

# MINUTES

of the

SIXTY-EIGHT ANNUAL SESSION

of the

SARDIS ASSOCIATION

OF OLD REGULAR BAPTIST

THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST

IN SESSION ASSEMBLED WITH

SALEM CHURCH

Goody, Kentucky



SEPTEMBER 9, 10, and 11, 1960



Eld. Ester Hopkins - Moderator  
Eld. Edwin May - Asst. Moderator  
Eld. Ellis Davis - Clerk  
Bro. Edwin Hay - Asst. Clerk

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In session assembled with the Salem Church, September 9, 10, and 11, 1960 at the place where arrangements were made for the preaching. The service was introduced by Elder Edwin May followed by the introductory sermon delivered by Elder Emmitt Case. Text: Hebrews 2:1. "Therefore we ought to give the more earnest heed to the things which we have heard, lest at any time we should let them slip. Then delegates assembled as the Church House and after a short talk by Elder Baxter Osborne, song and prayer by Elder Noah May. 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 Edwin May as Assistant Moderator, Elder Ellis Davis, Clerk and Brother Edwin Hay, 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 the letters from Sister Associations and received the following:

NEW SALEM -- By the hands of Jethro Hampton, M. V. Burke, J. J. Mosley, Wiley Coffee, Ellis Moore, Hamilton Blevins, Jim Case, R. E. Holbrook, Jay Hopkins, Burton Howard, Jessie Hampton, Johnny Tackett and Coy Combs. Letter in the hands of Jethro Hampton.

UNION -- By the hands of Oliver Tackett, N. A. England, Willie Kendrick, Ted Parker, M. A. Musick, James Hamilton, Evans Bailey, Bill Hall, Fred Rice, Rosco Oquinn, Elmer Church, G. M. Perrigan, Tyre Church, Rufus Perrigan, D. F. Baker, James Varney, Kennie Ramey, E. H. Wallen, Clifford Colley and Basil Bailey. Letter in the hands of Willie Kendrick.

PHILADELPHIA -- By the hands of John Griffith, John Moore, George Woods, Golden Adkins, Sterling Cole and John Isom. Letter in the hands of John Griffith.

MUD RIVER -- By the hands of Dow Hurley, Bert Hall, Ernest Breedlove, Lee Vance and Johnny Adkins. Letter in the hands of Lee Vance.

NORTHERN NEW SALEM -- By the hands of H. N. Vanderpool, Willie Collins, Steve Osborne, Paris Tackitt, Sid Hudson, Roy Hudson, Delmer Williams, Baxter Osborne, Roy B. Akers, John Mullins, Shade Meeks, McKinley Rowe, Forrest Osborne, Manford Elliott, Jessie Bryant, Homer Elliott. Letter in the hands of Baxter Osborne.

FRIENDSHIP -- By the hands of G. W. Hopson, Booker Riffe, Orville Street, Harold Burks, Minion Justice, Joe Runyon, H. W. Blair, Morgan Belcher, Dock McCoy and Josh Krouse. Letter in the hands of G. W. Hopson.

6. Called for transient Ministers and members of our faith and order. Received as follows: Elders Percy Canterbury, Earl Hogston, William Hicks, Troy Nichols, E. J. Little, J. G. Thornsberry, Lewis Marcum, W. H. May and Charlie Johnson.

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

8. Ordered that the Moderator make all temporary appointments.

9. Clerk appointed to write letters to corresponding Associations.

10. Committee appointed to take care of the visiting Brethren as follows: Bros; Floyd Morris, Calvin Bevins, E. M. Bevins and Chester Combs.

11. Committee appointed to see that the stand be supplied with Ministers and that peace is preserved around the stand. Bros: Floyd Morris, Calvin Bevins, Chester Combs and E. M. Bevins.

12. Committee appointed to arrange the Ministry for Friday night and Saturday, consisting of one member from each church, with the entire delegation of the Salem Church. Friday Night: Elders Willie Kendrick, H. N. Vanderpool, Sid Hudson. Saturday: Elders: Charlie Gibson, Clifford Colley, Baxter Osborne, Willie Collins and Malcom Wright.

13. Committee on arrangements, consisting of one delegate from each church, with Moderator and Clerk, together with the delegate from our corresponding Associations, to arrange the order of business for Saturday's session.

14. On motion by Elder B. H. Bevins that the Association be adjourned until nine o'clock Saturday morning.

#### SATURDAY MORNING

Met pursuant to adjournment and after singing several beautiful songs of Zion, service was introduced by Elder Willie Collins, also he led prayer.

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 Brothers: Elmer Blackburn, Chester Combs and Uley Perry, who reported the contributions from the churches as shown in the Statistical Table.

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

Total on hand for the year ending Sept. 12, 1959	\$601.86
Paid out for the printing of the minutes	\$364.88
Secretary's fee	\$ 10.00
Clerk's fee	\$ 50.00
Expenses	\$ 22.00
Total paid out	\$446.88
Balance in bank	\$154.98
Received for pictures	\$ 43.00
Received from churches this year	\$489.00
Total on hand for next year	\$686.98

5. By motion it is ordered that Elder Ellis Davis be appointed Secretary and Treasurer and that he be allowed \$10.00 for his service.

6. Ordered that the Clerk superintend the printing of the minutes and that he have 3,000 copies printed and that he be allowed \$65.00 for his service, for preparing the manuscript and recording the same.

7. Brethren called in Union Meetings and Associations last year made their reports, which were received, failures excused and they were admonished to be more faithful this coming year.

8. Appointed the same committee to arrange the preaching for Saturday night and Sunday who reported as follows: Saturday Night: Elders: Dow Hurley, John Moore and Basil Bailey. Sunday: Elders: M. V. Burke, Paris Tackitt, Elmer Church, Clifford Colley, and Ester Hopkins.

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

NEW SALEM-- to be held with the Stone Coal Church at Garrett, Floyd County, Kentucky, beginning on Friday before the fourth Saturday in September 1960. Elders: B. H. Bevins, Wayne Herald, Harvey Lowe, Edwin May, Lloyd SESCO, Ross Cline, Johnnie Cline, Perry Cline, Emmitt Case, Charlie Johnson, Ernest Cochran, Avery Lowe, Willie White and Tracy Hatfield. Bros: Caudill Williamson, Otis Hall, Mike Young, Mike Sheppard, Mosco Gilman, Uley Perry. Letter in the hands of Elder Ester Hopkins.

UNION -- to be held with the Frozen Creek Church at Raccoon, Pike County, Kentucky, beginning on Friday before the third Saturday in September 1960. Elders: Edwin May, B. H. Bevins, Lloyd SESCO, John Fouch, Emmitt Case, J. G. Thornsberry, Ester Hopkins, Willie Stanley, H. C. Maynard, Harvey Lowe, Willie White, Willie Varney, Clyde Brown, Ross Cline, Johnnie Cline. Bros: Bill Williams, Russell Thacker, Otis Hall, Avery Hensley, S. D. Hensley, W. T. Floyd, Caudill Williamson, Newton Walters, Mack Smith, Mike Sheppard, Uley Perry, Joe Robinett, Mike Young. Letter in the hands of Elder Edwin May.

PHILADELPHIA -- to be held with the New Mount Olive Church at Greenup County, Kentucky, beginning on Friday before the second Saturday in August 1961. Elders: Avery Lowe, J. G. Thornsberry, Clyde Brown, Ester Hopkins H. C. Maynard, B. H. Bevins, Ernest Cochran, Harvey Lowe, Edwin May and Tracy Hatfield. Bros: Caudill Williamson, Julius Burgett, Julius Cochran, Uley Perry, Stanton Maynard, Willis Lowe, Leslie Blanton, Otis Hall, Wade Maynard, and John Gilbert Blackburn. Letter in the hands of Elder Charlie Johnson.

MUD RIVER -- to be held with the Little Laurel Church at Myra, Lincoln County, West Virginia, beginning on Friday before the 4th Saturday in August 1961. Elders: Ester Hopkins, B. H. Bevins, Perry Cline, W. H. May, J. L. Nichols, Tracy Hatfield, Edwin May, John Fouch, Jeff May, and Harvey Lowe.

Bros: Joe Robinett, S. D. Hensley, Mike Sheppard, Ersel Prince, and Jonah Maynard. Letter in the hands of Elder Wayne Herald.

THE NORTHERN NEW SALEM-- to be held with the Little Jewel Church at Ashland, Boyd County, Kentucky, beginning on Friday before the first Saturday in August 1961. Elders: Johnnie Cline, Harvey Lowe, Ross Cline, Tracy Hatfield, George Elkins, Emmitt Case, Wayne Herald, Jonah Ester Williamson, Edwin May, B. H. Bevins, Ester Hopkins, Lloyd SESCO, J. L. Nichols. Bros: Mike Young, Mike Sheppard, Caudill Williamson, Chester Combs, Mosco Gilman, Elmer Blackburn, Newton Walters, Forrest McGuire, Willard Young, Landon Taylor, Leslie Blanton, Wade Maynard and Harold Varney. Letter in the hands of Elder Emmitt Case.

FRIENDSHIP -- to be held with the North Spring Church at Wolford near Blakely, Virginia, beginning on Friday before the first Saturday in September 1961. Elders: Johnnie Cline, Perry Cline, Ross Cline, B. H. Bevins, Jonah Ester Williamson, H. C. Maynard, Charlie Johnson and J. G. Thornsberry. Bros: Uley Perry, Bill Williams, Mack Smith, Otis Hall, and Russell Thacker. Letter in the hands of Elder Johnnie Cline.

10. By motion and second, it was ordered that the requests for Union Meetings and Memorial Meetings be published in our minutes.

11. By motion and second, it was ordered that the obituaries of the deceased Brothers and Sisters be printed in our minutes. These are to be presented to the Clerk at the close of the Association or within ten days afterwards.

12. The Circular Letter written by Elder Charlie Johnson was read and ordered printed in our minutes and Elder B. H. Bevins was chosen to write one for next year.

13. By motion and second, it was ordered that the Treasurer pay the expenses of one (1) car for visiting the Sister Associations, that is paying for the gas and oil.

14. By motion and second, it was ordered that we advise our 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 or women having more than one wife or 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. Such cases to have Gospel or Church evidence of same.

16. By motion and second, it was ordered that Elders: H. C. Maynard, Ester Hopkins and B. H. Bevins be retained as committee men to approve or disapprove the history of the Sardis Association when completed by Brother Rufus Perrigan.

17. The Committee which consisted of Elders: Ester Hopkins, B. H. Bevins, Wayne Herald, Willie White and Emmitt Case made their report to the Association that the like committee from our Sister Associations didn't understand what we meant about studying the Articles of Faith, Constitution and the Rules of Decorum in order to promote uniformity among the corresponding Old Regular Baptist Associations, therefore nothing was done about them.

