

MINUTES

OF THE

EIGHTY-THIRD ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

**SARDIS ASSOCIATION
OF OLD REGULAR BAPTIST**

THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST

**In Session With Samaria Church
Dingess, West Virginia
September 12, 13 and 14, 1975**

Elder Edwin May—Moderator

Elder Wayne Herald—Assistant Moderator

Bro. Ralph W. E. Varney, Jr.—Clerk

Bro. James M. Ray—Assistant Clerk

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FRIDAY

September 12, 1975

The Sardis Association of Old Regular Baptist, the Church of Jesus Christ, assembled with the Samaria Church, Dingess, W. Va. on Friday before the second Saturday in September 1975.

The small crowd of Brethren and Sisters were wet from perhaps the most rain we have had at our Association in over 25 years. But their spirits were high and singing sweet as we gathered under the shelter of the tent. The rain got harder and the crowd got larger as the time approached the beginning of our 83rd Annual Session.

Our beloved and capable Moderator, Elder Edwin May, came to the Stand with a warm welcome for everyone and giving God the praise for allowing us to meet one more time upon earth, His footstool. If we have met in His name we will do well and be blessed.

Elder Johnnie Cline opened the Services about the hour of 9:30 am and was wonderfully blessed in a short space of time to preach a free Salvation. Brother Johnnie stated that he need not tell the Brethren to love each other because to be born of God is to be born of love. He admonished the Brethren to let that love shine forth in all of our deliberations, asking God to guide and direct our every move. Brother Johnnie then led in prayer.

Elder Wayne Herald preached the Introductory Sermon from his Text: "And I saw in the right hand of him that sat on the throne a book written within and on the backside, sealed with seven seals." (Revelation 5:1) Our beloved and able Brother Wayne traversed the Old and New Testaments expertly linking the prophesies and fulfillments and showing Daniel to be the Book of Prophecy for the Old Testament while Revelations is the Book of Prophecy for the New Testament.

Brother Wayne followed the same golden thread woven from the Old Testament unbroken into the New Testament that speaks on this wise "...Faith justifies and Grace Saves...". The completeness of the Books is shown by the four and twenty Elders, representing the twelve Tribes of Israel and the twelve Apostles of Christ which John saw "...fall down before him that sat on the throne, and worship him that liveth for ever and ever, and cast their Crowns

before the throne, saying, thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created". (Rev. 4:10, 11)

The Association Delegates and a large Delegation from our corresponding Sister Associations then assembled at Samaria Church where arrangements had been made for the work of the Association. As is our custom, the many Brethren, Sisters and friends remained at the Tent where sweet sermons were delivered by:

NAME	ASSOCIATION
Elder Jessie Bryant	Friendship
Elder Charles "Chuck" Keesee	Northern New Salem
Elder Hassell Estep	Friendship
Elder Dewey Sexton	Union

Elder Willie White of the Sardis Association introduced the Services at the House admonishing the Brethren to strive for peace, work in order and seek guidance from God. Elder Ollus Balridge for the Indian Bottom Association led in prayer.

We then proceeded as follows:

(1) Elder Edwin May, Moderator of the Sardis Association, did not deem it necessary to speak any further because of the many wonderful words of Counsel that had already been spoken.

(2) The Moderator appointed a Committee on Finance to receive the contributions sent to the Association by the several churches as follows:

Brother Uley Perry
Elder Ellis Davis
Brother Landon Taylor

(3) The Moderator then called for the Letters from the Churches of the Sardis Association to be handed in to the Clerk and the contributions to be handed in to the Committee on Finance.

(4) The Letter from the Samaria Church was read by the Clerk and, upon motion by Elder Roosevelt Lowe and second by Elder Hiram Young, all Letters were received; the Delegates seated; and all Queries and Request were referred to the Committee on Arrangements.

(5) The Committee on Finance reported \$1,385.00 received from the Churches as reported in the Statistical Table and, after turning this amount over to the Treasurer, was discharged.

(6) The Sardis Association then completed its organization by electing the following Officers to serve for the coming year:

Elder Edwin May, Moderator
Elder Wayne Herald, Assistant Moderator
Brother Ralph W. E. Varney, Jr., Clerk
Brother James M. Ray, Assistant Clerk

(7) By motion and second, it is ordered that the Moderator make all

temporary appointments during the setting of the Association.

(8) Committee appointed to take care of the visiting Brethren, to see that the Stand be supplied with Ministers and that peace be preserved around the Stand as follows:

Brother Bill May
Brother Jeff May
Brother Cornelius Lackey
Brother James Baisden

(9) By motion and second the reading of the Constitution and Rules of Decorum was omitted.

(10) The Moderator called for newly organized Churches or other Churches and Associations of our same faith and order desiring to take up fellowship with the Sardis Association and none responded.

(11) The Moderator called for the Letters from our Corresponding Sister Associations and received the following:

UNION: Represented by the following Delegates: Jesse L. Williamson, Hamilton Blevins, Theodore Looney, Charles Nitchie, N.A. England, Walter Lowe, Charlie Johnson, Dewey Sexton, Thaniel Thacker, Allan Thacker, Perry Layne, Ballard Stone and Dewey Dillon.

NEW SALEM: Represented by the following Delegates: Lewis Carl Marcum, Grover Adkins, Mills Roberts, Arville Hamilton, E.J. Little, John George Stratton, Butler Howell, George Mathews, Allen Pirts and Hobert Hamilton.

NORTHERN NEW SALEM: Represented by the following Delegates: Charles "Chuck" Keesee, Roy B. Akers, Pete Hensley, Roy Hamilton, Harrison Runyon, John B. Hale, and Bart Potter.

PHILADELPHIA: Represented by the following Delegates: Eales Cotton, Clifford Colley, Otis Steele, Ira Stepp, Paul Morrison, Earl Back, Emmitt Gillispie, Rush Stanley, David Gilliam, George Fraley, George Woods, Walter Morrison, Gal Mathews, Lowell Adkins and W.C. Elkins.

OLD FRIENDSHIP: Represented by the following Delegates: Robert Mullins, Wayne Bryant, Orville Street, Clyde Hagy, Roy Hagy, Cecil Blankenship, Hassell Estep, Elmer Mullins and Harvey Mullins.

INDIAN BOTTOM: Represented by the following Delegates: Chester Gibson, Clark Hays, Merle Smith, J. Nelson Seals, John Preece, Charlie Gibson and Ollus Balridge.

(12) The foregoing Letters were read and by regular move and second were received and the Delegates seated with us in Council, being given the right hand of fellowship by our Moderator.

(13) The Moderator called for Transient Ministers and members of our same faith and order and received the following:

Elder Willie White
Brother Marshall Williamson
Elder Johnnie Cline
Elder Bobby Scott
Brother Edwin Hay
Brother Stewart Brown

Brother Ralph W. E. Varney, Jr. Brother Julius Cochran
 Brother James M. Ray Elder Berlin Thornsbery
 Brother Mike Sheppard

(14) By motion and second it is ordered that we correspond with the following Sister Associations: UNION, NEW SALEM, NORTHERN NEW SALEM, PHILADELPHIA, OLD FRIENDSHIP and INDIAN BOTTOM.

(15) Committee appointed to arrange the preaching for Friday night and Saturday consisting of one Delegate from each Church and the entire Samaria Church delegation. They reported as follows:

FRIDAY NIGHT

Elder Harrison Runyon
 Elder Eales Cotton
 Elder E. J. Little

ASSOCIATION

Northern New Salem
 Philadelphia
 New Salem

SATURDAY

Elder Nelson Seals
 Elder George Woods
 Elder N. A. England
 Elder Roy B. Akers
 Elder Grover Adkins

ASSOCIATION

Indian Bottom
 Philadelphia
 Union
 Northern New Salem
 New Salem

(16) Committee on Arrangements appointed consisting of one Delegate from each Church of the Sardis Association, Moderators, Clerks and the entire Delegation from our Corresponding Sister Associations to arrange the business for Saturday's session.

(17) On motion by Elder Robert L. Robinson and second by Brother Floyd Williamson the Sardis Association was adjourned, by way of prayer, until 9:00 am Saturday morning.

SATURDAY

September 13, 1975

Met pursuant to adjournment and after singing many old time songs of Zion, Elder Clifford Colley of the Philadelphia Association opened the session with preaching. Elder Charles "Chuck" Keese of the Northern New Salem Association led in prayer.

Business then proceeded as follows:

(1) Called the roll of Delegates and marked the absentees.

(2) Read the Bill of Arrangements and, upon regular move and second, received the report and discharged the Committee on Arrangements.

(3) Appointed the same Committee to arrange the preaching for Saturday night and Sunday. They reported as follows:

SATURDAY NIGHT

Elder E. J. Little
 Elder Hobert Hamilton
 Elder Edward Runyon

ASSOCIATION

New Salem
 New Salem
 Sardis

SUNDAY

Elder Roy B. Akers
 Elder Thaniel Thacker
 Elder Edwin May

ASSOCIATION

Northern New Salem
 Union
 Sardis

(4) Called for the Association Treasurer to report and, upon regular move and second, received the following report:

Balance on hand September 15, 1974\$2,179.08
 Less paid out for 1974:

 Printing 4255 Minutes\$1,381.68
 Other 1974 expensenone
 Total paid out for 19741,381.68
 Balance transferred to Savings Account
 on March 20, 1975\$ 797.40

Add Interest earned to September 12, 197513.13
 Balance on hand September 12, 1975\$ 810.53
 Add 1975 receipts:

 Received from the Churches\$1,385.00
 Received for Opituary pictures265.00
 *Donated to pay for 1974 Tent repair130.00
 **Transfer from Tent Committee70.03

Total receipts for 1975\$1,850.03
 Balance\$2,660.56
 *Less paid out for 1974 Tent repair130.00
 Balance on hand September 14, 1975\$2,530.56

*The wind blew the Tent down at our 1974 Association and \$130.00 was donated to pay the expense of repair.

**The Tent Committee Treasury was closed out. See Item 12.

(5) By motion and second it is ordered that the Clerk be appointed Secretary-Treasurer for 1975 and that he be allowed \$10.00 for his services.

(6) By motion and second it is ordered that the Clerk superintend the printing of our Minutes; and that he have 4000 copies printed; and that he be allowed \$100.00 for his services.

(7) By motion and second it is ordered that the Clerk determine the number of our Minutes to be sent with our Letter to corresponding Sister Associations.

(8) In answer to a Request from the Rebecca Church to re-print the 1955 Circular Letter written by Elder W. C. Hay, the Association by regular motion and second granted the Request. (This Letter will be found immediately following the Sunday's session.)

(9) In answer to a Request from Rebecca Church to restore the practice of appointing a Brother to write the Circular Letter to be submitted for approval by the Association at each of its annual sessions the Association, by move from Brother Floyd Williamson and second by Elder Steve Robinson, Jr., granted the

Request and appointed Elder John P. Church to write the Circular Letter for 1976. An Objection to this move and second was filed by Elder Ross Cline and a vote of the Delegates showed 48 for the move and 15 for the Objection. The move is, therefore, so ordered. (It is noted by the Clerk for the benefit of those not present that Elder Ross Cline did not object to Elder Church writing the Letter but to the practice of appointing the writer rather than by voting of the Delegates.)

(10) Letters to our Corresponding Sister Associations were read by the Clerk and Delegates appointed as follows:

UNION: When convened with the Little Hope Church, Clintwood, Va. on Friday before the third Saturday in September 1975: Clifford Maynard, Floyd Williamson, Cashier Blackburn, James Gannon, Hi Young, Bobby Scott, Russell Thacker, Glen Williamson, Stewart Brown, James Scott, Uley Perry, Ross Cline, Edwin May, Joe Warrix, Ralph W.E. Varney, Jr., James Bailey, K.H. Williamson, Chester Belcher, John Fouts, S.D. Hensley, Louie Muncy and Troy Walters. Letter in the hands of Elder Edwin May.

NEW SALEM: When convened with the Long Fork Church, Hartley, Ky. on Friday before the fourth Saturday in September 1975: James Gannon, Mike Sheppard, Wayne Herald, J.L. Nichols, Charlie Scott, Uley Perry, Ross Cline, Chester Belcher, Clifford Maynard, Wallace Muncy, John P. Church, Faye Scott, Bobby Scott, Donnie Brown, Glen Williamson, Stewart Brown, Jim Bevins, Marshall Williamson, Joe Warrix, Edwin May, Troy Walters, Louie Muncy, James Scott, Cashier Blackburn, Edward Runyon, S.D. Hensley, John Fouts, Berlin Thornsbery, Edwin May, Randolph Pauley and Floyd Williamson. Letter in the hands of Elder Wayne Herald.

NORTHERN NEW SALEM: When convened with the Little Rebecca Church, Plymouth, Ohio on Friday before the first Saturday in August 1976: Edwin Hay, Marshall Williamson, Cashier Blackburn, Russell Thacker, Bobby Scott, Donnie Brown, Julius Cochran, W.H. Hale, Ross Cline, Uley Perry, Delbert Kazee, Merlin SESCO, Cody Stanley, Wayne Herald, Bill Robinson, James Bailey, Edwin May and James Gannon. Letter in the hands of Elder James Gannon.

PHILADELPHIA: When convened with the Mt. Olivet Church, Greenup, Ky. on Friday before the second Saturday in August 1976: Willie White, Marion Ledson, Stewart Brown, Ernest Cochran, Louie Muncy, Cashier Blackburn, Uley Perry, Ross Cline, Bobby Scott, David Crigger, Donnie Brown, Marshall Williamson, Edwin May, Wayne Herald, Edwin May, Charles Hall, Russell Thacker, Berlin Thornsbery, Hayden Hannah, Wallace Muncy, Faye Scott, James Gannon and Clifford Maynard. Letter in the hands of Elder Willie White.

