

**MINUTES**

OF THE

**EIGHTY-FIFTH ANNUAL SESSION**

OF THE

**SARDIS ASSOCIATION  
OF OLD REGULAR BAPTIST**

**THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST**

**In Session with Southern Home Church**

**Citra, Florida**

**September 9, 10 and 11, 1977**

**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 9, 1977**

The Sardis Association of Old Regular Baptist, the Church of Jesus Christ, assembled with the Southern Home Church, Route 1, Citra, Florida on Friday before the second Saturday in September 1977.

Our Moderator, Elder Edwin May, extended a hearty welcome to all the Brethren, Sisters and friends who had traveled from far and near to attend our Association. His hope and prayer is that all of us have come together in one accord, as dear children, before God. Since we must reap that which we have sown, we are going to see the fruits of our labor in the next 3 days and see just what kind of children we have been.

Elder John P. Church opened the services about the hour of 9:30 a.m. desiring the prayers of all God's children, including those unable to be here with us today but who are still praying for us. As he watched the children of God gather here today he was reminded of Joshua on the banks of the river Jordan when God told Joshua to tell the Levites to bear the Ark across (Joshua 3:8) and felt too little to address such a great people.

Brother John then preached a short but wonderful sermon about that Ark of Covenant and the 12 stones placed in the river where the Priest stood and the 12 stones carried out of the river Jordan to the other side. Brother John then led in prayer.

Elder Wayne Herald preached the Introductory Sermon from his Text: Revelation 20:1, 2 and 3: "And I saw an angel come down from heaven having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years. And cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the Nations no more, till the thousand years should be fulfilled: and after that he must be loosed a little season."

Words fail this writer and I could never set to pen the wonders of God felt and heard as Brother Wayne preached a mighty sermon about that 1,000 years being the 14 generations from David to Christ and the splitting in-twain

of the curtain which opened the way into the holiest of holy unto the Gentiles and the blood of Christ flowed to the North, East, South and West and covered all who would come unto Him. Brother Wayne stated the 1,000 year reign ended at Calvary and the Devil has been loosed a little season. Now, in the day of these Kings a Kingdom was set up by Jesus and all who worship God must worship Him in spirit and in truth. A mighty sermon was preached in the land this day!

The Sardis Association Delegates and a small delegation from our corresponding Sister Associations then assembled at the Church where arrangements had been made for the work of the Sardis Association.

As is our custom, the many Brethren, Sisters and friends remained at the tent where preaching was heard in the land and good tidings of great joy fell upon the eager ears of the listeners.

Elder Deb Sanders of the Union Association introduced the services at the house. Elder Dewey Sexton of the Union Association led in prayer.

We then proceeded as follows:

(1) Elder Edwin May, our beloved Moderator spoke a few words of admonition and then, led out in the Spirit, preached of the goodness of God and the goodness and humbleness we should strive for. But Brother Ed quenched the Spirit and spoke of how good it is to be here and prayed for the help of the Brethren in going to God in prayer as we go through these services.

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

Elder Ellis Davis  
Brother Landon Taylor  
Brother Edwin Hay

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

(4) On motion from Brother Steward Brown, second by Brother K. H. Williamson, the Letter from Elizabeth Church was received, the Delegates seated and referred the Letter to the Committee on Arrangements.

(5) The Letter from the Southern Home Church was read by the Clerk and, upon motion and second, all Letters were received, the Delegates seated and all Queries and Requests were referred to the Committee on Arrangements.

(6) The Committee on Finance reported \$1,530.00 received from the Churches as reported in the Statistical Table and, after turning this amount over to the Treasurer, was discharged.

(7) The Sardis Association then completed its organization by selecting 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*

(8) By motion and second, it is ordered that the Moderator make all temporary appointments during the setting of the Association.

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

Brother Billy Adair  
Brother George Deel  
Brother Oliva Ratliff  
Elder Tommy Adair

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

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

**UNION:** After reading the Letter from Union Association, Elder Edwin May laid in the 1976 Sardis Association Request sent to the Union Association which was ordered sent back to us by the Union Association. Brother Ed carried our Letter and Request to the Union Association last year so he briefly discussed events surrounding the return of the Request to him. After discussion, and on move by Elder Clifford Maynard and second by both Brother K. H. Williamson and Brother Mike Sheppard, the Union Association Delegates were seated and the Letter referred to the Committee on Arrangements.

The Union Association was represented by the following Delegates: Jesse L. Williamson, John M. Mullins, Felix Sexton, Julius Lester, Jack Clevinger, Earl Belcher, Jimmy Dale Sanders, Dewey Sexton, Delbert Sanders, Charley Johnson, Lassie Edwards, James Harold Swiney, Amos Bartley, Bill Hess and Stanford Branham.

**NEW SALEM:** Represented by the following Delegates: Dexter Dixon, Charles Ray Combs, Lee Fields, Bert Hall, Millis Roberts, Burton Howard and Corbet Caudill.

**NORTHERN NEW SALEM:** Represented by the following Delegates: John B. Hale, Ira F. Hendricks and Pete Hensley.

**PHILADELPHIA:** Represented by the following Delegates: Walter Morrison, David Gilliam and Ira Stepp.

**OLD FRIENDSHIP:** Represented by the following Delegates: Lacy Justus.

**INDIAN BOTTOM:** Represented by the following Delegates: Kirby Ison, J. Nelson Seals, I. D. Back, Mannus Ison, Elwood Cornett and John Preece.

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

Elder H. Jimmy Deeley  
 Brother James M. Ray

Elder Joe Evans  
 Brother Estil Ritchie  
 Brother Louie Muncy

(13) 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.

