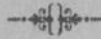
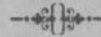


Minutes
of the
Sixty-Fifth Annual Session
of the
**Sardis Association of
Regular Baptist**

THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST
IN SESSION ASSEMBLED WITH
TURKEY CREEK CHURCH
Turkey Creek, Ky.



September 13, 14 and 15, 1957



ELDER ESTER HOPKINS, Moderator
ELDER WAYNE HERALD, Asst. Moderator
Troy T. Francis, Clerk **F. M. Prece, Asst. Clerk**

of the
**SIXTY FIFTH ANNUAL SESSION OF THE
 SARDIS ASSOCIATION OF OLD REGULAR BAPTIST
 THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST**

In session assembled with the Turkey Cheek Church, September 13, 14, 15, 1957. Service was introduced by Elder Willie White, followed by the introductory Sermon delivered by Elder Wayne Herald. TEXT: "To this end was I born, and for this cause came I into the world." Then the delegates remained at the church house and after a short talk by Elder B. H. Bevins and Prayer by Elder Banner Mann, 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 Wayne Herald, Assistant Moderator, Troy T. Francis, Clerk, and Brother F. M. Prece, Assistant Clerk.
3. At the request of the Moderator, the rules of decorum were read by the Clerk.
4. Called for newly organized Churches and received none.
5. Called for letters from Sister Associations and received as follows:

NEW SALEM—By the hands of Elders Banner Man, Tack Hall, Squire Hamilton, M. V. Burke, Jerry Hall, Sr., Henry Blair, Sam Thomas, F. A. Hopkins and J. C. Hall. Letter in the hands of Elder Tack Hall.

UNION—By the hands of Elders John T. Church, Fon Bowling, Elmer Church, Mander Younts, W. F. Hubbard, M. A. Musick, Earl Belcher, Bill Hall, Bruce Mullins, Emmet Belcher and Rufus Perrigan. Letter in the hands of Elder Elmer Church.

PHILADELPHIA—By the hands of Elders Ernest Runyon and John Reed. Letter in the hands of Elder Ernest Runyon.

MUD RIVER—By the hands of Elders Lee Vance, Wetzel Ball, Dow Hurley and Ernest Breedlove. Letter in the hands of Brother Lee Vance.

THORNTON UNION—By the hands of Elders R. H. Welch, Monroe Hubbard, Kirby Isom, Raymond Collins, J. B. Eversole, Caleb Creech, Ira Fields, D. N. Asher, Willie Wright, Billy Day, B. M. Potter, Lawrence

wyguru, James Wright, I. K. Collier and Charlie Cornett. Letter in the hands of Elder Monroe Hubbard.

INDIAN BOTTOM—By the hands of Elders Alonzo Allen, Ollus Baldridge, Jerome Watts, George Hagan, James W. Pratt, Paris Hagan, Beckham Fields, J. W. Witt, Tommy Gent, and Monroe Caudill. Letter in the hands of Elder Alonzo Allen.

FRIENDSHIP—By the hands of Elders George Allen, B. C. Riffe, N. J. Roberts, J. H. Belcher, Taylor Blankenship, Gurly Crabtree and Brothers Joe Runyon and Archie Roberts. Letter in the hands of Elder J. H. Belcher.

KYOVA—By the hands of Elders Ruben Dyer, Emory Osbourne, Lewis Marcum and Brothers Ted Dyer, Sterling Cole, C. M. Childers, Luther Ramey and J. H. Pack. Letter in the hands of Elder Lewis Marcum.

6. Called for transient ministers and members of our faith and order; the following received: Hamilton Bevins, Grover Adkins, T. H. Hall, Tracy Hatfield and Wiley Coffee.

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

8. Ordered that the Moderator make all temporary appointments.

9. Clerks appointed to write letters to corresponding Associations.

10. Committee appointed to take care of the visiting Brethren as follows: Elder Ken Varney and Brothers Julius Burgett and Lonzie Thomas.

11. Committee appointed to see that the stand be supplied with ministers and that peace is preserved around the stand, same as above, Elder Ken Varney and Brothers Julius Burgett and Lonzie Thomas.

12. Committee appointed to arrange the ministry for Friday and Saturday, consisting of one member from each Church, with the entire delegation of the Turkey Creek Church. No service Friday night. Ministers for Saturday: 1st, Elders Taylor Blankenship; 2nd, Jerry Hall; 3rd, Emory Osbourne, and 4th, F. A. Hopkins.

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 Harold Edmonds, the Association adjourned until nine o'clock Saturday morning.

Met pursuant to adjournment and after a song service was introduced by Elder J. H. Hall.

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 Willie Stanley, Dock Scott and Brother Uley Perry, 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 13th, 1957----- \$855.29

Paid out for printing of minutes,
freight charges and pictures,

typing paper ----- \$534.42

Secretary, Clerk and Treas. fees----- 50.00

Paid Out to Ester Hopkins----- 15.00

Total Paid Out----- \$599.42

Balance in Bank----- \$255.87

Received from Churches this year and pictures 478.00

Total on hand for next year----- \$733.87

All expenses for the coming year will be deducted from the above total.

5. By motion it is ordered that Troy T. Francis be appointed as Treasurer.

6. Ordered that the Clerk superintend the printing of the minutes, and that he have **3000** copies printed, and that he be allowed **\$50.00** for his services as Clerk, Secretary and Treasurer.

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, 1st Ernest Runyon, 2nd, Booker Riffte, and 3rd, George Hagens.

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Runyon, Elders, 1st, Dock Scott, 2nd, Uley Perry, 3rd, W. C. Hay; 4th, Booker Riffte, and 5th, our Moderator preach and close the service.

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

NEW SALEM—To be held with the Enterprise Church, to begin on Friday before the fourth Saturday in September, 1957. Elders: Johnie Cline, Charlie Johnson, J. G. Thornsberry, Tracy Hatfield, Ester Hopkins, Wayne Herald, B. H. Bevins, Carlos Gibson, Willie Stanley, Clyde Brown, H. C. Maynard, Ernest Cochran, R. A. Damron, Perry Cline and Brothers: Troy T. Francis, Uley Perry, Caudill Williamson and Donnie Lowe. Letter in the hands of Elder Ester Hopkins.

UNION—To be held with the Pilgrim Rest Church, to begin on Friday before the third Saturday in September, 1957. Elders: Perry Cline, Willie White, Carlos Gibson, Charlie Johnson, Willie Stanley, J. G. Thornsberry, Tracy Hatfield, Wayne Herald, Clyde Brown, Tommy Adair, Ellis Davis, Emmett Case, Jonah Ester Williamson, Ester Hopkins, B. H. Bevins and Brothers: Troy T. Francis, Earl D. West, Donnie Lowe, Jim White, Caudill Williamson, Mike Shephard and Oliver Tackett. Letter in the hands of Elder Ester Hopkins.

PHILADELPHIA—To be held with the Mt. Olive Church, to begin on Friday before the second Saturday in August, 1958. Elders: H. C. Maynard, Cecil Evans, Willie White, J. G. Thornsberry, Clyde Brown, Tracy Hatfield, Dock Scott, Ernest Cochran, Ellis Davis, Charlie Johnson and Brothers: James White, Troy T. Francis. Letter in the hands of Elder J. G. Thornsberry.

MUDD RIVER—To be held with the Mt. Zion Church, to begin on Friday before the fourth Saturday in August, 1958. Elders: W. C. Hay, Wayne Herald, Ester Hopkins, B. H. Bevins, Leslie Blair, Jeff May, Tracy Hatfield, W. H. May, Emmett Case, Perry Cline and Brothers: Mike Shephard, Joe Robinett, Bill Canterbury. Letter in the hands of Elder Ester Hopkins.

THORNTON UNION—By move it is ordered that we cease correspondence with Thornton Union Association until satisfaction is made between them and Indian Bottom Association, New Salem, Union and Friendship Associations.

INDIAN BOTTOM—To be held with the Big Leath-erwood Church, to begin on Friday before the first Sat-

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urday in September, 1958. Elders: Cecil Evans, Harvey Lowe, Edwin May, Emmett Case, Tracy Hatfield, Loyd SESCO and Brothers: Earl D. West, Marshall Williams, Dewey Walters, A. B. Francis, Tobie Robinett and James Maynard. Letter in the hands of Elder Tracy Hatfield.

FRIENDSHIP—To be held with the Bee Branch Church, to begin on Friday before the first Saturday in September, 1958. Elders: J. G. Thornsbury, Clyde Brown, Charlie Johnson, H. C. Maynard, Wayne Herald, Willie White, Percy Canterbury, Ellis Davis, Wallace Maynard, Perry Cline and Brothers: James White, Troy T. Francis. Letter in the hands of Brother Troy T. Francis.

KYOVA—To be held with the Bethany Church, to begin on Friday before the first Sunday in September, 1958. Elders: Tommy Adair, W. H. May, Willis Dials, Avery Lowe, Ester Hopkins, B. H. Bevins, Ken Varney, Dock Scott, Orville Runyon, Cecil Evans, Carlos Gibson and Brothers: Fred Lowe, Pete Dials. Letter in the hands of Elder Ester Hopkins.