OLD FRIENDSHIP: When convened with the Panther Creek Church, Panther Creek, W. Va. on Friday before the fourth Saturday in August 1976: Stewart Brown, James Gannon, Cashier Blackburn, John P. Church, Marshall Williamson, Chester Belcher, Berlin Thornsbery, Uley Perry, Ross Cline, Charley Evans, Edwin May, Roosevelt Lowe, Russell Thacker, Steve Robinson, Jr. and Bobby Scott. Letter in the hands of Elder Berlin Thornsbery.

INDIAN BOTTOM: When convened in Sasstfras, Ky. on Friday before the

first Saturday in September 1976: Cashier Blackburn, Berlin Thornsbery, Louie Muncy, Marshall Williamson, Troy Walters, Wallace Muncy, James Scott, Joe Warrix, James Bailey, Jim Bevins, S.D. Hensley, John Fouch, Wayne Herald, Julius Cochran, Glenn Williamson and Clifford Maynard. Letter in the hands of Elder Clifford Maynard.

(11) Called for Tent Committee report and there was no activity. By regular move and second the Association made the Tent Committee as shown in Item (13), Page 7 of our 1974 Minutes a permanent Committee until changed by the Association.

(12) Called for the Tent Committee Treasurer to report who reported no activity and a bank balance of \$70.03. By regular move and second the Tent Committee Treasury was done away with and combined with the regular Association Treasury. (See Item (5) for transfer of this \$70.03 to the regular Treasury.)

(13) A Request from Mt. Pleasant Church to print the Obituary of Brother E. Harold Varney was granted by regular move and second.

(14) To answer a Query from Dix Fork Church regarding wearing apparel of the Sisters, the Committee on Arrangements, by regular move and second, requested the Moderator to appoint a Committee of Sardis Brethren to prepare an answer for consideration of the full Association at Saturday's session. Committee appointed as follows: Elder Wayne Herald, Brother Ralph W.E. Varney, Jr. and Brother James M. Ray.

On motion by Elder Ernest Cochran and second by Elder James Gannon, both Delegates from Dix Fork Church, the Association approved the Committee Report as its answer to the Query and discharged the Committee. The Committee Report is as follows:

Dingess, W. Va.
September 13, 1975

Sardis Association
of Old Regular Baptist

Brethren:

In answer to the Query from the Dix Fork Church asking "Does the Sardis Association believe in Sisters wearing pants, slacks or shorts?" We, as an Advisory Council and not as a law making body, say:

To answer this Query in the affirmative would be interpreted by some Brethren too liberally and they would say we have laid down the gate and opened the doors to anything and everything.

To answer this Query in the negative would be interpreted by some Brethren too strictly and they would say we have shut the door on everything and Committees would flow from Church to Church like water.

We believe the Sardis Association should advise the Churches to advise their members - both Brethren and Sisters - to dress soberly and modestly and to conduct themselves in a manner that becometh a Child of God. We believe

that each Child of God will adorn themselves in such a manner that they can easily be identified from the World. We feel the Bible, the infallible Word of God, sets forth and the Spirit will teach us how we should dress and conduct ourselves.

We believe, and the Association has so stated in the past, that each Church in the Sardis Association holds the key to its own door and is the sole judge of the conduct of its members as long as they follow the orthodox principles of religion and keeps up a Godly discipline according to the rules of the Gospel as laid down in the Scriptures. In fact, Article 3 of our Constitution guarantees that the Association shall not infringe on any internal right of the Churches.

Elder Wayne Herald
Brother Ralph W. E. Varney, Jr.
Brother James M. Ray

(15) The Association by regular move and second said that if a Sister has cut her hair, she should be asked to let it grow out; if she fails to do so and cuts her hair again, she will be excluded.

(16) By motion and second it is 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.

(17) In answer to the question, "Shall we receive into fellowship men or women having more than one wife or husband?" The Association by regular move and second said, "We advise the Churches not to receive into their fellowship any such, except those who have put away their companion for the cause of fornication, such cases to have Gospel or Church evidence of same."

(18) By motion and second it is ordered that request for Union, Communion and Memorial Meetings be published in our Minutes.

(19) By motion and second it is ordered that Obituaries of our deceased Brothers and Sisters that are in good standing with the Church at the time of death be printed in our Minutes. These are to be presented to the Clerk at the end of the Association. A charge of \$10.00 will be made for a picture printed with the Obituary, except pictures of Elders and their wives will continue to be printed free.

(20) By motion and second the Report of the Brethren attending Union, Communion and Memorial Meetings was omitted.

(21) A Request for the 1976 Sardis Association was received from Mt. Pleasant Church, Dix Fork Church and Southern Home Church. A motion by Elder S.D. Hensley and second by Elder Willis Lowe to grant the Southern Home Church Request met with an Objection filed by Brother James Scott. A vote of the Delegates showed 17 for the motion and 45 for the Objection.

On motion and second it is ordered that our 1976 Association be held with the Mt. Pleasant Church beginning on Friday before the second Saturday in September 1976. Mt. Pleasant Church is located at Sidney, Ky. about half-way between Pikeville, Ky. and Williamson, W. Va. on U.S. 119 and adjoining the

Bewins School at the junction of Route 468 from Nolan, W. Va. to Sidney, Ky.

(22) By motion and second it is ordered that the Sardis Association request all of our Churches, who can and want to, to send help to the Church that will host our next Association, the Mt. Pleasant Church.

(23) A Committee was appointed to take the vote of the Delegates on who shall preach the Introductory Sermon and who shall be his Alternate at our 1976 Association as follows:

Elder Charles Nichie, Union Association
Elder Clifford Colley, Philadelphia Association
Brother F. M. Preece, Sardis Association

This Committee reported as follows and was discharged:

Elder Ross Cline to preach the Introductory Sermon
Elder Johnnie Cline to be his Alternate

(24) By regular motion and second it is ordered that we, the Sardis Association, tender our sincere and heartfelt "Thank you" to each and every member of the Samaria Church; the several Sister Churches who furnished chairs; and to the many Brethren, Sisters and friends who donated food, money and valuable time. It really warmed our hearts to see so many young people preparing and serving the abundance of delicious food with such enthusiasm.

Community cooperation is exemplified and a special "Thank you" goes to Sally Dingess and Larry Hammarck for allowing us the use of the Dingess Community Building to feed the people. Another special "Thank you" goes to the Mingo County Sheriff and his Deputy, John L. Hambrick, who withstood the cold drenching rain to direct traffic and make it easier for us to get in and out.

Our prayer is that God will reward all of you abundantly, full measure and running over for your efforts.

(25) The Minutes were read by the Clerk and, on motion by Brother F.M. Preece and second by Elder S.D. Hensley, were approved and ordered to be signed by the Officers of the Sardis Association.

(26) On motion by Brother Floyd Williamson and second by Elder S.D. Hensley, it is ordered that the Sardis Association adjourn to the time and place mentioned above. The Sardis Association then adjourned by way of prayer.

This work done and signed by the Sardis Association of Old Regular Baptist, the Church of Jesus Christ.

Elder Edwin May, Moderator
Elder Wayne Herald, Assistant Moderator
Brother Ralph W.E. Varney, Jr., Clerk
Brother James M. Ray, Assistant Clerk

SUNDAY
September 14, 1975

Services were delayed until about the hour of 10:30 am because of the very cool morning and the slow arrival of the many Brethren, Sisters and friends. But we used this opportunity to sing many of the old time songs of Zion and visit with our many friends, perhaps for the last time.

Elder Wayne Herald announced the arrangements and asked the congregation to pray for God to revelate the minds of those chosen to deliver the food from Mother Jerusalem's bountiful table.

Elder Roy B. Akers of the Northern New Salem Association came to the Stand and was blessed for a short space of time to explain that the "Leading of the Shepherd's is at odds with the driving of the Herdsmen". Brother Roy then led in prayer.

Elder Thaniel Thacker of the Union Association came next to the Stand with no specific Text but preaching the Lord, Jesus Christ, to be the Way, the Truth and the Life. His preaching in the old time way was enjoyed by all.

Elder Edwin May approached the Stand declaring that the steps of a righteous man are ordered of God. Brother Ed was blessed to preach about the unblemished Lamb of God who sent His Apostles into the whole world without purse and without price but proclaiming "Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee." Brother Ed admonished the people, in this day and age when it appears the devil is running to and fro in the land deceiving the people and stirring up trouble all over the world, to resist the devil in the name of Jesus.

Elder Tommy Adair called dismissal to end another good and loving Association for which we want to give God all the honor and glory.

May God bless the Sardis Association with a double portion of His love until we meet again.

Your Clerks

CIRCULAR LETTER

As I begin to make a feeble attempt to meet the requirements of the Sardis Association in session September, 1954, my mind seems to be wondering about circular letters where associations, churches and members are concerned.

What their origin and what their purpose, what accomplishment of good can be expected from them? And I also wonder what good has been accomplished by them.

Some I have read seemed to be inspired by the Holy Spirit of God and contained meanings beyond the ability of the human mind alone to understand.

Other good ones I have read were easily understood because of their simple form and conveyed the intention and desire of the author more than doctrinal points. My hope and desire is as I proceed with this attempt that what I may be blessed to write will be glorifying to the name of God through Jesus Christ and as such be beneficial to someone who may read this writing.

"Whoso readeth let him understand;" (Mark 13-14.) It is good that a person when reading printed or written words be able to understand what is being read because to come to a conclusion based on misunderstanding only serves to confuse and darken counsel. On the other hand the ability to understand what is read gives light on the subject being read of, but in my humble opinion one can get a more vivid and lasting understanding of things of righteousness by being in possession of and depending on the divine Spirit of God. "He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit sayeth unto the churches". (Rev. 2-7.)

"It is expedient that I go away," said Jesus, our loving Savior to his faithful followers, "for if I go not away the Comforter will not come."

Thanks be to God for so arranging for his people to have access to and be in possession of that wonderful Comforter, "Which is the Spirit of Truth." I desire the reader to keep in mind the importance of depending on the leadership of the Holy Spirit. I could give references on all this but I feel it will only detract from the thought we have in mind. The thought of being guided by the Divine Spirit of God, which was given us through the death and suffering of Jesus Christ our Lord. "But if I go away I will send you another comforter which is the Spirit of Truth," - etc., "And he shall guide you into the way of all truth and bring to your remembrance whatsoever I have commanded you." And by that wonderful statement which says, "And lo I am with you always even unto the end of the world."

That the Lord Jesus has kept this promise to his children is evident down through the ages and he has not only manifested this to us in our personal experience alone but has left many conclusive evidences on record in the Holy Scriptures that any Bible reader can read almost anywhere he may open the Book, but suffice it to say on this that "The eyes of the Lord are over the Righteous and His ears are open to their prayers." (1 Peter, 3-12)

I have not digressed, these thoughts are offered only in evidence of the fulfillment of the promise of the Lord Jesus by the Holy Spirit, "God is a Spirit" (Jn. 4-24) and Jesus as a child "grew and waxed strong in spirit, filled with

wisdom: and the grace of God was upon him" (Lk. 2:40) and when about 30 years of age was "Led up of the spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil." (Mat. 4:1) (Lk. 4:1) and just before that the Spirit of God descended on him from the opened Heaven (Mat. 3:16) (Mk. 1:10) (Lk. 1:32) and was the specified evidence by which they should know that this is He which was to come. Then after He had resisted all Satan's advances and temptations, He declares in the Synagogue in Nazareth, "That the Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, to preach the acceptable year of the Lord. (Lk. 4:18-19)

So briefly it appears to me that none of the operations and working of the Lord are performed without the spirit and I feel that the Scriptures bears out the thought that when an individual is born again he becomes a new creature obtaining that spirit to lead, guide and protect, "For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God", (Rom. 8:14). "And the spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God, and joint heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together," (Rom. 8:16-17) And we which have the first fruits of the spirit, even "We ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit the redemption of our body" (Rom. 8:23) and we with patience wait for it (Redemption of our Body) the spirit helping our infirmities and maketh intercession for us with groanings and the "fruit of the spirit is love, joy, peace, long suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness and temperance. (Gal. 5:22-23). Therefore we should not get in mind that we may have possession of the Divine Spirit and be disobedient continually to the commands of God but in harmony with article Seven in the articles of Faith of the Sardis Association the fruit which we bear is the evidence of what we are.

Then let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter. Fear the Lord and keep His commandments which is the whole duty of man.

"For to be carnally minded is death, but to be spiritually minded is life and peace." (Rom. 8:6) and if Christ be in you the body is dead because of sin; but the spirit of life because of righteousness. But if the spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his spirit that dwelleth in you. (Rom. 8:10-11).

The dead in Christ shall rise first, those in whom has dwelt His loving spirit; and we that are alive and remain at that day in whom also is the spirit of God shall be changed from mortal to immortal and be caught up together with them to meet the Lord in the air, there to ever be with the Lord.

Humbly submitted,
W. C. Hay

UNION AND COMMUNION MEETINGS AND MINISTERS TO ATTEND

APRIL

SOUTHERN HOME: First Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening. Ministers called: H. Jimmy Deeley, James Gannon, Ellis Amburgey, David Baisden, Joe Evans, Clifford Maynard and Billy Brumfield.

OKECHOBEE: Second Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 pm. Ministers called: Ellis Amburgey, David Baisden, Mike Sheppard, Tommy Adair and Wayne Herald.

LITTLE ROSA: Second Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 5:00 pm. Ministers called: Tracy Hatfield, Alson Thornsberry, Hershell Huff, Woodie Pack and Moderator attending.

MAY

SALEM: First Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 pm. Ministers called: Grover Adkins, Charlie Johnson, Wallace Muncy, Milford Lowe and Moderator attending.