(14) Committee appointed to arrange the preaching for Friday night and Saturday consisting of one Delegate from each Church and the entire Southern Home Delegation. They reported as follows:

**FRIDAY NIGHT ASSOCIATION**

Elder Dewey Sexton Union  
 Elder Nelson Seals Indian Bottom

**SATURDAY ASSOCIATION**

Elder Lee Fields New Salem  
 Elder Elwood Cornett Indian Bottom  
 Elder Mannus Ison Indian Bottom  
 Elder Julius Lester Union

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

(16) On motion from Elder Clifford Maynard and second from Elder Samuel D. Hensley, the Sardis Association was adjourned, by way of prayer, until 9:00 a.m. Saturday morning.

**SATURDAY  
 September 10, 1977**

Met pursuant to adjournment with joyful singing in this beautiful southern land.

Elder Burton Howard of the New Salem Association opened the session with preaching and 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 motion 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 and were discharged:

<b>SATURDAY NIGHT</b>	<b>ASSOCIATION</b>
Elder Joe Evans	Sardis
Elder Kelly Castle	Sardis
Elder Wallace Muncy	Sardis
Elder Kirby Ison	Indian Bottom

**SUNDAY ASSOCIATION**

Elder Tommy Adair  
 Elder Earl Belcher  
 Elder Wayne Herald  
 Elder Edwin May

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

Balance on hand, September 12, 1976	\$2,777.70
Additional Cash donation	34.15
Total available for 1976	\$2,811.85
Less paid out for 1976:	
Printing 4,000 Minutes	\$1,689.15
Tent Trailer License for 1976	32.50
Total paid out for 1976	\$1,721.65
Balance (In Savings at 1st. National)	\$1,090.20
Add interest earned	61.22
Balance on hand September 9, 1977	\$1,151.42

Add 1977 receipts:

Received from the Churches	\$1,530.00
Received for Obithuary pictures	291.00
Total receipts for 1977	\$1,821.00
Balance on hand September 11, 1977	\$2,972.42

(5) By motion and second, it is ordered that the Clerk be appointed Secretary-Treasurer for 1977 and that he be allowed \$10.00 for his expense.

(6) By motion and second, it is ordered that the Clerk superintend the printing of our Minutes, that he have 4,000 copies printed and that he be allowed \$100.00 for his expenses.

(7) The Circular Letter written by Elder Isom Hannah was read by him and, by regular move and second, was accepted and ordered to be printed in our Minutes.

(8) Discussed the Union Association Letter and the Request we sent to them last year. The Committee on Arrangements appointed a Committee to prepare another Request to be sent to the Union Association. Brother Edwin Hay, a member of this Committee, read the report and a move was made by Elder Claude Brown, second by Brother Sabore Nichols, to receive the report and send the Request to the Union Association. An Objection was made to this motion by Brother Ralph W. E. Varney, Jr. and the Objection was met with a vote of the Delegates showing 52 in favor of the motion and 1 for the objection. Therefore, the motion is carried and the following Request is sent to our Sister, the Union Association:

The Sardis Association of Old Regular Baptist  
 The Church of Jesus Christ  
 In Session with Southern Home Church  
 Citra, Florida  
 September 10, 1977

A Request to the Union Association

Greetings to our precious and beloved Brethren of the Union Association.

We, the Sardis Association, feel that you did not give our Request concerning the receiving of Oscar Stanley and his wife, Edith, into the fellowship of the Ash Camp Church ample consideration. Our long standing fellowship and correspondence and continuation of the same suggest that you reconsider our Request at the 1977 session of your Association.

Perhaps our previous Request was not fully understood. We think that this was due in part by the fact that the specific reasons for our Request were inbedded in the Requests from the three Sardis Churches and were attached to our Request for completeness and clarity but were not read to the Union Association. Therefore, in this petition for reconsideration, we want to summarize the content of those Church Requests in order that you understood plainly our position in this matter:

(1) The Ash Camp Church has received two members, Oscar and Edith Stanley, who have been refused membership by one or more Sardis Churches.

(2) Oscar and Edith Stanley were refused membership in the Sardis Churches on grounds that they did not or could not qualify under long standing Orders of the Sardis Association. An examination of the previous years Minutes of our corresponding Associations will show that they have or have had similar Orders and practices.

(3) It has been a long standing practice among all our corresponding Churches and Associations not to receive members who have been refused membership in Sister Churches. It is one of the strong threads that binds our fabric of correspondence together.

(4) The Churches in the Sardis Association will not fellowship such members, creating, at least technically if not declared, a condition of non-fellowship with a portion of a Church in the Union Association.

Please understand that we are raising no other questions of practice in this Request. Neither do we think it pertinent nor expedient to consider, justify or condemn existing practices of either Association or magnify any deviations or past imperfections in practices in a manner such that it would tend to cloud the issue at hand. It is simply a matter of an action by a Union Association Church of receiving members who have been refused membership by Sardis Association Churches.

We feel that the Ash Camp Church has received these members

illegally and such practices, without rectification, can only serve to severely strain our correspondence. Moreover, we cannot readily accept or dote on the excuse that a New Salem Association Church provided a semi-legal vehicle or means for them to obtain membership in the Ash Camp Church. The fact remains that they are now members of the Ash Camp Church and, consequently, only that Church can deal with their members.

Again, it needs to be emphasized, that continued tolerance of such practices by the Union Association places our correspondence in jeopardy and a continued reluctance and refusal to hear and act on our Requests for rectification of such practices will severely strain, perhaps sever, our correspondence. We do not want this to happen.