(b) Discussed the committee's report and by motion and second the committee was retained to still work on the above 17th item, and send requests with our letters to all the corresponding Associations to the effect that they appoint like committees for the purpose of studying the Article of Faith, Constitution and Rules of Decorum in order to ultimately promote uniformity among the corresponding Old Regular Baptist Associations.

(c) By motion and second, it was ordered that

the Churches study the Articles of Faith, Constitution and Rules of Decorum and present any changes they deem appropriate in the form of a request to the Association.

18. By motion and second, it was ordered that we return both letters back to the Indian Bottom Association and send a committee to be appointed by the Moderator to work with our Mother Association, New Salem and our Sister Associations, if they so desire to appoint a like committee to work with both sides and see if peace can be effected. Committee consists of Elders H. C. Maynard, Wayne Herald, Willie White, Ester Hopkins, Edwin May, W. H. May. The Sardis Brethren are instructed not to preach with either side.

19. By motion and second, it was ordered that we send back the Thornton Union Letter until such time as they comply with our item in the 1957 minutes. It was understood that the indirect correspondence with Thornton Union through our Sister. The Union Association meant this; The Sardis brethren can preach with the Thornton Union Brethren in the Union Association Churches but they can neither preach in Thornton Union Churches or invite their Ministers to preach in the Sardis Churches.

20. By motion and seconded, it was ordered that the clerk buy a new typewriter, which did cost \$91.47.

21. By motion and seconded, it was ordered that each church in the Sardis Association help Brother Rufus Perrigan finance the printing of the Sardis Association History.

21. By motion and seconded, it was ordered that our next Association be held with the Dix Fork Church at Canada, Kentucky.

23. By vote, it was ordered that Elder B. H. Bevins preach the introductory sermon and Elder Charlie Johnson be his alternate.

24. By motion and seconded, it was ordered that

we tender our thanks to the Salem Church, Community, Westcott Lumber Company, Sheriff of Pike County, Constable Clifford Staten and all others that had anything to do with the success of our Association.

25. By motion and seconded, it was ordered that the minutes be read and signed by the Moderator and Clerk.

26. By motion and seconded, it was ordered that we be adjourned to the time and place mentioned above.

This work done and signed by the Sardis Association.

Elder Ester Hopkins, Moderator

Elder Edwin May, Asst. Moderator

Elder Ellis Davis, Clerk

Brother Edwin Hay, Asst. Clerk

#### SUNDAY SERVICE, SEPTEMBER 11, 1960

We met with a large and orderly congregation of Brothers, Sisters and Friends. After singing several beautiful hymns of Zion, the service was introduced by Elder Earl Belcher of the Union Association. Song: "I Love My Saviour, God." Prayer by Elder Earl Belcher.

Elder Paris Tackitt of the Northern New Salem Association came to the stand and sang. "Jacob's Ladder." His text was: Song of Solomon 2:4. "He brought me to the banqueting house, and his banner over me was love."

Elder Ellis Davis of the Sardis Association came to the stand and used for a text: Song of Solomon 2:10. "My beloved spake, and said unto me, rise up, my love, my fair one, and come away."

Elder Ester Hopkins, the Moderator of the Sardis Association, came to the stand and used for a text: St. Luke 2:29. "Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word:"

Elder B. H. Bevins of the Sardis Association and Moderator of the Salem Church came to the stand and announced an open door to the church.

Service was closed by the way of singing and much rejoicing in the Lord, with Elder Tracy Hatfield calling the dismissal.

May the God of the Eternal Heaven bless every one of our churches to live in Peace and Prayer, that when we meet with the Dix Fork Church, God will bless us to have a lovely and peaceable Association.

Your Clerk,

#### Union Meetings and Ministers To Attend

(APRIL)

SOUTHERN HOME -- First Saturday and Sunday.  
Elders: B. H. Bevins, Willie White, Cecil Evans, Ross Cline, Ellis Moore, Lloyd SESCO, Willie Varney, John Fouch, Ellis Davis and Avery Lowe.

(MAY)

SALEM -- First Saturday and Sunday. Elders: Johnnie Cline, Lloyd SESCO, and Willis Dials.

TURKEY CREEK -- Second Saturday and Sunday.  
Elders: Emmitt Case, Clinton Howard, and Willie Stanley.

(JUNE)

ENON -- First Saturday and Sunday. Elders: Edwin May, J. G. Thornsbury, Cecil Evans, and Ireland Harrison.

APPLE ORCHARD -- First Saturday and Sunday.  
Elders: Ester Hopkins, Edwin May, Willie White, and Emmitt Case.

LITTLE ROSA -- Second Saturday and Sunday.  
Elders: J. G. Thornsbury, Johnnie Cline, Jonah Ester Williamson, Lloyd SESCO, Paris Tackitt and Ellis Davis.

MUNCY VALLEY -- Second Saturday and Sunday. Elders: John Henry Hensley, Edwin May, Jonah Ester Williamson, and Harold Edmonds.

BUCK CREEK -- Third Saturday and Sunday Elders: Edwin May, Jonah Ester Williamson, Emmitt Case, B. H. Bevins and W. H. May.

LITTLE VIRGIE -- Third Saturday and Sunday. Elders: Ester Hopkins, Willie Stanley, Jonah Ester Williamson, and J. G. Thornsbury.

SIDNEY -- Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Elders: Jonah Ester Williamson, Ernest Cochran, Ross Cline, and Johnnie Cline.

(JULY)

DIX FORK -- First Saturday and Sunday. Elders: Ross Cline, Edwin May, Jonah Ester Williamson, and Ellis Davis.

SAMARIA -- First Saturday and Sunday. Elders: Cecil Evans, Johnnie Cline, Willis Dials, Ross Cline, and Willie White.

LEANNAH -- Second Saturday and Sunday. Elders: Wayne Herald, Willie Dials, Edwin May and Ernest Cochran.

MT. PLEASANT -- Second Saturday and Sunday. Elders: Johnnie Hall, Sid Hudson, Emmitt Case, and Wayne Herald.

BIG BRANCH -- Third Saturday and Sunday. Elders: Edwin May, Charlie Johnson, Emmitt Case; and Tracy Hatfield.

MARY ELIZABETH -- Third Saturday and Sunday. Elders: Paris Tackitt, H. C. Maynard and Ivory Sowards.

ROSA -- Third Saturday and Sunday. Elders: G. W. Hopson, Jonah Ester Williamson, Willie White, Coy Combs, Edwin May and Troy Nichols.

NARROWS BRANCH -- To begin on Friday before the fourth Saturday. Elders: Edwin May, Charlie Johnson, Lloyd SESCO, and Emmitt Case.

PILGRIMS HOME -- Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Elders: Willie Collins, H. N. Vanderpool, Charlie Johnson, Baxter Osborne, and Sid Hudson.

UNION AND COMMUNION meeting will be held on Sycamore Creek near Gulnare, Ky. the 4th Saturday in July 1961. Elders: J. L. Nichols, Edwin May, and Ester Hopkins.

(AUGUST)

TABITHA -- First Saturday and Sunday. Elders: Charlie Johnson, Edwin May, Cecil Evans, and Willie Varney.

REBECCA -- Second Saturday and Sunday. Elders: Johnnie Cline, Ross Cline, Jonah Ester Williamson, Paris Tackitt and M. V. Burke.

ELK FORK -- Third Saturday and Sunday. Elders: Ross Cline, Johnnie Cline, Cecil Evans and Willie White.

BENT BRANCH -- Third Saturday and Sunday. Elders: Charlie Johnson, Ester Hopkins, B. H. Bevins, and Baxter Osborne.

BETHANY -- Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Elders: H. C. Maynard, Ross Cline, Johnnie Cline, and Elias Cotton. Also our Memorial at the same time.

SARDIS -- Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Elders: Jeff May, H. C. Maynard, W. H. May, Tracy Hatfield, Charlie Evans and Edwin May.

## MEMORIAL MEETINGS

### MAY

LITTLE VIRGIE CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the 4th Saturday in May 1961. Ministers called: H. C. Maynard, Charlie Johnson and Harold Edmonds.

MEMORIAL MEETING of Russell P. McCoy, Jim Rathiff's wife and others, will be held on the Rathiff's Cemetery on Sunday after the 3rd Saturday in May 1961. Ministers called: Charlie Johnson, John M. Justice, Noah May and Bud Coleman.

MEMORIAL MEETING of Brother Robert Ellis will be held on the Yuma Cemetery the last Sunday in May 1961. Ministers called: Carlos Meadows, Charley Evans, Carlos Gibson and J. H. Hensley.

NARROWS BRANCH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting the 4th Saturday and Sunday in May 1961. Ministers called: H. C. Maynard, J. L. Nichols, Wiley Coffee, Ernest Cochran and Jonah Ester Williamson.

LEANNAH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of Sister Joice, Uncle Jobe Blackburn and wife, with all the deceased on the Muncy Cemetery on Sunday after the 2nd Saturday in May 1961. Ministers called: Edwin May, Wayne Herald, Willis Dials and Emmitt Gase.

MEMORIAL MEETING will be held on the Runyon Cemetery on Long Branch for all the deceased May 30, 1961. Ministers called: Ken Varney, L. G. Lowe, and Avery Lowe.

MEMORIAL MEETING of John Jude on Sunday after the 4th Saturday in May 1961. Ministers called: Clinton Howard, Willis Dials, J. L. Nichols and Edwin May.

### JUNE

MEMORIAL MEETING of Floyd Blackburn and others will be held on the Floyd Blackburn's Cemetery the 3rd Sunday in June 1961. Ministers called: J. L. Nichols, Harvey Lowe, Edwin May, Ernest Cochran and Charlie Johnson.

BENT BRANCH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the 3rd Saturday and Sunday in June 1961. Ministers called: B. H. Bevins, Ester Hopkins, and John M. Justice.

MEMORIAL MEETING of Brother Jim and Sister Betty Farley Gilman, his wife and others, will be held on the 3rd Sunday in June 1961, at the Cemetery where they are buried, just above the Elk Fork Church. Ministers called H. C. Maynard, Cecil Evans, Willie Varney and Willie White.

MEMORIAL MEETING of Brother William, Sisters Cora and Ida Riffe will be held on the 1st Sunday in June 1961. Ministers called: Mont Ellis, Carlos Gibson, Charley Evans, and Carlos Meadows. This will be held on the Riffe Cemetery at Hanover, West Virginia.

MEMORIAL MEETING of Brother Josh and Sister Christine Runyon will be held on Laurel Fork of Pigeon Creek, on the Runyon Cemetery, the 3rd Sunday in June 1961. Ministers called. J. H. Hensley, Charley Evans and Carlos Meadows.

MEMORIAL MEETING of Elder W. A. Hurley will be held at the John H. Maynard's Cemetery on Sunday after the 4th Saturday in June 1961. Ministers called: Ester Hopkins, Willie White and Ellis Davis.