TURKEY CREEK: Second Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 pm. Ministers called: Tommy Ellis, Wallace Muncy and Bobby Scott.

JUNE

APPLE ORCHARD: First Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 1:00 pm. Ministers called: Bobby Scott, John Lowe, Wayne Herald and Moderator attending.

ENON: First Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 pm. Ministers called: Tracy Hatfield, Steve Robinson, Jr., Wayne Herald and Hershell Huff.

MUNCY VALLEY: Second Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 5:00 pm. Ministers called: Isom Hannah, David Baisden, Joe Evans and Charley Evans.

PILGRIM'S REST: Second Saturday and Sunday. Communion Sunday afternoon. Ministers called: Lloyd SESCO, Hershell Huff, Steve Robinson, Jr. and Moderators attending.

BUCK CREEK: Third Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening. Ministers called: Roy B. Akers, James Tackett, Holbert Holbrook, James Gannon and Moderator attending.

LITTLE VIRGIE: Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening. Ministers called: Steve Robinson, Jr., David Baisden, Dallas Ramsey and Lloyd SESCO.

SIDNEY: Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 1:00 pm. Ministers called: Edward Runyon, Tracy Hatfield, Wallace Muncy and Moderator to attend.

JULY

DIX FORK: First Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 pm. Ministers called: N.A. England, Eddie Tackett, Robert Haney, Jimmy Dale Sanders and James Tackett.

SAMARIA: First Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 5:00 pm. Ministers called: Holbert Hamilton, Isom Hannah, Steve Robinson, Jr., Tracy Hatfield and Johnnie Cline.

LEANNAH: Second Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 1:00 pm. Ministers called: Roosevelt Lowe, Edwin May and John P. Church.

MT. PLEASANT: Second Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 pm. Ministers called: Hershell Huff, Wayne Herald, Mitchell Chaffins, Jessie Thacker and Moderator attending.

BIG BRANCH: Third Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 1:00 pm. Ministers called: Roosevelt Lowe, Edwin May, Wallace Muncy and Alson Thornsberry.

MARY ELIZABETH: Third Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 pm. Ministers called: Bobby Scott, Milford Lowe, Robert Haney and Moderator attending.

ROSA: Third Saturday and Sunday. This is our Union Meeting. Our Communion is in August. Ministers called: Carl Ray Tuttle, Hassel Estep and James Gannon.

NARROWS BRANCH: Friday before the fourth Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 pm. Ministers called: Steve Robinson, Jr., Wayne Herald, Edward Runyon, James Tackett, Tommy Ellis and Moderator attending.

AUGUST

TIBITHA: First Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 5:00 pm. Ministers called: Isom Hannah, Edward Runyon, Ellis Davis, Steve Robinson, Jr. and Tommy Ellis.

REBECCA: Second Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 5:00 pm. Ministers called: Isom Hannah, Wayne Herald, Eales Cotton, Ross Cline and Paul Adkins.

ELK FORK: Third Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 5:00 pm. Ministers called: Tommy Ellis, Johnnie Cline, H. Jimmy Deeley, Joe Evans, Charley Evans and Berlin Thornsbery.

BENT BRANCH: Third Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 pm. Ministers called: Tracy Hatfield, Mitchell Chaffins, Hershell Huff and Moderator to attend.

ROSA: Third Saturday and Sunday. Communion Sunday evening. This is our Communion Meeting. Our Union Meeting is in July.

BETHANY: Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 5:00 pm. Ministers called: Charley Evans, Eales Cotton, George Woods, Isom Hannah and Edward Runyon.

SARDIS: Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 5:00 pm. Ministers called: Berlin Thornsbery, Edward Runyon and John Fouch.

PILGRIM'S HOME: Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Communion Sunday evening. Ministers called: Robert Haney, James Tackett, Steve Robinson, Jr. and Moderators attending.

MEMORIAL MEETINGS

AND

MINISTERS TO ATTEND

MARCH

OKEECHOBEE CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting for all the deceased members of Okeechobee Church on the second Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: Jay Mitchell, John Lowe, Brother Edwin Hay and Moderators attending.

APRIL

MEMORIAL MEETING of Victoria Smith will be held at the Mt. Pleasant Church on Sunday after the second Saturday. Ministers called: Edwin May, Clifford Maynard, Harvey Chapman and Hershell Huff.

MAY

LEANNAH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of all the deceased on Muncy Cemetery on Sunday after the second Saturday. Ministers called: Tracy Hatfield, Edwin May, Wayne Herald and Moderator attending.

ELK FORK CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the third Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: Joe Evans, Willie Stiltner, Alson Thornsberry and Chester Belcher.

BIG BRANCH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting at the Ratliff Cemetery on Sunday after the third Saturday. Ministers called: J.L. Nichols, Harvey Lowe, Ernest Cochran and David Crigger.

LITTLE VIRGIE CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the fourth Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: Berlin Thornsbery, Fon Bowling, Lloyd SESCO and Edwin May.

NARROWS BRANCH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the fourth Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: Lloyd SESCO, Tracy Hatfield and Harvey Chapman.

MEMORIAL MEETING will be held at the home of Jobe Blackburn on Sunday after the fourth Saturday. Ministers called: John P. Church, Wayne Herald and Edward Runyon.

BETHANY CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting at the Hannah Cemetery on Sunday after the fourth Saturday. All Regular Baptist Ministers are invited.

SARDIS CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the Pigeon Roost Cemetery on Sunday after the fourth Saturday. Ministers called: H. Jimmy Deeley, Andrew Maynard, Ison Hannah and Joe Evans.

MEMORIAL MEETING will be held at the Stanley Cemetery at Dix Fork on the last Sunday. All Regular Baptist Ministers are invited.

JUNE

SOUTHERN HOME CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the first Saturday and Sunday for all members of Southern Home Church. Ministers called: Lassie Edwards, Monroe Ousley, Julius Lester, Earl Belcher and Tommy Adair.

TIBITHA CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting at the Church House for all deceased members on the first Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: David Baisden, Burbage W. Mullins and Ison Hannah.

LEANNAN CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting for Matilda M. Robinson, Esta M. Reed and others on Sunday after the second Saturday. Ministers called: Seve Robinson, Jr., Faye Scott, Ison Hannah and Moderator attending.

MEMORIAL MEETING will be held at the home of Okie Robinette on the second Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: John Fouch, Edwin May, Edward Runyon, Ison Hannah, Charley Evans, Willie Varney, Millis Roberts, David Baisden, James Tackett and Ellis Davis.

BENT BRANCH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the third Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: Wayne Herald, Edwin May and John M. Justice.

BETHANY CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting at Ransom Chafins on the third Saturday night and Sunday. Ministers called: Ison Hannah, Willie White, Willard Blair, Ellis Davis and Hayden Hannah.

ELK FORK CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting for Jim and Betty Gillman and the rest of the family buried there on the third Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: Willie Varney, Johnny Newsome, James Curry and David Baisden.

MEMORIAL MEETING will be held in the head of Sycamore on the Lowe Cemetery for Johnny Nichols and wife on the fourth Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: Harvey Lowe, J.L. Nichols, Roosevelt Lowe, Clifford Maynard and Dave Williams.

JULY

TURKEY CREEK CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting in the head of Long Branch on the Reed Cemetery on the first Sunday. Ministers called: Willis

Lowe, Robert L. Robinson, H. Jimmy Deeley and all Regular Baptist Ministers are invited. Dinner near by.

MEMORIAL MEETING of Ballard Blackburn will be held on the Blackburn Cemetery at Dix Fork on Sunday after the first Saturday. All Regular Baptist Ministers are invited to attend.

LEANNAN CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of all the deceased in the Robinson Cemetery on Sunday after the second Saturday. Ministers called: Edwin May, Steve Robinson, Jr., Virgil Fields, Alson Thornsby, Brother Louie Muncy and Moderator attending.

MEMORIAL MEETING will be held for all the deceased on Julius Scott Cemetery at Hardy, Ky. on Sunday after the third Saturday. Ministers called: Willie Stanley, John P. Church, Edwin May, Bobby Scott and Wayne Herald.

MEMORIAL MEETING will be held on the Smith Cemetery on Rockhouse Fork of Big Creek on Sunday after the third Saturday. Ministers called: Grover Adkins and Edwin May.

MEMORIAL MEETING of the Taylor family and the Maynard family will be held on Sunday after the third Saturday. Ministers called: Roosevelt Lowe, Wallace Muncy, Alson Thornsby and Edwin May.

SARDIS CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the Adair Cemetery on Sunday after the fourth Saturday. Ministers called: Tommy Adair, Ison Hannah, Willie Varney and David Baisden.

AUGUST

SAMARIA CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the Dillon Cemetery on Sunday after the first Saturday. Ministers called: Steve Robinson, Jr., Ison Hannah, Hayden Hannah and Ross Cline.

ENON CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the first Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: David Baisden, Tommy Ellis and Willie Stilmer.

DIX FORK CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the first Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: Jethro Hampton, Millis Roberts, Delbert Sanders and Ross Cline.

APPLE ORCHARD CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the first Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: Edwin May, James Gannon, Roosevelt Lowe and Moderator attending.

MEMORIAL MEETING will be held at the family Cemetery of Dewey Elkins and others buried there, about one mile below the Apple Orchard Church, on the first Sunday. Ministers called: Edwin May and Brother Louie Muncy.

LEANNAN CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of George Lowe, Jane Lowe, Sam Staton and Joseph Staton on Pigeon Roost Fork of Wolf Creek on the first Sunday. Ministers called: Milford Lowe, Roosevelt Lowe, Robert L. Robinson and Ison Hannah.

REBECCA CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of Elders Hi Maynard, W.C. Hay, M.J. Mounts and all the deceased of the Rebecca Church on Sunday after the second Saturday. Ministers called in Union Meeting will be used.

LEANNAH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of all the deceased on the Lowe Cemetery on Sunday after the second Saturday. Ministers called: Tracy Hatfield, Steve Robinson, Jr., Roosevelt Lowe, Ernest Cochran and Isom Hannah.

LITTLE ROSA CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting for all deceased members of Little Rosa Church on Sunday after the second Saturday. Ministers called: David Grigger, Bobby Scott, Charley Evans, John P. Church and Moderator attending.

PILGRIM'S REST CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the second Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: Wayne Herald, James Tackett, Willie Siltner, Alson Thornsbury and Moderator attending.

MARY ELIZABETH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of Elder J.W. Smith and all deceased members of the Mary Elizabeth Church on Sunday after the third Saturday. Ministers called: Harold Edmonds, George Woods, Mitchell Chaffins and Edwin May.

SAMARIA CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the Hannah Cemetery on the third Sunday. Ministers called: Isom Hannah, Edward Runyon, Andrew Maynard and David Baisden.

MEMORIAL MEETING of the McCoy family and Richard Maynard and his granddaughter will be held on Sunday after the third Saturday. Ministers called: J.L. Nichols, Mont Ellis, Berlin Thornsbury, Ernest Cochran, Clifford Maynard and Harvey Lowe.

LEANNAH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting for Rachell Stacy in the head of Little Rock Castle on Sunday after the third Saturday. Ministers called: Nathan Jude, Clinton Howard, Milford Lowe, Steve Robinson, Jr., and Ben Robinson.

SIDNEY CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting for the deceased members of the Sidney Church on Sunday after the fourth Saturday. Ministers called: Tracy Hatfield, Wayne Herald, Alson Thornsbury, Chester Belcher and Andrew Maynard.

MEMORIAL MEETING of PFC Edward McCoy and others in the Henry Taylor Cemetery will be held on Sunday after the fourth Saturday. Ministers called: Ernest Cochran, Willis Lowe, Clifford Maynard and J.L. Nichols.

BETHANY CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on Sunday after the fourth Saturday, the same time of its Communion Meeting and the same Ministers will be used.

SEPTEMBER

MEMORIAL MEETING will be held at the home of Mrs. Mae Marcum for Gabe Marcum at Hatfield, Ky. on the first Sunday. Ministers called: Robert Haney, Wayne Herald, Milford Lowe and Wallace Muncy.

LEANNAH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting near the Leannah Church of Tom McCoy and others buried in the Buck Branch Cemetery; and of Money McCoy and others buried in the McCoy Cemetery in the head of Meat House

Fork of Wolf Creek, on the first Sunday. Ministers called: Wayne Herald, Faye Scott, Willis Lowe, Robert L. Robinson and Steve Robinson, Jr.

SAMARIA CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the Lackey Cemetery on Sunday after the first Saturday. Ministers called: David Baisden, Isom Hannah, Edward Runyon and Hayden Hannah.

MARY ELIZABETH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of Elder Wallace Jackson and others on the third Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: Charlie Johnson, Hershell Huff and Wallace Muncy.

MEMORIAL MEETING of Roscoe McCoy and others will be held on Sunday after the third Saturday. Ministers called: J.L. Nichols, Harvey Lowe, Ernest Cochran, Willis Lowe and Edwin May.

MEMORIAL MEETING will be held at the Joe Taylor Cemetery on Lower Brushy Creek on Sunday following the fourth Saturday. Ministers called: Edwin May, Ernest Cochran, David Grigger and J.L. Nichols.

OCTOBER

SALEM CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting the first Saturday and Sunday for all deceased members of Salem Church. Ministers called: Wayne Herald, Edwin May, Frank Newsome, Hershell Huff and Moderator attending.

TURKEY CREEK CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting the second Saturday and Sunday for all deceased members of Turkey Creek Church. Ministers called: John P. Church, Lewis Marcum and Charlie Johnson.

MT. PLEASANT CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting for all the deceased members of Mt. Pleasant Church on the second Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: Hershell Huff, John P. Church, David Baisden, Harvey Chapman and Moderator attending.

LEANNAH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on Scott Cemetery in the head of Finley Fork on Sunday after the second Saturday. Ministers called: Ernest Cochran, Steve Robinson, Jr., J.L. Nichols and Moderator attending.

