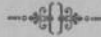


Minutes
of the
Sixty-Second Annual Session
of the
**Sardis Association of
Regular Baptist**

THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST
IN SESSION ASSEMBLED WITH
MT. PLEASANT CHURCH
Canada, Pike Co., Ky.



September 10, 11 and 12, 1954



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

PROCEEDINGS

of the

SIXTY-SECOND ANNUAL SESSION OF THE SARDIS ASSOCIATION OF REGULAR BAPTIST THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST

In session assembled with the Mt. Pleasant Church, September 10th, 11th and 12th, 1954, at the Church house where arrangements were made for the Preaching. The services were introduced by Elder Ester Hopkins, and Prayer by Elder E. V. Hopkins, followed by the introductory Sermon, delivered by Elder Emmette Case. Brother Case used no special Scripture as a Text; then the delegates remained at the Church House, and after a short talk and Prayer by Elder James Green, 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 and Elder B. H. Bevins, Ass't. Moderator; Brother Troy T. Francis, Clerk, and Brother F. M. Preece, Ass't. Clerk.
3. At the request of the Moderator, the rules of decorum were read by the Clerk.
4. Called for newly organized Churches and received none.
5. Called for letters from Sister Associations, and received as follows:

NEW SALEM—By the hands of Elders Squire Hamilton, F. A. Hopkins, E. V. Hopkins, Bille Moore, Tack Hall, Noah May, Wiley Coffee, Baxter Osborne, Ellis Moore, Lane Compton, Epp Holbrook, Jerry Hall, Sr., and Brack Hall. Letter in the hands of Elder Tack Hall.

UNION—By the hands of Elders James Green, G. W. Elkins, Elmer Church, J. T. Church, S. T. Wright, M. A. Musick, Earl Hogston, J. R. Coleman, Floyd Church, Frances Hubbard, B. H. Baker, B. Blaine England, Silas Bartley, Milton Thacker and Brothers Ulon Childers and Tyre Church. Letter in the hands of Elmer Church.

PHILADELPHIA—By the hands of Elder Ernest Runyon and Brothers Virgil Burnett, Fred Akers, John Reed and Dave Gilliam. Letter in the hands of Elder Ernest Runyon.

MUD RIVER—By the hands of Elder Earn Breedlove and Brothers George Miller, Wetzell Ball and Leonard Miller. Letter in the hands of Brother Wetzell Ball.

THORNTON UNION—By the hands of Elders Billie Day, Hargis Caudill, Elbert Richie, Kirby Isom, R. H. Welch, Carl Duty, Wardie Craft, W. S. Akers, T. G. Bates, Ray Collins, Charlie Cornette, Monroe Hubbard, James Fields, D. N. Asher, Dock Webb, Lawrence Moggard. Letter in the hands of Elder Ray Collins.

INDIAN BOTTOM—By the hands of Elders George Hagens, G. M. Caudill and Brothers H. D. Caudill, Dewey Hagens, H. B. Reedy, Mander Younts, Nick Everge, Wilson Francis. Letter in the hands of Elder G. M. Caudill.

Letter received and delegates seated. Their letter with a request attached was referred to committee on arrangements.

FRIENDSHIP—By the hands of Elders J. H. Belcher, N. J. Roberts, Jink Baker, Taylor Blankenship, A. H. Baker, Virgil Cline, John Burke, Epp Cline and Claud Bailey. Letter in the hands of Elder J. H. Belcher.

6. Called for Associations desiring to take up correspondence with us. None responded.

7. Called for transient Ministers and members of our faith and order, the following received: Elders Henry Blair, Jack Thomas, Bigge Sizemore, Brack Combs, Joe Jones, Lee Tackett, Phillip Mitchel, Squire Hamilton and Brother Caudill Williamson.

8. On motion it is ordered that we correspond with the following Associations: NEW SALEM, UNION, PHILADELPHIA, MUD RIVER, THORNTON UNION and FRIENDSHIP.

9. Ordered that the Moderator make all temporary appointments.

10. Clerks appointed to write letters to corresponding Associations.

11. Committee appointed to take care of the visiting Brethren as follows: Elder Harold Edmond and Brothers Harold Varney and George Hinkle.

12. Committee appointed to see that the stand be supplied with Ministers and that peace is preserved

around the stand—the same three as above: Elder Harold Edmond and Brothers Harold Varney and Geo. Hinkle.

13. Committee appointed to arrange the Ministry for Friday night and Saturday, consisting of one member from each Church, with the entire delegation of the Mt. Pleasant Church. Ministers as follows: Friday Night—First, Noah May; second, Elmer Church, and third, Kirby Isom.

Saturday—First, Taylor Blankenship; second, Geo. Hagens; third, Tack Hall; fourth, Jerry Hall, and fifth, Wardie Craft.

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

15. On motion by Elder Orville Runyon, the Association adjourned until nine o'clock Saturday morning.

Saturday Morning

Met pursuant to adjournment and after singing and remarks by Elder B. Blaine England, and Prayer by Elder Kirby Isom, the Association then proceeded as follows:

1. Called the roll and marked the absentees.

2. Read the bill of arrangements, discharged the committee on same.

3. Appointed a committee on finance consisting of Elders W. C. Hoy 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 September 11th, 1954	\$609.01
Paid out for the Printing of Minutes, Freight Charges and Pictures	\$372.54
Secretary, Clerk and Treas. fees	35.00
Total paid out	\$407.54
Balance in Bank	\$201.47
Received from Churches this year	580.00
Received for pictures	15.00
Total on Hand for next year	\$796.47

5. By motion it is ordered that Troy T. Francis be appointed as Treasurer and that he be allowed \$110.00 for his services.

6. Ordered that the Clerk superintend the printing of the minutes, and that he have 3,000 copies printed and that he be allowed \$25.00 for his services in preparing manuscript and recording 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. 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, J. H. Belcher, second, B. H. Baker; third, Frances Hubbard.

Sunday—First, B. Blaine England; second, E. V. Hopkins; third, F. A. Hopkins, and fourth, Ester Hopkins.

10. Letters to Sister Associations read and appointed delegates as follows:

NEW SALEM—To be held with the Caney Creek Church, Pike County, Ky., to begin Friday before the fourth Saturday in September, 1954. Elders: Ester Hopkins, B. H. Bevins, Perry Cline, Emmette Case, Willie Stanley and Brothers: Joe Robinett, Mike Young, Mike Sheppard, Caudill Williamson, Forrest McGuire and Troy T. Francis. Letter in the hands of Elder Ester Hopkins.