We humbly submit this Request in much love and implore the Union Association to bring the full matter before its 1977 Session for consideration and action. We hold the correspondence and fellowship of the Union Association to be precious and highly worthy of preservation.

Done and signed by the Order of the Association.

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

(9) By regular move and second, it is ordered that we correspond with the UNION, NEW SALEM, NORTHERN NEW SALEM, PHILADELPHIA, OLD FRIENDSHIP, and INDIAN BOTTOM ASSOCIATIONS; that the Clerk prepare the Letter an a file of Minutes with Delegates as follows:

**UNION** — When convened with the Bethlehem Church, Lemaster, Buchanan County, Virginia on Friday before the third Saturday in September 1977: James Gannon, Edwin May, David Baisden, J. M. Francis, K. H. Williamson, Joe Worrix, Marshall Williamson, Stewart Brown, Fred Muncy, Wayne Herald, Russell Thacker, Frankie Scott, Bob Justice, Willie Siltner, Lonnie Brown, Clayton Scott, Jim Scott, Steve Robinson, Jr., Ison Hannah, Mike Sheppard, Delbert Kazez, Uley Perry, John P. Church, Estil Ritchie, Dewey Blackburn and Homer Collins. Letter in the hands of Elder Edwin May.

**NEW SALEM** — When Convened with the Old Beaver Church, Minnie, Kentucky on Friday before the fourth Saturday in September 1977: Jim Bevins, Millard Robinette, James Scott, Homer Collins, Fred Muncy, Delbert Kazez, K. H. Williamson, J. M. Francis, Willis Lowe, Mike Sheppard, James Gannon, John Robinette, Edwin May, Wayne Herald, Frankie Scott, Edwin Hay and Stewart Brown. 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 1978: Marshall Williamson, Edwin Hay, Russell Thacker, Mike

Sheppard, Delbert Kazee, W. H. Hale, Monroe Ousley, Edwin May, James Gannon, David Baisden, Johnny Cline, Mark Cline, Leslie Blair, Kelly Castle and Clifford Maynard. Letter in the hands of Elder Clifford Maynard.

**PHILADELPHIA** — When convened with the South Fork Church, Melrose, Greenup County, Kentucky on Friday before the second Saturday in August 1978; Marshall Williamson, Stewart Brown, Wallace Munny, Berlin Thornsberry, Sabor Nichols, Freddy Maynard, Edwin Hay, Fred Munny, Marion Duncan, Charley Scott, Hi Young, Johnny Cline, Virgil Stanley, Mike Sheppard, James Gannon, Clifford Maynard, Kelly Castle, Edwin May, Wayne Herald and H. Jimmy Deeley. Letter in the hands of Elder Berlin Thornsberry.

**OLD FRIENDSHIP** — When convened with the Little Dove Church, Hurley, Buchanan County, Virginia on Friday before the fourth Saturday in August 1978: Edwin Hay, Stewart Brown, Mont Ellis, James Gannon, Berlin Thornsberry, Kelly Castle, Martin Cline, Johnny Cline, Charlie Evans, John P. Church, Esfil Ritchie and Mike Sheppard. Letter in the hands of Elder Berlin Thornsberry.

**INDIAN BOTTOM** — When convened at the Indian Bottom Association Building, Sassetas, Knott County, Kentucky on Friday before the first Saturday in September 1978: Marshall Williamson, Tommy Dials, John P. Church, Dewey Blackburn, Delbert Kazee, Mont Ellis, Kelly Castle, Fred Munny, Russell Thacker, Wayne Herald, Jim Scott, Homer Collins, Edwin May, Edwin Hay, Johnny Cline, and Clifford Maynard. Letter in the hands of Elder Clifford Maynard.

(10) The Committee appointed last year to visit the Elizabeth Church, who had petitioned for membership in Sardis Association, made its report and read the Minutes of its November 27, 1976 meeting at that Church. (These Minutes will be made a part of our Association Record Book but will not be printed here.) By move and second, the report was accepted and the Committee discharged.

During the discussion that followed, Elder Kelly Castle, Moderator of Elizabeth Church, reported that the Church had done as it was requested by the Committee and excluded its only Secret Order member after he refused the Church's request to lay it down.

Elder Wayne Herald traced correspondence to Elizabeth Church through Iron Hill Association of United Baptist who was in correspondence with Sardis Association in 1924 according to a 1924 Zion Association of United Baptist Minute which showed correspondence between Sardis Association and United Baptist Associations named Iron Hill, Zion and Bethlehem. Also, the 1907 Sardis Association Minute shows correspondence with Bethlehem Association of United Baptist and Elizabeth Church was a member of Bethlehem Association that year. (This correspondence was verified by the Sardis Minute Book by your Clerk.)

On motion from Elder Steve Robinson, Jr., second by both Elder S. D. Hensley and Elder David Baisden, the Elizabeth Church was received into

full fellowship and membership of the Sardis Association. There was rejoicing on earth and in Heaven.

(11) Called for Tent Committee report and received a report that New Salem Association had given Sardis Association and the Union Association the entire New Salem Association interest and ownership in the tent. By motion and second, it is ordered that Sardis Association send the New Salem Association a \$400.00 donation for their new building to show our appreciation for their gift.

(12) 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, West Virginia  
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 so long

as they follow the orthodox principles of religion and keep 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 the internal right of the Churches.

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

(13) 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.

(14) By motion and second it is ordered that we advise our Ministers of our Association not to marry people in adultery, where either man or woman has a living wife or husband.

(15) 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."

(16) In answer to a Request from the Dix Fork Church asking the Association to investigate Churches who may have received members back into fellowship that are living in adultery, it was ordered, by move and second, to return the Request to them because the Request was not in Order as sent to the Association.