ROSA CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of all deceased members of the Rosa Church on the third Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: Eales Cotton, Wayne Herald and Hassel Estep.

BUCK CREEK CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting at the Church for their deceased members and for the deceased buried in the Maynard graveyard at Warfield, Ky. on the third Sunday. Ministers called: Tracy Hatfield, Hiram Adkins, Harold Edmonds, Clifford Maynard and Moderator attending.

PILGRIM'S HOME CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the fourth Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: Grover Adkins, Edward Runyon, Hiram Adkins and Moderators attending.

Obituaries

THOMAS J. SMITH



With the help of the Lord, I will try to write the Obituary of my Beloved Brother-in-law and Brother in the Lord.

Brother Thomas J. Smith was born February 12, 1909 in Pike County, Ky. and entered into Eternal Rest November 29, 1974. He was the son of the late George and Nancy Casey Smith.

He was a member of the Eron Church for many years and was married to Mrs. Mary Spencer Smith. To this union was born two sons, Scottie L. Smith of Lexington, Ky. and Ronnie Gene Smith of McCarr, Ky.

I will say to his wife, she has lost a good husband; his sons, a wonderful father; and we lost a good Brother in Eron Church. We feel our loss is Heaven's gain. I feel it won't be long until Jesus will return to get all the Children of God. I pray we can all meet around the Throne of God. So may God Bless and save you all is my Prayer.

Written as requested by a Sister in Christ,
Brooksie Spencer

JOHNNIE CLINE



With the help of God, I will try to write the Obituary of my beloved husband, Johnnie Cline. Johnnie was born July 22, 1923 and deceased this life September 4, 1975, making his stay on earth fifty-two years, one month and thirteen days.

Johnnie made peace with God and was baptized on April 14, 1968 by the hands of Elders Milford Lowe and Willis Dials. He took fellowship with the Buck Creek Regular Baptist Church.

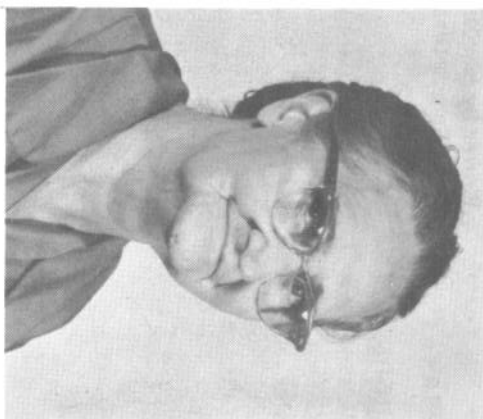
Johnnie leaves behind his wife, Oretha (Maynard) Cline; his mother, Virgie Cline; three brothers and five sisters: Walker Cline, Inez, Ky.; Arthur Cline, Lovely, Ky.; Jerry Cline, Jackson, Mich.; Myrtle Moore, Columbus, Ohio;

Liddie Fletcher, Hazel Muncey and Vinnie Pauley all of Lovely, Ky.; and Mary Ellen Jude, Mt. Sterling, Ky. One brother preceded him in death, Oscar Cline, Columbus, Ohio.

I want to say to the family, friends and relatives who do not know God, to repent of their sins and accept the Lord as their Savior and surely we shall see Johnnie someday.

Written by his wife, who loved him so,
Oretha Cline

WILDA DIALS



The Buck Creek Regular Baptist Church feels greatly the loss of its precious member. Her children, the loss of the best friend they ever had. Truly our loss is Heaven's gain. She was born Wilda Jane Pauley, October 18, 1891, the daughter of Ellen Fields and Ambrose Pauley. She deceased this life September 15, 1974 at 1:40 Sunday afternoon in Louisa General Hospital. Surviving are two brothers, Shadel Pauley and Lacey Pauley of Beauty, Ky. and one sister, Maude Lowe, Pikeville, Ky. She was the wife of Pete Dials who preceded her in death October 1969. To this union fourteen children were born. The first

two, being twin girls, were born dead; one child, Effie, died when she was 9 days old; and Jerome died July 28, 1966. Ten children survive, the daughters are: Nona Mills, Mary Ellen Moore and Hattie Mae Castle of Inez, Ky.; and Oma Muncey and Gladys Marie Dials of Beauty, Ky. The sons are: Ellis of Jenny Wiley Rest Home, Prestonsburg, Ky.; Burgess of St. Albans, W. Va.; John of Columbus, Ohio; Acie of Medicine Lodge, Kansas; and Elmer of Inez, Ky. Thirty-eight grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren also survive.

In the cold winter of 1917, in the waters of Three Forks of Wolf Creek, Mama demonstrated the faith in a crucified, buried and risen Saviour by being baptized. The ice had to be cut on an old mill pond for Mama to be baptized while most of the congregation stood on the ice. She was baptized by Elder Jeff Fields and placed her membership with the Sidney Church. Near 60 years Mama lived by that faith. In 1932 she moved her membership to Leannah Church so an Arm could be given off to organize Buck Creek Church. As far as I know, only one member of that body still survives, Elder Shadle Pauley.

In closing let me say to the children, I believe Mama felt as Moses did when he realized his lifetime ambition to lead the Children of Israel across Jordan would not be filled, his thoughts were in the future - not in the past. In giving instructions to Joshua, a young man who had proven his ability, and as assurance to the Children of Israel, he said, "Be strong and of good courage for it is the Lord your God who goes before you. He will not fail nor forsake you." This was

Moses last words to the people he had led from the land of bondage to the verge of the Promised Land. Mama came out of the cold, icy waters of that Mill Pond in 1917 and followed the same God that Moses did until 1974. Some of the children are following, some are undecided. To those who are undecided, today is the day of salvation; today if you will hear His voice, harden not your hearts. The family circle is broken here. May I encourage you to follow the God that Mama followed and what He says to do, do it. Life is uncertain, death is sure. But there is a wonderful future in store for God's children. You can join a family circle that will never be broken. I hope by the grace of God that you make that decision.

Written by request,
Elder Burgess Dials

TOM ROBINSON

With much sadness we, the Leannah Church, will attempt to write the Obituary of our Brother, Tom Robinson, who was born March 9, 1903 and deceased this life January 11, 1975 making his stay on earth 71 years, 9 months and 2 days. Brother Tom was married to Tina McCoy and to this union was born eight children. His oldest son, Hayes Robinson, passed away March 23, 1975 just 3 months and 11 days after his father died.

He leaves 7 children, namely as follows: 4 daughters, Marie Lowe, Myrtie Preece, Betty Jean Griffey and Nadine Preece; 3 sons, Rush Robinson, Charles Robinson and Billy Robinson. Tina Robinson, his first wife, died October 10, 1971. He was married to his second wife, Fannie McCoy, who survives. Other survivors include 5 sisters, Norma Cline, Mary Fields, Pearl Cline, Ivory Robinson and Irene Griffey; 2 brothers, Henry Robinson and Ira Robinson; and a host of friends to mourn his loss.

Brother Tom and Sister Tina joined the Old Regular Baptist family the first Sunday in August 1946 and were baptized by Elders J.L. Nichols and Eldon Maynard and took membership with the Leannah Church where they lived a faithful life until death.

Brother Tom was ordained a Deacon which office he filled humbly and sincerely until death. He also served the Church as Treasurer for a period of time and was Clerk of the Church for several years, which office he also held at the time of his death. He was interested in the welfare of the Church and the community at large.

We would never be able to explain how much Brother Tom will be missed, not only by the Church and the family, but by all who ever knew him and we feel



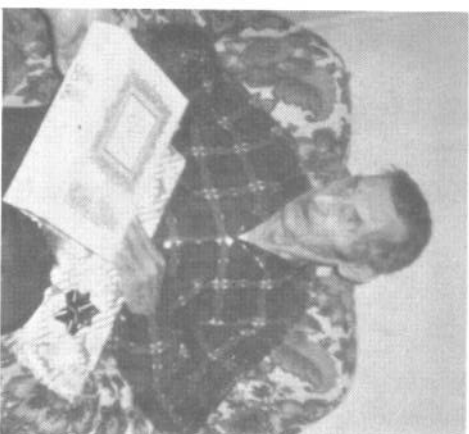
that our loss is Heaven's gain.

We would like to say to the children and family who have not repented of your sins that, if you would like to see Dad, get ready and choose Jesus as the good part which we feel Brother Tom chose. The Lord is not willing that any should perish but would that all come to repentance. So may we persuade you now, while you have the time and opportunity, to get ready to live in that good land where nobody dies, for life is short and eternity is forever.

Sadly missed by
the Leannah Church

LAWRENCE FARLEY

With a sad and aching heart I will try to write the obituary of my loving husband, Lawrence Farley. He was born March 21, 1903 and deceased this life January 21, 1975 at the age of 71 years and 10 months. He was married to Nolie Mae Hunt December 31, 1931. To this union was born 15 children, two preceded him in death. Eight daughters, Barbara Williamson and Judy Stanley, both of Sidney, Kentucky; Ollie Scott, Cincinnati, Ohio; Daisy Seco, Hatfield, Kentucky; Connie Huddle, McGarr, Kentucky; Cleo Farley, Hardy, Kentucky; Patsy Luster, Sabiana, Ohio; and Patsy Dotson, Ransom, Kentucky. Five sons, Harold Farley, Forest Hills, Kentucky; James Farley and Charles Farley of Cincinnati, Ohio; Donnie Farley and Jerry Farley, both of Hardy, Kentucky. There are 16 grandchildren.



He joined the Old Regular Baptist Church at Narrows Branch. He was baptized the fourth Sunday in May, 1973 by the hands of Jimmy Deeley and Willis Lowe. He attended the church as he was able. He loved the old church and all his brothers and sisters. He was a good loving husband and father. My home is lonesome without him but I feel my loss is Heaven's gain. So children, those that are out of the ark of safety, turn your face toward Heaven and call God for a record on your soul and ask Him just how you stand with Him this day. Repent while you have life and opportunity because after death there is no repentance. Then you can go home with Daddy and live with Jesus forever. I am praying to live with and walk with him again in the by and by.

Written by his wife,
Nolie Mae Farley

GEORGE W. SMITH



We will try, by the help of the good Lord, to write an Obituary of our beloved Brother in hope of eternal life, George Washington Smith.

He was married to Dasie Wells and to this union was born three children, two boys and one girl. Both boys preceded him in death. The daughter, Mary Luster lives at Borderland, W. Va. His wife also preceded him in death.

The Narrows Branch Church lost a good member and he was a good Father to Mary. He leaves a lonely daughter, several grandchildren and a host of friends to mourn his loss but we feel our loss is his eternal gain in glory.

Written by his Brother in hope,
Harvey Chapman

AARON H. PINSON



It is with much sadness that I try to write the Obituary of my beloved husband, Aaron Henry Pinson. He was born August 14, 1897 in Pike County, Ky. and departed this life here on earth at the age of 77 years, 11 months and 21 days. He was born the son of Boon and Matilda Sherman Pinson, both of whom preceded him in death.

He was married to Yangie Taylor Pinson and to this union were born four children, one preceded him in death and those left to mourn his loss, besides myself, are three daughters: Matilda Thompson, McCombs, Ky.; Margaret Morrison, Varney, Ky.; and Minnie Sealf, McCombs, Ky. He is also survived by one brother, Ben Pinson, Turkey Creek, Ky.; two sisters, Bertha Pinson and Easter Nichols, both of McCombs, Ky.; 21 grandchildren and 26 great-grandchildren.

He was a member of the Apple Orchard Church of Regular Baptist, being baptized November 5, 1972 by the hands of Elders Andrew Maynard and H. Jimmy Deeley.

He was a loving person to all who knew him. He will be missed by the Church

and, most of all, by myself, his devoted wife who tried so hard to keep him here with me.

I want to say to all the family and children, he is just away waiting until that great day of the Resurrection of the dead. So be good and live for Jesus so we all can be together in Heaven where we won't have to die anymore and our bodies will be free from pain.

Written by his wife,
Yangie Pinson

BROOKIE HAY



Sister Brookie Hay was born November 27, 1901 at Myrtle, W. Va. and deceased this life November 8, 1974 being 72 years, 11 months, and 11 days old. She was the daughter of the late Elder Hi Maynard and Elizabeth Runyon Maynard. She was married to Elder W.C. Hay who preceded her in death and to this union six children were born: Maynard, Nangartuck, W. Va.; Ethan, Kent, Wash.; Edwin, Hazel Green, Ala.; Mrs. James E. (Virginia) Gillman, Okeechobee, Fla.; Mrs. Basil (Martha) Anglin, Niles, Mich.; Mrs. Arlice (Louise) Peaden, Pahokee, Fla. In addition to the children, she is survived by two brothers: A.J. Maynard, St. Petersburg, Fla.; Sam Maynard, Greenvp, Ky.; one sister: Mrs. Bryan (Nancy) Butcher, Pecks Mill, W. Va.; 30 grandchildren, 32 great-grandchildren, and a host of relatives and friends throughout West Virginia, Kentucky, Ohio, Virginia, Michigan, Alabama, and Florida who will miss her presence in this life.

She joined the Rebecca Regular Baptist Church the second Sunday in August 1918 and was baptized by Elder Ester Hopkins. She lived a faithful, devoted life and truly loved to feed and take care of the visiting brethren and sisters during regular meeting times, union, communion, and memorial meetings as well as nearby associations. She was blessed with strength and health to help take care of the eighty-first session of the Sardis Association held with the Rebecca Church in 1973, and rejoiced that it was a peaceful, harmonious association and that the visiting delegations, members, and friends were cared for.

She and Brother Willie traveled extensively within the Sardis and corresponding associations amassing a wealth of acquaintances and friends. They were inseparable companions. She washed the feet of the saints, befriended scores of people - both saint and sinner, young and old - by freely giving of both worldly and spiritual goods as she was able.