11. Ordered that we print Obituaries of the deceased Brothers and Sisters presented to the Brother Clerk at the close of the Association.

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. 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 B. H. Bevins was read and ordered printed in our minutes, and that Elder Wayne Herald write a circular letter for approval next year.

17. Ordered that the **Queries** from the Pilgrims Home Church be printed as answered by the Association in our minutes.

QUESTION 1—Is the soul of man sealed with the holy spirit of God and saved before water Baptism? The Association answers YES.

QUESTION 2—Is there an inner and outer Man? The Association answers YES.

QUESTION 3—If there is an inner and outer Man is the inner Man Christ The Association answers NO.

QUESTION 4—If there is an inner and outer Man is the whole Man born again? The Association answers NO.

QUESTION 5—Is the new testament Scriptures The Gospel? The Association answers NO.

QUESTION 6—If the answer to the first two questions is YES and the last three is NO, WE then ask the Association to advise the Churches in our union who have ministers preaching, or teaching, contrary to the above, to call in their credentials and any church that should fail in so doing shall be cut off from the Association.

TO THE SARDIS ASSOCIATION OF OLD REGULAR BAPTIST

The following **Queries**, consisting of a number of questions which this Church requests the Association to answer, as all of the churches of this union are affected, and which has been brought about by an erroneous doctrine being advocated among us for the past several years.

WE, Therefore, request the answers to these questions at this session of the Association that the Doctrine will not be allowed to reach over into another year without being dealt with.

UNION MEETINGS

Time and Ministers to attend

(APRIL)

SOUTHERN HOME—First Saturday and Sunday. Elders: Tommy Adair, Cecil Evans, Willie White, Wayne Herald, Charlie Johnson, Jonah Ester Williamson and Ken Varney.

(MAY)

SALEM—First Saturday and Sunday. Elders: Tommy Adair and Dock Scott.

TURKEY CREEK—Second Saturday and Sunday. Elders: Jonah Ester Williamson, Tommy Adair, W. C. Hay and Ester Hopkins.

(JUNE)

ENON—First Saturday and Sunday. Elders: J. G. Thornusbury, Dock Scott, J. W. McCoy, with Moderator attending.

APPLE ORCHARD—First Saturday and Sunday. Elders: Wayne Herald, Ester Hopkins and Edwin May.

LITTLE ROSA—Second Saturday and Sunday. Elders: J. W. McCoy, J. G. Thornusbury, Dock Scott and Wallace Maynard.

MUNCY VALLEY—Third Saturday and Sunday. Elders: Dock Scott, Tommy Adair and Cecil Evans.

BUCK CREEK—Third Saturday and Sunday. Elders: Grover Carey, B. H. Bevins, Jonah Ester Williamson and Ester Hopkins.

LITTLE VIRGIE—Third Saturday and Sunday. Elders: Willie Stanley, Tommy Adair, H. C. Maynard and Grover Carey.

SIDNEY—Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Elders: Tracy Hatfield, Wayne Herald, Ambrosia Howell, Fong Bowling and Butler Howell.

(JULY)

DIX FORK—First Saturday and Sunday. Elders: Dock Scott, Grover Carey, Tommy Adair, Charlie Evans and Grover Adkins.

SAMARIA—First Saturday and Sunday. Elders: Wayne Herald, Jonah Ester Williamson, Emmett Case,

PILGRIMS HOME CHURCH

Elder Emmett Case, Moderator

Troy T. Francis, Clerk

18. Ordered that our next Association be held with the Tabitha Church, to begin Friday before the second Saturday in September, 1958.

By vote it is ordered that Elder Tommy Adair preach the Introductory Sermon, and that Elder Ester Hopkins be his alternate.

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

20. Ordered that the minutes be read and Signed by the Moderators and Clerks.

21. On motion we adjourned to the time and place above mentioned.

Elder Ester Hopkins, Moderator,
Elder Wayne Herald, Asst. Moderator,
Troy T. Francis, Clerk,
F. M. Preece, Asst. Clerk.

used on the Dillon Cemetery on Sunday of our Union meeting.

LEANNAN—Second Saturday and Sunday. Elders: J. W. McCoy, Dock Scott, Edwin May and Wayne Herald.

MT. PLEASANT—Second Saturday and Sunday. Elders: Clifford Colley, Wayne Herald, Elmer Church, Baxter Osborne, with Moderator attending.

BIG BRANCH—Third Saturday and Sunday. Elders: Tommy Adair, Ester Hopkins, Edwin May, with Moderator attending. Also, on Sunday memorial of J. M. Taylor, Elder E. F. Fields and wife, Flem Maynard and wife, Ben and Lucy Blackburn's Children. Service will begin at 1 o'clock on Saturday.

MARY ELIZABETH—Third Saturday and Sunday. Elders: Edwin May, Wayne Herald, Dock Scott and W. C. Hay.

NARROWS BRANCH—To begin on Friday before the fourth Saturday. Elders: Percy Canterbury, Charlie Johnson, J. G. Thornsberry and Ross Cline, with Moderator attending.

(AUGUST)

TABITHA—First Saturday and Sunday. Elders: Elias Cotton, Billie H. Moore, J. G. Thornsberry, Charlie Johnson and J. W. McCoy.

REBECCA—Second Saturday and Sunday. Elders: Ester Hopkins, Wallace Maynard and Emmett Case, with Moderator attending. This is also our Memorial meeting time.

ELK FORK—Third Saturday and Sunday. Elders: J. G. Thornsberry, H. C. Maynard, Charlie Johnson and Jonah Ester Williamson.

BENT BRANCH—Third Saturday and Sunday. Elders: Elmer Church, Fon Bowling and Ester Hopkins, with Moderator attending.

ROSA—Third Saturday and Sunday in July. Elders: Taylor Blankenship, Jonah Ester Williamson, Elias Cotton, Fon Bowling and Cosby Conway. (NOTE) Our Communion will be held the third Saturday and Sunday in August, with Communion Sunday afternoon.

BETHANY—Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Elders: Elias Cotton, Wayne Herald, H. C. Maynard, J. G.

Memorial meeting time.

SARDIS—Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Elders: J. G. Thornsberry, Willis Dials, Charlie Johnson, H. C. Maynard and Jeff May.

PILGRIMS HOME—Fourth Saturday and Sunday in July. Elders: Grover Adkins, Wayne Herald, Clifford Colley and W. H. May. (NOTE) Our Communion will be held the fourth Saturday and 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, with Communion Saturday afternoon, by request of some of their members over there who are not able to go far to Church. Elders requested: B. H. Bevins and Ester Hopkins.

SUNDAY'S SERVICE, SEPTEMBER 15th, 1957

1st—After singing some of our favorite Songs of Zion, the service was further introduced by Elder Dock Scott. Song, "Every moment brings me nearer." Elder Percy Canterbury led us in Prayer.

2nd—Elder Paris Hagan, from Indian Bottom Association, was called to the stand. He used for a "TEXT" or subject to talk from the shortest verse in the Bible, JESUS WEPT, St. John, 11th Chapter and 35th verse.

3rd—Elder W. C. Hay was called to the stand. He used for a "TEXT" a portion of the 26th verse of the 7th Chapter of ACTS, which reads as follows: "Sirs, Ye are brethren, why do ye wrong one to another."

4th—Elder Booker Riffe, from the Friendship Association, was called to the stand. He used for a "TEXT" Mark, the 16th Chapter and a portion of the 18th verse, as follows: "They shall take up Serpents, and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them," etc.

5th—And last on the stand, our Moderator, Elder Ester Hopkins. He used no special scripture as a TEXT, but all the foregoing Brethren preached in one accord and at the close of the service there was much rejoicing and praising of the good Lord.

and the surrounding Communities for their hospitality shown us through this session of our Association. I want to thank the Sheriff of Pike County, Ky., and his deputies for directing traffic for our safety to and from the Association. I want to thank the Rev. Keither Wilson for furnishing us a place to park cars and to hold our meeting. I also want to thank the Westcott Lumber Company for being so generous to loan us blocks and lumber to build our seats and stand. May God bless them for their kindness, thus ending the sixty-fifth session of the Sardis Association.

May God bless each Church, that when our next Association meets that there will not be a single query or question to come before us to cause us trouble and heartaches, and if we are not blessed to meet anymore here on earth in another Association, I hope to meet with you where no trouble can ever come to disturb our peace and fellowship. Farewell till we meet again.

Your Clerk.

CIRCULAR LETTER

Inasmuch as I have been appointed by the Association, as other brethren have been in the past, to set forth in order those things which are most surely believed among us. I now, with prayer in my heart, will try to comply with the order of the Association, hoping that the things that I write will be approved by the Association.

As there has been right much confusion over the ordinance of Baptism, my mind is to use it for my subject.

We all agree, in principle, that water baptism belongs to only one kind of an individual and that is a man or woman who has repented and believed in the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ to the place where it pleases the Lord, for the sake of His Son, to forgive their sins and born them again. It seems that some of our brethren misapply the Scriptures in such a manner as to make them teach that people put on Christ in the water. As I pretty well know all of our brethren and their views on this point of doctrine, it is a mistake to look at it in that light.