UNION—To be held with the Bull Creek Church, Maxie, Buchanan County, Va., to begin on Friday before the third Saturday in September, 1954. Elders: Willie Stanley, Perry Cline, Emmette Case, Jonah Ester Williamson, Cecil Evans, Ester Hopkins, Charlie Johnson, J. G. Thornsby and Brothers Troy T. Francis, Caudill Williamson, Earl D. West, Joe Robinett, Mike Sheppard, Leslie Blanton and Donnie Lowe. Letter in the hands of Elder Jonah Ester Williamson.

PHILADELPHIA—To be held with the Little Rosa Church, on Smith Branch, Greenup County, Ky., to begin on Friday before the second Saturday in August, 1955. Elders: H. C. Moynard, Ernest Cochran, Charlie Johnson, Emmette Case, Kennie Varney, J. G. Thornsby and Brothers: Hi Williamson, J. M. Fran-

cis, Caudill Williamson, Leslie Blanton and Forrest McGuire. Letter in the hands of Elder J. G. Thornsby.

MUD RIVER—To be held with the Providence Church, at St. Albans, Kanawha County, W. Va., to begin on Friday before the fourth Saturday in August, 1955. Elders: W. C. Hoy, Avery Lowe, B. H. Bevins, Perry Cline, Emmette Case, Ester Hopkins and Brothers: Joe Robinett, Percy Canterbury and Elder Orville Runyon. Letter in the hands of Elder Ester Hopkins.

THORNTON UNION—To be held with the Blair Branch Church, Jeremiah, Ky., to begin on Friday before the third Saturday in August, 1955. Elders: Edwin May, Ester Hopkins, H. C. Moynard, Avery Lowe, B. H. Bevins, Jonah Ester Williamson, Ernest Cochran, Charlie Johnson, Harold Edmond, Willie White, Emmette Case and Brother Harold Varney. Letter in the hands of Elder Harold Edmond.

FRIENDSHIP—To be held with the Samaritah Church, Jolo, McDowell County, W. Va., to begin on Friday before the first Saturday in September, 1955. Elders: Avery Lowe, H. C. Moynard, Ester Hopkins, Charlie Johnson, J. G. Thornsby, Ross Cline, Floyd Cline, Perry Cline, Kennie Varney, Emmette Case and Brothers: Caudill Williamson, Bill Williams, Harold Varney and John Scott. Letter in the hands of Elder H. C. Moynard.

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 car (1) for the visiting Sister Associations, that is, paying for the Gas and Oil.

13. Ordered that we continue the printing of 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 put away their companions for the cause of fornication and such cases to have Gospel or Church evidence of same.

16. The Circular letter written by Elder Ester Hopkins was read, received by the Association and ordered printed in our minutes.

17. It was ordered that Elder W. C. Hay write a circular letter for approval at our next Association.

18. It was ordered that the request from the Mt. Pleasant Church granted that we publish Elder Harold Edmond in good standing, and that his name be replaced on the list of Ministers.

19. It was ordered that the request of the Sordis Church be granted that we publish Elder Wallace Maynard in good standing, and that his name be replaced on the list of Ministers.

20. It was ordered that we publish J. I. Hensley in disorder, being excluded from the Sordis Church for taking fellowship with a Church not of our faith and order, and that his name be removed from our list of Ministers.

21. The request that was attached to Indian Bottom Association letter was referred to committee on arrangements. After carefully considering and discussing their request, we prepared an answer in the form of a letter, which reads as follows:

We, the Sordis Association, do hereby answer the Indian Bottom Association of Regular Baptist to their request that we are hereby satisfied to correspond with both the Thornton Union and the Indian Bottom Associations if the New Salem and the Union Associations are satisfied with their organization, but we would rather you would letter up to some Association and let them give you off in an arm and be organized into a legal Association.

This they refused to accept as an answer to their request and asked for their letter to take back which was granted to them.

22. Ordered that our next Association be held with the Narrows Branch Church, Hardy, Pike County, Ky., about eight miles from Williamson, W. Va., to begin on Friday before the second Saturday in September, 1955.

23. By vote it was ordered that Elder W. C. Hay preach the introductory Sermon and that Elder B. H. Bevins be his alternate.

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24. Ordered that we tender our thanks to the Mt. Pleasant Church and to the community at large for their interest, kindness and hospitality shown us during this session of our Association. We wish to thank the Officers of the law for protecting our safety to and from our meeting place. And above all, we thank the Lord for this, another blessing, and we pray that he will restore fourfold to all who provided for us.

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

26. On motion we adjourn to the time and place above mentioned.

Elder Ester Hopkins, Moderator,
Elder B. H. Bevins, Ass't Moderator,
Brother Troy T. Francis, Clerk,
Brother F. M. Preece, Ass't Clerk.

UNION MEETINGS

(Time and Ministers To Attend)

APRIL

SOUTHERN HOME—Citro, Florida—The first Saturday and Sunday. Elders: Ester Hopkins, B. H. Bevins, Jonch Ester Williamson, Emmette Case and Edwin May.

MAY

SALEM—Goody, Ky.—First Saturday and Sunday. Elders: B. Blaine England, Willis Dials and Wayne Herald.

TURKEY CREEK—Turkey Creek, Ky.—Second Saturday and Sunday. Elders: Ester Hopkins, Wayne Herald and J. W. McCoy.

JUNE

ENON—McCarr, Ky.—First Saturday and Sunday. Elders: H. C. Maynard, Grover Carey, Dock Scott and J. W. McCoy.

APPLE ORCHARD, Heanon, Ky. —First Saturday and Sunday. Elders: Wayne Herald and Tommy Adair, with Moderator attending.

LITTLE ROSA, Chatteroy, W. Va.—Second Saturday and Sunday. Elders: Grover Carey, Wallace Maynard and J. G. Thornsberry.

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MUNNCY VALLEY, Pie, W. Va.—Third Saturday and Sunday. Elders: J. H. Hensley, J. W. McCoy, Dock Scott and Avery Lowe.

BUCK CREEK, Beauty, Ky.—Third Saturday and Sunday. Elders: Edwin May, H. C. Maynard, Willie White, Emmette Case and R. A. Damron.

LITTLE VIRGIE, Coleman, Ky. — Third Saturday and Sunday. Elders Perry Cline, Ross Cline, Grover Carey, Willie Stanley and Jonah Ester Williamson.

SIDNEY, Threeforks, Ky. — Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Elders Willie White, Tommy Adair, Edwin May and B. H. Bevins.

JULY

DIX FORK, Canada, Ky.—First Saturday and Sunday. Elders: B. H. Bevins, Wayne Herald, Grover Adkins and Grover Carey.

