----Parsley, W. Va.  
 Rosa-----Dewey Cline-----Boisden, W. Va.  
 Muncy Valley-----Robert Adkins-----Box 28, Varney, W. Va.  
 Little Virgie-----Orville Justice-----Coleman, Ky.  
 Southern Home-----Elvert Maynard-----Citro, Fla.

## STATISTICAL REPORT

Churches and Delegates	Rec'd by Baptism	Rec'd by Letter	Rec'd by Restoration	Rec'd by Recommendation	Dismissed by Letter	Deceased	Excluded	Total Membership	Church Time	Church Contributions
Mt. Pleasant—Harold Edmonds, Monroe Smith, Lewis Marcum-----	4	2	0	0	1	1	2	55	2	\$35.00
Apple Orchard—Eldon Maynard, Ben Maynard, Willie Nichols-----	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	52	1	15.00
Enon—Logan Spencer, J. B. Anderson, Hi Keesee-----	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	1	10.00
Rebecca—Mosco Gilman, John Preece, Watt Shepherd-----	9	0	4	0	0	1	0	99	2	35.00
Bent Branch—G. C. Bevins, John Lyons, Edwin May-----	8	0	0	0	0	1	2	76	3	25.00
Sardis—Tommy Adair, Cecil Evans, Wayne Hearld-----	7	8	1	0	2	2	4	176	4	25.00
Big Branch—Clinton Taylor, Harvey Lowe, Amos Lowe-----	4	0	0	0	1	1	0	35	3	10.00
Mary Elizabeth—George Fraley, Donnie Lowe, Tommy Jackson-----	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	35	3	25.00
Bethany—Willie White, Ellis Davis, Willard Blair-----	6	0	2	0	0	2	4	64	4	20.00
Elk Fork—Grover Carey, Will Runyon, Carlos Gibson-----	3	0	0	0	2	1	0	77	3	30.00
Pilgrim's Home—Emmette Case, Rudolph SESCO, J. M. Francis-----	10	0	0	0	0	1	2	197	4	50.00
Salem—B. H. Bevins, R. A. Damron, Jonah Bevins-----	4	2	1	0	0	1	1	162	1	45.00
Sidney—Tom Howel, Willis Dials-----	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	30	4	10.00
Dix Fork—J. G. Thornsby, Charlie Johnson, Clyde Brown-----	5	0	0	0	0	0	2	83	1	35.00
Narrows Branch—Lewis Smith, Willie Stanley, Dock Scott-----	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	72	4	30.00
Leannah—T. J. Robinson, Sam Robinson, Willie Howard-----	2	1	0	0	0	1	0	24	2	10.00
Buck Creek—Tive Hinkle, Pete Dials--	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	19	3	10.00
Tabitha—Joe Robinette, John Fouch, Mont Ellis-----	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	57	1	20.00
Little Rosa—Ireland Harrison, Fay Scott, Clarence McCoy-----	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	40	2	20.00
Turkey Creek—Julius Burgett, John Maynard, Jeff Staten-----	4	1	0	0	2	0	4	94	2	35.00
Samaria—W. H. May, Jeff May-----	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	15	3	10.00
Rosa—Perry Cline, Floyd Cline, Johnny Cline-----	6	0	0	0	2	1	3	104	3	30.00
Muncy Valley—Allen Adkins, Strauther Adkins, Delmos Runyon	3	0	0	0	8	0	1	27	3	10.00
Little Virgie—Ohlon Justice, Olson Thornsby,, John Scott-----	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	17	3	15.00
Southern Home—W. C. Hay, Elvert Maynard, Jobie Blackburn--	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	14	1	10.00
<b>TOTALS-----</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>1635</b>		<b>\$570.00</b>