In the outset, I want to make it plain that there is not any of our brethren that believe that regeneration takes place in the water. I want to give my views on

be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God." St. John 3:5. I do not think this has any reference to water baptism, but it means a two-fold explanation of the new birth; that the thing intended was no other than a thorough spiritual purification by an operation of the Holy Ghost; in other words, a person's vision is required to be made spiritual, or rectified, by an entire renovation of the inner man. Jesus says, "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned." St. Mark 16:16. Baptism here is put for the external signature of the inner faith of the heart, just as confessing with the mouth is, in Romans 10:10, and there also as here, this outward manifestation once mentioned as the proper fruit of faith is not repeated in what follows: For the Scripture saith, "Whosoever believeth on Him shall not be ashamed." Rom. 10:11. Then Peter said unto them, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of your sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost."—Acts 2:38. The visible seal of the remission which had already taken place by the power of the Holy Spirit in regeneration. Paul says, "Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death?"—Rom. 6:3. Sealed with the seal of Heaven, as it were, people baptized in this manner formally entered into all the duties and obligations and were entitled to all the benefits of Christian discipleship in general, and of his death in particular. Since he was made sin and a curse for us, bearing our sins in his own body on the tree, and rising again for our justification, our whole sinful case and condition is thus taken up into his person and has been brought to an end in his death. Who-so thus has been baptized into Christ's death has formally surrendered the whole state and life of sin as in Christ a dead thing. He has sealed himself to be not only the righteousness of God in him, but a new creature, and as he cannot be in Christ to the one effect and not the other, for they are one thing; he has bid-den farewell by baptism into Christ's death to his entire connection with sin. How then can people live any longer therein? The two things are as contradictory in the fact as they are in the terms.

Paul says, "For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ."—Gal. 3:27. I do not want you to believe that water baptism puts you into Christ inwardly, but that it is an outward sign of the work of the Holy Spirit in regenerating the souls of

Spirit, make the inward grace correspond to the outward sign.

God gives us a body to live in, and it is his will that we use it in such a way as to show his works that he has been pleased to bestow on us through the death and suffering of his only begotten Son.

I cannot close without saying something about our blessed hope after this life is over. St. Luke says, "And he led them out as far as Bethany, and he lifted up his hands, and blessed them. And it came to pass, while he blessed them, he was parted from them, and was carried up into Heaven."—St. Luke 24:50-51. Sweet intimation, incarnate love, crucified love, risen love now on the wings for Heaven, waiting only those odorous gales which were to waft him to the skies, goes away in benediction that in the character of glorified enthroned love, he might continue his benedictions but yet in higher forms until he comes again. Oh if angels were so transported at his birth into this scene of tears and death, what must have been their ecstasy as they welcomed and attended for above all Heavens into the presence chamber and conducted to the right-hand of the Majesty on high. Thou hast an everlasting right, O my Saviour, to that august place. The brightness of the Father's glory enshrined in our nature has won it well, for he poured out his soul unto death and led captivity captive, receiving gifts for men; yea, for the rebellious that the Lord God might dwell among them. Thou art the King, O glorious Christ. Lift up your heads, O ye gates; be lifted up, ye everlasting doors, that the King of Glory may come in.

Even so wilt thou change these vile bodies of ours; that they may be like unto thine own glorious body, and then with gladness and rejoicing shall they be brought. They shall enter into the King's palace; there to live with Jesus and all the redeemed of the Lord for ever and ever.

Written by your brother in hope of eternal life.

Elder B. H. Bevins

MT. PLEASANT—Church will hold a memorial meeting second Saturday and Sunday in October. Ministers called, Elders Johnie Hall, E. V. Hopkins, Grover Adkins and Troy Nichols, with Moderator attending. APPLE ORCHARD—Church will hold a memorial meeting of all deceased members. All ministers invited.

MEMORIAL on the Joe Taylor cemetery—will be held on Sunday after the first Saturday in September. Ministers called, J. L. Nichols, Harvey Lowe, B. H. Bevins and Edwin May.

ENON—Church will hold a memorial meeting the first Saturday and Sunday in August. All ministers invited.

BENT BRANCH—Church will hold a memorial meeting the third Saturday and Sunday in June. Ministers called, Willie White and Wayne Herald.

SARDIS—Church will hold a memorial meeting on the Adair cemetery on Sunday after the fourth Saturday in July. Ministers called, Harold Edmonds, B. H. Bevins, Ellis Davis and Ester Hopkins.

MARY ELIZABETH—Church will hold a memorial meeting of Elder J. W. Smith and all other deceased members, the third Sunday in August. Also memorial of Elder Wallace Jackson and others will be held with this church the third Sunday in September. All ministers invited.

ELK FORK—Church will hold a memorial meeting the third Saturday and Sunday in October. All ministers invited.

PILGRIMS HOME—Church will hold a memorial meeting the fourth Saturday and Sunday in October. All ministers invited.

SALEM—Church will hold a memorial meeting the first Saturday and Sunday in October. Ministers called, J. W. McCoy and Wayne Herald.

ROSA—Church will hold a memorial meeting the third Saturday and Sunday in October. All ministers invited.

LITTLE VIRGIE—Church will hold a memorial meeting the third Saturday and Sunday in May. All ministers invited.

MEMORIAL of Pfc. Edward McCoy and others will be held on the Henry Taylor Cemetery on Sunday after the third Saturday in August. Ministers called, Harvey Lowe, Butler Ratcliff, Ernest Cochran, Jonah Ester Williamson and J. L. Nichols.

MEMORIAL of Brother Harrison McCoy and others will be held on Sunday after the third Saturday in August. Ministers called, Loyd SESCO, Harvey Lowe, J. L. Nichols and Tommy Adair.

MEMORIAL of Brother Johnie Nichols, Sr., and wife will be held on Sunday after the fourth Saturday in June. Ministers called, Edwin May, Harvey Lowe, J. L. Nichols and Wayne Herald.

MEMORIAL of Brother Carl Lowe and others will be held on Sunday after the fourth Saturday in July. Ministers called, Harvey Lowe, J. L. Nichols, Edwin May, Ester Hopkins and B. H. Bevins.

MEMORIAL at Pilgrim, Ky., of Sarah Jane Lowe and Joseph Station to be held on Sunday after the first Saturday in August. Ministers called, Harvey Lowe, Willis Dials, Wayne Herald and J. L. Nichols.

MEMORIAL will be held on the Lowe Cemetery, Big Branch, Pike County, Ky., on Sunday after the second Saturday in August. Ministers called, Harvey Lowe, J. L. Nichols and Edwin May.

MEMORIAL will be held on the Reed Cemetery, in the head of the right fork of Meat House, Martin Co., Ky., the first Sunday in June. Ministers called, Edwin May, Loyd SESCO and J. L. Nichols.

MEMORIAL of Sister Matilda M. Robinson and others will be held on Sunday after the second Saturday in June, near T. J. Robinson's home. Ministers called, Edwin May, J. L. Nichols and Willis Dials.

MEMORIAL of all the deceased on the Muncy Cemetery will be held on Sunday after the second Saturday in May. Ministers called, Edwin May, J. L. Nichols and Willis Dials.

MEMORIAL on the Robinson Cemetery will be held on Sunday after the second Saturday in July. Ministers called, J. W. McCoy, Dock Scott and J. L. Nichols.

MEMORIAL of Pfc. Edward McCoy and others will be held on Sunday in May. Ministers called, Edwin May, J. L. Nichols, Willis Dials and Clinton Howard.

SIDNEY—Church will hold a memorial meeting the fourth Saturday and Sunday in August. Also a memorial of Dave Jude and others will be held the fourth Sunday in July. All ministers invited.

DIX FORK—Church will hold a memorial meeting the first Saturday and Sunday in August. Ministers called, Lewis Smith, Wayne Herald and J. W. McCoy.

MEMORIAL will be held at the Stanley Cemetery on Dix Fork at Canada, Ky., the first Sunday in June. Ministers called, J. W. McCoy, Ernest Cochran and Charlie Johnson.

NARROWS BRANCH—Church will hold a memorial meeting the fourth Saturday and Sunday in May. Ministers called, Ken Varre, H. C. Maynard, Ester Hopkins and Wayne Herald.

BUCK CREEK—Church will hold a memorial meeting the third Sunday in July. Ministers called, Willie White, Lewis Marcum and W. H. May.

LITTLE ROSA—Church will hold a memorial meeting the second Saturday and Sunday in August. All ministers invited.

MEMORIAL of Brother Josh and Sister Christine Runyon will be held on Laurel Fork of Pigeon Creek, on the Runyon Cemetery, the third Sunday in June. Ministers called, J. H. Hensley, Tommy Adair and Charlie Evans.

MEMORIAL of Brother Robert Ellis will be held on the Yuma Cemetery the last Sunday in May. Ministers called, Tommy Adair, Carlos Meadows, Charlie Evans and Carlos Gibson.

TURKEY CREEK — Church will hold a memorial meeting the second Saturday and Sunday in October. All ministers invited.

MEMORIAL meeting will be held near Jobe Blackburn's home at Pilgrim, Ky., on the last day of August. Ministers called, J. L. Nichols and Edwin May.