LEANNAH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of Sister Esta Nancy Reed and children on Sunday after the 2nd Saturday in June 1961. Ministers called: Edwin May, J. L. Nichols and Lloyd Sesco. This is near Ben Scott's Home.

MEMORIAL MEETING at the Scott's Cemetery on Sunday after the 3rd Saturday in June 1961. Ministers called: Harvey Lowe, Ernest Cochran, Edwin May and J. L. Nichols.

MEMORIAL MEETING of Brother Johnnie Nichols Sr. and wife will be held on the 4th Sunday in June 1961. Ministers called: Harvey Lowe, Edwin May, J. L. Nichols and Milford Lowe.

### JULY

MEMORIAL MEETING will be held on the Lockard and Reed Cemetery for Brother Ken Reed and Artillis Lockard



on the 3rd Sunday in July 1961. Ministers called: All Regular Baptist Ministers are invited. This is a basket dinner in the head of Long Branch.

MEMORIAL MEETING of J. M. Taylor and family, also Brother Flem Maynard and family and all others will be held on the Taylor's Cemetery on Sunday after the 3rd Saturday in July 1961. Ministers called: Emmitt Case, Charlie Johnson and Edwin May.

SARDIS CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the Adair Cemetery on Sunday after the 4th Saturday in July 1961. Ministers called: B. H. Bevins, Wayne Herald, Harold Edmonds, Avery Lowe and Tommy Adair.

SIDNEY CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of Dave Jude and others on the 4th Sunday in July 1961. Ministers called: All Regular Baptist Ministers invited.

LEANNANAH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of all deceased on the Robinson Cemetery on Sunday after the 2nd Saturday in July 1961. Ministers called: Ernest Cochran, Edwin May, Willis Dials, Wayne Herald and J. L. Nichols. This also is the memorial of Brothers Tom McCoy, Dike Blackburn, Oscar Blackburn and an infant baby. All are buried down near the mouth of Wolf Creek.

MEMORIAL MEETING of Brother Carl Lowe, Phillip Hanners, Brother Perry Taylor's infant daughter and Sister Linda Sue Taylor will be held on Sunday after the 4th Saturday in July 1961. Ministers called: Harvey Lowe, J. L. Nichols, Edwin May and Ester Hopkins.

MEMORIAL MEETING of Bonnie Hickman, grand daughter of Jobe Blackburn at Pilgrim, Kentucky, will be held on the 4th Saturday in July 1961. Ministers called: J. L. Nichols, Jeff May and Ernest Cochran.

MEMORIAL MEETING will be held for all the deceased on the Julius Scott's Cemetery at Hardy, Kentucky on Sunday after the 3rd Saturday in July 1961. Ministers called: H. C. Maynard, Ester Hopkins, Edwin May and Willie Stanley.

MEMORIAL MEETING will be held at the Smith Cemetery on Rock House Fork of Big Creek on the 3rd Sunday in July 1961. Ministers called: John M. Justice, Lloyd SESCO, Emmitt Case and Jonah Ester Williamson.

MEMORIAL MEETING will be held at the Big Branch Church on Sunday after the 4th Saturday in July 1961. Ministers called: John Thacker, Edwin May and Ester Hopkins.

MEMORIAL MEETING will be held on the Newsome Cemetery five miles from Lenore, W. Va., on the 3rd Sunday in July 1961. Ministers called: John Fouch, J. H. Hensley and George Elkins.

MEMORIAL MEETING will be held on the Dillon Cemetery three miles from Dingess, W. Va., across from Brother Everett Hannah's on the 1st Sunday in July 1961. Ministers called: Wayne Herald, Isam Hannah and Willie White.

#### AUGUST

ENON CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting the 1st Saturday in August 1961. Ministers called: All Regular Baptist Ministers are invited.

MEMORIAL MEETING will be held on the Perry Cemetery at Steptown, one mile below Kermit, W. Va., on the 2nd Sunday in August 1961. Ministers called: Wayne Herald and Harold Edmonds.

DIX FORK CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the 1st Saturday and Sunday in August 1961. Ministers called: Ester Hopkins, Willie Stanley, Wayne Herald, and Bud Coleman.

MARY ELIZABETH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of Elder J. W. Smith and all other deceased members on Sunday after the 3rd Saturday in August 1961. Ministers called: H. C. Maynard, Ernest Cochran, J. G. Thornsbury and Charlie Johnson.

REBECCA CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the 2nd Sunday in August 1961. Ministers called in the Communion Meeting will be used.

MEMORIAL MEETING will be held for the deceased members of the Sidney Church on the 4th Sunday in August 1961. Ministers called: W. H. May, Jeff May, Wayne Herald and Tracy Hatfield.

MEMORIAL MEETING of Brother Elias Jude will be held at the Tabitha Church on the 3rd. Sunday in August 1961. Ministers called: Mont Ellis, Avery Lowe, and Charley Evans.

MEMORIAL MEETING will be held on the Lowe Cemetery Big Branch, Pike County, Ky. on Sunday after the 2nd. Saturday in August 1961. Ministers called: Edwin May, Willis Dials, Harvey Lowe and Ernest Cochran.

SAMARIA CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting at the Hannah Cemetery in the head of Marrowbone Creek, on the 3rd. Sunday in August 1961. Ministers called: Cecil Evans, Willie Varney and Isam Hannah.

MEMORIAL MEETING of Pfc. Edward McCoy and others will be held on the Henry Taylor Cemetery on Sunday after the 4th Saturday in August 1961. Ministers called: Ernest Cochran, Edwin May and Charlie Johnson.

MEMORIAL MEETING of Brother Harrison McCoy and others will be held on Sunday after the 3rd. Saturday in August 1961. Ministers called: John M. Justice, Bud Coleman and Noah May.

MEMORIAL MEETING of George and Jane Lowe will be held with the Sidney Church at Pilgrim, Ky., the first Sunday in August 1961. Ministers called: Willie White, Willis Dials and Ellis Davis.

MEMORIAL MEETING of Brother Andy Maynard and wife will be held on the Sunday after the 2nd. Saturday in August 1961. Ministers called: Lloyd SESCO, J. L. Nichols and Emmitt Case.

APPLE ORCHARD CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on Sunday after the 1st. Saturday in August 1961. Ministers called: Johnnie Thacker, Troy Nichols and Woodrow Die.

MEMORIAL MEETING of Brother John and Sister Melvina Allen, Ross Allen, Will Allen, Hays Allen, Elizabeth Allen, Eilan Allen, Vinnie Allen, grandchildren and others will be held at the Hays Lowe Cemetery on the last Sunday in August

1961. Ministers called: Ireland Harrison, H. C. Maynard, and Charlie Johnson. Dinner on the ground.

MEMORIAL MEETING on Joe Taylor Cemetery will be held after the 1st. Saturday in August 1961. Ministers called: Ernest Cochran, Charlie Johnson and Milford Lowe.

#### SEPTEMBER

MARY ELIZABETH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of Elder Wallace Jackson and others on the 3rd. Sunday in September 1961. Ministers called: Charlie Johnson, Jonah Ester Williamson and Emmitt Case.

MEMORIAL MEETING of Rosco McCoy and others will be held on Sunday after the 3rd. Saturday in September, 1961. Ministers called: J. L. Nichols, Harvey Lowe, Edwin May and Ernest Cochran.

MEMORIAL MEETING of Elder W. H. Bowling, wife and family will be held at Tom Price School House, Piso, Ky. on the 1st. Sunday in September 1961. Ministers called: Jonah Ester Williamson, Lloyd SESCO, Ireland Harrison and Emmitt Case.

MEMORIAL MEETING will be held at the Lackey Cemetery in the head of Marrowbone Creek on the 1st. Sunday in September 1961. Ministers called: Cecil Evans, Jeff May and Willie Varney.

#### OCTOBER

SALEM CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting the 1st. Saturday and Sunday in October 1961. Ministers called: Ester Hopkins, Charlie Johnson and Wayne Herald.

TURKEY CREEK CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the 2nd. Saturday and Sunday in October 1961. Ministers called: Ken Varney, Harold Edmonds and Charlie Johnson.

MT. PLEASANT CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the 2nd. Saturday and Sunday in October 1961. Ministers called: Paris Tackitt, Wayne Herald, Baxter Osborne, Elmer Church and Ester Hopkins.

ELK FORK CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the 3rd. Saturday and Sunday in October 1961. Ministers called: Willie White, Ester Hopkins, H. C. Maynard, Jeff May and Ellis Davis.

PILGRIMS HOME CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the 4th Saturday and Sunday in October. Ministers called: All Regular Baptist Ministers are invited.

ROSA CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the 3rd. Saturday and Sunday in October 1961. All Regular Baptist Ministers are invited.

MEMORIAL MEETING will be held on the Scott Cemetery in the head of Maynard Fork on the 2nd. Sunday in October 1961. Ministers called: Willis Dials, Edwin May and J. L. Nichols.

## Obituaries

### BROTHER J. M. (MONT) LOWE

By request of the family, I will try, by the help of God, to write the obituary of Brother J. M. (Mont) Lowe. He was born February 1, 1872. Deceased this life February 20, 1960, being 88 years, 19 days old at the time of his death.

Brother Lowe was married to Sister Ruth Leona Taylor, January 30, 1909. To this union were born six children. Ruth Leona and Moses preceded him in death.

Brother Lowe was a member of the Old Regular Baptist Church, and was baptised by Elders: E. S. Coleman and J. L. Nichols the 3rd. Sunday in September 1942. He was a faithful member as long as he was able to attend. I feel the church has lost a good member and the children a wonderful father, but also feel our loss is Heaven's gain.

Children, don't weep for father and mother, but just think back a few years ago when we were all together in sorrow. No doubt in my mind you children, through the trouble, promised

in your hearts that day, we will meet mother and father, we will be better children. Please remember the sweet prayers that fell from the lips of mother and father in your behalf and keep that promise you made in those days of sorrow.

There are so many good things we could say about Uncle Mont, but the greatest thing to do is keep in memory the council they left with you children.

With tears of sorrow, I must close. My tongue is not able to express the love I have for you children and Uncle Mont. May God bless every one of you to be good to each other and to prepare to meet mother and father in Heaven one sweet day.

So farewell children. May God bless and save you all, is the prayer of your unworthy servant.

Written by a nephew and a brother in the Lord Jesus Christ.

Clinton Taylor

### JESSIE STATION

It is with much sadness and with a lonely heart that I will try to write an obituary of my dearly beloved husband, Jessie Station, the son of Ance and Mary Jude Station.

He was born January 9, 1920, and deceased this life March 31, 1960, making his stay here on earth 40 years, 3 months, and 3 weeks.

He was married to Mary Ellen Lowe in 1940. To this union were born seven children, one precedes him in death, six are left to mourn their loss. There are four sons, Carlos, Bill, Jeff and Charley, and two daughters, Juanita and Eddie Carol, and his wife, all of Columbus, Ohio. He leaves two brothers, Bill Station of Columbus, Ohio, and John Station of Athens, Ohio, six sisters, Lonnie and Sally of Hatfield, Kentucky, Opal Jane of Wheelright, Kentucky, Minnie, Hattie, and Odell of Columbus, Ohio, all to mourn his loss. One brother precedes him in death.