The life that she lived within her church, before her children, and in communities in West Virginia, Kentucky, and Florida extols her deeds, virtues, and faith far better than any words that might be penned. She lived fully

possessed with that strong belief in the resurrection of the body in that great and noble day. She has now entered that waiting state. So then, it is farewell to children, relation and friends until she is called forth to participate in that homecoming day.

Written by her son,
Edwin

VICTORIA MAYNARD

It is with much sadness, and I trust God's help, that I attempt to write an obituary of a very dear Sister in Christ, Sister Victoria Maynard.

Sister Victoria was the daughter of the late Patrick (Uncle Pat) and Aunt Ruthie (Bowling) SESCO. She was born March 11, 1905 at Piso, Ky. and departed this life on February 11, 1975, making her stay here on earth, God's footstool, 69 years and 11 months.

Sister Victoria was united in marriage to Brother Landon Elkins on September 23, 1925 and to this union was born two children, Mr. Quinton Elkins of Toler, Kentucky and Mrs. Bettie Mae Page of Columbus, Ohio. Brother Landon preceded her in death on December 28, 1962. On August 17, 1971, Sister Victoria was united in marriage to Brother Van Maynard.

Besides her children and Brother Van Maynard, she is survived by a grandson, Kirby Elkins; two brothers, Mr. Merion SESCO of Charotroy, W. Va., and Mr. Westle SESCO of New Camp, Ky.; three sisters, Mrs. Lucinda Ray of Varney, Ky., Mrs. Lassie Parsons of Piso, Ky., and Mrs. Bonnie Hammie of Cincinnati, Ohio; a great number of nephews and nieces; the entire membership of the Pilgrim's Home Church; and a host of friends to mourn her passing.

Sister Victoria confessed a hope in Christ and was baptized on March 14, 1953, at the hands of Elder Emmitt Case and Elder Jonah E. Williamson. She placed her membership at the Pilgrim's Home Church where she remained a faithful and devoted member until death.

Sister Victoria suffered very much during the last few months of her life. She bore her afflictions with patience, her faith and hopes seemed to grow fonder as she knew she would be Home with Christ Jesus at the end of life's span.

Sister Victoria was a lovable and kind person. She wore a smile that made one feel comfortable in her midst. In my humble opinion she ran her race well, her prize has been won, and in the Morning of the Resurrection she will rise on the right hand of God, to praise Him in eternity.

Written as requested, by a Brother in Christ,
James M. Ray



JULIUS (J.C.) BURGETT, JR.

It is with much sadness that we try to write the Obituary of our dear Brother, Julius Burgett, Jr., who passed away February 8, 1975 at his home after a long illness. He was born August 25, 1930 at Turkey Creek, Ky. the son of Julius and Mimmie Burgett. He leaves to mourn his loss two sons, Larry Burgett and Tommy Burgett; two sisters and one brother; and many friends and relatives. His wife, Betty Pauley Burgett, passed away seven years ago.

He was a member of the Regular Baptist Church for about six years. He was baptized by Elder Willis Lowe and Elder Robert L. Robinson.

To the two young boys left behind without Mother or Daddy to guide them, put your faith in God and let Him lead you and meet Daddy in Heaven someday and hopefully, Mother too.

Written by his two Sisters,
Polly Thomas and Bertha Scott



AGNES (VARNEY) BLACKBURN

Agnes Varney Blackburn, a widely known resident of Forest Hills, Ky. and a member of early families which settled in this region, died May 27, 1975 at the age of 84. She was the widow of William French Blackburn, whom she wed in 1906. She was born June 16, 1890 the daughter of A.H. and Nancy West Varney. She was a member of the Salem Regular Baptist Church.

Survivors include one son, William F. Blackburn, Forest Hills, Ky. and eight daughters: Mrs. Pauline Lowe, Forest Hills, Ky.; Mrs. L.W. Stanley, East Beckley, W. Va.; Mrs. J.K. Hoskins, Pikeville, Ky.; Mrs. Tony Stedle and Mrs. Jim Weidherhold of Detroit, Mich.; Mrs. John D. Potter, North Tazewell, Va.; Mrs. Milford Bryant, Langley, Ky.; and Anna Grace Runler, Lexington, Ky. She had 33 grandchildren, 5 of which are deceased, and 49 great-grandchildren, one of which is deceased. Surviving also are a sister, Mrs. Bertha Wilson, and a brother, C.B. Varney, both of Forest Hills, Ky.



Tho our heads are bowed with sorrow over the death of our precious Mother, it is a joy to look back on the beautiful life she lived for God before all who knew her. No children could have asked for a better Mother. She joined the Church in her early days and all I ever knew was to see Mother take us children and go to the old time Church. She loved to read her Bible. We never heard our Mother use a bad word in her life. She loved everyone and would only speak good of people. She enjoyed the flowers and the birds and would oft times praise God in tears of joy when she would see the sun shining forth at the dawn of day.

Mama always told me after Daddy died in 1954 that when her Obituary was written to make mention of Daddy in it. He became so humble in his last days and began to read his Bible and go to the Old Baptist meetings with Mama. He told her on his death bed that the Old Regular Baptist was his faith. I have seen him stand in the blessed Old Church with his eyes brimming with tears. We know he fell in the hands of a just God who will do right by all. After his death Mama had a vision of him dressed in snow white linen with a palm in his hand. And I dreamed I saw him with a snow white lamb in his bosom.

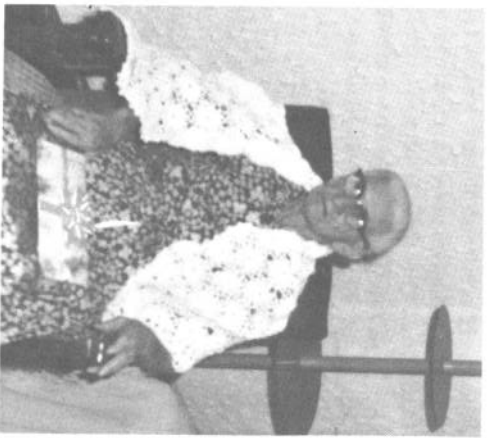
Our Mother always tried to be happy no matter how afflicted she was and in her last days she would sing when she was so low I had to lay my head upon her breast to hear her. Her favorite song was "I am walking in the light and my path is shining bright." I hope the family will strive to be an unbroken circle in Heaven. Our Mother left a light hanging in the window for us to follow.

Humbly submitted,
Sister Emogene Bryant

BAMIE STEPP

With much sadness I will try, by the help of the Lord, to write an Obituary of an Aunt and a dear Sister in Christ, Sister Bamie Taylor Stepp. She was born on November 13, 1887 and deceased this life January 28, 1974, making her stay on earth 86 years, 9 months and 16 days. She was the daughter of the late Elder J.E. and Sophia Maynard Taylor.

She was united in marriage to the late Julius S. Stepp on August 26, 1907 at Jarad, Ky. and to them were born seven children. One child preceded her in death and the living children are: W.W. Stepp, Route 1, Pikeville, Ky.; Pearl Collins, South Shore, Ky.;



Sophia Keibler, Malonection, Ky.; Conder Stepp, Route 1, Pikeville, Ky.; Warren Stepp, Winchester, Ky.; and May James, Malonection, Ky. She leaves 13 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren. She also leaves one brother, Jourdon Taylor, Mountan Manor Nursing Home, Pikeville, Ky.; four sisters, Fanny Hale,

Varney, Ky.; Vangie Pinson, McCombs, Ky.; Angie Maynard, Turkey Creek, Ky.; and Georgia Nannie Hale, Oklawaha, Fla. Deceased brothers and sisters include Wallace and Elvert who died in infancy; Mrs. Anna Pack, Thomas N. Taylor and John D. Taylor.

Aunt Bam, as we always called her, confessed a hope in Christ in March 1967 and she was baptized by the hands of Elder Edwin May and Elder Lloyd Seso. She placed her membership with the Bent Branch Church of Old Regular Baptist where she lived a faithful member until death.

We feel our loss is Heaven's gain. I don't worry about Aunt Bam, I feel she lived a Christian life and has just made a happy exchange to a home not made with hands. May the good Lord richly bless you all.

Written by ones in hope of eternal life,
Her Sister, Fanny Hale, and Niece,
Sophia Williamson

NANCY A. NORMAN

With the help of the Lord, I will try to write the Obituary of my dear, sweet Grandmother, Nancy Ann Norman. She was born March 5, 1887 in Pike County, Ky. and departed this life Wednesday evening, September 25, 1974 in the Williamson Memorial Hospital making her stay here 87 years and 6 months. She was the daughter of Samuel May and Mahalley Jane Thacker May.

She was married to Peter Norman on May 14, 1903 and to this union was born ten children, 8 girls and 2 boys. Five children preceded her in death and those still living are Nona Hensley, Martha Wilson, Marie Jarrell, Sarah Ann Norman, Robert Clarence Norman and a stepson, Glenn Norman. Grandmother became a member of the Old Regular Baptist Church on October 26, 1930 and placed her membership with the Sardis Church at Delbarton, W. Va. She was a faithful member until she got so sick and couldn't go. Grandmother would walk to Church lots of times.

Now I will say to the children and grandchildren, we all did love Grandmother very much and if we ever want to see her again we will have to walk the path she walked. Put your trust in God and live the life Grandmother did. I believe that our loss is Heaven's gain. How sad was the hour when the Death Angel took her away.



Written by a granddaughter
who loved her very much,
Mrs. Euna Varney

MARY O. CURRY

With sadness and all the love in my heart, I will try to write the Obituary of my dear, sweet Aunt Mary O. Curry. She was born in Pike County, Ky. on January 12, 1912 the daughter of Peter Norman and Nancy Ann May Norman. She departed this life on earth January 15, 1975, making her stay here 63 years and 3 days.

She was married to Harvey J. Curry and to this union was born one daughter, Mrs. Jettie Rariff of Tampa, Florida. She leaves five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren to mourn her loss.



Aunt Mary belonged to the Old Regular Baptist Church being baptized June 30, 1957 by the hands of Elders Mose Maynard and Harrison Bevins. She placed her membership with the Sardis Church.

Aunt Mary was always sick all her life. She loved us all and was good to anyone who would visit her home.

Now I want to say to her daughter, grandchildren, brothers and sisters that are left to mourn her loss, repent of your sins, be born again and believe in the Lord, Jesus Christ and you can be saved eternally.

Written by her Niece
who loved her,
Mrs. Euna Varney

ELZIE ROBINETTE SESCO

With much sadness we try to write the Obituary of our dearest Sister, Elzie Robinette SESCO. She was the daughter of Elbert Robinette and Bertha (Canada) Robinette who preceded her in death. She was born March 6, 1922.

She was married to Leonard SESCO March 9, 1940 and to this union was born 12 children, 10 boys and 2 girls: Lowell T. SESCO, Bobby J. SESCO, Leonard SESCO, Jr., John Wayne SESCO, James Ferrell SESCO, Vernon SESCO, Kenneth SESCO and Debbie SESCO, all of Hatfield, Ky.; Elbert R. SESCO, Toler, Ky.; Earnest SESCO, Turkey Creek, Ky.; Doris Fletcher, Chareroy,



W. Va.; and Harold SESCO, Varney, Ky. She leaves 22 grandchildren.

Her surviving brothers and sisters are Earl Robinette, Roland Robinette, Joe Robinette, all of Varney, Ky.; Allie Maye Walters, Hatfield, Ky.; Lizzie Blackburn, Sidney, Ky.; Almeda Johnson, Rawl, W. Va.; Eunice McCoy, Grand Prairie, Texas; and Lucille McCoy, Texarkana, Texas.

She joined the Pilgrim's Home Regular Baptist Church on November 10, 1966 and was baptized by the hands of Elders J.E. Williamson and Millis Roberts. Sister Elzie lived a faithful life until the Lord called her a host of friends.

She was so sick she never got to attend Mother and Daddy's funeral. Her mind was always with Leonard, her children and others. We could say many good things about her but will only say, children be good to one another as she always wanted you to. If we make peace with the Lord, we will meet her some sweet day.

Written by her sisters, Mrs. J.S. Walters and
Mrs. Bobby E. McCoy; and by Marshall
Williamson, a brother in Hope.

ROBERT AUSTIN HOPKINS

We will try by the help of the Lord to write the Obituary of our beloved Brother in Christ, Robert (Bob) Austin Hopkins. He was born January 12, 1902 in Stella, Virginia. He was the son of the late James Austin and Martha Lawless Hopkins. He was married to Della Ruby Hopkins and to this union was born four children. Left to mourn his passing are his wife; three sons - Alex M. Hopkins, Thomas J. Hopkins, Billy G. Hopkins; one daughter, Mildred M. Miskill of Norfolk, Virginia; five brothers; two sisters; five grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

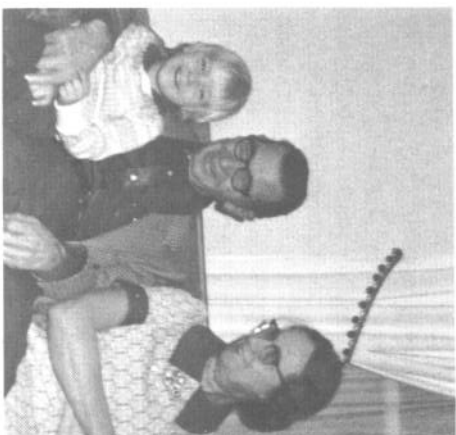


Brother Robert was known as "Brother Bob" and was a faithful member of Salem Regular Baptist Church, Goody, Kentucky which he joined July 6, 1937. He was baptized by Elder Jonah Bevins and he faithfully filled his favorite seat. He loved the Church very much and his life was a light to all. He loved to hear the Brethren preach and sing the songs of Zion. His favorite song was "Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone."