SAMARIA—Church will hold a memorial meeting at the Hannah Cemetery in the head Marrowbone Creek, the third Sunday in August. Ministers called, Tommy Adair, Cecil Evans and Willie Varney.

the head of Marrowbone Creek, the first Sunday in September. Ministers called, Tommy Adair, Cecil Evans and Jeff May.

MEMORIAL will be held at the Perry Cemetery at Steptown, one mile below Kermit, W. Va., on Route 52, the second Sunday in August. Ministers called, Wayne Herald, Cecil Evans and Willis Dials.

MEMORIAL will be held on the Ledson Cemetery, three miles from Lenore, W. Va., on the fourth Saturday in July. Ministers called, Ester Hopkins, Wayne Herald, Willie White and Ellis Davis.

MEMORIAL will be held on the Newsome Cemetery five miles from Lenore, W. Va., on the third Sunday in July. Ministers called, George Elkins, John Fouch and J. H. Hensley.

MEMORIAL of Brother John Allen and others will be held on the Hays Lowe Cemetery the last Sunday in August. Ministers called, Ireland Harrison, H. C. Maynard and J. W. McCoy. This will also be a Basket Dinner.

MEMORIAL will be held for all deceased on the Julius Scott Cemetery, at Hardy, Ky., on Sunday following the third Saturday in July. Ministers called, H. C. Maynard, Dock Scott, J. W. McCoy and all others invited.

MEMORIAL of Floyd Blackburn and two Grandchildren will be held on the Blackburn Cemetery the third Sunday in June. All ministers invited.

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, in Martin County, Ky.

MEMORIAL of Elder W. H. Bowling and family will be held at the Tom Price School House, Piso, Ky., the first Saturday and Sunday in September, at 2 o'clock on Saturday and 11 o'clock on Sunday.

MEMORIAL will be held on the Harmon Maynard Cemetery at Piso, Ky., the first Sunday in August.

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.

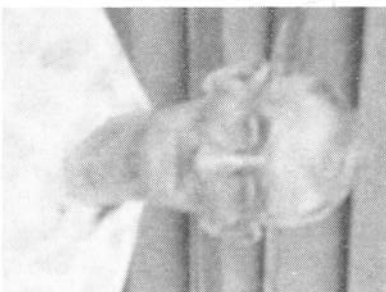
MEMORIAL will be held on the Bill Canterbury Cemetery the first Sunday in October, on the Laurel Fork of Pigeon Creek, two and one-half miles from Lenore, W. Va.

MEMORIAL of Louise Lowe, the daughter of Elder L. G. Lowe, and others will be held on the Runyon Cemetery on the Long Branch, Sunday nearest Decoration Day.

CLERK'S NOTE

Anyone desiring memorials to be printed in our minutes must have them written stating when and where they will be held, if not, they will be left out next year.

OBITUARIES



ELDER WILLIS BLACKBURN

By request of the deceased Brother, I will attempt to write this obituary, trusting that the Lord will keep these tears from my eyes while I write.

He was a son of the late Gilbert and Louisa (Williamson) Blackburn, born March 24th, 1879. The death Angel visited the Williamson Memorial Hospital at 5:15 o'clock Monday morning, December the 31st, and called him away, making his stay on earth 77 years, 9 months and 7 days. He was united in marriage to Matilda Francis and to this union was born 11 children. Four children and the mother preceded him in death, leaving 7 children, 23 grandchildren and 9 great grandchildren. Children names as follows: Mrs. Ailie McCoy of Roadfork, Ky.; Mrs. J. C. Billiter, Fred Blackburn and Mae Blackburn, all of Goody, Ky.; Mrs. Truda Haney, of Williamson, W. Va.; Mrs. Julius Kennedy, of Aftex, Ky., and John Gilbert Blackburn, of Canada, Ky.

Brother Willis joined the Regular Baptist Church May the 23rd, 1922, and was baptized by the hands of Elder Jonah Bevins and placed his membership with the Pilgrims Home Church, at Varney, Pike County, Ky. A few months later, February the 4th, Saturday, 1923, he was ordained to the ministry and served as Assistant Moderator of this church until the fourth Saturday in August, 1949, when he moved his membership by letter to the Salem Church. Brother Willis, knowing his time was short here on earth, caused a letter to be written October the 2nd, 1954, to his children, explaining to them what he wanted done at his funeral and who he wanted to conduct his funeral. He requested Elder B. H. Bevins to read this obituary and lead in Prayer, Elder Shadle Pauley to follow; Elder Ester Hopkins, follow him and close. He also wanted us Brethren to sing OH SING TO ME OF HEAVEN, at the graveside and that his grandson, Elder J. W. McCoy lead Prayer there. In closing his letter he said, "I leave my children and grandchildren in the care of the same God that I have tried to serve to the best of my ability for the past 34 years."

Beside his children, grand and great grandchildren, he leaves the entire membership of the Pilgrims Home and Salem Churches and a host of friends and relatives to mourn his loss.

But we feel our loss is his eternal gain. His body was laid to rest in the Fairview Cemetery to await the Judgment morning when all of the sleeping dead shall arise. Brother Blackburn will be one in that number that was spoken of in Revelations 14th Chapter and the 13th verse, which says "Blessed are the dead that die in the Lord, from henceforth, Yea, saith the spirit, that they may rest from their labours, and their works do follow them." Brother Blackburn dreaded the sting of death, but I think he was ready and willing to go as I was standing over him in his last minutes of life on earth. He could not speak to me but would nod his weak head as if to say it won't be long for me now, although he was in much pain he bore it patiently. I could write many good things about Brother Blackburn, but I will close this obituary by saying to his children and many friends that if you ever expect to see him again you will have to take heed to that good counsel he has given you and follow in his footsteps. May God bless you children to live in peace with each other. Seek the Lord and follow your Daddy.

Written as requested by

Troy T. Francis

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This letter written by elder Willis Blackburn October 2nd, 1954, which reads as follows:

To my many Brothers and Sisters in the Lord, throughout Kentucky, Virginia and West Virginia:

To you I say farewell and my last Prayer for you is that you strive for the things that make for peace, and the things whereby one may edify and comfort another. Please do not strive about words to no profit, but to the subverting of the hearers, for if Ye bite and devour one another, take heed that Ye be not consumed one of another; live in peace, love one another with a more fervent love than ever before. I feel sure that the time is not far distant when the Blessed Lord will descend from Heaven and them that sleep in Jesus will God bring with him when he comes, and these mortal bodies will put on immortality, though our bodies must seek corruption, then and not until then, will be brought to pass the saying, death is swallowed up in victory, then the redeemed of the Lord can join in the song of triumph, "O death, where is thy sting, Oh grave where is thy victory", and finally, Farewell; I commend you to God and to word of His grace, which is able to build you up and establish you in every good word and work.

Yours in hope of eternal life, in which God cannot lie, promise to them that are faithful, unto death.

Willis Blackburn



ELDER JONAH BEVINS

It is with a saddened heart that I attempt to write the obituary of my beloved grandfather, Elder Jonah Bevins, Poppa, as was called by his family, was called away from us on April 23, 1957, at the age of seventy-

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five. Forty-two years or his lifetime was devoted to the Regular Baptist Church which he joined in 1913. He was ordained an Elder two years later and began the work which the Lord had called him to do. Poppa gave his life to preaching the Gospel and begging sinners to repent that they might live with Jesus in the life to come. He ceased only when sickness prevented his going to church. However, he never ceased to counsel us grandchildren and his children about the way in which we should live.

Poppa was born July 16, 1881, at Sidney Ky., the son of Thomas J. and Sally (Burriss) Bevins. He was married to the former Ella Harris, who preceded him in death, and to the former Dicie Brewer, who survives. To the first union was born eight children. Clyde, the first-born, preceded Poppa in death. Left to mourn the loss of a devoted and beloved father and brother are three sons, Okey, Ester Marvin and Quentin; four daughters, Mrs. Lola Pauley, Mrs. Sally Fairchild, Mrs. Irene Kelsay and Mrs. Magdaline Combs; one brother, Elder Harrison Bevins; two sisters, Mrs. Ida Caines and Mrs. Ibba Cox; three half-brothers, Joe, Willie and T. J., and one half-sister, Mrs. Mary Runyon. He also leaves 15 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

We weep because we no longer have Poppa with us to brighten our lives, but we rejoice because we know that he is at home with God and knows no suffering or pain. His children have all taken the step to prepare themselves to meet Poppa in Heaven so that the family can be together there as they were here on earth. I know that the Church mourns for Poppa as we do but we must remember that our loss is Heaven's gain. Christ tells us that if we believe in Him and keep His commandments we shall live with Him in Heaven. If we are to see Poppa again, that is the way we must strive for.