(17) Apple Orchard Church sent a Request asking the Association to examine the Sardis Church work done concerning Brother Johnny Adair and to read Items (16) and (17) of our 1968 Minute and Article (15) of our Constitution.

After discussion, Elder Willis Lowe moved, second by Brother K. H. Williamson, to grant the Request and send a Sardis Association Committee to Sardis Church to examine the entire history of the case from 1968. An objection to the move was filed by Elder Faye Scott and a vote of the Delegates showed 43 in favor of the move and 10 in favor of the objection. Therefore, the move is carried and Committee appointed as follows: Elder Wayne Herald, Elder Willie White, Elder Isom Hannah, Brother K. H. Williamson and Brother Edwin Hay. The appointed time for the Committee to meet with Sardis Church is the fourth Saturday in October 1977 at 11:00 a.m.

(18) A Request from the Dix Fork Church asking that nothing be printed in our Minute except that which has been brought before and moved on by the Association was withdrawn by the Dix Fork Church delegates.

(19) The Muncy Valley Church sent a Request asking the Association to follow its Rules of Decorum which state and have always stated that the Association be opened and closed by prayer. A move from Brother Charlie Scott, second by Brother Mike Sheppard, to send the Request back to Muncy Valley Church met with an Objection from Elder Mont Ellis and a vote of the

Delegates showed 28 in favor of the move and 1 in favor of the Objection. Therefore, the move is carried.

(20) A Request from Rosa Church was granted by move and second to remove Leslie Cline's name from the list of Liberated Brethren because he is excluded.

(21) A Request from Dix Fork Church was granted by move and second to remove Henry C. Maynard's name from the list of Ordained Ministers because he is excluded.

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

(23) 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.

(24) By move and second the report of Brethren attending Union, Communion and Memorial Meetings and Sister Association meetings was received and the Brethren commended for a job well done.

(25) The Salem Church sent a Request asking the Association to consider choosing a convenient permanent place to hold its annual meeting. After discussion, and on move and second, a Committee was appointed to study the issue and report back next year as follows: Elder John P. Church, Elder Isom Hannah, Elder Clifford Maynard, Elder David Baisden, Brother Jim Bevins and Brother Ralph W. E. Varney, Jr.

(26) Received a Request to host the 1978 Sardis Association from both the Pilgrim's Home Church and the Bent Branch Church. By move and second, it is ordered that the Bent Branch Church host our 1978 Association. The Bent Branch Church is located at the junction of Highways U.S. 119 and Kentucky 632 at Meta, Pike County, Kentucky about 12 miles from Pikeville, Kentucky toward Williamson, West Virginia.

(27) By motion and second, it is ordered that we request all of our Churches, who can and want to, to send help to the Church that will host our next Association, the Bent Branch Church.

(28) A Committee was appointed to take the vote of the Delegates on who shall preach the Introductory Sermon next year, who shall be his alternate and who shall prepare a Circular Letter for next year. They reported as follows and, on move and second, were discharged:

Elder James Gannon, to preach the Introductory Sermon.  
Elder John P. Church, to be his alternate.

Elder Ernest Cochran, to write the 1978 Circular Letter.

(29) By regular move and second, it is ordered that we, the Sardis Association, tender our sincere and heart-felt "thank you" to each loving member of

the Southern Home Church and, as Brother Robert R. Clay writes: "...to those who helped us so much. It is impossible to express the feeling of gratitude the Southern Home Church has for the many Sister Churches, Brethren, Sisters and friends for their help because without it the task would have been nearly impossible. The order of the following names is in no way intended as a measure of importance nor is the lack of names intended to leave anyone out, it is merely an attempt to recognize a few of the many, many friends who helped us: Mr. George Keep, Principal of North Marion High School and his staff for use of the school; Mr. Bill Fish, Principal of Sparr Elementary School, for the supply of ice; Mr. Jeff Cline (husband of Sister Anna Cline) who helped build the new Church building with the gift of his time, experience and material, as well as, helping prepare for the Association; Mr. Arthur Youmans and wife, Laforis; Elder Monroe Ousley from Okeechobee Church; Elder Clifford Maynard and others who helped pay the expense of the tent; and the many, many others who helped in so many ways."

(30) After reading of the Minutes by the Clerk they were, by move and second, approved as read and ordered to be signed by the Officers of the Sardis Association.

(31) On motion by Elder Clifford Maynard and second by Brother Robert R. Clay, 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 11, 1977**

As the little family of God began to assemble it became painfully obvious to this humble writer that a good many of our wonderful Brethren, Sisters and friends had already departed for home. But there was no quenching of the blessed Spirit as the melodies of Old Israel filled the air. It seemed as if we were still filled with the joy of the Saturday night services because the preaching had been so good and God gave us a new member who will be baptized after services today.

An Old Soldier of the Sardis Association, Elder Tommy Adair, brought up the services and was followed in prayer by Elder Monroe Ousley from the Okeechobee Church. Elder Earl Belcher of the Union Association was next in the Stand preaching from his Text: "Feasting from that Fountain."

The next feast of this Heavenlyannah came by way of Elder Nathan Jude, also from the Union Association, preaching "Love, the name of Jesus. . ."

Then, all too soon for God's family who were enjoying this the greatest of "Family Reunions" that can ever be held on this earth, came our dearly beloved Moderator, Elder Edwin May, to bring the services to a close by preaching, "Is there not a cause?"

Services were dismissed by one we all love dearly, Elder John Lowe. Truly our cup runneth over! (minutes of these Sunday Services were written by Brother Robert R. Clay.)