To his many friends and loved ones, we believe Brother Bob has gone to that City he longed for and is at rest under that great altar of God to await that day when soul and body will be united as one. Several churches will miss Brother Bob but his light lingers on. To his wife and children, "Weep not for Daddy, rather rejoice - he is at rest with the Lord." May God bless you all.

Written by a Brother and Sister in the Lord Jesus Christ,
Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Hale

E. HAROLD VARNEY



In compliance to a request of a dear Sister in Christ, I will try to write a brief Obituary of her loving and devoted husband, and a dear friend and Brother in Christ of the writer, to wit: E. Harold Varney. He was the son of the late A.M. and Maggie (Rutherford) Varney, members of the early pioneer families of Pike Co., Ky. He was born November 20, 1905 and deceased March 3, 1975 making his stay on earth 69 years, 3 months and 11 days.

He was united in holy matrimony to Ruth Smith, the daughter of another family of early settlers in Pike Co., October 16, 1946. There were no children born to this union. For more than 28 years they enjoyed a loving and peaceable companionship, always sharing in the vicissitudes of this life, as well as, the joys and happiness that comes to those whose love never fades away. He was an industrious and prospering citizen. A carpenter by trade and many homes and business buildings will stand for a long time as a witness to his craftsmanship and as monuments to him.

He leaves to mourn his passing a lonely and devoted companion. Also two brothers and one sister, together with several nieces and nephews and other relatives, as well as, a large circle of friends.

In 1951 he was baptized into fellowship of the Mr. Pleasant Church of the Sardis Association of Old Regular Baptist. He served them as Clerk and Deacon for a number of years being faithful in all his duties. In 1963 or 1964 he moved his membership to the Little Jewel Church of the Northern New Salem Association where he served them as a Deacon until the Antioch Church was organized in 1966 and then served Antioch as a Deacon until his death. He was a strong disciplinarian, always contending for a clean and orderly Church.

During his illness he prayed for the Lord to give him a deeper understanding concerning the resurrection. And in a vision the Lord revealed to him how he would be raised from the dead in the morning of all mornings. There was also revealed unto him a beautiful landscape where an enumerable number of Saints were gathered together praising and glorifying the Lord God Almighty, all were dressed in beautiful garments that only God could design. He heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Arise and put on your beautiful garment." And when he came forth out of the grave, Jesus was standing ready to receive him to that land where the soul of man never dies. Some may say that this was an illusion of a feeble mind but it was not, for Brother Harold retained a clear mind up and until the hour of death. He stated that the mystery of the resurrection was not a mystery any more and that he was not afraid to die.

The writer has known the subject of this Obituary for 25 years and has enjoyed many pleasant conversations with him. I found him to be a man with

deep understanding concerning the Scriptures. He was a strong defender of Old Regular Baptist principles of Doctrine, Faith and Practice.

Sister Ruth, I know your loneliness will be hard to overcome but God hath promised to comfort you in your lonely hours. When you feel lonely and life seems at an end, just read Psalms, Chapter 23. This will bring you the love and compassion that only God can give.

Death is the unwelcomed servant who rides behind the chariot of life. It covers the whole world and hath stamped all terrestrial things with the sharp pinion of the grave. And so, it hath pleased God to call from our midst another brave soldier of the cross from his earthly toils to everlasting refreshments in Heaven.

His lonely companion will surely miss him most. The State and County has lost a lawabiding citizen. The community where he spent most of his life has lost a kind and compassionate neighbor. The Regular Baptist family has lost another loyal and devout member. Surely our loss is Heaven's gain. Sleep that peaceful sleep dear one. Our everlasting hope is, at the pleasure of the Lord, we will join you in the morning of the sweet resurrection.

Written by,
Elder Roy B. Akers

PEGGY STATEN

It is with much sadness, and by request of the family, that I will try to write the Obituary of Sister Peggy Staten. She was born November 19, 1883 and departed this life May 17, 1975. She was the daughter of the late Mary Ann Smith Maynard and Van Maynard.

Sister Peggy was united in marriage to Brother Ki Staten, who preceded her in death, and to this union was born seven sons and three daughters. Lloyd, Pete and Ireland preceded her in death. The surviving sons are: Oliver Staten, Taylorsville, W. Va. and Joe, Melvin and Garland, all of Delbarton, W. Va. The three daughters are: Mrs. Louise Evans, Mary Ann Copley and Charlie Staten, all of Delbarton, W. Va. There are 21 grandchildren, 44 great-grandchildren and 5 great-great-grandchildren. Other survivors include a sister, Mrs. Tennessee Smith, Delbarton, W. Va. and a host of relatives and friends and the entire Church to mourn her loss. But we fell our loss is Heaven's gain.

Sister Peggy and Brother Ki Staten both joined the Old Regular Baptist Church called Sardis on April 19, 1953 and were baptized by the hands of Elder Asa Evans. Sister Peggy would fill her seat at the old Church as long as she was able to go. I've known Sister Peggy for several years and I always loved her.



I would like to say to her children, be good to each other and cast all your cares on Jesus, for He careth for you. Live the life Jesus would want you to live then you can go home and live with Mother, where parting will be no more but all will be peace, joy and happiness forevermore. I must close by saying, God bless the children and grandchildren.

Written by,
Parlee Varney

TILDA FARLEY

With much love and sympathy I write the Obituary of one of my dearest Sisters of Old Enon Church. Aunt Till, I always called her, was born in Pike County, Ky. on October 15, 1881 the daughter of Mark and Emma Rutheford Scott and died February 28, 1975.

She was married to Rush Farley in 1912 and to this union were born six children. Her husband and three children preceded her in death. Surviving are three daughters: Dollie Adkins, McCarr, Ky.; Marie Lowe, of Ohio; and Maggie Webb, McCarr, Ky. There are 4 grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild.

She joined the Old Enon Church of Regular Baptist the first Sunday in May 1962 and was baptized the first Saturday in June 1962. Bro. Jonah Ester Williamson and Bro. J.B. Anderson baptized her. She was so humble and good and filled her seat as long as she could. She was sick for a long time. I would go talk to her and she was so humble and talked so good, I would always leave feeling better.

Girls, you were blessed with a wonderful Mother and I feel she prayed as long as she lived that you all would be good to each other and would go to Church. I pray you will repent and believe in our Lord. Then someday you can meet Mother again.

Written by a Sister in Hope
of eternal life, Ethel Varney

DIXIE CLINE ALLEY

Dixie Cline Alley, born February 22, 1894, departed this life March 19, 1975 at the age of 81 years and 27 days. She was born in Pike County, Ky. the daughter of the late Wayne and Louisa Runyon Cline and spent her entire life in this area. Her husband, Paul S. Alley, preceded her in death five years ago.

She leaves to mourn her passing four daughters: Mrs. Maxie Wright, Mrs. Wanda Hall, Mrs. Hazel Slone and Mrs. Mable Branham; one brother, Ellis Cline; three sisters - Mrs. Iva Ray, Mrs. Goldia Jude and Mrs. Lillie Maynard; 20 grandchildren and 28 great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Alley was a loving and devoted Mother, a kind and thoughtful neighbor and a wonderful homemaker. She was a member of the Pilgrim's Rest Regular Baptist Church at Pisco, Ky. and she loved to refresh her soul by worshipping God in His house but this privilege has been denied her for quite a long while due to ill health.

This Christian Mother was blessed with a long and useful life. She counseled and guided her children and grandchildren in the way the Master would have them go. Her life of sharing with others is voiced in Revelation when John said "their works do follow them". Many of our lives are richer and fuller for having known her.

The Family

NANCY J. STANLEY

We will try, by the help of the good Lord, to write an Obituary of our beloved Mother, Nancy Jane Smith Stanley. She was born October 15, 1886 and deceased this life November 23, 1974. She joined the Old Regular Baptist Church of Jesus Christ, called the Narrows Branch Church, where she lived a good and faithful life until death. She was the wife of Moses Stanley and to this union was born 13 children. Eight children and her husband preceded her in death.

She leaves one lonely daughter to weep, Armendie Stanley Chapman, and three sons, Arlin Stanley and George Stanley both of Hardy, Ky.; She leaves several grandchildren and great-grandchildren; one sister, Mazie Blackburn; two brothers, Kellie Smith and Mack Smith, both of Hardy, Ky.; and a host of friends to mourn her loss. All who knew her loved her. We feel our loss is her eternal gain in glory.

Written by her son and son-in-law,
Arlin Stanley and Harvey Chapman



LILLIE VARNNEY

It is with an aching heart and help from the Lord and Savior that I will try, in my humble way, to write an Obituary of my dear Mother, Lillie Varney.

Mother was born November 17, 1894 and departed this life January 30, 1975, making her stay on earth, the Lord's footstool, 80 years, 2 months and 18 days. She was the daughter of Rev. and Mrs. G.D. Williamson who preceded her in death. She was married to Elder Ken Varney on November 18, 1914, who also preceded her in death on June 2, 1969. To this union was born seven children but one, Victoria, died at age three. Those left to mourn her leaving with memories sweet and true are four sons: William Varney, Lonnie Varney, Avery Varney and Floyd Jr. Varney, all of Turkey Creek, Ky.; and two daughters, Mary H. Gillman, Worthington, Ohio,



and Hazel Phillips, Turkey Creek, Ky. She also leaves 15 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

Three sisters and one brother remain: Nettie Miller, Orway, Ohio; Niza Booth, Dayton, Ohio; Carrie Varney, Huntington, W. Va.; and Brother Floyd Williamson, Williamson, W. Va. Three brothers and two sisters preceded her in death.

Mother joined the family of Old Regular Baptist by being baptized in August 1932. She placed her membership with the Salem Church but later was one of the Charter members who helped organize the Turkey Creek Church, Turkey Creek, Ky. where she remained a faithful member as long as the Lord blessed her to live.

Mother leaves many friends who loved her and she will be missed by all who knew her, especially the Brothers and Sisters of the Church.

I want to say to her children who have not repented of their sins and taken Christ as their personal Savior, as Mother would tell you, we have no promise of tomorrow for without God we have no hope. Mother's gone and, Oh, how I miss her! But she is resting up in Heaven and some day I hope to meet her and be at home with Jesus in that peaceful, happy land.

Written by one who misses
her very much, her daughter,
and Sister in Hope of eternal life,
Hazel Phillips

LANDON MCCOY

We will try and write the Obituary of Brother Landon McCoy. He was born October 27, 1896 and deceased this life July 16, 1975 at his home after a lingering illness. He was the son of Harrison McCoy and Aunt Smith McCoy. He is survived by his wife, Sallie R. McCoy, five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. He had one son, Edward McCoy, who preceded him in death.

Brother Landon was a member of the Big Branch Church of Regular Baptist. He was baptized by the hand of Elder J.L. Nichols and Elder Harvey Lowe in 1948 and was a faithful member until the Lord called him home. So I feel that our loss is Heaven's gain.

I would like to say to his grandchildren, many friends and relatives, if you want to see Brother Landon again you will have to be born again, not of a corruptible seed but by an incorruptible seed by the Word of God which liveth and abideth forever.

There is a vacant seat in the Church and in the home that can not be filled. But we believe that Brother Landon will live again in the Resurrection at the last day and will have a body liken unto Jesus' most glorious body and will be happy for evermore.

The Church has lost a faithful member, the community a good neighbor, the grandchildren a beloved Grandfather and I have lost a good husband. His suffering was great the last few months of his life but he endured it all with patience. He enjoyed it so much when the Brethren and Sisters would come to

visit him and talk with him and sing the old time songs. The day before he died he seemed to be going to Church all day and would sing and clap his hands.

We have a great hope that at the last day when the trumpet will sound and awake the sleeping dead that we will meet Brother Landon where there will be no sickness, pain or death but will all be peace, joy and happiness for evermore. May God bless all of his grandchildren and relatives.

Written by his wife, Sallie McCoy,
Grandson, Eddie McCoy and Elder J.L. Nichols

SAMPSON J. MOORE, JR.

It is with much sadness I will try, by the help of the Lord, to write a few lines in memory of my beloved husband, Sampson J. Moore. He was the son of the late Sampson J. Moore, Sr. and the late Mary Taylor Moore. He was born in Martin County, Ky. February 3, 1920 and departed this life April 17, 1975, making his stay here in this low-ground of sorrow 55 years, 2 months and 14 days. Oh, how sad it was to give him up! Even though he often expressed the desire to go on home to Heaven.

He set out about 12 years ago to search for that country where they don't have to have oxygen tents to breathe. A land where all is well and there is no sickness. A land that flows with milk and honey. And, I believe he has found that peaceful place where he will never need doctors or anyone to wait on him. The Lord will serve him now.

He joined the Little Rosa Church on May 11, 1963 and was baptized May 12, 1963 at the hands of Elders Cecil Evans and Andrew Maynard.

Survivors left to mourn his loss are his wife, Nellie Maynard Moore; two sons, Willard T. Moore, Maher, W. Va. and Danny L. Moore, Detroit, Mich.; two daughters, Mrs. Glenna Rae Coleman, Akron, Ind. and Mrs. Shereall Ball, Lenore, W. Va.; 3 brothers and 4 sisters, Amos Moore, Waverly, Ohio, Hi Moore, Stanton, Ky., Willard Moore, Louisa, Ky., Minnie Palotino, Chatteroy, W. Va., Fannie Bowen, Hode, Ky., Edna Russell, Louisa, Ky., and Ollie Stacy, Crum, W. Va.; and 9 grandchildren.

Children, I want to say to you, I have often heard him say to me, "I would like to see my children come in before it is too late." So I want to say to his children, brothers, sisters and friends, if you never have made peace with God, you will have to do as he has done - get down on your knees and pray unto the Lord. May God bless and save you all is my prayer.