LEANNAH, Moree, Ky.—Second Saturday and Sunday. Elders Willie White, Ellis Davis and Wayne Herald.

MT. PLEASANT, Canada, Ky.—Second Saturday and Sunday. Elders: Tommy Adair, Wardie Craft, E. V. Hopkins and Grover Carey, with Moderator attending.

SAMARIA, Kirk, W. Va.—Third Saturday and Sunday. Elders: Lewis Marcum, H. C. Maynard, Grover Carey and Tommy Adair.

BIG BRANCH, Thomas, Ky.—Third Saturday and Sunday. Elders: M. V. Burke, Tommy Adair, Willie White and Ester Hopkins.

MARY ELIZABETH, Hattfield, Ky.—Third Saturday and Sunday. Elders: Emmette Case, Wayne Herald, James Green, Baxtor Osborne and Frances Hubbard.

NARROWS BRANCH, Hardy, Ky.—Beginning on Friday before the Fourth Saturday. Elders: Edwin May, Jonah Ester Williamson and Grover Carey.

AUGUST

TABITHA, Barnabus, W. Va.—First Saturday and Sunday. Elders: Wayne Herald, Johnnie Cline, Grover Carey and Willie White.

REBECCA, Trace Fork of Pigeon Creek, W. Va.—Second Saturday and Sunday. Elders: Jonah Ester

Williamson, J. G. Thornsby, 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: Charlie Johnson, J. G. Thornsby and Jonah Ester Williamson.

BENT BRANCH, Meta, Ky.—Third Saturday and Sunday. Elders: Wayne Herald and Elmer Church, with Communion Sunday afternoon.

ROSA, Baisden, W. Va.—Third Saturday and Sunday. Elders: Elmer Church, H. A. Lane and J. G. Thornsby, with Communion Sunday afternoon.

BETHANY, Lenore, W. Va.—Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Elders: B. H. Bevins, Grover Carey, H. C. Maynard, Cecil Evans and Wayne Herald. This is also our Memorial Meeting time.

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

PILGRIM'S HOME, Varney, Ky.—Our Union Meeting the Fourth Saturday and Sunday in July. Elders: Ester Hopkins, Baxtor Osborne, Jerry Hall and E. V. Hopkins. Our Communion Meeting will be held the Fourth Sunday in August, 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, 1955, with Communion Saturday afternoon by the request of some of their members over there who are not able to go far to Church. Ministers requested: Elders J. H. Belcher and Tack Hall.

SUNDAY SERVICE, SEPTEMBER 12th, 1954

A large and orderly congregation met at the place arranged for the Preaching.

First, on the stand Elder B. Blaine England, from the Union Association. He spoke briefly on repentance and Baptism. After singing, Elder B. H. Bevins led us in Prayer.

Second. Elder E. V. Hopkins, from the New Salem Association, filled the stand. He used for a text: Colossians, the second Chapter and a portion of the

eightn verse, which reus us iourns. uerue rest any man spoil you through Philosophy and vain de- ceit."

Third, Elder F. A. Hopkins, also from the New Sa- lem Association, filled the stand. He used for a text: Hebrews, the Fourth Chapter and the Ninth verse, which reads as follows: "There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God."

Fourth, and last on the stand, Our Moderator, Elder Ester Hopkins. He used for a text: Song of Solomon, the Sixth Chapter and a portion of the Ninth verse, which also reads as follows: "My dove, my undefiled is but one, she is the only one of her Mother, she is the choice one of her that bear her."

All the foregoing, Brethren, was wonderfully blessed with the Spirit of Preaching, thus ending the Sixty-Second Annual Session of the Sardis Association. There was much rejoicing and praising the good Lord. May I say that I feel we had a wonderful, loving Asso- ciation. It is easy to work in the work of the Lord, when we meet in peace and love. May we continue to live in peace with each other, so when we meet next year we can have another lovely Association, and Brethren, if I am not blessed to meet with you in an- other Association I hope to meet with you where trou- ble never comes, where God will wipe all tears from our eyes and all will be peace and love.

So farewell Brethren until we meet again.

Your Clerk, Troy T. Francis.

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CIRCULAR LETTER

To all my Good Brethren and Sisters of the Sardis Association and Good Friends:

I was appointed last year, 1953, to write a circular letter for this year for your approval or disapproval, to be put in your minutes if approved at your 1954 meeting.

I am at home in my room alone and it seemed to me the Good Lord said, write your letter. I feel this will be my last letter to you all and I don't want to write a long letter.

I was reading Hebrews and I came to the 4th Chap- ter and 16th Verse and my subject is Grace.

we may obtain mercy and find Grace to help in time of need. I would like to take the word Grace the favor of God that I felt reach me 2-miles under the hill at Thacker, West Va., 48 years ago, and saved my poor Soul and will save every poor Sinner if they will trust Him to the saving of their souls and confess with their mouth the Lord Jesus and Believe in their hearts that God raised Him from the dead the Same Shall Be Saved.

Paul to Titus, 2nd Chapter and 11th Verse, said, For the Grace of God that Bringeth Salvation Hath appeared to all men.

Ephesians, 2nd Chapter, 5th to 10th Verse, Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us togeth- er with Christ, (by Grace ye are saved)—And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in Heavenly places in Christ Jesus—That in the ages to come he might shew the exceeding riches of His grace in his kindness toward us through Christ Jesus—For by graee are ye saved through faith, and that not of yourselves it is the gift of God.—Not of works lest any man should boast—For we are His workmanship, cre- ated in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them. I think men and women are Saved by Grace through Faith in the Lord, and Little Children are Saved by Grace, and Grace alone.

I feel that if we have that Grace that Paul was writ- ing about, we then could let Brotherly Love continue with us. 2nd Corinthians, 12th Chapter, 9th Verse: I prayed the Lord thrice to remove the Thorn and the Lord said, My Grace is sufficient for thee. I think the Grace of the Lord is for us all, for He is full of Grace and Truth. John 1st Chapter, 14th Verse, and the word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father) full of Grace and Truth.

Paul to Galatians, 1st Chapter, 3rd Verse and 6th Verse, Grace be to you and peace from God the Fath- er, and from our Lord Jesus Christ,—I marvel that ye are so soon removed from Him that called you into the Grace of Christ unto another Gospel.

John, 1st Chapter, 17th Verse, For the law was giv- en by Moses, but Grace and truth came by Jesus Christ.

unawares, who were before of old ordained to this condemnation, ungodly men, turning the Grace of our God unto lasciviousness, and denying the only Lord God, and our Lord Jesus Christ.