Written by one who loved him dearly,

His granddaughter,

Mary Jane Bevins

RUDOLPH SESCO

It is by request of the family that I write the obituary of a beloved brother, to wit: Rudolph SESCO, the son of Patrick and Ruthie (Bowling) SESCO, born August 17th, 1886, deceased this life May 2nd, 1957, being 70 years, 8 months and 14 days old at death. He was

united in marriage to Elizabeth SESCO and they were born seven children, as follows: Leonard, Ira, Oliver and Ruloph, Jr. SESCO, Mrs. Elkie Young and Mrs. Wess Lawson. Besides his wife and children he leaves a host of friends and relatives, with the entire membership of the Pilgrims Home Church. He also leaves six sisters and three brothers, namely, Mrs. Perry Ray, Mrs. Martha Morrison, Mrs. Esta Ray, Mrs. Myrtle Shaffer, Mrs. Victoria Elkins and Mrs. Bonnie Hammock; brothers, Willie, Marion and Wetzel SESCO. Brother Rudolph professed a hope in Christ and was baptized by the hands of Elder Jonah Bevins and Elder Hays Maynard, June 22nd, 1924, placed his membership with the Pilgrims Home Church where he remained a faithful member until death. We believe our loss is his eternal gain. He fought a good fight and has finished his course, henceforth there's a crown laid up for him in Glory, and children, there's a crown for you, too, if you will seek Jesus as your father did. Open up your hearts and let Jesus come in.

Children be good to mother, she won't be with you long. Now I must close by saying, your Daddy has gone to return no more.

Daddy has gone and left us,

We hated to see him go,

His soul is peacefully resting

In a better world we know.

He is gone but not forgotten,

His memories linger still,

His presence has departed,

But his memories never will.

Written by

Elder Jonah Ester Williamson



JOHN PHILLIPS

It is with much sadness of heart that I try to write the obituary of my dear father, John Phillips, the son of Abraham and Jenny Phillips. He was united in marriage to Mary Marguerite McGuire, who preceded him in death in 1923. Father was married the second time to Lillian Stanley, January 18th, 1928. The Lord was good to Daddy and let him stay here on earth 92 years. Besides his second wife he leaves eight children, as follows: George, Jesse, Ida Wilson, Rebecca Hatfield, Sarah Anderson, Rosa Pettis, Virginia Nichols and Elizabeth Mann. He also leaves 43 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren, with a host of friends and relatives to mourn his loss. He was a member of the Regular Baptist Church and to this profession he remained faithful until death. The life he lived before us children and the good counsel he always gave us, gives me the right to believe that Daddy is resting in the paradise of God, just awaiting the day of Redemption.

To my brothers and sisters and relation, let us strive to make our peace calling and-election sure with God, so in the Resurrection morning the family circle will not be broken, then we can meet Daddy and all of the loved ones that have died in the triumphs of faith. Won't that be a wonderful reunion? May God bless you all.

Written by his Daughter,

Mrs. Rebecca Hatfield



SISTER HAZEL SMITH

Sister Hazel Smith, the daughter of James H. Crigger and Martha Hankins Crigger, was born July 5, 1911, at Canada, Kentucky. She deceased this life on Friday, March 1, 1957, making her stay here 45 years, 7 months and 26 days, where she made life a little happier for those of us who knew and loved her.

She became a member of the Dix Fork Church of Old Regular Baptists, the church of Jesus Christ, being baptized at the hands of Elders Harold Edmonds and Charlie Johnson. She remained a faithful member until death took her from our midst.

Sister Hazel married George Smith, the son of Brother James Smith and Sister Buena Morris Smith, both deceased, and to this union were born 2 daughters, Betty Jewell Smith and Sylbia Joyce Smith, both at home.

Left to mourn the loss of this devoted wife, loving mother, sister and friend, besides the husband, George Smith, the two daughters, Betty Jewell Smith and Sylbia Joyce Smith, are six sisters, Mrs. Bill Pauley, Williamson, W. Va.; Mrs. Omar Williamson, Mrs. Cashier Blackburn, Mrs. Frank Thornsby and Mrs. Glenn Williamson, all of Canada, Kentucky, and Mrs. Clayton Allen, of Monoville, W. Va.; 2 brothers, Earl Crigger, Canada, Ky., and Cecil Crigger, of Detroit, Michigan; her father, James H. Crigger, and her mother, Sister Martha Crigger, both of Canada, Kentucky, besides a great host of relatives and friends.

But we feel that our loss is her eternal gain. For like the Psalmist David, Sister Hazel said, "I will take the cup of salvation and call upon the name of the Lord. I will pay my vows unto the Lord now in the presence of

...and his people. One came to the people on the Lord confessing Christ as her personal Savior, was buried with Him in baptism, arose with Him to walk the newness of life. And was able by the help of the Lord to fulfill the next verse of Scripture, "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints". Sister Hazel was blessed by the Grace of God, on her death bed, to praise her Creator, her Redeemer, her Savior, and her God.

* My prayer for George, Betty Jewell, Sylbia, her relatives and all her friends is that they will seek the Lord while He is near and call upon Him while He may be found. What He has done for Sister Hazel, He stands ready and waiting to do for all who will call upon Him. May God richly bless and save all of us, in my prayer, in Jesus' name.

Written by her cousin, whom she loved,

Elder Harold Edmonds



SISTER OCTAVIA THORNSBURY

Sister Octavia Thornsberry, the daughter of John and Victoria Riley Smith, was born September 16, 1890, at Canada, Kentucky, and deceased this life on Monday, July 15, 1957, about 10:00 A.M., making her stay here 66 years, 10 months and 29 days.

Sister Octavia married W. M. Thornsberry August 28, 1906, and to this union were born 13 children, 8 boys and 5 girls.

She became a member of the Mt. Pleasant Church about 43 years ago, being baptized at the hands of Elder John Weddington, and remained a faithful member until death took her from our midst.

Warren G. and George Thornsberry. Herbert died at about the age of 8 years. Henry and Bertha Smith's little girl was dead and one day before Herbert died he went to their house and told Bertha, "Your little girl is in Heaven, and I'm soon going to meet her."

Warren G. died at about the age of 1 year and 1 month, and George died at about 3 years of age. No doubt the souls of these three darling sons were there about the paradise of God when the sweet soul of their mother joined them to await the Resurrection of the bodies when the power of God shall bring them up out of their graves when Jesus comes riding upon the clouds of glory with ten thousands of His Saints to receive his children home and to execute judgment upon the world of sinners and ungodly.

Left to mourn the loss of this loving companion, devoted mother, sister and friend, besides her husband, W. M. Thornsberry, of Canada, Kentucky, are 5 sons, Willie, Johnnie, Bobby and Claude, all of Canada, Kentucky, and Calvin Thornsberry of Belfry, Kentucky; 5 daughters, Mrs. Benton West of Canada, Kentucky; Mrs. Troy Mullins of Sidney, Kentucky; Mrs. Dock Scott of Hardy, Kentucky; Mrs. Clayton Scott of Detroit, Michigan, and Mrs. Clarence Cook of Superior, Arizona; 4 brothers, R. T. Smith and Joe B. Smith of Canada, Kentucky; J. M. Smith and John Smith, Jr., of Dallas, Texas; 4 sisters, Mrs. Pricie Collins of Canada, Kentucky; Mrs. Celia Varney of Belfry, Kentucky; Mrs. Goldie Byers and Pauline Smith of Dallas, Texas; 37 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren, beside a great host of relatives and friends who are left to mourn her loss. But we sincerely feel that our loss is her eternal gain. Sister Octavia told her husband about praying for the Lord to cure her asthma and when she looked out a beautiful golden light shone down in the old field across from the home on the hill. When she saw the light she said she knew the Lord had answered her prayer.

She noticed the many sweet singing little birds that came and sang from the trees in the yard, and told her husband that she had always heard that where the little birds stayed there was a happy home.

Yes, Mat, you and her children, brothers, sisters, grandchildren and friends have given up a dear loved one who always tried to make life a little happier for you, but God promised her that if she bore her cross in this world that He would give her a crown of never-fad-

ing glory in that hour. May I say to you, she will no more come to soothe your aches and pains with her tender care, but if we all live faithful to Jesus and His teachings Christ will take us home to Heaven and let us rejoice together again forever and ever. May God richly bless and save us all in His prayer, in Jesus' name.

Written by one she loved,

Elder Harold Edmonds



ELDER W. H. (BILL) JUDE

By request of the family I will try to write a short obituary of Elder W. H. (Bill) Jude. He was a son of Dave and Sarah (Frale) Jude, born May 11th, 1892. God called him away January 26, 1957, making his stay on earth 64 years, 8 months and 15 days. He was united in marriage to Sallie Jude, October 11th, 1916; to this union were born nine children, six sons and three daughters: W. H. Jude and Mrs. Mabel Newsome of Lovely, Ky.; Dave, Lewis, Ethel and Armita of Pilgrim, Ky.; Charley and John of Kapperson, W. Va.; Floyd of Jackson, Mich.; four brothers: John and Jack of Threeforks, Ky.; Lewis of Williamson, W. Va.; three sisters: Mrs. Mammie Sluss, Mrs. Patty Horn and Mrs. Mary Duncan, all of Warfield, Ky.; his mother and a host of friends and relatives, with the entire membership of Sidney Church to mourn his loss.

Brother Bill joined the Regular Baptist Church the fourth Saturday in May, 1932, and was baptized by the hands of Elder Shadle Pauley and placed his membership with the Sidney Church, where he was later ordained to the ministry. Now, to his children, if you

ever want to live with Daddy again you must be born again, then you can live with him in that place where Jesus has gone to prepare for those that love and serve him.