Sadly missed by his wife and children,
Nellie (Maynard) Moore



KENNETH GRAVLEY



Brother Kenneth Gravley was born December 29, 1894 at Pulaski, Virginia. He was the son of Peter and Mary Gravley. On April 20, 1975, at the age of eighty years, he deceased this life.

He was married to Iva Cline Gravley and to their union were born five children, four sons and one daughter: Lacy Gravley of Baisden, W. Va.; Tennis Gravley of Huntington, W. Va.; Keister Ray Gravley of Welch, W. Va.; Bennie Gravley who preceded him in death; and Mrs. Homer Roberson of Baisden, W. Va. He had 15 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

In August of 1963, he joined the Rosa Church of Old Regular Baptist at Baisden, W. Va., and lived a faithful life until the dreadful disease of cancer overcame his Adam flesh. God took his soul to the Paradise of God until the General Resurrection morning when He will send His son Jesus back to redeem his body that had been stricken by the deadly disease of cancer. Brother Gravley will get up singing and shouting in that day clothed with a new body that shall walk the streets of Heaven to live forever with all of the family of God. There is a future for all of his family and everyone that repents.

EMERY CLINE

Written by
Elder Ross Cline

With much sadness and an aching heart, I will try to write the Obituary of my dear husband, Emery Cline. He was born January 13, 1908 and deceased this life April 12, 1975 making his stay here on earth 67 years and 3 months. He was the son of James Oliver Cline and Hopie Walls Cline.

He was married to Eunice Lester August 14, 1935 and to this union was born nine children and five preceded him in death. He had 14 grandchildren. Children living are: Eleanor Cline, Curtis Cline and Christena Rife, all of Baisden, W. Va., and Arlena Hamerick of Gilbert, W. Va. He leaves four brothers and three sisters behind: Sampy Cline, Walter Cline,



Va. He leaves four brothers and three sisters behind: Sampy Cline, Walter Cline,

Silas Cline and Ula Cline all of Baisden, W. Va.; his sisters, Bessie Cline and Lizzie Lester of Baisden, W. Va. and Arcie Roberson of Fall Mills, Va.

Emery joined the Rosa Regular Baptist Church in the year of 1952. He was a faithful member and loved to go to Church. He went as long as he was able to go. He always loved to feed the people and wanted to make them feel welcome at his table. He was good to everyone. Oh, how I miss him in Church! His seat is empty for me and how I miss him here in the old home place. Many times I saw him sitting on his chair when I would be walking through the house and he would say, "Eunice, I have felt a blessing from the Lord."

I want to say to most of his children, if they want to see Daddy again they will have to fall out with sin and live like he did. I hope I meet him some sweet day in that bright city. I have good hopes he has gone home to live with Jesus. I could write on and on but time will not permit.

Written by his wife,
Eunice Cline

RHODA JANE CANTERBURY



In much weakness and sad feeling I will try, by the help of God, to write the Obituary of my dear Mother, Rhoda Jane Canterbury. She was born December 22, 1889 and deceased this life October 11, 1974, making her stay on earth 84 years, 9 months and 20 days. She was the daughter of Robert and Louisa Stungill York and was the last survivor of the family of 12 brothers and sisters.

She was a life time resident of Mingo County, W. Va. In early life she was married to John L. Canterbury and to this union was born 10 children: three girls, Myrtle Runyon, Mae Newsome and Grace Tanner; seven boys, Bill Canterbury, who died April 4, 1975, Charles Canterbury, Columbus Canterbury, Harmon Canterbury and John L. Canterbury, Jr. Her husband and two sons, Albert Canterbury and Cecil Canterbury, preceded her in death.

Mom joined the Regular Baptist Church May 30, 1935 and placed her membership with the Bethany Church, Lenore, W. Va. where she lived a faithful life and attended Church as often as she was able.

Now, I won't try to write all the good things that could be said about Mom because space would not permit it. But all who knew her knew the life she lived. Dad passed on and left us September 2, 1950 and since then Mom's mind was

centered on the Church and us children. I feel our loss is her gain.

I'd like to say to my brothers and sisters and to her many friends who are still out in sin, if you want to see Mom again you will have to turn to that loving Saviour Mom turned to, to one who will save all that will come to Him with an humble heart and a contrite spirit.

Written by her daughter,
Myrtle Runyon

VELVIE ROSE

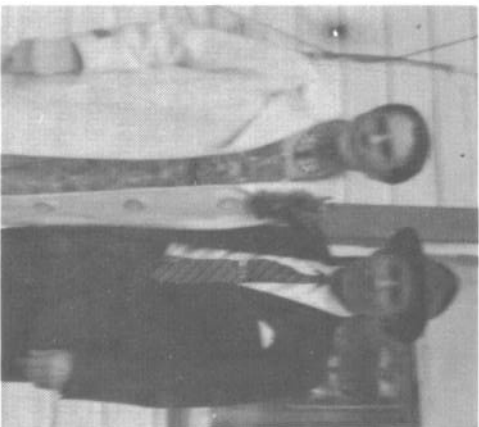
By the help of the Lord and in much sadness, I will try to write an Obituary of our very faithful Sister, Velvie Rose. She was born November 14, 1894 and departed this life June 30, 1975 making her stay on earth 80 years, 7 months and 16 days. She was the daughter of the late Thomas and Margaret McCoy.

Sister Velvie was married to Robert Moore and to this union was born 2 sons, Bertie Moore and Willie Moore. She was preceded in death by her husband, Robert, in 1923 and by her son, Bertie, in 1954. Willie survives and resides in Columbus, Ohio.

In later years Sister Velvie was remarried to Almond Rose and to this union was born one son, T.J. Rose, Cleveland, Ohio. In 1963 she was preceded in death by her second companion, Almond, who was called away suddenly.

Sister Velvie joined the Old Regular Baptist Church June 16, 1932 and was baptized under the hands of Elders L.T. Preston and Shadle Pauley. She placed her membership with the Leannah Church but in later years took her Letter and placed it in the Little Rosa Church where she remained until death. Sister Velvie was a faithful, devoted and loving Sister. She was faithful in attending Church and helped in every way she could until sickness became so severe that she was unable to attend. But by faith she called the Brothers and Sisters into her home to have Church with her which she enjoyed so much and would praise the Lord. She bore her sickness with very much patience and trusted that the Lord's will be done. She would often tell me that she did not dread death and could be more satisfied if her children were ready to go.

I feel we, the Little Rosa Church, have lost a faithful member. But I feel as her seat is empty down here she has gained an eternal seat around the Great White Throne which will never be empty and she can sing with the Angels forevermore. I feel on June 30, 1975 when God called her soul and the body is sleeping beneath the dust that on the Resurrection morning God will awaken



that sleeping body from the dust and re-unite that soul that He will bring with Him back into the body, then Sister Velvie will take the wings of a dove and go flying home to live and praise the Lord forever.

I would like to say in my closing words by way of writing to her children, Willie and T.J., Mother's hands you will never feel no more or her voice you will never hear no more, for Mother is gone to never return. But by the grace of God you can meet Mother again if you all would only repent and believe on the Lord, Jesus Christ. For I feel by her fruits, thus saith the Word (St. Matthew 7:20), that I will meet her again. So as I say sadly, farewell until we meet again.

Written by her Brother
in hope of eternal life,
Elder Robert L. Robinson

BELVA VANSICLE

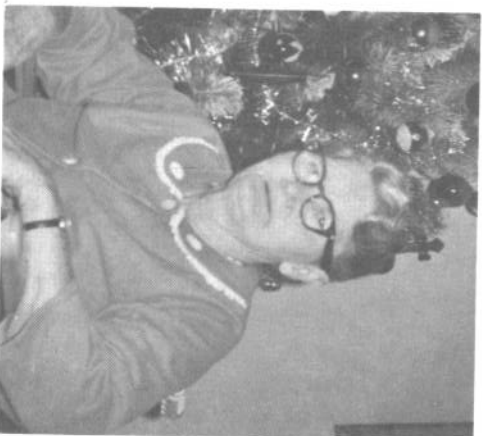
With God's help, I will try to write the Obituary of a Sister in Christ, Sister Belva (McCoy) Vansicle. She was born October 11, 1898 to the late Johnson and Vicy Varney McCoy in Pike County, Ky. She deceased this life July 18, 1975 in Mira Loma, Calif. where she made her home.

Sister Belva was married to Walter Vansicle, who preceded her in death, and to this union was born 6 children (one died in infancy) two boys, L.J. Vansicle, Clovis, New Mexico and Rodney Vansicle, address unknown; three daughters, Mary Vicy Thornsby, Cucamonga, Calif., Emogene Tamale, Mora Loma, Calif., and Margaret Brady, Waterfield, Ohio. Other survivors include three sisters, Hartie Mounts, Turkey Creek, Ky., Pricey Jude, Three Forks, Ky., and Mary Pickert, Arlington, Va.; one brother, Homer McCoy, Huntington, W. Va.; a half-brother, William "Bill" McCoy in the Mountain Manor Nursing Home, Paintsville, Ky.; a half-sister, Fannie Trent, Ashland, Ky.; and several grandchildren.

Sister Belva joined the Old Regular Baptist Church in November 1918 and was baptized by Elder J.B. Weddington and placed her membership at the Salem Regular Baptist Church.

I would like to say to her children, family and friends, if you want to see Mother again, do as Mother did - accept Jesus as your personal Savior while you have life and opportunity. Be ready to go home and live with Mother forever. May God bless you all.

Written by
Mrs. Willis L. Lowe
and Sister Hartie Mounts



JAMES STORTRIDGE

It is with a sad and aching heart that I will try and write the Obituary of my loving Brother, James Stotridge. He was born October 6, 1895 and departed this life March 29, 1975, making his stay on earth 79 years, 5 months and 23 days.

He was the son of the late John and Annie (Cochran) Stotridge and was born in Pike County, Ky. He was married to Dora McCoy who preceded him in death. He leaves a son, Clyde Stotridge, and a daughter, Irene (Stotridge) Feller. He also leaves three sisters, two brothers and a host of neices and nephews to mourn his loss but I believe his loss is Heaven's gain. He loved to go to Church when he was able and he loved his Brothers and Sisters in the Church.

I want to say to his son and daughter, if you haven't made peace with God and you want to meet Daddy again, you will have to lay down the worldly things of this life and live for Jesus Christ, the one that died for the sins of the world. He loved you both very much. He is gone from our home but he still is with us in our heart. We will never forget him. He was so good to all who knew him.

He joined the Church the fourth Saturday in September 1968 and was baptized by the hands of Elder Jonah Easter Williamson and Brother Leonard Secco. He placed his membership with the Pilgrim's Home Church.

I hope and pray by God's great mercy that we will meet again someday where there will be no more sickness nor sorrow, nothing but happiness and love in that great mansion in the sky. Uncle Jim, our home is lonely without you, we miss you and we hope you know we loved you very much, but God loved you more. He took you from our home but not from our hearts.

Written by his Sister in hope,
Gladys (Stotridge) Francis and
Nephew and Neice, Mr. and Mrs. Ferrell Francis

MERL VINCENT

In loving memory of my Brother in Hope, Brother Merl Vincent. He was born January 11, 1907, the son of the late Charles and Betty Austin Vincent, and deceased this life June 25, 1975, making his stay on earth a little over 68 years. He joined the Old Regular Baptist Church and placed his membership at Dix Fork on the fourth Sunday in July 1974. Due to very poor health he could not attend Church as regular as he would have liked. God blessed him to attend a few times before the death angels took him home.

Brother Merl was married to the late Stella Brown Vincent who preceded him in death in 1972. Also, two brothers and one sister. He leaves to mourn his



loss his wife, Mammie Johnson Vincent; a daughter, Betty Steel; two stepdaughters and one stepson; three grandchildren; and a host of relatives and friends.

Brother Merl worked as a coal miner for several years on Pond Creek. At the time of retirement he worked at Chemtron in Huntington, W. Va. He also was an Army veteran.

I believe that God took care of Brother Merl through his last year of sickness by giving him a wonderful wife like Mammie to take care of him. She was always by his side and tried hard to help him in any way she could. She was always nice and pleasant to friends and relatives when they visited Brother Merl at their home.

I believe Brother Merl is not dead, he is only sleeping, patiently waiting for Jesus to come.

Written by his Brother in Hope,
James E. Brown

CLINTON B. LOWE

With deepest sympathy we will, by the help of the Lord, attempt to write the Obituary of a dearly beloved Brother, Clinton B. Lowe. Brother Lowe was born March 23, 1921 and deceased this life May 20, 1975 making his stay on earth 54 years, 1 month and 20 days.

He was the son of James Pry Lowe, who preceded him in death, and Mary Lowe, who survives. He was married to Marie Robinson and to this union was born one daughter, Mildred Lowe, and two sons, Claude Alvin Lowe and Kenneth Ray Lowe. Other survivors include two brothers, Elder Milford Lowe and Lloyd Lowe.

Brother Clinton joined the Old Regular Baptist family in 1948 and took membership with the Leannah Church where he lived a faithful life until death. He suffered a crippling stroke in December 1973 which prevented him from attending Church as he would have liked to. He was very helpful to the Church in any improvement or upkeep. Needless to say Brother Clinton will be missed by the family, the Church and friends but we feel that he has exchanged a life of trouble and suffering to a life of joy and peace. We believe that when he comes from the grave he will not have the crippled body he had here but will have a perfect body that will never suffer or die anymore.

Now to the family, you have lost a good son, husband and father. He cannot come back to you but you can go to him. You that have not made peace with God, if you ever expect to go to Heaven and be with Brother Clinton, you will



have to make preparations this side of the grave. So let us persuade you while life offers you opportunity, to count up the cost and see where you stand in the sight of God and begin to call upon Him for mercy. For God has a good place for them that serve Him in this life and has a horrible place prepared for them that die in sin where nobody is satisfied.