Roman's 3rd Chapter, 24th Verse, Being justified freely by His Grace, through the redemption that is in Jesus Christ.

Roman's 5th Chapter, 20th Verse, Moreover, the Law entered, that the offense might abound, but where sin abounded, Grace did much more abound.

2nd Peter, 3rd Chapter, 18th Verse, But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him be glory, both now and forever.

Psalms, 45th Chapter, 2nd Verse, Thou art fairer than the children of men: Grace is poured into thy lips; therefore God hath blessed thee forever.

In the language of the old Apostle Paul to 2nd Corinthians, 13th Chapter, 11th Verse, Finally brethren farewell. Be perfect, be of good comfort, be of one mind, live in peace; and the God of Love and Peace shall be with you.

I hope all of my good Brothers and Sisters receive this letter with the same feeling I feel I have been able to write it with. I never felt the Spirit of the Good Lord on me any stronger than now, so I must close asking all of you to pray for each other and for me. We need the Prayers of each other. So may the Good Lord Bless all of us to Live in Peace, and when our work is done on Earth we can leave all in Peace and Go Home to Heaven and Live forever with the Good Lord.

Your Brother In Hope of Eternal Life,
Elder Ester Hopkins.

MEMORIAL MEETINGS

MEMORIAL of all the deceased members of the Mt. Pleasant Church will be held the Second Saturday and Sunday in October. Ministers requested: Wayne Herald, B. H. Baker, B. H. Bevins, with Moderator attending.

MEMORIAL of Elder Heanon Maynard, Moses Fonso Lowe, and others will be held the First Saturday

and Sunday in August, ALSO a memorial on the Joe Taylor cemetery on Sunday after the first Saturday in September.

MEMORIAL of Phillip Hanners, Brother Carl Lowe and Brother Perry Taylor's baby will be held at the Hanners cemetery, on Sycamore Creek, on Sunday after the Fourth Saturday in July. Ministers requested: Harvey Lowe, Edwin May and J. L. Nichols.

MEMORIAL of Russel P. McCoy and others will be held on the Ratliff cemetery on Sunday after the third Saturday in May. Ministers requested: Butler Ratliff, Jonah Ester Williamson, Emmette Case and Ester Hopkins.

MEMORIAL of Brother Harrison McCoy and others will be held on Sunday after the third Saturday in August. Ministers requested: Emmette Case, Jonah Ester Williamson, J. R. Coleman and J. M. Justice.

MEMORIAL of Pfc. Edward McCoy and others will be held on Sunday after the fourth Saturday in August on the Henry Taylor cemetery. Ministers requested: Edwin May, Ernest Cochran and Ellis Davis.

MEMORIAL of Flem Maynard, Elder Frank Fields and others will be held on Sunday after the third Saturday in September. Ministers requested: Elders Jonah Ester Williamson, Edwin May and J. L. Nichols.

MEMORIAL of all the deceased members of the Enon Church will be held the first Saturday and Sunday in August. All Ministers invited.

MEMORIAL of all the deceased members of the Bent Branch Church will be held the third Saturday and Sunday in June. Ministers requested: Willis Dials, Bill Judge and Emmette Case.

MEMORIAL will be held on Sunday after the fourth Saturday in July at the Adair cemetery on Millstone Branch. Ministers requested: Jeff May, Ellis Davis, Ester Hopkins and Grover Carey.

MEMORIAL of Elder Wallace Jackson and others will be held with the Mary Elizabeth Church the third Saturday and Sunday in September, ALSO, Memorial of Elder J. W. Smith and other deceased members of the Mary Elizabeth Church will be held the third Saturday and Sunday in August. All Ministers invited.

MEMORIAL of all the deceased members of the Elk Fork Church will be held the third Saturday and Sunday in October. All Ministers invited.

MEMORIAL of all the deceased members of the Pilgrim's Home Church will be held the fourth Saturday and Sunday in October. All Ministers invited.

MEMORIAL will be held on the cemetery near Threeforks, Ky., Post Office, in Martin County, the fourth Sunday in July, ALSO, a Memorial will be held on the Field's cemetery the fourth Sunday in August.

MEMORIAL of all the deceased members of the Dix Fork Church will be held the first Saturday and Sunday in August. All Ministers invited.

MEMORIAL of all the deceased members of the Narrows Branch Church will be held the fourth Saturday and Sunday in May. Ministers requested: Elders Emmette Case and H. C. Maynard.

MEMORIAL of all the deceased will be held on the Robinson cemetery on Sunday after the second Saturday in July. All Ministers invited.

MEMORIAL of all the deceased members of the Buck Creek Church will be held the third Saturday and Sunday in August. All Ministers invited.

MEMORIAL of all the deceased members of the Turkey Creek Church will be held the second Saturday and Sunday in October. Ministers requested: Tommy Adair, Dock Scott and Wallace Maynard.

Memorial of all the deceased members of the Little Virgie Church will be held the third Saturday and Sunday in May. Ministers requested: Wallace Maynard, Wayne Herald, Harold Edmond and Emmette Case.

MEMORIAL off all the deceased members of the Salem Church will be held the first Saturday and Sunday in October. Ministers requested: F. A. Hopkins, E. V. Hopkins and Emmette Case.

MEMORIAL will be held on the Hannah cemetery the third Sunday in August. Ministers requested: Tommy Adair, Cecil Evans and Willie White.

MEMORIAL will be held on the Lackey cemetery on Marrowbone Creek the first Sunday in September. Ministers requested: Tommy Adair, Cecil Evans and Jeff May.

MEMORIAL of Brother Tom McCoy and Elder Dike Blackburn will be held Sunday after the first Saturday in September on the cemetery at Buck Branch, near the mouth of Wolf Creek. Ministers requested: B. H. Bevins, Emmette Case and Wayne Herald, other Ministers invited.

the fourth Sunday in May. Ministers requested: Edwin May, J. L. Nichols and Willis Diols.

MEMORIAL of all the deceased members and friends of the Little Rosa Church will be held the second Saturday and Sunday in August. All Ministers invited.

MEMORIAL of Elder W. H. Bowling and family at the Tom Price School House, Piso, Ky., first Saturday and Sunday in September, at two o'clock on Saturday, and eleven o'clock on Sunday. Ministers requested: Elders Edwin May, Wallace Maynard and Harold Edmond.