Written by

Stella Maynard, as requested.

NORMA V. RUNYIN

By the help of the Lord I will try to write a short obituary of Sister Norma Runyon. Born in the year of 1823, departed this life June 9th, 1957, at the home of Brother J. B. Runyon. She joined the Regular Baptist Church and was baptized into the fellowship of the Elk Fork Church by the hands of Elder Grover Carey. She was a humble and faithful member until death. She was married to Elva Runyon; to this union were born five children: William Albert, Elva Ray, Gloria Sue, Ernestine and Maylene Joyce.

Now to the children Sister Norma was a good mother and I believe she is asleep in Jesus, where no more trouble will come to her. She can never return to you again, but by the Grace of God you can go to her and enjoy the sweet peace and happiness that she is now enjoying. Get ready in this life for after death it will be too late.

Written as requested by

Elder Moses Maynard



WILLIE MANDRIGNUES

It is with much sadness I try to write the obituary of my dear husband, Willie Mandrignues, who was born

was united in marriage to Gracie Cochran May 12th, 1944. To this union were born two children, Nancy Carol and Freddie. He also leaves two step-daughters, Bonnie and Patsy Donley, and I feel he was a good father, too, and they was good and kind to him in all of his sickness—I was ever ready to help when he called. Willie professed a hope in Christ and was baptized into the fellowship of Dix Fork Church by the hands of Elders J. G. Thornsberry and H. C. Maynard, in June, 1949, and was a faithful member as long as he was able to attend. After he was afflicted he would call the brethren to his home to sing and preach for him. Besides his wife, children and parents, he leaves four brothers: Louis and James of California; Albert of New York and Manuel of Hawaii; and six sisters: Lucy of Bermuda; Mary and Tina of California; Lenna of Texas; Doris and Violet of Hawaii, and a host of friends to mourn his loss. He was a veteran of World War II, served about three and one-half years; was wounded twice and received the Purple Heart. Two days before he died he talked to friends and family and asked for the children. We feel our loss is his gain, for God called and he paid the debt we all must pay. I hope all the children will remember his advice and take heed before it is too late, for we never know who God will call next. I believe Willie is at rest with Jesus where he will never have to worry about things of this life again.

Sleep on my loved one, sleep on,

You are free from death and pain,

We would not think to call you back

To suffer death again.

By faith we view your smiling face,

In the regions just beyond;

By the grace of God we will meet again,

When the saints are gathered home.

Written by his wife and mother-in-law,
Mrs. Gracie Mandrignes and Mrs. John H. Cochran

BETTY (COLLINS) CHAPMAN

It is in much sadness that I will try to write the obituary of my dear aunt, Betty Collins. I feel too unworthy to try to describe the wonderful light she left behind for her family and friends to remember her by.

She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Collins of Canada, Ky., born December 23rd, 1896, deceased

on September 27th, 1970, making her stay here on earth 59 years, 2 months and 34 days old. Aunt Betty lived most of her life at Canada, Ky., was married to Joseph Chapman; to this union were born ten children, names as follows: Mrs. Hardy Rose, Mrs. Floyd Blackburn and Sarah Ann, all of Canada; Mrs. Juanita Montrose of Huntington, W. Va., and Mrs. Melvin Sandefur of Toler, Ky.; Clarence and Hillard of Marshallville, Ohio; Frankie, Arnold and Joey, all of Canada, Ky.

She also leaves three sisters: Mrs. Henry Baldwin, Mrs. Bill Smith and Mrs. Tunis Williamson of Canada, Ky.; also one brother, Leonard Collins of Canada. She leaves several grandchildren and a great host of friends and relatives. Aunt Betty was a member of the Mt. Pleasant Church. She suffered many hours while on earth, but just before she passed away, she told her family to follow Jesus. We have a hope of meeting Aunt Betty in Heaven some sweet day. I want to say to her husband and children who are still out in sin, if you want to meet mother again you will have to do as she did and repent of your sins.

So many hours you suffered,

While on this earth below,

But God relieved you of your pain

And gave you rest we know.

You have ceased from all trouble,

And your work on earth is done,

We hope to meet you blessed sister,

When our race on earth is won.

Written by her Neice,

Judith Baldwin

Mills of Ragland, W. Va., and Homer Reed of Pilgrim, Ky. Later father was married the second time to Anna Maynard; to this union were born eight children, names as follows: Beuford Reed of Heenon, Ky.; Clifford Reed of Guinore, Ky.; Oscar Reed of Wise, Va.; Mrs. Sallie McCoy of Heenon, Ky.; Mrs. Julie Clark of Zebulon, Ky.; George R. Reed of Barstow, California; Mrs. Genevia Adams of Pikeville, Ky., and C. B. Reed of Heenon, Ky. Daddy joined the Regular Baptist Church about 42 years ago and was baptized by the hands of Elder J. W. Smith and placed his membership with the Big Branch Church. In later years he was given off in an Arm with others to help organize the Leannah Church on Wolf Creek.

Daddy's life will live on in our community. We will miss his loving face, but we feel he has made a happy exchange from a world of trouble to a home of happiness, where his soul is resting awaiting that happy day when he will be presented with a beautiful crown of never-fading Glory. To you, children that are out in sin, accept Jesus as your Saviour, then you can meet Daddy again and wear a crown forever more.

Written by his Daughter,

Sally McCoy

JAMES McCLELLAN BEVINS

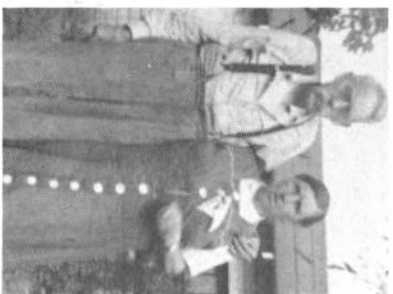
With much sadness in my heart I will try to write an obituary of my father, James M. Bevins, the son of Thomas and Louise (Stratton) Bevins, born November 4th, 1880, deceased this life July 13th, 1957. Daddy met with death instantly, while crossing the road, and when hit by a car. His death was a great loss to us children since mother was called away from us many years ago.

He was first married to Elzie Murphy; to this union were born seven children, as follows: Mrs. Nick Blackburn, Mrs. Myrtle Stratton, Orville, Elmer, Forrest, Lat and Thomas Bevins. Daddy was married the second time to Mrs. Bertha Layne and to this union were born four children: Mrs. Ruby Scott, Mrs. Irene Bevins, James, Jr., and Roy Bevins; two brothers, G. C. and Richard Bevins, one Sister Fannie Sparks. Besides these relatives he leaves a large circle of friends and the entire membership of the Bent Branch Church, where he became a member September 18th, 1955. We all miss

him here, but I feel our loss is his eternal gain and by the help of God I hope to meet him some sweet day.

Written by his Son,

Forrest Bevins



PETER NORMAN

It is with much sadness that I write the obituary of my dear father, Peter Norman, who was born April 20, 1882, deceased this life on January 29, 1957, being 74 years, 9 months and 9 days old. He was the son of Robert Norman and Phurdy Church.

He was married to Nancy Ann May on May 14, 1903, and to this union were born ten children, eight girls, two boys; three preceded him in death. The children still living are: Nona Hensley, Martha Evans, Mary Curry, Louvina Hall, Meria Jarrels, Sarah Ann Norman, Glen Norman and Clarence Norman. He has twenty-nine grandchildren and twenty-six great-grandchildren.

Daddy became a member of the old Regular Baptist Church on May 27, 1939. He was a faithful member until death. He is missed so much when we meet at the Church, his face we can't see but I believe that our loss is Heaven's gain.

Now to the children who know not God in pardon of sins: Put your trust in God and live the life that Papa lived. He put his trust in God and he prayed day and night and asked all of us children to live a better life.

How sad was the hour of parting when the Death Angel took him away.

Written by a Daughter,

Nona Hensley

It is with much sadness that I try to write a short obituary in memory of my loving husband, Jeff Stoton. He was a son of Ance and Mary (Jude) Stoton, born August 20th, 1914, deceased this life April 24th, 1957, being 42 years, 8 months and 4 days old. He was united in marriage to Sadie Lowe May 9th, 1934, to this union were born three daughters: Betty Jo, Anna Lois and Nellie Joyce. He leaves besides his family his father, mother, three brothers and seven sisters, along with the entire membership of the Turkey Creek Church. Brother Jeff was baptized into the fellowship of the Pilgrims Home Church by the hands of Elder L. G. Lowe, in the year of 1935. He was later given off in an Arm with other members to help organize the Turkey Creek Church and some years later he was ordained to the office of Deacon.

He was a good father and husband, loved by all who knew him. The girls and I will miss him very much. His life will live on a beautiful memory with us, though the days will be long and lonely, but we believe his work will live on and when Jesus calls the sleeping dead he will arise and be caught up in the Clouds of Glory to live with Jesus and the Angels forever more. Sleep on Daddy, sleep on.