He joined the Old Regular Baptist Church the second Saturday in May, 1950, and lived a good Christian life till death took him.

We believe that our loss is Heaven's gain; and, if we do the will of our Father in Heaven, we will meet again on that great judgement day.

My dearly beloved, you are gone  
And we are left alone,

Oh, my dear, our loss is great  
For you were my loving mate,  
I hope we will meet on that bright shore  
To never part any more.

Written by his wife, Mary E. Staton

#### BROTHER ROBERT MORRISON

It is with much sadness that I try to write the obituary of Brother Robert Morrison. He was 79 years old. He deceased this life about 2:35 p. m. Saturday morning August 20, at his home. He was the son of Jordan and Rhilda Jackson Morrison.

He leaves to mourn his passing, his wife, Cora (Stanley) Morrison, and one brother Masten Morrison, also six children, names as follows: Mrs. Curtis Lowe, of Culhare, Kentucky, Mrs. Kermit Vires, of Varney, Kentucky, Ollie James Morrison, of Varney, Kentucky, Irvin Morrison of Turkey Creek, Kentucky, Robert Morrison Jr., also of Varney, Kentucky, and Mrs. E. J. Maynard of Ocla, Florida. He also leaves 18 grandchildren, 3 great grandchildren. Two of his children preceeded him in death, namely, Doria Morrison and Dorthy Mae Morrison.

Brother Bob, as we all knew him, joined the Regular Baptist Church, the first Saturday in June, 1950. He was baptised by the hands of Elder Eldon Maynard and Elder Johnnie Nichols and placed his membership with the Apple Orchard Church, and some time later was ordained as a Deacon, of the Church. He lived a faithful life until death. He has laid down the cross, and there is a crown laid up for him in glory. We believe that our loss is his eternal gain. A few words to the children that have not made peace with God. You know that dad can't come back to you, but by the Grace of God, you can go to him some day. If you will repent of your sins, and be born of the Spirit of God, and follow in the footsteps of Christ, you can join with daddy, where parting is no more. I must close by saying, may God bless you all.

Written by a brother in hope of eternal life.  
Elder Jonah E. Williamson

#### SISTER CORDELLA HARRISON

Sister Cordelia Harrison, the daughter of Harvey Ray and Susan Robinett Ray, was born at Varney, Kentucky, May 2, 1883 and deceased this life January 27, 1958, making her stay here 74 years, 8 months, and 25 days. Her cheerful disposition made her a blessing to all who knew her.

She was married to Brother James G. Harrison, who preceeded her in death. There were no children born to this union.

Sister Harrison was a member of the Bent Branch Church of Old Regular Baptist, the Church of Jesus Christ, being baptised at the hands of Elders Harold Edmonds and Edwin May on May 17, 1953. She remained a faithful member until death took her loving presence from our midst.

She leaves a great host of relatives and friends to mourn her loss. But we feel that our loss is her eternal gain.

She chose to live a life with Christ in this world and we believe that she will live eternally with Him up in Heaven. For we hear Him saying, "In my father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also."

In that Heavenly home there will be no sickness, pain, or death, but all will be peace, joy and happiness forever and ever. Our prayer for all her loved ones is that God will richly bless and save each and every one of you. May we see the glory of God on His throne and Christ on His right hand when we have to leave this world.

Written by one she and her husband both loved,  
Elder Harold Edmonds.

#### STANLEY HENSLEY

It is with great sadness that I will attempt to write an obituary of my loving father, Stanley Hensley. He was born in Mingo County at Delbarton, West Virginia, on November 27, 1898. He departed this life April 7, 1960, after making his stay here on earth 62 years, 4 months and 11 days.

He was the son of William C. Hensley and Frankie Sprouts

Hensley. Stanley Hensley and Yantus Justice were united in marriage April 8, 1924. To this union were born nine children. Two of which preceeded him in death and seven are left to mourn his loss with mother. Those that are left are as follows: William C. Hensley of Berlin Heights, Ohio, Ernest and Stanley Hensley Jr., both of Shelby, Ohio. Mrs. Lola Faye Napier of Shelby, Ohio, Mrs. Ethelene Neal of Oceana, West Virginia, Mrs. Clara Mae Sawyers of Ragland, West Virginia and Ruth Jean at home. He also left eighteen grandchildren. His mother and father preceeded him in death. One brother also preceeded him in death. Still remaining to mourn this great loss are the following sisters; Mrs. Virginia Taylor and Mrs. Florence Baisden. He was a member of the Regular Baptist Church. He had been faithful in attendance until his declining health made it impossible for his attendance. He was baptised in August 1926. I want to say to my brothers and sisters, if we expect to see daddy again, we will have to repent and believe on the name of the Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Written by his youngest daughter,  
Ruth Jean Hensley

#### SISTER EDNA HANKINS

Sister Edna Hankins was the daughter of Brother Stephen Robinson and Sister Ora Smith Robinson, was born May 14, 1915 and deceased this life on Wednesday, December 9, 1959 at 9:15 p. m., making her stay here 44 years, 6 months and 25 days. She was so cheerful and her Christian life was a bright and shining light for everyone to see.

She became a member of the Dix Fork Church of Old Regular Baptist, the Church of Jesus Christ, being baptised at the hands of Elders Harold Edmonds and Charlie Johnson on October 14, 1956, and remained a faithful member until death took her from our midst.

Sister Edna was married to Brother Carl Hankins on July



23, 1939, and to this union was born one son, Larry Gene Hankins.

Left to mourn the loss of this precious companion, mother, and sister, are her father, brother Stephen Robinson, her husband, brother Carl Hankins, her son, Larry Gene Hankins, all of Sidney, Kentucky; two brothers, Brother Joe Robinson of St. Petersburg, Florida, and Ester Robinson, of Sidney, Ky. Three sisters, Bertha Cox and Minnie Crigger, both of Sidney, Kentucky, and Virgie Norfleet, of Dayton, Ohio, besides a great host of relatives and friends who will greatly miss her many kind and friendly ways.

It was the pleasure of the writer and Brother Charlie Johnson to baptise Sister Edna on October 14, 1956 and her husband, Brother Carl, on January 6, 1957. She was baptised in the creek near the Old Mt. Pleasant Church at Sidney, Kentucky and Brother Carl was baptised in the creek near the Old Dix Fork Church. Many of us will long remember that while Sister Edna was standing in the water, just before being baptised, she started talking and telling the congregation that she believed the good Lord showed her who should baptise her when she saw my face shining so bright in her dream one night. I want no praise for what the Lord does for his people, but we should be faithful to follow the leadership of His Holy Spirit and like His mother told the people at the wedding in Cana of Galilee, "Whatsoever He saith unto you, do it."

Yes, Carl, we believe that you have lost a loving wife, Larry Gene, a devoted mother, Brother Steve, an angel daughter, her brothers and sisters, a Sainted Sister, but Heaven must have gained another precious soul, that like the others gone on before will await the Great Resurrection morning when we shall hear Jesus say, "Come ye blest of my Father and inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world." When we meet Sister Edna again, it will be a joyous meeting where all the angels will sing and we can join them in singing the Redemption song. There will be no sickness, pain, or death in that happy land and all will be peace, love, joy and happiness forever and ever. May God richly bless all of you, and we pray His special blessing upon Larry Gene. May the family circle be complete again some day.

Written by one she loved,  
Elder Harold Edmonds

## BROTHER DELMOS RUNYONS

With much sadness, we will try to write an obituary of Brother Delmos Runyons requested by the family. Brother Delmos was born December 31, 1912 and deceased this life June 13, 1960. He was the son of John Henry Runyons who still survives and the late Ferlie Runyons. Brother Delmos was married to sister Anna Curry Runyons who survives and the following children to mourn his loss: Lorene of Leatherwood, Floyd and Glenn of Delaware, Virgile Robert, Harold Ray, Freddie, Anna Faye, all at Delbarton, and Gay of Ohio. And several grandchildren, and several Brothers and Sisters, namely: R. F. of Cleveland Ohio and Homer, Edgar, Ruby all of Ohio, Ramey Smith and Lean Bechwitch of Varney, W. Va.

On the third Saturday in March 1951 Brother Delmos joined the church at Muncy Valley, the Old Regular Baptist at Varney, W. Va. By the hands of Elders: Charlie Evans and Avery Hensley.

We believe Brother Delmos is resting from his labor and his work will follow after him. He was a faithful member until death.

Brother Delmos has said so much in his opening remarks: "Preach repentance to my boy and girls." Tell them to repent of their sins. Children, if you ever expect to see Daddy again, you will have to do the thing Jesus said to do.

And in my closing remarks, children, be good to Mother, God bless her in her lonely hours, and live the life that Jesus says to live, and you can see Daddy again.

I will close by saying, may God bless you all is my prayer.

Parlee and Willie Varney

## SISTER SARAH RUNYON

I will try in my weakness to write an obituary of sister Sarah Runyon. She was born September 7, 1891, and died January 15, 1960, being 68 years old at her death. She was married to David Runyon, and to this union were born one son and four daughters. Sister Runyon belonged to the Mary Elizabeth Church of Old Regular Baptists. She was a faithful member until her death. I would like to say to her husband, children and loved ones, if we expect to see sister Runyon again, we

must live the life our Lord tells us to live, which is easy, if we want to. She has chosen that good part, which can never be taken from her. She heard that sweet voice of Jesus saying, "Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest." I believe she accepted that call and is resting today in Christ.

Written by your unworthy,  
Lacy Lowe

## REBECCA HARRIS

By the help of the Lord I will try to write the obituary of my dear sweet Mother and a Sister in Christ, Rebecca Harris. She was the daughter of Samuel G. and Mary Ann (Varney) Farley.

She was married to Robert L. Harris who also is deceased. He also was a member of the Church. Mother was born January 18, 1874 and passed away December 2, 1959. She was the mother of 15 children, 4 preceded her in death while they were young.

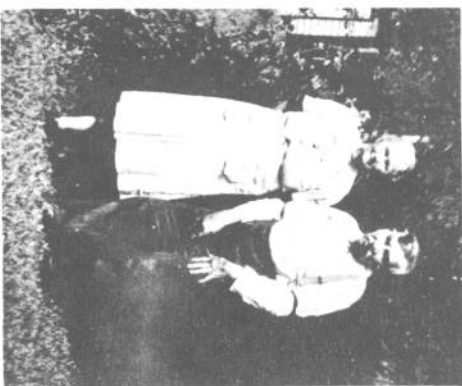
She leaves 11 children here in this sinful world. Some are ready to go to be with Mother and some are not. I want the church to pray for those who are still out in sin. Pray that they will repent of their sins before it is too late.