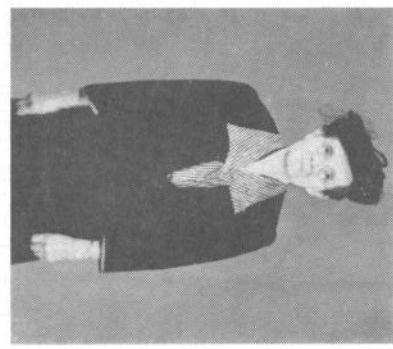
MEMORIAL at the Harmon Maynard cemetery, Piso, Ky., the first Sunday in August. Ministers requested: Wallace Maynard and Grover Carey.

MEMORIAL will be held on the Frank Canterbury cemetery on the 30th day of May on the Laurel Fork of Pigeon Creek, three miles from Lenore, W. Va. All Ministers invited.

MEMORIAL will be held on the Bill Canterbury cemetery on the first Sunday in October on the Laurel Fork of Pigeon Creek, two and one-half miles from Lenore, W. Va. All Ministers invited.

MEMORIAL of Brother M. B. Romans will be held with the Mary Elizabeth Church the first Sunday in July. Ministers requested: Elders Ester Hipkons, Bill Jude and Jonah Bevins.

OBITUARIES



Nancy Emma (Bogar) Reed

It is with great sadness we attempt to write the obituary of our dear mother, Nancy Emma Bogar Reed.

She was born August 23, 1883, at Sidney, Kentucky, to Nancy Morris Bogar and Joseph Bogar. She departed this life April 4, 1953, at the age of 69 years. On January 28, 1898, she married L. D. (Dow) Reed and to this union were born 13 children. Four preceded her in death in infancy. Nine enjoyed the richness of her love until adulthood. In 1936 she suffered the loss of 2 sons, Johnny and Clyde, and her husband. She left seven children to mourn her loss: Carl, Earl, Myrtle, Joe, Sadie, Woodrow and Clarence; also 21 grandchildren, 5 great-grandchildren; 2 sisters: Polly Bevins and Flora Hankins; one brother, Joseph Eugene Bogar, and a countless number of friends.

She professed a hope in Jesus Christ about thirty years ago and was baptized by Rev. Jonah Bevins, becoming a member of Mt. Pleasant Church, where she remained a faithful member until death. Her life as a devoted Christian, as a loving mother, and as a generous neighbor should be an inspiration as well as emulated by all who are left behind. The children will be destitute of a loving, kind and compassionate Mother. Her friends will remember her as a light set on a hill. The manner in which she lived her Christian life has been sufficient evidence to cause us to have faith in that when her earthly house has been dissolved she will enter a building of God, not made with hands, eternal in the Heavens. We believe our loss is her eternal gain.

Written in loving memory by

Her Children.

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Bill Gillman

I will try by the help of the Lord to write an obituary of a beloved Brother in hope, to wit: Brother Bill Gillman, born March the 11th, 1873, departed from this life June the 9th, 1954, making his stay on earth 81 years, 2 months and 28 days. He joined the Regular Baptist Church in May, 1924, and was baptized by the hands of Elder W. H. Hurley. He lived a good and faithful life until God called him home to Heaven.

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Bill and Phoebe Gillman

He was the son of Sam and Betty Gillman and was united in marriage to Phoebe Stone, a beloved Sister who preceded him in death. To this union were born 12 Children. Four preceded him in death, leaving 8 still living, as follows: Charlie, Vacey, Betty, Lon, Lewis, Oma, Roxie and Martha. Also leaves 51 grandchildren and 33 great-grandchildren, with a host of friends to mourn his passing. He is sadly missed by all who knew him. He was so good, loving and kind to all he met, filling his seat in Church as long as health permitted him to go. He bore the fruits of righteousness of God, always counseling his Brothers and Sisters and neighbors in kindness and in love.

Children, just a word to you who have not made your peace calling and election sure with God, if you ever see dad again you will have to go to him by living as he did while his Lord blessed him here on earth. Just remember his good counsel and try to meet him and your Mother in Heaven some day. So let us all live our life as Brother Bill did and when we leave this world of sorrow we can be with all the saints of God and walk the streets of Gold with Jesus.

Written by your unworthy Brother,

Joe Robinett.

●
Vacey (Francis) Williamson

I will try by the help of the Lord to write a short obituary of my loving Mother. She was born June 24th, 1882, deceased this life January 23rd, 1954, making her stay on earth 71 years and 7 months. She was the daughter of the late W. R. and Sophia (Maynard) Francis. Married to Caudill Williamson Feb-

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Vicy Williamson (Deceased)
Her Husband, Caudill Williamson, Still Living

ruary 15th, 1900. To this union were born 7 children, 5 Sons and 2 Daughters, namely: John B., Marshall, George, K. H. and Jonah Ester Williamson, all of Varney, Ky.; Mrs. Oscar Stanley, of Roadfork, Ky., and Mrs. Bascum Muncy of Varney, Ky. She was a member of the Regular Baptist Church for 18 years, always filling her seat when she was able. She leaves beside her children her companion, 49 grandchildren, 26 great-grandchildren, 2 Brothers, Kenis and Thomas Francis and 2 Sisters, Mrs. Don Varney and Mrs. John Thompson, with the entire membership of the Pilgrim's Home Church and a host of friends and relatives to mourn her loss. I want to say to her children who are out of the Ark of Safety which is Christ, if you want to shake hands with Mother again you must be born again, and be an heir-of God, and a joint heir of Jesus Christ, then you can live where Mother is.

*Dear Mother has gone and left us,
 We hated to see her go,
 But her love and peace is resting,
 In a better world we know.*

*She is gone but not forgotten,
 Her memories linger still,
 Her presence has departed,
 But her memories never will.*

Written by her Son Jonah Ester Williamson,
 and Troy T. Francis.
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By request of the family I will attempt to write a short obituary of one of my best friends, James G. Harrison, a son of Daniel and Rebecca (Beyins) Harrison, born December the 3rd, 1879, was united in marriage to Octavia Varney August 19th, 1897, and to this union were born 7 children, one son and six daughters. Two daughters and his loving wife preceded him in death. He leaves his Son, Charles O. Harrison of Ocala, Florida, and his four daughters, Mrs. J. L. Stratton of Meta Ky., Mrs. Edward Hellier and Mrs. Robert Clayton, both of Louisville, Ky., and Mrs. Thomas Rattiff of Indianapolis, Ind., with the entire membership of the Bent Branch Church and a host of friends and relatives to mourn his loss, but we deeply feel that our loss is his eternal gain. Brother Jim was married the second time to Cordelia Merchant, who also survives, and a sister, Mrs. Ben L. Curry of Meta, Ky. He joined the Regular Baptist Church September the 18th, 1948, and was baptized by the hands of Elders B. H. Beyins and Harold Edmond into the fellowship of the Bent Branch Church, where he remained a faithful member until death called him from our mist. For the past several years I have not had the pleasure of Brother Jim's company. We were great friends in the day of our youth and constantly together, but as life moved on we drifted farther apart and finally both became members of the same faith and when we were blessed to meet together we could have a Heavenly conversation of the beautiful Home we both hope to enjoy some day.