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

Your clerks

### CIRCULAR LETTER

Dear Brothers and Sisters of the Sardis Association:

Having been chosen by the Delegates last year to write a Circular Letter for this 85th Annual Session of this Association, I hope the things which I am about to write of may be for His glory and for the upbuilding of His Kingdom.

The scripture which I feel God has given me to write from are the 9th and 10th verses of the 1st chapter of 2nd Corinthians. I will read the 9th verse and comment thereon before going to the 10th. "But we had the sentence of death in ourselves, that we should not trust in ourselves, but in God which raiseth the dead:" I will try to show by God's grace why we had this sentence of death pronounced against us.

After that God had formed man of the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, man became a living soul. And the Lord God planted a garden eastward in Eden and there he put the man whom He had formed. And the Lord God commanded the man saying, "of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat. But of the tree of knowledge of good and evil thou shalt not eat of it, for in the day thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die." But the woman whom He had made for man saw that it was pleasant to the eyes and a tree to be desired to make one wise and she took of the fruit thereof and did eat and gave also unto her husband with her and he did eat. And the eyes of them both were opened and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves aprons. And they heard the voice of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day and Adam and Eve hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. And the Lord God called unto Adam and said unto him, where art thou?

I feel that these scriptures when understood show us that this is where the sentence of death was in ourselves. The scriptures speak of three kinds of death — spiritual, natural and eternal — and this act in the garden was the means of all three. I would really like to be blessed to write the deep things I see now of these scriptures but I am barely touching the surface of them because of space in the Minutes.



So we see from these scriptures that we could not be justified by the law, for when Adam fell the whole human race fell through him. For when Paul was writing to the Romans he said "by one man's disobedience sin entered into the world and death by sin" and so death passed upon all men for that all have sinned. So we see that they could not trust in themselves but they had to trust and rely on God who raiseth the dead in order to ever have peace with God again.

I must get to the 10th verse of my lesson not in order to finish a Letter but to try to give a better understanding on God's plan. The 10th verse reads: "Who delivered us from so great a death, and doth deliver: in whom we trust that he will yet deliver us;"

Salvation, or deliverance, covers the entire time of our journey from the time we are born again until the time we are raised from the graves, evermore to be with the Lord. When Adam and Eve violated God's law and fell from a state of happiness and holiness into a state of sin and misery that law had to be met and satisfied in the person of another and that's exactly what happened in Christ. He entered into a covenant with God that in the fullness of time He would leave His home in glory, come to earth and die for you and me. And all who through faith in God's plan through His son may be delivered from so great a death, which death the scriptures explain to those that are given to it, as weeping and wailing and gnashing of teeth and everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power, when He shall come to be glorified in His Saints. So we see that when anyone has faith in God's plan through Christ, the soul or inward man has been delivered from so great a death which is salvation past.

I now come to the second phase of salvation which is present. The scriptures saith and doth deliver. I don't believe Paul was talking about eternal destruction here for they had delivered their souls from this state at the beginning. But he was talking about our present troubles, mistakes, heartaches and disappointments which we must look to Him and trust Him to deliver us from.

I will now come to the last phase of salvation in whom we trust that He will yet deliver us. I believe every one of God's little children are trusting Him for this phase of salvation which is yet future and will be fulfilled when we come forth out of the graves at the resurrection of the bodies. When all God's family will come together and we won't have to say farewell to one another anymore. But we will be in a place where God shall wipe away all tears from our eyes. And there shall be no more death, neither sorrow nor crying. Neither shall there be no more pain. For the former things are passed away and there shall be nothing but joy and gladness forevermore.

Written by your humble servant,

Elder Isom Hannah

## UNION AND COMMUNION MEETINGS AND MINISTERS TO ATTEND

### APRIL

**SOUTHERN HOME** — First Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening. Ministers called: Kirby Ison, Nelson Seals, David Baisden, Joe Evans, Clifford Maynard, Hayes Duty, Billy Brumfield, Mills Roberts, Ellis Amburgey and Mont Ellis.

**OKEECHOBEE** — Second Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: David Baisden, Edwin May, Nelson Seals, James Gannon and Tommy Adair.

**LITTLE ROSA** — Second Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: Tracy Hatfield, Alson Thornsbury, Steve Robinson, Jr., Hobert Hamilton, Wallace Muncy, Woody Paek and Moderator attending.

### MAY

**SALEM** — First Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: Kelly Castle, Hiram Adkins and Luther Conn.

**TURKEY CREEK** — Second Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: Andrew Maynard, H. Jimmy Deeley, Ted Glenden and Moderator attending.

### JUNE

**APPLE ORCHARD** — First Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 1:00 p.m. Ministers called: Bobby Scott, Edwin May, Wallace Muncy and Moderator attending.

**ENON** — First Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: Steve Robinson, Jr., Wayne Herald, Tracy Hatfield, Edwin May and Hiram Adkins.

**ELIZABETH** — First Saturday and Sunday. Communion Sunday evening. Ministers called: Wayne Herald, Milford Lowe, Wallace Muncy, Edwin May, and James Gannon.

**MUNCY VALLEY** — Second Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 5:00 p.m. Ministers called: Isom Hannah, Joe Evans, Ellis Davis and Raymond Smith.

**PILGRIM'S REST** — Second Saturday and Sunday. Communion Sunday afternoon. Ministers called: Lloyd SESCO, Bobby Scott, Hershell Huff, Steve Robinson, Jr., and Moderators attending. Dinner on the ground.

**BUCK CREEK** — Third Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: Roy B. Akers, Tracy Hatfield, Wallace Muncy, John P. Church and Moderator attending.