The children's names are Matilda Hatfield, Pearl Smith, Norma Reed, Bessie Blair, Edna Thompson, Myrtle Hatfield, Brookie Carter, Gladys Rife, Jennings Harris, Alfred Harris, and Shirley Marcum.

Mother had been a member of this Old Church for about 67 years. She placed her membership with the Sardis Church at Delbarton and attended Church regularly until she was unable to go.

Mother leaves a host of relatives and friends to mourn her loss, but I feel our loss is her eternal gain. If we ever see Mother again and enjoy the happiness that I believe she is enjoying, you will have to repent of your sins.

I want to say to the grand children, your grandmother loved



you dearly as you all know, and she wants to meet you all in Heaven. Written by two of Sister Rebecca Harris' Children, Shirley Marcum and Edna Thompson

PAUL L. (SONNNY) VARNNEY



In loving memory of my boy Paul L. (Sonny) Varney, I write this to be placed in the minutes of the Regular Baptist Church. Because of his love, admiration respect and zeal toward the Regular Baptist Church, he refused to mingle with anything else.

Sonny was born April 23, 1939, the youngest of my four boys. Deceased this life November 21, 1959, being a little above 20 years old. He was involved in a highway accident while serving with the Air Force in Topeka, Kansas.

Sonny seemed to delight in going to church and listening to the Elders preach the Gospel. His funeral was attended to by Elder Ester Hopkins, Elder Richmond Stanley and Elder Crockett Baker. Dear brethren, I believe I will see my boy over on the other side. Written by his father Ralph Varney

SISTER EMMA BLACKBURN

I will try in my weakness by the help of God, and by request of the family to write an obituary of Sister Emma Blackburn who was born April 25, 1886. Deceased December 26, 1959. Age 73 years, 8 months, and 2 days.

Sister Emma was the daughter of Chapell and Jane Nummery Maynard. She was married to John Blackburn, April 22, 1909, and to this union were born two daughters, one preceeded her in death.



Left to mourn her loss, her husband, one daughter, Stella Preece, and 7 grandchildren, two great grandchildren and a host of friends.

I feel Sister Emma has made a happy exchange from a world of trouble to a home of peace.

I would like to say to her husband, daughter and grandchildren, if you ever want to see mother again you will have to make your peace calling and election sure with God.

Sister Blackburn was baptised into the fellowship of the Regular Baptist Church about the year 1951. She was baptised by Elder H. C. Maynard. She took membership with the Apple Orchard Church and was a faithful member as long as she was able to go.

I feel her life was a light to her family, neighbors and all who knew her.

My tongue is not able to express the love of a good mother and companion. Mother is gone, she can't come back to us, but by the grace of God, we can go to her and live forever in the Paradise of God.

I want to say to the husband and daughter, don't weep for mother, but rather weep for your selves and for your children. I feel mother is resting awaiting the call of the Lord when He will call all of His children home where there will be peace love, joy and happiness forever. May God bless you all, is my prayer.

Written by one that loves the souls of every one in this world.

Living in hope of eternal life,  
Elder J. L. Nichols

SISTER MAUDA ELLEN SCOTT

It is by request and much sadness that I will attempt to write an obituary of my dear sister in Christ, and also my mother-in-law, Sister Mauda Ellen Scott. She was the daughter of John and Mary Thompson. She was born December 6, 1883 at Chattaroy, W. Va., Mingo County, deceased this life May 23, 1960. She was united in marriage to Rass Scott June 6, 1901 and to this union the following children were born. The sons: Oliver, George, Raymond, Dewey, Fay, Curtiss. The daughters: Tella, Mae, Lassie, Kansas, Juanita, Lula, and Beatrice.

Dewey and Lula died in infancy. She also reared two grand-

children, Charles and Ellen Joann Scott. Sister Scott joined the Old Regular Baptist Church in 1917 and was baptised by the hand of Elder Wilburn Estep, placing her membership with the Sardis Church at Delbarton, West Virginia, where she remained a faithful member always attending as long as her health permitted. Sister Scott had an incurable illness and was blind about three years, but she bore her affliction with patience and was very cheerful, always glad to have the brothers and sisters and friends come to visit her.

I would like to say to her children that mother has moved out of this house of clay and gone to be with our Lord but some sweet day, He will come again and bring her sweet spirit back and redeem her body from the grave. The greatest honor you can do for mother is to repent of your sins and accept the Lord Jesus Christ as your personal Saviour. Be buried with Him in baptism, raised to walk in newness of life, and I believe you will meet mother again. She also leaves 40 grand children and 16 great grand children, also two brothers: A. A. Thompson and George Thompson both of Chatteroy, West Virginia, a host of relatives and friends, but I feel our loss is her eternal gain.

Dearest Sister, thou has left us here, thy loss we deeply feel. But His God that hath bereft us, He will all our sorrows heal.

Written by her daughter-in-law,  
Ollie Scott

#### SISTER BERTHA HINKLE

Sister Bertha Hinkle, the daughter of Anderson Ray and Frankie (Ward) Ray, was born July 28, 1895 in Martin County, Kentucky. She deceased this life on Thursday, May 19, 1960 about 12:00 o'clock noon, making her stay here 64 years, 9 months and 21 days.

Sister Bertha was married to Thomas Hinkle and to this union were born 11 children, 4 sons and 7 daughters. Two sons Walker Hinkle and Fred Hinkle, and one daughter, Edna Hinkle preceded their mother in death.

Sister Bertha felt that the Lord for Christ's sake saved her soul and became a member of the Pilgrim Home Church of Old Regular Baptist, the Church of Jesus Christ, about 31 years

ago. She remained a faithful member until death, and even when she felt that she was dying, she wanted to gather her children around her and tell them and her husband that she felt that she was only going home to Heaven, and that she wanted them all to come to meet her over there in that beautiful place where Jesus went to prepare a place for us. She was baptised into the membership of the Church at the hands of Elders Jonah Bevins and Andy Case.

Survivors include her mother, Frankie (Ward) Ray, her husband, Thomas Hinkle; two sons, Walter Hinkle of Bishop, Virginia and Robert Hinkle of Varney, Kentucky; six daughters, Mrs. Viola Walters of Sidney, Kentucky, Mrs. Elza Stanley, of Grundy, Virginia, Mrs. Jane Gilliam and Mrs. Phyllis Maynard, both of Mayflower, Kentucky, Mrs. Dorothy Walters of Barberton, Ohio, and Mrs. Marie Runyon, of Detroit, Mich. Two brothers, William Ray of Turkey Creek, Kentucky and Joe Ray of Columbus, Ohio; two sisters, Mrs. Fredia Smith of South Williamson, Kentucky and Mrs. Mary Starr of Detroit, Michigan; 25 grand children and a great host of relatives and friends who are left to mourn the loss of this good sister. But we feel that our loss is her eternal gain.

We believe that she obeyed the voice of her Saviour and came unto Him and found rest to her never dying soul. She looked unto Him and found salvation that caused her to rejoice and be exceedingly glad because her name was written in the Lamb's Book of Life in Heaven. And when Jesus comes the second time without sin unto salvation to collect His jewels home, we believe that she will be one in that number and will hear Him say, "Come ye blest of my Father and receive the Kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world." Yes, Sister Bertha will know no more heartaches and sorrows in this world, but her soul has returned to God who gave it and her body will await the redemption promised it, and then she will live again, both soul and body, in Heaven forever and ever.

Our prayer for her mother, husband, children, relatives and friends is that all of us may be ready on that day when Jesus comes, so that we can go home with Him and not be left behind like some. May God richly bless and save every one of us in our prayer in Jesus' name.

Written by one she loved,  
Elder Harold Edmonds



## BROTHER JOHNNIE STATON

It is by the request of the family and in the love and fear of God, that I will try to write the obituary of Johnnie Staton, son of Ballard and Ora Jane (Fields) Staton. Brother Johnnie was born June 12, 1917. He deceased this life May 3, 1960, making his stay on earth 42 years, 11 months, and nine days. He was united in marriage to Vicie Alleen Stanley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ocar Stanley. To this union was born



six children. There were four girls; Loma Ruth 13, Marie 11, Loretta 8, and Elleen 7. They had two boys; Jimmie Lee 10, and Donnie Ray 6. His father, Ballard Staton, preceded him in death. He leaves his mother, Ora Staton and the following brothers and sisters: Clifford Staton of Belfry, Kentucky, Dewey Staton of Denver, Colorado, Ballard Staton, Joe Staton and Willis Staton, all of Forest Hills, Kentucky, Lula Roberts of Hardy, Kentucky, Lössie Goost of Toler. Kentucky and Gladys Parsley of Grundy, Virginia. Besides his brothers and sisters, he leaves his wife, children and a host of friends and relatives to mourn his loss. We trust our loss is his gain. Brother Johnnie, as we called him in the last days of his life, had been sick for a long time. Because of the love for his family, I feel he labored many days, when he wasn't able, in order to give them the things they needed.

From what I've heard, Brother Johnnie has always been a good boy. Seeing his time on earth was short and realizing his own righteousness wouldn't take him to Heaven, he turned to the Lord with a repenting heart.

While in the hospital, a few days before he died, he called for Brother Jonah Ester Williamson. Brother Johnnie told him he felt the Lord had forgiven his sin and he wanted to become a member of the Old Regular Baptist Church. The next day, I went to the hospital. He told me after prayer service,

when he got a little better he wanted to be baptised by me. The Death Angel came and took him the next night.

I'll say to his brother and sisters; I'm sure, if Brother Johnnie could again speak, he would say, go to the Church while you have life and opportunity.

I say to his companion, I'm sure Brother Johnnie would tell you, take my babies to church and always be true to God. I'll say the same thing I said at the funeral, he will stand in judgement with us and receive a just and recompense of reward.

God is full of love and mercy and His judgement is according to truth. Vicie, remember what Brother Johnnie told us and think of yourself and the children for he is in the hands of a just God that will do right by him.

Written by one who loved him very much,  
Elder Ernest Cochran

## ELDER LEWIS SMITH

Elder Lewis Smith, the son of the late Albert Smith and Amanda Varney Smith, was born May 4, 1880 in Pike County, and deceased this life on Thursday, March 17, 1960 about 8:40 a. m. making his stay here 79 years, 10 months and 13 days.

Brother Lewis, as we loved to call him, served in the peacetime Army for six years.

He was married to Sister Elzie Stollings and to this union were born 9 children, 5 boys, and 4 girls. One son, Carlton Smith, preceded him in death last September.



Brother Lewis felt that the Lord had forgiven him of his sins, and became a member of the Narrows Branch Church of Old Regular Baptists, the Church of Jesus Christ, in 1919. He lived a faithful member for over 40 years, and those who knew him will have to say that he was a bold soldier of the Cross for all of those years. He stood for a clean Church and lived a clean life. He was one of the members of the Narrows

Branch Church that seemed to be a pillar of the Church.