Sadly written by
the Leannah Church

SARAH ANN (STANLEY) MAYNARD

Since my earliest memories there was always Grandma with her sweet smile, shining golden hair and her familiar pipe but, Grandma isn't with us anymore. She passed away December 12, 1974 at the home of one of her daughters in Bellevue, Florida.

Grandma, born July 8, 1888 at Canada, Kentucky, was the daughter of the late George and Sealy (May) Stanley. She married Richard Maynard and to this union nine children were born. Her husband and two sons preceded her in death. Her surviving children include: Prosper Maynard, Luther Maynard and Mrs. Truile



Mullins, all of Sidney, Kentucky; Mrs. Flora Williamson of Huddy, Kentucky; and Mrs. Sally Cochran, Mrs. Helen Pinson and Mrs. Cora Evans, all of Bellevue, Florida. Left also to mourn the loss of Grandma are a brother, Albert Stanley of Sidney, Kentucky and a sister, Mrs. Esta Scott of Hardy, Kentucky. Along with the above, Grandma left 34 grandchildren, 50 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

Grandma confessed her belief in Christ and was baptized on the first Saturday in October of 1941 at the hands of Elders John Brown and J.B. May. She remained a faithful member of the Old Regular Baptist Church and filled her seat in the "corner" at the Dix Fork Church as long as she remained able to attend. In her later years she could no longer attend because of illness but her faith and trust never dwindled.

I believe my sweet Grandma is in Heaven and, although we miss her greatly, I know that she is at rest. Her goodness and kindness shall never be forgotten by those who knew and loved her. Maybe one day, with God's great will, we will be with her again.

Written in love by a great-granddaughter,
Mary Ann (Mullins) Stafford

REBECCA COLLINS

With much sadness we, the Leannah Church, will try and write the Obituary of our beloved Sister, Rebecca Scott Collins.

She was born June 10, 1894 and deceased this life August 7, 1975, making her stay here on earth 81 years, 1 month and 28 days. She was married to Noah Bell Staton, who preceded her in death, and to this union was born 7 children: Rosie Collins, Elijah Collins and Anthony Wayne Collins. Anthony preceded her in death as did five brothers and sisters. She leaves 6 children, 28 grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren and a host of friends to mourn her loss.

Sister Rebecca joined the Old Regular Baptist family the second Sunday in October 1959. She was faithful in attending the Church as long as she was able. We would never be able to explain how much Sister Rebecca will be missed not only by the Church and the family but by all who ever knew her. We feel that our loss is Heaven's gain.

We would like to say to the children and family who have not repented of their sins, if you would like to see Mother again, get ready in this life and choose Jesus as your personal Savior. For Jesus said, "I will go away and prepare a place for you and, if I go, I will come again and receive you unto myself." We feel that Sister Rebecca chose that good part and in that great morning when Jesus calls for her again she will awake from the sleeping dead and go home with Him and live for evermore.

So, may we persuade you now while you have life and opportunity to get ready and live in that place where nobody dies.

Sadly written by
the Leannah Church

HOMER STANLEY

It is with a sad heart and by the help of our Lord that I will try to write the Obituary of my dear Brother in the Flesh and in the Lord. My brother, whom I miss so very much, Homer Corbet Stanley. He was born March 17, 1907, the son of Orison and Mary Maynard Stanley and deceased this life February 12, 1975 at the Methodist Hospital, making his stay here 67 years, 10 months and 26 days.

He was a member of the Old Regular Baptist Church having placed his membership with the Pilgrim's Rest Church, Piso, Ky. Brother Homer was a faithful member until that dreadful disease called cancer weakened him so that he could not attend. As he grew weaker his faith grew stronger.

He was married to Nellie Stanley on June 26, 1937 and to this union was born 9 children, two of which preceded him in death in infancy. Those left to mourn his loss are as follows: his wife, Nellie, who stood with him so patiently; six sons - Gene, Conley and George of Columbus, Ohio, Truman Stanley, Sidney, Ky., Russell Stanley, Ecorse, Mich., and Clifford Stanley, Piso, Ky.; a daughter - Mrs. Edith Robinson, Piso, Ky.; and 4 grandchildren. He also had two sisters: Mrs. Alsie Pinson, Piso, Ky. and Mrs. Claudia Cline, Varney, Ky. and all the Brothers and Sisters of the Pilgrim's Rest Church.

I want to say to the children that you have lost a good Daddy but our loss is

Heaven's gain. Remember the good advice and council that your Daddy has given you. My hope is that Brother Homer is at rest and will never know any more pains or troubles. By the help of our Lord we can join him in the Resurrection morning where we can sing His praise for evermore.

Written by his Sister, Alsie Pinson
and his wife, Nellie.

FORREST J. BEVINS

With the help of the Lord, I will try to write the Obituary of our loving Father, Forrest J. Bevins.

Daddy was born September 17, 1910 to James and Elza Murphy Bevins. He married our late Mother, Hazel Joyce Blackburn, November 3, 1929 and to this union was born seven children: Bobby Gene Bevins, Douglas Clinton Bevins, Joyce Mae Bevins, all of Meta, Ky.; Mary Louise Hatmaker, Pikeville, Ky.; and Buncle Ruth Ward, Kimber, Ky. Two children preceded him in death, James Lee and Shirley. He leaves 8 grandchildren.

He is also survived by his stepmother, Bertha Bevins, Meta, Ky.; two brothers, Ray Bevins, Meta, Ky. and Farliest Bevins, Lancer, Ky.; five sisters, Mrs. Myrtle Stratton, South Williamson, Ky.; Mrs. Mayrme Blackburn, Williamson, W. Va.; Mrs. Inal Bevins, Turkey Creek, Ky.; Mrs. Ruby Scott, Meta, Ky.; and Mrs. Irene Sebree of Indiana.

God called Mother home September 30, 1948 leaving Daddy with six children to raise. He was a very patient and loving Father until God called him home January 15, 1975 making his stay here on earth 64 years and 4 months.

Daddy and Mother were both members of the Bent Branch Church and remained faithful to God until He called them home. Daddy served as Clerk for over 30 years and the Bent Branch Church feels like home to us children. A very special "Thank you" for all of your many acts of kindness during Daddy's illness.

Daddy, I have accepted Jesus Christ as my personal Savior and, with the Grace of God, I will be able to see you again. We miss you so much.

Written by a daughter,
Mary Louise Hatmaker

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 to keep the order and rules of an Association according to the following plan of government.

ARTICLE 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.

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

ARTICLE 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.

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

ARTICLE 5. The Association shall have a Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk and Assistant Clerk, each chosen separately by a majority vote of the delegates present.

ARTICLE 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.

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

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

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

ARTICLE 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 to send it by their delegates to the Association; and such sums 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.

ARTICLE 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.

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

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

ARTICLE 14. All matters coming before the Association shall be decided by will of a majority of the delegates present.

ARTICLE 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 violates the rules of the Association or deviate from the orthodox principles of religion; and 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.

ARTICLES OF FAITH OF THE SARDIS ASSOCIATION

ARTICLE 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.

ARTICLE 2. We believe the Scripture of the Old and New Testaments are the written words of God and the only rules of faith and practice.

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

ARTICLE 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.

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

ARTICLE 6. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God only by the imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ.

ARTICLE 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.

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

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

ARTICLE 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.

ARTICLE 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.

ARTICLE 12. We believe that every doctrine that goes to encourage 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.

ARTICLE 13. We believe that the Church of Christ is a congregation of faithful believers in Christ who have obtained fellowship with the Lord and 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.

ARTICLE 14. We believe that Jesus Christ is the Head of the Church and the government thereof is upon His shoulders.

ARTICLE 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

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

ARTICLE 2. The Association shall have a Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk and Assistant Clerk each chosen separately by a majority vote of the delegates present.

ARTICLE 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.

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

ARTICLE 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.

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

ARTICLE 7. No person shall speak more than three times on any subject without leave of the Association; and only five minutes at a time.

ARTICLE 8. No person shall have the liberty of laughing during the sitting of the same nor whisper in time of public speech.

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

ARTICLE 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 Decorum.

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

ARTICLE 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.

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

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**CHURCH DELEGATES
TO THE 1975
SARDIS ASSOCIATION**

MT. PLEASANT: Randolph Pauley, Monroe Smith, James Scott.
 APPLE ORCHARD: Epton Maynard, Van Maynard, Willie Nichols.
 ENON: Jack Farley, Willis Staton, Chester Fields.
 REBECCA: Hi Preece, Edward Runyon, F. M. Preece.
 BENT BRANCH: Dewey Blackburn, Lloyd SESCO, Larry May.
 SARDIS: James Bailey, Jessie Farley, George Martin.
 BIG BRANCH: J. L. Nichols, Harvey Lowe, Landon Taylor.
 MARY ELIZABETH: Tom Fraley, Alex Edminston, J. D. Walters.
 BETHANY: Marion Ledson, Jr., Jeff Chaffins, Charles Hall.
 ELK FORK: Harrison Baisden, Wayne Shepherd, Andrew Maynard.
 PILGRIM'S HOME: Willard Young, Joe Warrix, K. H. Williamson.
 SALEM: John P. Church, Roosevelt Lowe, W. H. Hale.
 SIDNEY: Tan Howell, Jobe Blackburn, Walter Scott.
 DIX FORK: James Gannon, Ernest Cochran, David Grigger.
 NARROWS BRANCH: Charley Scott, George Stanley, Clyde Brown.
 LEANNAH: Steve Robinson, Jr., Ben Robinson, Billy Robinson.
 BUCK CREEK: Delbert Kazee, Tom Dials, Johnny Cline.
 TIBITHA: Samuel Hensley, Joe Robinette, John Fouch.
 LITTLE ROSA: Faye Scott, Emerson Jarrel, Lacy Marcum.
 TURKEY CREEK: Floyd Williamson, Stanford Maynard, Willis Lowe.
 SAMARIA: Ersel Prince, Sherman May, Carlous Lackey.
 ROSA: Ross Cline, Leslie Blair, Uley Perry.
 MUNCY VALLEY: Mont Ellis, Tommy Ellis, Avery Hensley.
 LITTLE VIRGIE: Chester Belcher, John J. Scott, Alison Thornsbury.
 SOUTHERN HOME: Tommy Adair, Childmer Marcum, Hiram Young.
 PILGRIM'S REST: Wayne Ray, Willie Stanley, Van Pinson.
 OKECHOBEE: Monroe Ousley, Ralph Reed, Mosco Gillman.

CHURCH	MODERATOR	MINUTES REQUESTED	RECEIVED BY BAPTISM	RECEIVED BY LETTER	RECEIVED BY RESTORATION	RECEIVED BY RECOMMENDATION	DISMISSED BY LETTER	DECEASED	EXCLUDED	TOTAL MEMBERSHIP	CHURCH CONTRIBUTIONS	CHURCH TIME	UNION AND COMMUNION
MT. PLEASANT	Lloyd SESCO	100	0	5	0	0	0	1	1	42	\$50 2	July	
APPLE ORCHARD	Andrew Maynard	75	0	0	0	3	0	1	0	40	\$25 1	June	
ENON	Lloyd SESCO	50	0	0	0	0	0	2	4	14	\$20 1	June	
REBECCA	Edward Runyon	100	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	62	\$80 2	Aug.	
BENT BRANCH	Edwin May	100	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	66	\$75 3	Aug.	
SARDIS	Willie Varney	150	3	0	0	2	5	2	90	\$40 4	Aug.		
BIG BRANCH	Ernest Cochran	75	0	0	0	0	1	0	33	\$40 3	July		
MARY ELIZABETH	R. L. Robinson	100	0	2	0	0	5	2	0	48	\$50 3	July	
BETHANY	Willie White	100	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	58	\$35 4	Aug.	
ELK FORK	Willie Varney	50	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	37	\$50 3	Aug.	
PILGRIM'S HOME	Wayne Herald	250	1	0	1	0	6	4	1	135	\$180 4	Aug.	
SALEM	John P. Church	100	4	0	0	0	11	0	82	\$100 1	May		
SIDNEY	Milford Lowe	50	0	0	0	0	0	0	27	\$30 4	June		
DIX FORK	Ernest Cochran	200	0	6	0	0	0	2	0	79	\$50 1	July	
NARROWS BRANCH	John P. Church	100	3	0	0	0	13	3	0	54	\$65 4	July	
LEANNAH	Roosevelt Lowe	75	4	0	0	0	0	2	2	50	\$40 2	July	
BUCK CREEK	Wayne Herald	100	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	45	\$50 3	June	
TIBITHA	Willie Varney	75	4	2	0	0	0	1	1	45	\$40 1	Aug.	
LITTLE ROSA	Wayne Herald	50	0	2	0	0	0	3	0	22	\$20 2	April	
TURKEY CREEK	Willis Lowe	125	5	1	0	0	0	4	0	81	\$80 2	May	
SAMARIA	Edward Runyon	100	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	52	\$50 1	July	
ROSA	Johnie Cline	85	2	1	2	0	3	2	2	81	\$50 3	July	
MUNCY VALLEY	Tommy Ellis	25	2	0	0	0	0	1	1	20	\$20 2	June	
LITTLE VIRGIE	Lloyd SESCO	40	0	0	0	0	1	1	3	17	\$30 4	June	
SOUTHERN HOME	Tommy Adair	150	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	28	\$35 1	April	
PILGRIM'S REST	Edwin May	65	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	20	\$40 2	June	
OKECHOBEE	Monroe Ousley	75	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	12	\$40 2	April	
TOTALS		2565	32	21	4	3	34	52	22	1340	\$1385		

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