I want to say to his family if you ever expect to see Daddy and Mother again and be reunited with them to enjoy the paradise of God you will have to become humble in the sight of God, give Him your whole heart and some sweet day you can clasp the hands of your loved ones again.

May God bless every one of you children whom I love so well.

Written by Troy T. Francis.

●
Izola (Young) Ray

It is with a sad and aching heart I'll try by the help of the Lord to write an obituary of my dear sister in the flesh, and I believe with all my heart, a sister in Christ.

this life May 16, 1954, making her stay here on earth 33 years, 11 months and 1 day. She was the daughter of Sam and Rebecca Smith Young. She was married to Ben L. Ray Aug. 8, 1936. To this union was born 7 children, one infant preceded her in death, six were left to mourn the loss of Mother, namely: Lucy, May, Shelbia Jean, Gracie Irene, Lacy Sammy, Lannie and Mark, all at home. Oh! what a lonesome home. She also leaves a good husband, a good kind Father, a step-Mother, one whole brother, two whole sisters, one half-brother and seven half-sisters, eleven brothers and sisters in all, a loving grandmother, together with a host of other relatives and friends to mourn her loss, but we believe our loss is her eternal gain. Izola confessed a hope in Christ and joined the Regular Baptist Church Feb. 12, 1950, taking up membership with the Pilgrim Home Church, where she remained a faithful member until God called her home.

Izola stayed in the hospital 80 days but she bore her sickness with the most patience I believe I ever saw. She would say to me "I wonder if I've done anything to cause me to have to suffer like this." I told her I believed we suffered in this life for our mistakes, if we were the children of God, but I said too in reading of Job, God said, "He was a just and a perfect Man," and yet think what He suffered. She said, "If I could only have the patience he had, I hope God will count me worthy for that upper and better home." I ask her if she didn't feel she was, and she said, "Yes, but we don't always know." One night she told me she saw a man standing on a rock dressed in the prettiest white clothes she ever saw and she said, "I hope when I see him again he will take this pain from my body." Oh, I believe she saw him again on Sunday morning when she peacefully fell asleep. I believe she took the wings of the morning and went to her home above to meet God she loved and trusted and to meet that Mother of ours who God called away when we were all small. Also to meet that baby of her's and mine too, and all the host of Heaven. Brother Ben L. just go on in the good old way, I know you are lonely but God does all things well and to her sweet children, be good to each other, she said she hoped you would. She said, "I have to leave my children to be kicked around in this world." It seemed all her worries were about the children and Ben L.. Children, I believe if you will live the life Mother wanted you to it will lead you to Heaven where she is, and to

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The family circle is broke down here, let us make it complete above where there will be no sorrow, no cancer or T. B., no dying and we won't have to see our loved one leave, but all will be peace and joy. I know I've been too lengthy, space won't permit me to write all I could. Now may we all try to cheer up. Some day trouble will be over. May God bless her children and I trust everybody will be good to them and give them good advice. God bless every one who helped care for her, everybody was so good to her and seemed to love her and she loved everybody.

Sleep on Izola, I believe I'll see you again some sweet day.

Written by a sister,
Vialo Fields.

● **Patty (Jude) Maynard**

It is by request I will try to write a short obituary of Sister Patty (Jude) Maynard, a daughter of Jim and Elizabeth (Sartin) Jude. She was united in marriage to John Maynard in the year of 1917 and to this union were born 7 children, 6 girls and 1 boy, names as follows: Ola, Essie preceded her in death, those living are: Jim Pauley of Threeforks, Ky., Joe Maynard, Copperson, W. Va., Mrs. Susie Dingess of Detroit, Mich., Mrs. Elizabeth Stoton, Laura, Ky., Mrs. Gracie Maynard, Inez, Ky. Besides her children she leaves 2 Sisters, one Brother, the Sidney Church and many friends and relatives to mourn her loss. Sister Patty joined the Regular Baptist Church and was baptized by the hands of Elder Shadle Pauley May the 4th, Saturday, 1943. She was 67 years old when God called her away March 27th, 1953. Sister Patty is sadly missed by the Sidney Church. May the God of all Glory keep your children safe from the evil things of this life, and ask God to be your guide that you may meet Mother in Heaven, where parting will come no more.

Written by a Sister in hope,
Stella Maynard.

● **Don Varney**

Brother Don Varney was born October 9, 1880. Died February 17, 1954, age 73 years, 4 months and 8 days. He was the son of the late Henry and Elizabeth Walters Varney. He was married to Minta Francis in 1907, who survives him. To this union were born six children, two preceding him in death. The four surviving children are: two daughters, Mrs. Oscar Chapman and Mrs. Mose Maynard; two sons, Willie

leaves 42 grandchildren, also surviving him are three brothers: Rell of Goodman, West Virginia, Will of Varney, West Virginia, and Rush of Lenore, West Virginia; one sister, Verda Scalf, of Heisey, Kentucky. Brother Don joined the Old Regular Baptist Church in 1922. He was a member for 32 years. He was baptized by Elders Willis Blackburn and Johnny Taylor. He lived a faithful Christian life until death. I wish space would permit me to write of the many wonderful things that I could say about Brother Don. As I write these lines and think of the many places we have gone together and the wonderful Church Meetings we have been in together, I cannot dispel a feeling of sadness and a desire to shake hands with him again. Before he took sick he asked me to preach his funeral when he died if I outlived him. He said, I hope God will bless you to preach from the text 2nd Peter, 3rd Chapter, 9th Verse: The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, etc., which I tried to do by the help of God. I felt good when I looked up that wonderful scripture again and remembered the spot where Brother Don and I were when he requested me to preach from it. And, in closing, to Sister Minta, Jesus sees your silent weeping. I feel that it will not be long till you and Brother Don will meet again where your troubles and sorrows will all be over, and to all the children let me say because I loved Brother Don I have a deep feeling for you all. The ones that are not Christians, if you really love Dad, repent of your sins and accept the Lord as your Savior because I have heard Brother Don talk about you so much. He loved you and wanted you all to meet him in Heaven. May God bless each one of you is my Prayer.

Written by

Tommy Adair.