**SIDNEY** — Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: John P. Church, Wayne Herald, Wallace Muncy, Edward Runyon and Tracy Hatfield.

**LITTLE VIRGIE** — Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: Edwin May, Steve Robinson, Jr., Bobby Scott, Clifford Maynard and Matt Justice.

## JULY

**DIX FORK** — First Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening. Ministers called: N. A. England, Eddie Tackett, James Tackett, and Jimmy Dale Sanders.

**SAMARIA** — First Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 5:00 p.m. Ministers called: Wallace Muncy, Isom Hannah, Steve Robinson, Jr., and Wayne Herald.

**LEANNAH** — Second Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 1:00 p.m. Ministers called: Wayne Herald, Edwin May, John P. Church, Alson Thornsberry and Robert Haney.

**MT. PLEASANT** — Second Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: Hershell Huff, Wayne Herald, James Tackett, Mitchell Chaffins, Deb Sanders and Moderator attending.

**BIG BRANCH** — Third Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 1:00 p.m. Ministers called: Garland Mullins, Berlin Thornsberry, and Clifford Maynard.

**MARY ELIZABETH** — Third Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: James Gannon, Tommy Dials and Faye Scott.

**NARROWS BRANCH** — Friday before the fourth Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: Wayne Herald, Edward Runyon, David Crigger, Wallace Muncy and Moderator attending.

## AUGUST

**TIBITHA** — First Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 5:00 p.m. Ministers called: Isom Hannah, Ellis Davis, Joe Evans and Wayne Herald.

**REBECCA** — Second Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 5:00 p.m. Ministers called: Isom Hannah, Hillard Newsome, Paul Adkins, James Gannon and Milford Adams.

**ELK FORK** — Third Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 5:00 p.m. Ministers called: Johnny Cline, Edwin May, Steve Robinson, Jr., Mark Cline, Raymond Smith, Tracy Hatfield and Willie Varney.

**BENT BRANCH** — Third Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: Solle Kiser, Monroe Jones, Delbert Sanders and Luther Conn.

**ROSA** — Third Saturday and Sunday. Communion Sunday evening. Ministers called: Burl Sturgill, Eales Cotton, David Lester and Isom Hannah.

**BETHANY** — Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 5:00 p.m. Ministers called: Charley Evans, Eales Cotton, George Woods, Wallace Muncy, Edward Runyon and H. Jimmy Deeley.

**SARDIS** — Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 5:00 p.m. Ministers called: Charley Evans, Johnny Cline, Mont Ellis and Raymond Smith.

**PIGGRIM'S HOME** — Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Communion Sunday evening. Ministers called: Robert Haney, Wallace Muncy, with Moderator and Assistant Moderator attending.

## MEMORIAL MEETINGS

### MARCH

**OKEECHOBBE CHURCH** will hold a memorial meeting for all deceased members of Okeechobee Church on the second Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: John Lowe, Eddie Tackett, Mills Roberts and Edwin May.

### 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, John P. Church and Hershell Huff.

### MAY

**LEANNAH CHURCH** will hold a memorial meeting of Brother George Duncan on Middlefork of Big Rockcastle Creek, four miles from Inez on Route 3, on Sunday after the second Saturday. Ministers called: Sabert Nichols, Tom Dials, Milford Lowe, Louie Muncy and Wayne Herald.

**MUNCY VALLEY CHURCH** will hold a memorial meeting for all deceased members of Muncy Valley Church on Sunday after the second Saturday. Ministers called: Mont Ellis, Tommy Ellis and Bobby Scott.

**ELK FORK CHURCH** will hold a memorial meeting on the third Saturday and Sunday. This will also be the memorial for Brother Jim and Sister Betty Gilman and the Gilman family. Ministers called: Joe Evans, Willie Stiltner, Alson Thornsberry, Chester Belcher, Joe Curry and Moderator attending.

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

**LITTLE VIRGIE CHURCH** will hold a memorial meeting on the fourth Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: Tracy Hatfield, David Crigger, James Tackett and David Baisden.

**NARROWS BRANCH CHURCH** will hold a memorial meeting on the

fourth Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: Lloyd SESCO, Grover Adkins, Hershell Huff, Alson Thornsberry, Edwin May and Moderator attending.

MEMORIAL MEETING of Brother Jobe Blackburn and all the deceased on that cemetery will be held on the fourth Sunday. Ministers called: John P. Church, Wayne Herald, Edward Runyon, Milford Lowe and Louie Muncy.

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

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

SARDIS CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the Pigeon Roost Cemetery on May 30th at 2:30 p.m. Ministers called: Ison Hannah, David Baisden and Joe Evans.

## 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 John Lowe.

TIBITHA CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting at the Church for all deceased members on the first Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: Samuel D. Hensley, Ison Hannah and Johnny Cline.

LEANNAN CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of all the deceased on Muncy Cemetery on Sunday after the second Saturday. Ministers called: Edward Runyon, Steve Robinson, Jr., Wayne Herald and John P. Church.

MEMORIAL MEETING will be held at the home of Okie Robinette on the second Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: John Fouch, Chester Belcher, Edward Runyon, Ison Hannah, Charley Evans, Ellis Davis and Willie Stilner.

BENT BRANCH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the third Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: Delbert Sanders, Johnny Cline, Hershell Huff and Moderator attending.

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

MEMORIAL MEETING will be held on Sycamore Creek at the Lowe Cemetery in memory of all the deceased on Sunday after the fourth Saturday. Ministers called: J. L. Nichols, Roosevelt Lowe, Clifford Maynard and Dave Williams.