Bereaved by the loss of Brother Lewis are his wife, sister Elzie Smith of Hardy, Kentucky; four sons, Everett Smith of Hardy, Kentucky, Harold B. Smith of Richmond, Virginia, Sgt. Thomas Smith of the U. S. Army, stationed at Fort Eustis Virginia, and James H. Smith of Washington, D. C., four daughters, Mrs. Clistia Huffman of Hamlin, West Virginia, Della Grace Smith of Hardy, Kentucky, Mrs. Granville Tingle of Georgetown, Delaware, and Mrs. Emily Dix of Detroit, Michigan, four brothers, Mac Smith, George Smith, and Kelly Smith all of Hardy, Kentucky, and Dillard Smith of Stone, Kentucky. Three sisters, Mrs. Mose Stanley of Hardy, Kentucky, Mrs. Martin Thacker of Sidney, Kentucky, and Mrs. Ballard Blackburn of Canada, Kentucky; 23 grandchildren and one great grandchild, and a great host of relatives and friends to mourn his loss.

But we feel that our loss is his eternal gain. Christ was talking to His disciples and to all the Christians in all the ages that were to come when He said, "Let not your heart be troubled ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you, I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also." Brother Lewis believed in God and in Jesus Christ, His only begotten Son and after that he heard the Gospel of his salvation, when after he believed it, he was sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise, and God that cannot lie promised him an everlasting salvation. Yes, Sister Elzie and you dear children, brothers and sisters, do not weep for Brother Lewis, but rather weep for those he has left behind. For all of his troubles are over and where his sweet soul is resting until the resurrection when God will quicken his mortal body and both soul and body shall live, together with our dead bodies, no trouble can ever come. The scriptures tell us "that it hath not entered into the heart of man the good things that God has laid up for them that do love and serve Him." We sincerely believe that Brother Lewis will live forever in Heaven with Him and all of the redeemed of the Lamb. Our prayer is that God will richly bless and save every one of us in Jesus' most high and holy name.

Written by one he loved,  
Elder Harold Edmonds.

## TOBIE ROBINETTE

It is with a sad heart I attempt to write the obituary of my dear husband, Tobie Robinette. He was the son of William and Mintie Hinkle Robinette. He was born December 22, 1897 and deceased this life April 4, 1960, being 62 years, 3 months, and 13 days. He was united in marriage to Stella Thompson. She preceded him in death. To this union were born seven children. Names are as follows: Elmer Lee and Reford of Sidney, Kentucky, Raymond of Canada, Kentucky, Irvin and Ralph of Pontiac, Michigan, and Mrs. Shade Gibson of Michigan, Florida, Tobie Jr. of Varney, Kentucky. Fourteen grandchildren and five step children. Six brothers and two sisters, Mrs. Geo. Williamson, Mrs. Henry Thompson, and Lilburn of Varney, Kentucky, Marvin, Eldon and John of Pontiac, Michigan, Lee of Delbarton, W. Va., and Fred of Aflex, Kentucky.

He was married the second time to Bessie Allen, who survives. Besides these relatives, he leaves a large host of friends to mourn his passing on, with the entire membership of the Pilgrims Home Church, of which he became a member December 25, 1948. He was baptised by the hands of Elder Emmett Case.

I feel the church has lost a faithful member, the children a loving father. Oh, how I miss him. He was so good to me and my children. My home is so lonesome since he has been gone. But I feel our loss is his eternal gain. For the Bible tells us by their fruits ye shall know them, and he bore the fruits of a righteous man. I hope the Lord will bless his children and cause them to fill Daddy's place in the Old Church house, where he loved to go so well. I feel in my heart that I will meet him again, where there will be no more sickness, sorrow nor pain.

Now I ask all of you that know the worth of prayer to remember me in my lonesome hours, and may God help us to live together, and pray for each other. For there is nothing



here but trouble. 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 his wife and step daughter

#### SISTER BELLE JUSTICE

It is with much sadness I will try to write an obituary of sister Belle Justice. She was born January 2, 1897. Deceased May 24, 1960. She was the daughter of John and Lucy Chafins who preceeded her in death. She has two surviving sisters and two brothers. They are: Mae of Marine, Ohio, Ethel Foster of Dayton, Kentucky, Elbert and Albert of Omar, West Virginia. She was married to Stanley Justice who survives and to this union were born the following children: John J. Justice of South Williamson, Kentucky, Edith Deskins of Lenore, W. Va., Maddine Riedel of Ocala, Florida, Ora Kirk of Delbarton, W. Va., Robert Neal Justice of Ravenswood, W. Va., Nellie Mahon and Paul Simon Justice at home. She leaves several grandchildren and one great grand child.

Aunt Belle, as I always called her, joined the Sardis Church of Regular Baptist at Delbarton, W. Va., June 13, 1926 by the hands of Elder Asa Evans and she was a faithful member until her sickness prevented her from attending Church. She met with us last year in August to take the Union and Communion with us, but she took sick and I took her home before the Communion started.

Left to mourn her loss are the children, grandchildren, daughter-in-law, son-in-laws, and the relatives and friends, and the entire Sardis Church. God bless Uncle Stanley in his lonely hours. Children, be good to Daddy. Mother is gone. Her place is vacant in the home and her seat is empty at the Church House, but I believe Aunt Belle has made a happy exchange, and in a better home. Her body is planted on the Varney Cemetery, sleeping, resting till the death angel come and visited Aunt Belle around midnight and take her soul on to be with Jesus. Children, if you ever expect to see Mother you will have to do as Jesus says. "Deny yourselves and come take up the cross and follow me."

I must close and may Uncle Stanley live a life that he can meet with Aunt Belle so they won't have to part no more. May God bless you all.

Yours unworthy  
Parlee Varney

#### BROTHER ROBERT JUSTICE

With much sadness, by the request of the family, we will try to write an obituary of Brother Robert Justice.

Brother Bob, as we always knew him, was born April 13, 1884 at Pike County, Kentucky. Deceased this life April 28, 1960, making his stay on earth 76 years and 15 days.

Brother Bob joined the Regular Baptist Church called the Sardis, at Delbarton, W. Va. May 1, 1953 and was baptised by the hands of Elder Cecil Evans and Elder Willie Varney. He was married to Emma Justice who survives. He has one son, Wade Justice of Delbarton, W. Va. and one daughter, Alta Sherman, who preceeded him in death.



Brother Bob was a faithful member and attended church as long as he was able, and we met at his home and had church once each month. We believe Brother Bob has exchanged the Old Cross for a Crown. His soul has gone on to where Jesus is, and his body is planted in the cemetery and will rest there until Jesus calls for the sleeping dead to come forth.

I want to say to sister Justice, God bless you in your lonely hours, and to Wade, I know he misses Daddy but he can meet Daddy again if he will do the things Jesus wants him to do. We must close, may God bless you is the prayer of your Unworthy,  
Parlee and Willie Varney

#### CHARLOTTE JUNE (WILLIAMSON) SMITH

It is with a sad and aching heart I attempt by the help of the Lord to write an obituary of our darling June, daughter of Roy C. and Lotus V. Williamson, born June 19, 1922, departed this life July 25, 1960, about the hour of 3:13 a. m., being 38 years, 1 month and 6 days old at the time of death.

I believe our blessed Lord has called her from her suffering to a land of peace, joy and happiness forever more,

where she will never know pain again, free from all trials and tribulations she had to endure, bearing her sickness with so much patience. It seemed she was anxiously awaiting that voice to call her home. She talked of and expressed a desire to go on. She bore the evidence she had been clothed upon with that precious robe of righteousness, which is purity and only belongs to the saints of God that have been washed in regeneration in the shed blood of Jesus Christ the Lord.

I believe June's soul is now under the altar of God, basking in the sunlight of His redeeming love and can behold His face. Her body will sleep in the dust of the earth until that great and notable day of the Lord. It was sown in much weakness, but it will be raised with great power when that loud trumpet shall sound to awake the sleeping dead, and King Jesus comes in the clouds of glory to gather His jewels home. Praise His blessed name forever!

Our grief is so hard to bear, naturally so, but with the sweet assurance in God's Holy Book of Promise, that we shall see June again, it is so comforting to our broken hearts. When we meet again, she will have a body like unto our blessed Lord, a glorified body that has put on immortality and will shine throughout all ages singing "redeemed, redeemed by the blood of the Lamb".

Just before she passed from this life, her eyes became so bright and with a sweet smile she went away.

June professed a hope in Christ and was baptized at the hands of Elder Harrison Bevins, September 9, 1952, and placed her membership with the Salem Church, Goody, Ky. She was unable to attend her home church as she was living in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. There she met and married her husband, John W. Smith, May 25, 1958. In addition to her parents and husband, she is survived by one brother, Jesse L. Williamson, of Kingsport, Tennessee and one sister, Joanna W. Copley, of Forest Hills, Kentucky.

There will always be that vacancy in our home; her companionship so sweet we will always miss, but children, press on toward the mark of the high calling as it is in Christ Jesus the Lord, and pray our family will be an unbroken circle around that throne some day, where we can meet June again. We will gain the victory if we strive lawfully.

Written by one who loved her so dearly, her mother.

Lotus V. Williamson

## ANNIE REED

In my weakness I'll try to write an obituary of my dear Mother, Annie Reed. She was born December 2, 1898, and departed this life June 28, 1960. Making her stay here 62 years, 6 months, and 26 days. She joined the Old Regular Baptist Church the first Sunday in July 1923. She was baptised by the hand of Elder Heenon Maynard. Annie was the daughter of Rell and Nancy Lowe Maynard. She was married to Vernon Runyons



who preceded her in death. To this union was born one son, Wayne Runyons. Then she married G. D. Reed, better known as Uncle Dee, who also preceded her in death. To this union were born 8 children. The names are as follows: Bluford Reed of Heenon, Kentucky, Clifford Reed of Galnare, Kentucky, Oscar Reed of Wise, Virginia, Sally McCoy of Heenon, Kentucky, Julie Clarke of Avon, Ohio, George Rell Reed of Barstow, California, Geneva Adams of Crum, West Virginia, and Carl B. Reed of the U. S. Army.

A mother and 5 brothers, Stanford Maynard, Van Maynard, John Maynard, Larke Maynard, and Bud Maynard, and 24 grandchildren mourn her loss. One sister, Dixie Clevenger, who precedes her in death. To know mother was to love her. She loved everybody and made every one welcome in her home. The church has lost a faithful member, the community a good neighbor. I want to say to her children that are still out of the Ark of Safety, "If you want to live with mother again, repent and live like mother did while you still have life, for there is no repentance after death. Mother set an example that you should follow Jesus. As she died, mother prayed for her children. After her breath got so short, she could hardly talk, she said when the breath left her body, her suffering was over. She lived for Him here so she will live with Him in Heaven, where

there won't be any pain, sickness sorrow, or death. Her body will go back to the dust, but when Jesus comes riding on the clouds of His glory and calls the sleeping dead, Annie will come out of the grave and shouting to meet her Lord, whom she loved and served. So sleep on Mother, take your rest till I meet you some sweet day.