● Dock Eldridge

Dock Eldridge born December 10th, 1860, departed this life August the 29th, 1954, making his stay on earth 93 years, 8 months and 29 days. He was the son of Archie and Fannie Elliot Eldridge. was married to Martha Ball at Lucille, Elliot County, Ky. His wife preceded him in death June 25th, 1943. To this union were born 10 children, 6 sons and 4 daughters. One son preceded him in death in February, 1946, leaving 5 sons and 4 daughters to mourn his loss, namely: Lafe Eldridge, Sandy Hook, Ky., Rt. 1; Dick of Branchland, W. Va., Monroe Eldridge, Sandy Hook, Ky., Rt. 1; Bob Eldridge, Maysville, Ky.; Fannie Howard, Middleton, Ohio; Dealie Miller, Sandy Hook, Ky.; John Eldridge, Tannery, Ky.; Carrie Cattle, Rt. 1, Sandy Hook, Ky.; and Lula Blanton, Rt. 1, Sandy

grandchildren and tries to mourn his loss. Brother Dock professed a hope in Christ October the 9th, 1941, and was baptized into the fellowship of the Regular Baptist Church by the hands of Elder Jonah Bevins. We believe that Brother Dock lived the life of a Christian—for by their fruits ye shall know them—we believe his soul has gone back to God who gave it, and his body is resting in the Glorious hope of the Resurrection from the dead when both soul and body will be united back together and go home to live with Jesus forever.

Written by his Children.

● Mabel (Scalf) Crabtree

It has now become my sad duty to write the obituary of Sister Mabel (Scalf) Crabtree. She was born February the 16th, 1916, deceased July the 4th, 1954. She was married to Albert Crabtree October the 24th, 1953. Sister Mabel joined the Regular Baptist Church August the first, Saturday, 1949, and lived a humble and beautiful life. To her kind husband and all I want to say that beautiful life is not ended, but will shine again in portals of that high and exalted City, the Kingdom of God, and should be a beacon to help guide us through this world of trouble that we may meet with all the family of God to dwell with them and praise Him throughout the wasted ages of a never ending eternity, in a city so real that its gates are pearl, its walls are jasper and its streets are pure gold. May our lives be such that we never lose all sight of that hope.

Written by your humble servant,

R. B. Maynard.

● Polly (Bevins) Stratton

Polly (Bevins) Stratton was born March 9, 1866, at Meta, Ky., deceased this life February 3rd, 1954, age 87 years, 10 months and 22 days. She was the daughter of Allen P. and Viley (Stacy) Bevins, was married to Henry Harve Stratton March 27th, 1884, and to this union were born 4 children: Dixie, Delmon, Marvin and Truly, Delmon deceased October 14th, 1908 and Truly deceased May 13th, 1949. Her husband, Uncle Henry Harve, passed away February 14th, 1940. She leaves 1 son, Marvin Stratton of Pikeville, Ky., and 1 daughter, Dixie Blackburn, of Meta, Ky., 13 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren; she also leaves 2 sisters, Emma (Bevins) Murphy, Fort Worth, Texas, and Rebecca Jane Runyon, Roanoke, Va. Aunt Polly was a member of the Regular Baptist Church, Meta, Ky. She joined the Bent Branch Church 62 years ago and was baptized by the hands of Elder Joe Smith,

ity, loved and respected by all the people. She was the second oldest member of this Church. Uncle Henry Harve and Aunt Polly served as Postmaster at Metro for about 20 years.

Aunt Polly will be greatly missed by all the people of this community. She has helped to prepare for the Union and Communion Services of the Bent Branch Church for as long most of us can remember. She has left her life in this Church and her work will be present for the future generations.

Writer of this obituary unknown.

Nancy Blackburn

It is with much sadness that I try to write a short obituary of the life of Sister Nancy (Pinson) Blackburn, one of the most beloved Mothers of our community. She was born November the 8th, 1861, at Meta, Ky., a daughter of John and Pina Josephine (Young) Pinson, was a life long resident of Pike County. She was married to Hutson Blackburn in the year of 1877 and to this union were born 12 children, 6 son and 6 daughters: Emma, Annie, French, Fannie, Elon and Pina preceded her in death, surviving are Winfield and Bayd of Turkey Creek, Ky.; Rell and Robert, both of Williamson, W. Va.; Mrs. J. S. Shortridge, of Williamson, W. Va., and Kenneth of Sinking Springs, Ohio. She leaves 44 grandchildren and many great and great-great-grandchildren. Aunt Nancy was baptized into the fellowship of the Bent Branch Church of Regular Baptist the third Saturday in May, 1900, making her a faithful member for almost 53 years. She was a devoted and faithful member until death called her on Saturday morning, March the 13th, 1954, making her age 92 years, 4 months and 5 days at death. Beside her children she leaves many friends and relatives, the membership of the Bent Branch Church and also of the Turkey Creek Church to mourn her loss, but we feel assured that our loss is her eternal gain, for to know Grandma, as we called her, was to love her. Our community has lost a loving neighbor, the Church a faithful member, and the children the most of all a precious Mother, but children, Mother paved a way for you by following in the steps of Jesus. She has left a guiding light to lighten up your pathway. If you will seek you will find the same path that Mother followed and her God will not let you go wrong. Give your heart to Jesus and he will abundantly pardon you.

Written by one in hope,

Elder B. H. Bevins.

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.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

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.

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 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-

mediate 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 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.

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 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.