## JULY

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

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

LEANNAN CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of all the deceased in the Robinson Cemetery and of Matilda M. Robinson, Esta M. Reed and others on Sunday after the second Saturday. Ministers called: Edwin May, Steve Robinson, Jr., Clifford Williams, Louie Muncy and Moderator attending.

ELK FORK CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the Watts Cemetery on the third Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: Mont Ellis, David Daisden, Willie Varney, Steve Robinson, Jr., Tommy Adair and Raymond Smith.

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

BIG BRANCH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of J. M. Taylor, wife and family on Sunday after the third Saturday. Ministers called: Garland Mullins, Clifford Maynard, Howard Coleman and Berlin Thornsberry.

BUCK CREEK CHURCH will give away to a memorial meeting on the third Sunday at the Dave Jude Cemetery on Peter Cave. Ministers called: Wayne Herald, Edward Runyon, Milford Lowe and Louie Muncy.

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.

MEMORIAL MEETING will be held at the Joe Taylor Cemetery on lower Brushy Creek on Sunday after the fourth Saturday. Ministers called: Clifford Maynard, Edwin May, James Gannon and J. C. Tackett.

MEMORIAL MEETING of Sister Rachel Stacy will be held at the home of Ralph Moore on Sunday after the fourth Saturday. Ministers called: Roosevelt Lowe, Clinton Howard, Milford Lowe, Steve Robinson, Jr., and Ben Robinson.

MEMORIAL MEETING will be held at the home of Mrs. Willard Robinette for all the deceased on the Robinette Cemetery on Sunday following the fifth Saturday. Ministers called: Virgil Fields, Wayne Herald, Edwin May, James Tackett and Clifford Maynard.

MEMORIAL MEETING of Ted Blackburn will be held at the home of his son, Dewey Blackburn, on Wiggins Branch on July 30th. Ministers called: John M. Justice, Hershell Huff, James Tackett and all Bent Branch Ministers. Dinner will be served.

## AUGUST

MEMORIAL MEETING will be held on the Smith Cemetery on Rockhouse Fork of Big Creek on Sunday after the first Saturday. Ministers called: Grover Adkins, John P. Church and Kirby Ison.

SAMARIA CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting at the Dillion Cemetery on Sunday after the first Saturday. Ministers called: Steve Robinson, Jr., Isom Hannah, Edward Runyon and Wallace Muncy.

ENON CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the first Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: Johnny Cline, Grover Adkins, David Baisden and John P. Church.

DIX FORK CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting for all deceased members of Dix Fork Church on the first Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: Jethro Hampton, Millis Roberts, Plennie Rowe and Delbert Sanders.

APPLE ORCHARD CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the first Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: Wayne Herald, Wallace Muncy, H. Jimmy Deeley and Moderator attending.

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, Dave Williams and Clinton Howard.

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.

LEANNAN CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the Lowe Cemetery the second Sunday. Ministers called: Alson Thornsbury, Steve Robinson, Jr., Tracy Hatfield, Ben Robinson and Moderator attending.

LITTLE ROSA CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting for all deceased members of Little Rosa Church on Sunday after the second Saturday. Ministers called: Faye Scott, Charley Evans, Isom Hannah, Wayne Herald and David Crigger.

PILGRIM'S REST CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the second Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: Wayne Herald, James Tackett, Mack Tackett, Steve Robinson, Jr., Willie Stiltner and Moderator attending. Dinner to be served on the ground.

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: George Woods, Hiram Adkins, Robert Haney and Ernest Cochran.

SAMARIA CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the Hannah Cemetery on the third Sunday. Ministers called: Isom Hannah, Edward Runyon, H. Jimmy Deeley and Charles Hall.

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, Alson Thornsbury, Isom Hannah and John P. Church.

MEMORIAL MEETING on the Henry Taylor Cemetery will be held on Sunday after the fourth Saturday. Ministers called: Ernest Cochran, Howard

Coleman, J. I. Nichols, Clifford Maynard and Luther Conn.

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

LEANNAN 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: John P. Church, 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: Isom Hannah, Edward Runyon, Billy R. May and Holbert Hamilton.

BUCK CREEK CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting at the Church for their deceased members and for the deceased buried in the Maynard Cemetery at Warfield, Kentucky on the third Sunday. Ministers called: Kirby Ison, Hiram Adkins, Steve Robinson, Jr., Grover Adkins, Hershell Huff and Moderator attending.

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

MEMORIAL MEETING will be held at Oscar McCoy's home in memory of Roscoe McCoy and others on Sunday after the third Saturday. Ministers called: J. I. Nichols, Willis Lowe, Ernest Cochran and Clifford Williams.

MEMORIAL MEETING of John Jude and son will be held on the fourth Sunday. Ministers called: Tracy Hatfield, Milford Lowe and Clinton Howard.

## OCTOBER

ELIZABETH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the first Saturday and Sunday for all deceased members of Elizabeth Church. Ministers called: Faye Scott, Steve Robinson, Jr., Bobby Scott, Clinton Howard, Woody Pack and Robert Haney.

SALEM CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the first Saturday and Sunday for all deceased members of Salem Church. Ministers called: Wayne Herald, Edwin May, Grover Adkins 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: Edward Runyon, Wayne Herald, Edwin May, Lewis Marcum and Moderator attending.

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, Woody Pack, Monroe Jones, James Tackett, Deb Sanders and Moderator attending.

LEANNAH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the Scott Cemetery in the head of Finley Fork on Sunday after the second Saturday. Ministers called: Wayne Herald, Steve Robinson, Jr., J. L. Nichols, Edwin May 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: Lacy Justus, Raymond Smith, Steve Robinson, Jr., Lloyd SESCO and David Baisden.