One is missing from our home,  
A voice we loved is still;  
A place is vacant in our home,  
That never can be filled.

Written by her daughter,  
Sally McCoy

#### BROTHER FLOYD SMITH

In much sadness in my heart, I will try by God's help to write the obituary of my blessed old Daddy. He was the son of Brother James and Sister America Smith. He was born November 15, 1873 and departed this life February 8, 1960. Making his stay here 86 years, 3 months and 23 days. He was married to Pricy Jane Bevins Smith, who preceded him in death 14 years ago. To this union were born six children, three preceded him in death several years ago. They were: Roberta Smith, Pearl Varney, and an infant at birth. The three living are: Thomas Smith, W. J. (Bryan) Smith, and Ruth Varney. Seven grand children, and eleven great grand children, one great grand child to mourn his loss.

Dad professed a hope in Christ, and joined the Old Regular Baptist Church, in September 1951. He was baptised by the hands of Elder Ken Varney and Elder B. H. Bevins, and placed his membership with the Mt. Pleasant Church. He lived a faithful life, and a lonely one until death.

He bore his sickness in much patience. He called for the brothers and sisters so much, and rejoiced with them. But thanks be our King, he is gone to be with Jesus, Mother, and the little children of God. His sweet tongue will be loosened then, to shout the praises of God for ever more. How I miss his sweet presence, no one knows, by the grace of God. I hope to meet him some sweet day of all days the happiest one.

His baby daughter,  
Ruth

#### BROTHER KEN REED

It has become my sad duty to try to write the obituary of our dear beloved brother and your daddy, Ken Reed. I feel he had just crossed the Black Sea of Death into the City of Everlasting Light, to rest with Jesus till the day of all days, till you, his children, get ready to meet daddy in Heaven, because He will come again.

Uncle Ken Reed, as most knew him, was a son of George and Angline Blackburn Reed.

He was born on October 6, 1882. He left this world on February 21, 1960, making his stay 78 years and 4 months on earth. He joined the Old Regular Baptist Church when he came from the hospital February 15, 1960, by the hands of Elders Avery Lowe and Charlie Johnson. This was joy to my heart knowing it had been Brother Ken's desire to be baptised for so long.

He was married to Elsie Curry Reed to this union was born 11 children, 5 boys, Sidney, Bill, Toy, Leroy, G. C., Six girls, Salie, Francis, Mary, Artha, Rebecca, and Goldie.

He leaves behind brothers, sisters, relatives and friends to mourn for him. But if they expect to meet and see him in Heaven where we will never part. Just repent and get ready to meet God.

Written by request of the family,  
Elder Avery B. Lowe



#### CIRCULAR LETTER

To all my Good Brethern and Sisters of the Sardis Association

Being appointed to write a circular letter for your approval or disapproval, I trust to be guided by the Spirit of the Lord,

that what I write will be edifying and upbuilding to the Church and in harmony with God's Holy Word.

My subject will be found in Psalm 133, first verse, which reads: "Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity."

Now, the two words that I want to dwell upon are Brethern and Unity. Then in order for us to be brethren in the Lord and walk in unity, we have to all be born of God's Holy Spirit. The Spirit of God, I believe comes to every adult person on earth and reveals to them the condition they are in, and gives them enough faith and knowledge to obey it if they will.

Now brethren, it is the inward man or the soul of man, the hidden man of the heart, or the spiritual man that lives in this temple of flesh, that is born again of God's Holy Spirit. As Christ taught Nicodemus, that which is born of flesh is flesh, and that which is born of Spirit is spirit. Then it has to be the spiritual man that is born again. In order to be brethren in the Lord, we all have to be begotten of the Father in Heaven, and at the end of our travel from darkness to the marvelous light, we are born of Mother Jerusalem, then we are brothers and sisters in the Lord, and will walk in unity and on the way to Heaven. Christ said, I am that bread that comes down from Heaven that a man may eat thereof and never die.

Now brethren, it is the spiritual man that eats of that bread. When the inward man is born of God's Holy Spirit, we become members of the body of Christ, and members one of another. Christ is our head and I believe that every member of that body will walk in unity and get their instructions from their head, which is Christ. I believe they will give heed and obey them, for Jesus said, my sheep do hear my voice and they do follow me, for they will not follow the voice of a stranger, for they do not know him.

I believe that when men and women have taken heed to the light that God shines to them and have suffered enough for their sins they have committed to satisfy the Father, they are born of God's Holy Spirit. Then they are brethren or sheep in the Lord, and in a condition to walk in unity. Now brethren, when

this takes place with the inward man, he brings this outward man under control, that he doesn't go the way he used to go and do the things he used to do, and becomes a new creature in the eyes of the people. His steps are directed by the Lord. Jesus said in His own sweet words, "for whosoever shall do the will of my father, which is in heaven, the same is my brother and sister." Then in order to live with Christ after this life, we will have to become a brother or sister to Christ through taking heed to the light and God's Holy Spirit, and asking Him to do for us what we can't do ourselves. We can take heed, we can ask, we can groan and pray, but it takes the power of God to born our souls of His Holy Spirit before we can dwell in unity.

Now brethren, I believe that every adult person on earth can take heed to the light, come to Christ, and walk in unity if they will, and when we have done all of these things we have nothing to boast about for we have only done that which was commanded us to do. Now brethren, all of this takes place in the field for Solomon said, first do your work without, make fit the timber in the field, and then build your house.

When the old servant was sent into the mountain to cut the tall cedars to build the temple, and when they were cut through the heart they fell prostrate on the ground and the top broke out. They were hued and made a beam in the mountain, then drawn to the water by the old ox, and went up stream by float, and was added to the building without the sound of an iron tool, so this being contrary to nature, then it had to be the working and power of the Lord, for the scripture said, that the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved. I believe that everyone that the Lord adds to the church will be followers of the Lord and will walk in unity, love and peace with one another in this life and will finally persevere through Grace to Glory. If you walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship one with another and the blood of Jesus Christ cleanses us from all sins so it takes the blood of Christ, being applied to the hearts of men and women in order for them to walk in unity.

Now brethren, when the soul or the inward man of men and women are born of God's Holy Spirit, they are a fit subject to be buried with Christ in water baptism to answer that good

conscience that God gives to everyone that is born of His Holy Spirit, and I believe they will answer that good conscience if life permits.

Now brethren, to live in unity, means to be undivided, oneness, and singleness of the heart among the children of God. David said, when brethren dwell together in unity, that it is like precious ointment poured upon the head and drips down upon the skirts of his garments.

Paul said, I beseech you that you walk worthy of the vocation where with ye are called with all lowliness and meekness, with long suffering, forbearing one another in love, endeavoring to keep the unity of the spirit in the bonds of peace, till we all come in the unity of the faith, and the knowledge of the Son of God. Another scripture says that all believers were together and had all things common, and of the same mind, one toward the other, that the God of Heaven grant you to be like minded, one toward the other.

Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God, and everyone that loveth, is born of God and knoweth God. He that loveth not, knoweth not God, for God is love. Then if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

So brethren, we ought to dwell in unity, and live in peace and love and love one another and be a light before the world and our children, that the old church will grow.

So farewell brothers, be of one mind and live in peace and the God of love shall be with you all forever.

Your humble servant and brother in the Lord.  
Elder Charlie Johnson

## CONSTITUTION OF THE SARDIS ASSOCIATION

From a long series of experiences, we the OLD  
REGULAR BAPTIST CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST,

being baptized upon a profession of faith in Christ are convinced of the necessity of a combination of Churches in order to perpetuate a union and communion among us and keep the order and rules of an Association according to the following plan of government.

1. The Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches in our union and sent to represent them in the Association and upon their producing letters from their respective churches certifying their appointment, they shall be entitled to a seat.

2. In the letters shall be expressed their number in fellowship those baptized, received by letter, dismissed, excluded, and deceased since our last Association.

3. The members thus chosen and convened shall have no power to lord anything over God's heritage nor shall they have any clerical power over the churches, nor shall they infringe on any of the internal rights of any church in the union.

4. The Association, when convened, shall be ruled by a regular and proper decorum.

5. The Association shall have a Moderator and Clerk chosen by the members present.

6. New churches may be admitted into this Union, who shall petition by letter and delegates, and if found upon examination to be orthodox and orderly, shall be received, and every church in the Union shall be entitled to a representative in the Association.

7. Every query presented by the church to the Association, being first debated in their own churches, shall be taken up by the Association.

8. Every motion made and seconded, shall come under the consideration of the Association except when withdrawn by the one who made it.

9. The Association shall endeavor to furnish the church with Minutes of the Association.

10. We think it necessary that we should have an Association fund for defraying expenses of the same. We think it the duty of each church in the Union to contribute such sums as they think proper, and send it by

## ARTICLES OF FAITH OF THE SARDIS ASSOCIATION

their delegates to the Association, and such sums to be deposited in the hands of the Treasurer chosen by the Association, who shall be accountable for the money paid him by the Association, and paid out according to the Association.

11. There shall be an Association book kept wherein the proceedings of every Association, shall be recorded by a Secretary appointed by the Association, who shall receive a compensation for his services.

12. The Minutes of the Association shall be read, and corrected if need be and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the Association rises unless the same is dispensed with.

13. Amendments to this plan or form of government may be made by a majority of the Union, if deemed necessary.

14. All matters coming before the Association shall be decided by will of a majority of the delegates present, except in receiving and dismissing churches and Associations which shall be by an unanimous vote.

15. The Association shall have the power for the general union of the churches, to preserve inviolable a chain of communion among the churches; to give churches all necessary advice in matters of difficulty; to inquire into the cause of the churches failing to represent themselves at any time in the Association, to appropriate the money contributed by the churches for the Association fund, to any purpose they may think proper; to appoint any member, by their consent to transact any business which they see necessary, and they shall have power to withdraw from any church in the Union, which shall violate the rules of the Association, or diviate from the orthodox principles of religion; to admit any orderly minister of our order to a seat with us. The Association shall have the right to adjourn themselves to any future time or place they may think most convenient to the churches.

1. We believe in only one true and living God, the Father, the Son, and Holy Ghost, and these three are one, equal in power, essence and glory.

2. We believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the written words of God and the only rules of faith and practices.

3. We believe in the doctrine of election by grace, for by grace are ye saved through faith.

4. We believe in the doctrine of original sin, and of man's inability to recover himself from the fallen state he is in by nature, therefore the Saviour is needed for our redemption.

5. We believe that sinners are called to repentance and believe in the Gospel and regeneration of the soul and sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise, and none such shall fall away and be lost.

6. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God only by the imputed righteousness of JESUS CHRIST.

7. We believe that baptism is the ordinance of God's church on earth and the mode of IMMERSION back foremost so as to cover all over.