Names and Addresses of ORDAINED MINISTERS

TOMMY ADAIR-----Delbarton, W. Va.
 J. B. ANDERSON-----Matewan, W. Va.
 STRAUTHER ADKINS-----Rt. 2, Box 148, Delbarton, W. Va.
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 JONAH BEVINS-----Box 1534, Williamson, W. Va.
 B. H. BEVINS-----Box 655, Williamson, W. Va.
 J. H. BROWN-----Canada, Ky.
 WILLIS BLACKBURN-----Goody, Ky.
 LESLIE BLAIR-----Hunt, W. Va.
 CLAUDE BROWN-----Hardy, Ky.
 GROOVER CAREY-----RFD 1, Delbarton, W. Va.
 EMMETTE CASE-----Varney, Ky.
 PERRY CLINE-----Balsden, W. Va.
 FLOYD CLINE-----Balsden, W. Va.
 JOHNNY CLINE-----Balsden, W. Va.
 ROSS CLINE-----Balsden, W. Va.
 EARL CLAY-----Okeechobee, Fla.
 EARNEST COCHRAN-----Canada, Ky.
 PERCY CANTERBURY-----Box 196, Delbarton, W. Va.
 ELLIS DAVIS-----Lenore, W. Va.
 R. A. DAMRON-----Box 366, Barboursville, W. Va.
 WILLIS DIALS-----Pilgrim, Ky.
 CHARLIE EVANS-----Sarah Ann, W. Va.
 CECIL EVANS-----RFD 2, Delbarton, W. Va.
 MONT ELLIS-----Varney, W. Va.
 HAROLD EDMOND-----Box 88, Canada, Ky.
 JOHN FOUCH-----Curry, W. Va.
 S. B. FRALEY-----Hatfield, Ky.
 FAYETTE HACKNEY-----Toler, Ky.
 TRACY HATFIELD-----Hamden, W. Va.
 W. C. HAY-----Okeechobee, Fla.
 ESTER HOPKINS-----Box 819, Williamson, W. Va.
 J. H. HENSLEY-----Leet, W. Va.
 WAYNE HERALD-----Box 586, Kermit, W. Va.
 CARLOS GIBSON-----Pine Creek, W. Va.
 CHARLIE JOHNSON-----Canada, Ky.
 BILL JUDE-----Pilgrim, Ky.
 L. G. LOWE-----Box 51, Turkey Creek, Ky.
 AVERY (BROWN) LOWE-----Turkey Creek, Ky.
 JOHN LOWE-----Heenon, Ky.
 HARVEY LOWE-----Gulnare, Ky.
 H. C. MAYNARD-----Stone, Ky.
 ELDON MAYNARD-----Heenon, 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.
 WALLACE MAYNARD-----Rt. 1, Williamson, W. Va.
 J. W. MCCOY-----Hardy, Ky.
 J. L. NICHOLS-----Thomas, Ky.
 SHADLE PAULEY-----Beauty, Ky.
 ORVILLE RUNYON-----Chattaroy, W. Va.
 A. A. SHEPHERD-----Holden, W. Va.
 WATT SHEPHERD-----R.F.D. 1, Delbarton, W. Va.
 LEWIS SMITH-----Hardy, Ky.
 WILLIE STANLEY-----Hardy, Ky.

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 WILLIE WHITE-----Lenore, W. Va.
 JONAH ESTER WILLIAMSON-----Varney, Ky.
 JOHNNY ADAIR-----Delbarton, W. Va.
 RUDOLPH SESCO-----Piso, Ky.
 R. B. MAYNARD-----Heenon, Ky.

Ministers Liberated to Prove Their Gift

Names and Addresses of CLERKS

Mt. Pleasant-----Monroe Smith-----Sidney, Va.
 Apple Orchard-----R. B. Moynard-----Heenon, Ky.
 Enon-----Logan Spencer-----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-----Stella Moynard-----Threeforks, Ky.
 Dix Fork-----Omer Williamson-----Canada, Ky.
 Narrows Branch-----Dock Scott-----Hardy, Ky.
 Leannah-----T. J. Robinson-----Moree, Ky.
 Buck Creek-----Edna Herold-----Box 586, Kermit, W. Va.
 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-----Balsden, W. Va.
 Muncy Valley-----Robert H. Adkins-----Rt. 2, Delbarton, W. Va.
 Little Virgie-----John Scott-----Coleman, Ky.
 Southern Home-----Elvert Moynard-----Citra, 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 Edmond, Harold Varney, Geo. Hinkle-----	0	4	0	0	0	1	1	55	2	\$40.00
Apple Orchard—Eldon Maynard, R. B. Maynard, Bob Morrison-----	2	0	0	0	4	1	0	48	1	25.00
Enon—Logan Spencer, Hi Keese, J. B. Anderson-----	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	1	10.00
Rebecca—A. A. Sheppard, Columbus Runyon, Mosco Gilman-----	3	0	0	0	0	2	0	100	2	35.00
Bent Branch—Elwin May, Fred Bevins, Loyd Sesco-----	1	1	0	0	0	4	2	72	3	30.00
Sardis—Albert Adair, Willie Varney, Avery Hensley-----	3	0	9	0	4	4	14	166	4	25.00
Big Branch—J. L. Nichols Harvey Lowe, Landon McCoy-----	4	0	0	1	0	0	0	40	3	15.00
Mary Elizabeth—Tommy Jackson, George Fraley, Donnie Lowe-----	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	35	3	27.50
Bethany—Willie White, Ellis Davis, Willard Blair-----	7	0	0	1	0	2	4	67	4	15.00
Elk Fork—Percy Canterbury, Wayne Sheppard, Dewey Vernatter-----	3	0	0	0	0	1	3	75	3	30.00
Pilgrim's Home—Jonah Ester William- son, Emmette Case, Troy T. Francis-----	2	0	0	0	1	4	0	194	4	50.00
Salem—B. H. Bevins, Leslie Blanton, A. M. Varney-----	5	0	1	0	2	2	0	161	1	50.00
Sidney—Willis Dials, Tom Howell, R. C. Fletcher-----	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	32	4	15.00
Dix Fork—J. G. Thornsby, Ernest Cochran, Charlie Johnson-----	6	0	0	0	0	0	3	85	1	30.00
Narrows Branch—Lewis Smith, Willie Stanley, George Stanley-----	2	0	0	0	1	0	1	72	4	30.00
Leannah—T. J. Rob'nson, Clinton Howard, John Fraley-----	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	27	2	15.00
Buck Creek—Pete Dials, Tive Hinkle, Alvis Maynard-----	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	18	3	7.50
Tabitha—Joe Robinette, John Fouch, Mike Sheppard-----	4	0	0	0	0	2	2	62	1	15.00
Little Rosa—Orville Runyon, Ireland Harrison, Ben Staton-----	1	3	0	0	0	1	1	42	2	15.00
Turkey Creek—Kennie Varney, Avery Lowe, Julius Burgett-----	0	2	0	0	1	1	2	91	2	30.00
Samaria—Jeff May, W. H. May, Leslie Vance-----	2	0	2	0	1	0	0	18	3	10.00
Rosa—Floyd Cline, Perry Cline, Ross Cline-----	0	0	1	0	1	1	3	100	3	30.00
Muncy Valley—Daniel Roberts, Allen D. Adkins, Woodrow Hampton-----	5	1	0	0	1	0	2	27	3	10.00
Little Virgie—Alson Thornbury, John Scott, Olan Justice-----	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	14	3	10.00
Southern Home—W. C. Hay, Jobie Blackburn, Elvert Maynard-----	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	16	1	10.00
TOTALS-----	53	12	16	2	16	28	42	1628		\$580.00