Written by His Wife and Daughters

HENRY C. SMITH

Henry C. Smith was born June 24th, 1875, departed this life January 30th, 1957. He was married to Abbie McCoy; to this union were born seven children: Ada Nichols, William Prince, Author, and Arnold, Lyda and Anna Robinson. He was baptized into the Big Branch Church by the hands of Elder J. L. Nichols and Harvey Lowe in December, 1952. Shortly after he joined the Church he became afflicted and was unable to fill his seat in Church, although that was his greatest desire, to be with the Brethren. I feel Brother Henry has made a happy exchange; he has left us here below to fight the good fight of faith. Our trials here are many but we feel he has lost all his troubles in the arms of Jesus, where the saints of God go in and out and feast on the delectable Mountains, where peace and happiness has no end. That is our hope, our joy, that some sweet day we can be in that number.

Written by Elder Harvey Lowe

By request of the family I will try to write the obituary of Sister Nancy Stanley, the daughter of W. H. and Cynthia (Farmer) Bowling, born January 29th, 1882, deceased this life April 12th, 1957, making her stay here 75 years, 2 months and 18 days. She was married to Mont Sanley, who survives; to this union were born four children, as follows: Carlis, Perna, Truda and Zella; five step-children: Jerry and Willie Stanley, Mrs. Wilda Hinkle, Mrs. Fannie Robinett and Mrs. Willie SESCO. One daughter and one step-daughter preceded her in death. She also leaves three sisters: Mary Runyon, Cora Runyon and Phoebe Harrison, a number of grandchildren, with a large circle of friends and relatives to mourn her loss.

Sister Nancy was a member of the Bent Branch Church for many years. She was a faithful member and attended other churches of her faith as long as she was able to go. Death came to her suddenly — the family could hardly realize she was gone. I know Uncle Mont, you and the children miss her from that home; don't weep for her but for yourselves and your children. The fruit she bore in this world is evidence to me that she ate of that Heavenly Manna here on earth and is now gone to rest in the paradise of God, so put your trust in Jesus, who careth for you and will lead you home to Glory.

Written as requested by

Elder Loyd SESCO

POLLY STOLLINGS

It has become our sad duty to write the obituary of one that was near and dear to us, to wit: Sister Polly Stollings, born November 4th, 1864, deceased this life December 10th, 1956, making her stay on earth 92 years, 1 month and 6 days at death. Sister Polly was united in marriage to Sanders Stollings, who preceded her in death; to this union were born six children, five boys and one girl; one boy preceded her in death. She leaves her children and a host of friends and relatives to mourn her loss, but we deeply feel our loss is her eternal gain and when the Trumpet sounds to awake the sleeping dead she will come forth changed from mortal to immortal and will be caught up to meet the Lord in the air forever there to dwell. Sister Polly was baptized into the Regular Baptist Church by the hands of Elder Ester Hopkins the third Saturday in August,

1710. In this profession she remained until her death. We believe we will see her again where she will not be afflicted. We want to say to her children, mother is gone to return no more. Her prayers for you have ceased. Get ready in this life to meet mother, for after death it will be too late.

Written by

Elder and Mrs. Lewis Smith

ETTA JEWEL

It is with much sadness I try to write the obituary of Sister Etta Jewel, a daughter of Berl and Ellen (Stevens) Meadows, born August 30th, 1885, deceased this life April 14th, 1957, making her stay here 71 years, 4 months and 6 days old. She was united in marriage to Dan Jewel, who survives; to this union were born five children, as follows: Bennie and Mrs. Alberta Hall of Lenore, W. Va.; Virgil of Greenup, Ky.; Mrs. Mary Hicks of Salma, Kansas, and Mrs. Gladys Jewel of Huntington, W. Va.; two sisters: Mrs. Nora Dillon and Mrs. Mable Floyd of Oldtown, Ky. Sister Etta was a member of the Bethany Church of Regular Baptist since 1935. We, of the Bethany Church, feel our loss is her eternal gain. I want to say to her children that are out in sin, if you ever see mother again you will have to be born again by the holy spirit of God. My prayers are that we all may live in Heaven with your mother and all the saints of God when he comes to gather his jewels home.

Written by Elder Ellis Davis

N. R. EVANS

By the help of the Lord I will try to write the obituary of Uncle Nim Evans—space would not permit me to write all the good deeds of his life.

He was a son of Mathias and Nancy Jane Evans, born January 15th, 1877, departed this life September 3rd, 1954, making his stay here 77 years, 7 months and 19 days at death. He was a member of the Sardis Church where he served as Treasurer for many years. He leaves one brother and one sister, four brothers and three sisters preceded him in death. Uncle Nim, as he was widely known, was married twice, first to Ann Staten; to this union were born nine children, of whom six have preceded him in death. Names: John Parker, Wallace Evans and Mrs. Ethel Runyon.

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and to this union were born four children, three preceded him in death; one son, Jesse Willard Evans, still survives. Uncle Nim had a large circle of friends and relatives who will miss his presence in the Sardis Church and in our community. Now children, you know how he lived in this life and the good counsel he gave you, even on his death bed. You will have to obey that counsel if you ever see how it looks over in the Glory world where I believe Uncle Nim's soul is resting under the altar of God.

Written as requested by

Elder Willie Varney

GERTRUDE YOUNG

It is with much sadness and an aching heart that I will try by the help of the Lord to write a short obituary of my dear Sister in the flesh, and in the Lord.

Sister Gertrude (Bevins) Young was born September 28th, 1898, deceased this life May the 11th, 1957, making her stay here 58 years, 7 months and 17 days at death. A daughter of the late Elbert and Ruthie Bevins, she was married to Tolbert Young and to this union were born 6 children: Mary Jane Martin, Lottie and Virgil of Dayton, Ohio; Wallace of Belfry, Ky.; L. T. of Providence, Rhode Island, and John B. of Charleston, W. Va. She leaves two brothers, Willie Bevins of Turkey Creek, Ky.; Fred Bevins, Meta, Ky.; Mrs. Eliza Blackburn of Meta, Ky.; Mrs. Anna Maynard of Meta, Ky.; Mrs. Effie Blackburn of Roadfork, Ky. Besides her family she leaves a host of friends to mourn her passing.

Sister Gertrude confessed a hope in Christ, was baptized into the fellowship of the Bent Branch Church, where she remained a faithful member until death separated her from us. I feel she fell asleep in the arms of Jesus and our loss is her eternal gain, where her soul will rest from all her labors. Blessed are the dead that die in the Lord for they shall find peace and rest to their soul. Sleep on little sister, we hope to join you when our call comes for I feel that God welcomed you into the portals of His Holy Mansion.

A precious one from us is gone,

A voice we loved is still,

A place is vacant in our home

That never can be filled.

Written by one who loved her and her children,

Mrs. Anna Maynard

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With a sad heart I will now try by the help of the Lord to write an obituary of my dear husband, and father, whom my children and I will long remember, to wit: Sidney Blackburn. He was born February 6, 1892, deceased this life May 9th, 1957, making his stay here 65 years, 3 months and 3 days. He was a son of Winfield and Victoria (Williamson) Blackburn, who preceded him in death; was united in marriage to Effie Bevins and to this union were born 5 children, 3 sons and 2 daughters, as follows: Ovid of New York; Billy of Logan, W. Va.; Russel of Williamson, W. Va.; Phillis, in service overseas, and Lois of Huntington, W. Va. Sidney confessed a hope in Christ and was baptized by the hands of Elder Jonah Bevins, placed his membership with the Bent Branch Church, where he remained faithful until he became afflicted many months prior to his death. We have lost a good father and husband, the Church has lost a good member, the community a loving neighbor. We all miss him so since we know he cannot return to us, but by the Grace of God we can go to him where we will part no more. Let us pray, children, that the family circle will be unbroken.

There is a home not made by hand,

Beyond its golden door

Awaits the one who's now away,

Not lost, just gone before.

And in that home not made by hands.

The Master will prepare

A place for us and when he calls,

We'll meet our loved one there.

Written by one that loved him, his wife,

Effie Blackburn

POLLY BEVINS

It is with much sadness that I will attempt to write an obituary of my loving mother, Polly Bevins. She was the daughter of Joseph and Nancy (Morris) Bogar, born June 5th, 1872, at Sidney, Kentucky, and deceased this life January 5th, 1957, at about 1:20 P. M., being 84 years and 7 months old.

Mother joined the old Regular Baptist Church and was baptized at the hands of Elders Jonah Bevins and Harrison Bevins. She placed her membership at the Mount Pleasant Church, where she remained a true and faithful member until her death.

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were born 9 children. One infant son preceded her in death.

Besides her husband, Joe Bevins, she is survived by three sons: Bogar Bevins of Goody, Kentucky; Johnnie Bevins of Texas, and Craft Bevins of Sidney, Kentucky; five daughters: Mrs. John Smith, Mrs. W. M. Scalf and Mrs. Layton Smith, all of Sidney, Kentucky; Mrs. R. T. Farley of Hardy, Kentucky, and Mrs. J. J. Lee of Orlando, Florida; one sister, Mrs. Flora Hankins of Roanoke, Virginia, and one brother, Eugene Bogar of Hardy, Kentucky; 27 grandchildren and 43 great-grandchildren, besides a great host of friends and relatives who are left to mourn her passing.

I want to say to the brothers and sisters that I believe we can meet mother in Heaven, where we will part no more. If we will only trust in God to guide and keep up, as I believe mother did.