8. We believe that the Lord's Supper is the command of the Saviour and that by the use of bread and wine, and feet-washing should be kept up until his second coming by His believers.

9. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, both of the just and unjust and that the joys of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked shall be eternal.

10. We believe that no minister has the right to administer the ordinances and commands of the Gospel except such as regularly ordained and baptized, and that by immersion by a legal administrator of the Gospel comes under the hands of a regularly chosen presbytery of the church.

11. We believe it to be the duty of all church members to contribute for defraying all reasonable expenses of the church, never forgetting the poor according to their several abilities.

12. We believe that every doctrine that goes to en-



courage or indulge people in their sins or cause them to settle down on anything short of saving faith in Christ for salvation is erroneous and such doctrine will be rejected by us.

13. We believe that the Church of Christ is a congregation of faithful believers in Christ who have obtained fellowship with the Lord and with one another and have given themselves to the Lord and have agreed to keep up a Godly discipline, according to the rules of the Gospel.

14. We believe that Jesus Christ is the head of the church and the government thereof is upon His shoulders.

15. None of the above articles shall be considered as to hold with particular election and reprobation so as to make God partial directly or indirectly, nor to injure any of the children of men; nor shall any of these articles be altered without legal notice and free consent.

### RULES OF DECORUM

1. The Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.

2. A Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen by the members present.

3. Only one member shall speak at a time, who shall arise from his seat and obtain consent from the Moderator when he is about to make his speech.

4. The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted in his speech by anyone except the Moderator until he is through.

5. He shall strictly adhere to the subject and in no wise reflect on the person who has spoken so as to make remarks on his slips or imperfections, but shall fairly state the cause as nearly as he can so as to convey his ideas.

6. No person shall abruptly absent himself from the Association without leave of the Association.

7. No person shall speak more than three times on any subject without leave of the Association.

8. No person shall have the liberty of laughing dur-

ing the sitting of the same nor whisper in time of public speech.

9. No member of the Association shall address another in any other term of appellation than that of "Brother".

10. The Moderator shall not interrupt or prohibit any member from speaking until he gives his light on any subject unless he violates the rules of the decorum.

11. The names of the members of the Association shall be enrolled by the Clerk and called as often as the Association requires.

12. The Moderator shall have the same right of speech as any other member provided the chair be filled. And he shall have no right to vote unless the Association be equally divided; then he may give the deciding vote.

13. Any member who shall willingly and knowingly violate any of the decorum shall be reprovved by the Association as they think proper.

### NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF ORDAINED MINISTERS

Johannie Adair  
Tommy Adair

Strauther Adkins  
J. B. Anderson

B. H. Bevins  
Leslie Blair

Claude Brown  
Emmitt Case

Earl Clay  
Floyd Cline

Johnie Cline  
Perry Cline

Ross Cline  
Ernest Cochran

Ellis Davis  
Willis Dials

Mont Ellis  
George Elkins

Cecil Evans  
Charlie Evans

Columbus, Ohio  
614 South Orange, Ocala, Fla.

Hopemont, W. Va.  
Matewan, W. Va.

Box 655, Williamson, W. Va.  
Hunt, W. Va.

Hardy, Ky.  
Canada, Ky.

Box 433, Okechobee, Fla.  
Baisden, W. Va.

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Baisden, W. Va.  
Canada, Ky.

Route 1, Box 180, Williamson, W. Va.  
Pilgrim, Ky.

Route 2, Box 143, Delbarton, W. Va.  
Barnabus, W. Va.

Route 2, Delbarton, W. Va.  
Stirrat, W. Va.

John Fouch	Chapmanville, W. Va.
S. B. Farley	Hatfield, Ky.
Carlos Gibson	Pine Creek, W. Va.
Ireland Harrison	Chattaroy, W. Va.
Tracy Hatfield	Hampden, W. Va.
J. H. Hensley	Switzer, W. Va.
Wayne Herald	Box 586, Kermit, W. Va.
Ester Hopkins	Box 819, Williamson, W. Va.
Clinton Howard	Pilgrim, Ky.
Charlie Johnson	Canada, Ky.
Harrison Jude	Pilgrim, Ky.
Ohlon Justice	Kimper, Ky.
Avery Lowe	Belfry, Ky.
Harvey Lowe	Heenan, Ky.
John Lowe	1807 N. Magnolia St., Ocala, Fla.
L. G. Lowe	Box 51, Turkey Creek, Ky.
Edwin May	Meta, Ky.
Jeff May	Dingess, W. Va.
W. H. May	Dingess, W. Va.
Eldon Maynard	Route 5, Box 175, Ocala, Fla.
Elvert Maynard	Box 258, Orange Lake, Fla.
H. C. Maynard	Stone, Ky.
Carlos Meadows	Omar, W. Va.
J. L. Nichols	Thomas, Ky.
Fay Scott	Route 1, Box 220, Williamson, W. Va.
Lloyd SESCO	Meta, Ky.
A. A. Sheppard	Holden, W. Va.
Willie Stanley	Hardy, Ky.
C. L. Swanson	508 20th St. N. W., Roanoke, Va.
J. G. Thornsbury	Canada, Ky.
Ken Varney	Box 1942, Williamson, W. Va.
Willie Varney	Lando Mines, W. Va.
Willie White	Lenore, W. Va.
Jonah Ester Williamson	Varney, W. Va.
Jess Woods	1721 N. Newberry, Ocala, Fla.

BROTHERS LIBERATED TO PROVE THEIR GIFT

Willard Blair	Lenore, W. Va.
Isam Hannah	Man, W. Va.
Maynard Hay	Route 1, Williamson, W. Va.
George Hinkle	Sidney, Ky.

NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF CLERKS

Mt. Pleasant	James Scott	Canada, Ky.
Apple Orchard	Elcain Robinson	Heenan, Ky.
Enon	Ethel Varney	Mc Carr, Ky.
Rebecca	F. M. Preece	Route 1, Delbarton, W. Va.
Bent Branch	Forrest Bevins	Meta, Ky.
Sardis	Jesse Farley	Delbarton, W. Va.
Big Branch	J. L. Nichols	Thomas, Ky.
Mary Elizabeth	Lacy Lowe	Hatfield, Ky.
Bethany	Ellis Davis	Route 1, Box 180, Williamson, W. Va.
Elk Fork	Wayne Sheppard	Route 1, Box 73, Delbarton, W. Va.
Pilgrim's Home	Marion Young	618 Central Ave., Williamson, W. Va.
Salem	Calvin C. Bevins	Box 168, Goody, Ky.
Sidney	Stella Maynard	Threeforks, Ky.
Dix Fork	Omer Williamson	Canada, Ky.
Narrows Branch	Clyde Brown	Box 234, Hardy, Ky.
Leannah	T. J. Robinson	Pilgrim, Ky.
Buck Creek	Burgess Dials	Box 625, St. Albans, W. Va.
Tabitha	Comfort Gillman	Barnabus, W. Va.
Little Rosa	Fay Scott	Route 1, Box 220, Williamson, W. Va.
Turkey Creek	James Varney	Box 915, Williamson, W. Va.
Samaria	Ersel Prince	Dingess, W. Va.
Rosa	Uley Perry	Gilbert, W. Va., Box 9C
Muncy Valley	Julia Ellis	Route 2, Box 143, Delbarton, W. Va.
Little Virgie	Ohlon Justice	Route 2, Kimper, Ky.
Southern Home	Jesse Woods	1721 N. Newberry, Ocala, Fla.

CHURCH  
AND  
DELEGATES

	Rec'd. By Baptism	Rec'd. By Letter	Rec'd. By Restoration	Rec'd. By Recomm.	Dismissed By Letter	Deceased	Excluded	Total Membership	Church Time	Church Contribution
MT. PLEASANT--James Maynard, George Hinkle, Harold Varney	0	0	0	0	3	1	2	46	2	15.00
APPLE ORCHARD--Willie Nichols, Elicah Robinson, John Lowe	4	2	0	0	0	4	0	43	1	15.00
ENON--Logan Spencer, J. B. Anderson, Johnnie Smith	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	13	1	10.00
REBECCA--Mosco Gilman, Hi Preese, George Ekins	1	1	0	0	0	1	3	78	2	30.00
BENT BRANCH--Lloyd SESCO, Edwin May, Elmer Blackburn	1	2	0	0	0	1	0	79	3	25.00
SARDIS--Willie Varney, Troy Floyd, G. W. Estep	6	2	2	2	4	5	4	141	4	20.00
BIG BRANCH--J. L. Nichols, Harvey Lowe, Sidney Taylor	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	44	3	15.00
MARY ELIZABETH--Lacy Lowe, George Farley, Tommy Jackson	4	1	0	0	0	2	0	43	3	15.00
BETHANY--Willie White, Charles Hall, Joel Canterbury	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	59	4	20.00
ELK FORK--Carole Gibson, Ance Curry, Wayne Sheppard	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	73	3	25.00
PILGRIMS HOME--Newton Walters, Jonah Ester Williamson, Forrest McGuire	3	0	0	0	2	3	3	175	4	40.00
SALEM--B. H. Bevins, Chester Combs, Henry Cochran	2	0	0	0	0	4	2	126	1	40.00
SIDNEY--Bascom Maynard, Tan Howell, Harrison Jude	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	28	4	10.00
DIX FORK--Ernest Cochran, H. C. Maynard, Clyde Brown	1	1	0	0	0	2	0	77	1	30.00
NARROWS BRANCH--Mack Smith, Willie Stanley, Clyde Brown	4	0	0	0	1	3	1	76	4	25.00
LEANNAH--Clinton Howard, Freeelin Jones, T. J. Robinson	3	0	0	0	0	1	1	38	2	15.00
BUCK CREEK--Pete Dials, Burgess Dials, Willis Dials	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	29	3	10.00
TABITHA--Joe Robinett, Charley Evans, S. D. Hensley	3	0	0	0	3	0	4	47	1	15.00
LITTLE ROSA--Lace Marcum, Fay Scott, Ireland Harrison	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	21	2	10.00
TURKEY CREEK--Julius Burgett, Stanford Maynard, Willis Lowe	1	1	1	0	1	2	0	97	2	20.00
SAMARIA--Sherman May, Ersel Prince, Cornelious Lackey	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	27	1	15.00
ROSA--Johnnie Cline, Uley Perry, Ross Cline	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	92	3	25.00
MUNICY VALLEY--Mont Ellis, Avey Hensley, Cecil Evans	2	0	0	0	0	2	1	23	2	12.00
LITTLE VIRGIE--Ohlan Justice, Willie Siltner, John Scott	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	13	4	12.00
SOUTHERN HOME--Tommy Adair, Jess Woods, John Lowe	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	20	1	20.00
	42	12	3	2	18	33	24	1516	61	\$489.00

PSALM 23

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

- He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; he leadeth me beside the still waters.
- He restoreth my soul; he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.
- Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.
- Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies; thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.
- Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