I feel that her spirit is resting in the paradise of God, while we are left alone to mourn her absence.

So trust in Jesus and we will join mother in the sweet bye and bye.

Written by her daughter,

Eunice Smith

SISTER CORA (BURRIS) BEVINS

Sister Cora (Burris) Bevins was born January 30th, 1889, at Heisey, Kentucky, the daughter of the late Watt and Hannah (Smith) Burris, and deceased this life about 5:03 P. M. Saturday, September 8th, 1956, at the Pikeville Methodist Hospital, at the age of 67 years, 7 months and 8 days.

Sister Cora came to the Bent Branch Church of Old Regular Baptists, the Church of Jesus Christ, on February 22, 1953, by an experience of Grace, and was baptized into the membership on May 17, 1953, at the hands of Elders Harold Edmonds and Edwin May. She remained a faithful member until death took her from our midst.

She was married to Floyd E. Bevins in 1910 and he preceded her in death on April 16, 1952. To this union were born three children, one of which, a son, preceded her in death, dying in infancy. His name was Lowell Bevins.

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ters: Mrs. Viola Bewins Layne and Mrs. Edith Bewins Taylor, both of Pikeville, Kentucky; one brother, Floyd Burris of Chehalis, Washington; two sisters, Mrs. Minnie Sheets of Tocomo, Washington, and Mrs. Wilda B. Harris of Hatfield, Kentucky, and three grandchildren, Gary Dean Layne, Donald Clinton Layne and Jane Lee Taylor, besides a great host of relatives and friends.

But we feel our loss is her eternal gain, for in one of her letters written to Elder Harold Edmonds, Monday, September 12, 1955, she leaves these words which should comfort her children: 'God has been so good to me. I thank him and praise him for keeping me and the relief that I have from all fear and troubles. While I have always lived a good virtuous life, I have found there is nothing to compare with living a Christian life in peace and comfort.' Yes, children, mother has found that peace which passes all understanding, and her soul is in the paradise of God and her body will be raised and fashioned like the most glorious body of her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, in the resurrection at the last day. May we all be ready to go home with Him and live with mother and all the family of God in Heaven forever, is my prayer in Jesus' name.

Written by one loved by both your mother and father,

Elder Harold Edmonds

BROTHER EDWARD FRANCIS, SR.

Brother Edward Francis, Sr., the son of the late Allen and Polly Francis, born August 5th, 1885, at Varney, Ky., deceased this life December 25th, 1956, making his stay on earth 71 years, 4 months and 20 days. He was united in marriage to Hester Ann Francis, at an early age; to this union were born 2 children. The wife and children preceded him in death.

He was married the second time to Ella Francis and to this union were born 9 children. The mother and one child preceded him in death. He leaves four sons, four daughters and one step-son, names as follows: John, Cecil, Harrison and Edward Jr.; daughters: Mrs. Maxie Hensley, Mrs. Nosena Titter, Dollie Francis and Mrs. Mattie Marcum, also a step-son, Landon Francis. Brother Edward was married the third time to Essie McNeely, who now with the children and a host of friends and relatives are left to mourn his loss.

He joined the Regular Baptist Church June the 30th, 1942, and was baptized by the hands of Elder Basil

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in ourment and placed his membership with the Pilgrims Home Church at Varney, Ky., to which he lived a faithful member until the Death Angel called him away on Christmas day.

Brother Ed, as we called him, was afflicted for many years but bore his afflictions with much patience. The children have lost a loving father, his community has lost a good neighbor, the Pilgrim Home Church has lost a good and faithful member, but we feel that our loss is his eternal gain.

I would love to say to all his children, that if you ever expect to see Daddy again you will have to live the life and walk as I feel he did, before you children. May God bless you children that are left here without father or mother, to advise you, be good to each other, seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near.

Written by his Cousin and Brother,

Troy T. Francis

JASPER RAY

With much sadness I will try to write the obituary of my dear uncle, Jasper Ray, the son of Jerry and Mary (Ward) Ray, born May 22nd, 1883, deceased this life April 3rd, 1957. His father, mother, brothers and sisters preceded him in death. He was united in marriage to Bertha Parsons; to this union were born one son, Bill Ray of Williamson, W. Va. Uncle Jasper professed a hope in Christ the fourth Friday in August, 1938, and was baptized into the fellowship of the Pilgrims Home Church by the hands of Elders Willis Blackburn and Basil Robinett, where he remained a faithful member until death called him home to Glory. For many years he had no place to call home, just lived among his relatives and friends. He was afflicted with a crippled leg but would take his cane and make his way to Church each month as long as he could walk, but that affliction overcame him and he spent his last days in my home. He would call in the Brethren to have services for him as often as they could. His life has led us to believe that our loss is his eternal gain. He has left a world of trouble and entered into a paradise of joy, where we hope to meet him some sweet day.

Written by his niece,

Bertha Hinkle

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ROBERTA YOUNG

It is with much sadness that I attempt to write the obituary of Sister Robert Young, the daughter of Lizzie Burris, born June 21st, 1913, at Whitepost, Ky., deceased this life September 1st, 1957, making her stay here on earth 44 years, 2 months and 11 days.

She was united in marriage to L. J. (Jack) Young, September 2nd, 1930; to this union were born four children: James, Dixie, Anna Jane and Blake, all living. Besides her mother, husband and children, she leaves a host of friends and relatives and the entire membership of the Pilgrims Home Church to mourn her passing. She professed a hope in Christ and was baptized by the hands of Elder Jonah Bevins, January 29th, 1938 and lived a true and faithful member until death. She often spoke of the great hope she possessed in Jesus Christ, her redeemer. Sister Roberta was loved by all who knew her. We feel that our loss in this world is her eternal gain and she is resting from all the toils of this troublesome life, that her soul is resting under the altar of God to be received into that mansion from which no traveler has ever returned, where God will wipe away all tears from every eye. To mother, husband and children, prepare to meet Sister Roberta in that place of eternal rest.

Written as requested by

Elder Emmett Case

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June 22nd, 1957, to her family:

To James, Dixie, Anna and Blake: For some cause I want to write this letter—if anything happens don't worry about me—I have tried to live to please my sweet Saviour as near as I could. I am looking in hope of a sweet home where trouble will never be; put me where you all will be. I want pale pink or purple robe. I am asking you older ones to help look after mama and Blake—how they will need your help for awhile—be good to one another. Lucy, I love you and Linda, God bless her little heart, Jonah be good to Dixie, and some day all of you can come to see me over in the Garden of Paradise.

Mother, I know you will miss me as I was all you had, but remember God loves you so much, give your heart to Him and some day you, too, can come home. Jack, be good to my children, always remember to look forward to our reunion in Heaven together. I want Brother Jonah Ester Williamson to introduce and lead prayer, Brother Edwin May to follow and Brother Emmett Case to be the last to preach over me, I love them all. May God always be with the old Pilgrims Home Church and every one of my beloved family. Good-bye in this world; if I go Jesus holds my hand on the journey home as I feel so close to my sweet home tonight.

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.

Article X. The association shall endeavor to furnish the churches with the minutes of the association.

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 instinct, 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 editorial 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 immediate duty of all to accept them by a cordial and obedient faith.

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.

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 reprovved by the association as it may think proper.

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

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

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ADAIR, TOMMY ----- Rt. 1, Box 5, Delbarton, W. Va.
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VADKINS, ROBERT ----- Bristol, Tenn.
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BLAIR, LESLIE ----- Hunt, W. Va.
BROWN, CLAUD ----- Hardy, Ky.
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CASE, EMMETTE ----- Sidney, Ky.
CLINE, PERRY ----- Baisden, W. Va.
CLINE, FLOYD ----- Baisden, W. Va.
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MAYNARD, ELDON ----- Heenon, Ky.
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McCOY, J. W. ----- Hardy, Ky.
NICHOLS, J. L. ----- Thomas, Ky.
PAULEY, SHADLE ----- Beauty, Ky.
RUNYON, ORVILLE ----- Chatteroy, W. Va.
SHEPHERD, A. A. ----- Holden, W. Va.

SMITH, LEWIS ----- Hardy, Ky.
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 WHITE WILLIE ----- Lenore, W. Va.
 WILLIAMSON, JONAH ESTER ----- Varney, Ky.

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WILLARD BLAIR ----- Lenore, W. Va.
 R. B. MAYNARD ----- Heanon, Ky.
 GEORGE HINKLE ----- Sidney, Ky.

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Mt. Pleasant ----- Monroe Smith ----- Sidney, Ky.
 Apple Orchard ----- R. B. Maynard ----- Heanon, Ky.
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 Sidney ----- Stella Maynard ----- Threeforks, Ky.
 Dix Fork ----- Omer Williamson ----- Canada, Ky.
 Narrows Branch ----- Dock Scott ----- Hardy, Ky.
 Leannah ----- T. J. Robinson ----- Moree, Ky.
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 Tabitha ----- Comfort Gilman ----- Barnabus, W. Va.
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 Turkey Creek ----- Fred Lowe ----- Turkey Creek, Ky.
 Samaria ----- Jeff May ----- Dingess, W. Va.
 Rosa ----- Dewey Cline ----- Boitsden, W. Va.
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