PILGRIM'S HOME CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the fourth Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: Steve Robinson, Jr., Faye Scott, James Tackett, Edward Runyon and Moderators attending.

## Obituaries

### EFFIE MCGUIRE

It is with much grief and sadness that we will attempt to write the Obituary of our sweet and loving Mother, Effie (Williamson) McGuire. She was the daughter of the late Vicy (Ray) Williamson and Jonah Williamson. Mom deceased this life September 7, 1977 at the Pikeville Methodist Hospital at 8:35 when she was calling for help but it was too late for Dad and the children to get there before God called her home. She was born March 27, 1914, making her stay here on earth 63 years, 5 months and 11 days.

Mom was united in holy matrimony December 25, 1930 to Forest McGuire. To this union was born seven children and one son, Forest Leon McGuire, preceded her in death. Three sons and two daughters survive: Charles Edgar McGuire, Millers Creek, Kentucky; Leslie Gayle McGuire, Varney, Kentucky; Ralph McGuire, Kimper, Kentucky; Dollie Mae Robinson, Pikeville, Kentucky; Elkie Catherine Robinette, Varney, Kentucky. Preceding her in death were her father, mother, two sisters, Elsie Burchett and Elkie Sartin, and two brothers, Fines Williamson and Harrison Hale. A brother, Troy Williamson, Port Huron, Michigan and a half-sister, Gladys Sartin, Inez, Kentucky are surviving.

Mom confessed a hope in Jesus Christ May 23, 1940 and was baptized by the hands of Elder Emmit Case and Brother Rudolph SESCO. She placed her membership with the Pilgrim's Home Church of Old Regular Baptist where she lived a faithful member until Jesus called her to a better home in Heaven. Mom, we know you are at rest, we all loved you so but Jesus loved you best.

She had six grandchildren, namely: Neal Warren and James Brian McGuire; Ricky Robinette; Penny Sue, David Leslie and Christopher Gayle McGuire. She leaves to mourn her passing her husband, children, grandchildren, brothers, sisters and the entire membership of the Church.

Mom, there won't be any more heart attacks or pain or suffering, it will be peace, joy and happiness. So sleep on Mom. How lonesome it will be for all of us and we children will have to look for Jesus if we ever expect to see Mom again.

Written by,  
Husband and Children



## OLLIE KEESSE TAYLOR

In loving memory I will try to write the Obituary of our loving Mother, Mrs. Ollie Taylor. She was the daughter of William L. Keese and Caroline Maynard Keese. She was born February 27, 1897 and deceased from this life August 18, 1977. She was married to James Joseph Taylor on May 23, 1917, who preceded her in death on December 14, 1970, and to them were born six children: two daughters, Mae Robinette of Varney, Kentucky and Cora SESCO of Gulhara, Kentucky; four sons, Glen Taylor and Ray Taylor both of Gulhara, Kentucky and two sons that preceded her in death, Pierce and Claude. She had twenty grandchildren, twenty-one great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren. One living sister, Mrs. Cordelia McCoy of Hardy, Kentucky and a host of friends and relatives.



Mother joined the Old Regular Baptist Church several years ago and placed her membership with Apple Orchard Church. Although Mother didn't attend Church as much as she would have liked to due to her poor health, she never quit singing good old time songs. She enjoyed it so much when her Brothers and Sisters in Christ and her friends and neighbors visited her at her home.

I know we are going to miss Mom, her sweet smile and kind words but she is only resting until the resurrection morning when she will go home to live in peace for evermore.

Written by,  
Her Daughter

## JAMES WHITE

With a sad and broken heart, and with the help of God, I will try and write the Obituary of my dear and loving Father. James White was born December 27, 1894 and departed this life August 8, 1977, making his stay here on earth 82 years, 7 months and 12 days. He was the son of Samuel White and Roxie Runyon White.

He was married to Mary White on June 20, 1915 and to this union was born 12 children. Four children preceded him in death. His surviving children are Daniel, Ollie, Aaron, Frankie, Johnny, Otellia Lackey, Mary Lackey and Norma Lackey. He had 147 grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren in all. He had one brother, Albert White, and one sister, Otellia Sheppard.

Daddy joined the Old Regular Baptist Samaria Church and was baptized many years ago, I don't know the date. He lived a faithful life until death.

Daddy was sick for awhile but he attended Church until the last few months. The Brothers and Sisters would come and have Church in his home and Daddy enjoyed talking on the Bible when they would visit. He was able in prayer and he enjoyed singing old time songs. I heard Daddy say that he wasn't afraid to die, that he was ready to go when the Lord called. It will be hard to go to Church, look around and not see Daddy with his song book.

He had six children come to the Church in his life time. I heard him pray for the children for the Lord to watch over them. It was a comfort just to sit down and hear him talk on the good things that was in store for the Children of God. If you ever want to see Daddy again you have to be born again so in that great morning when Jesus comes riding that cloud of Glory that we can go home where there won't be no sickness, no death and no sorrow.

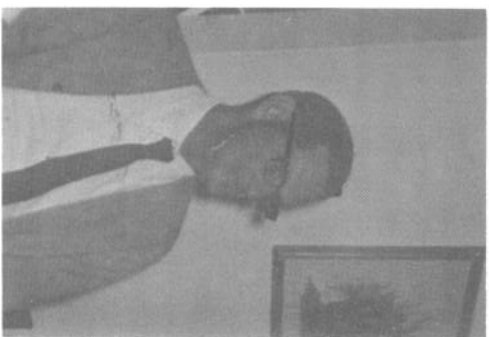
There is so many things that I could write about my dear Daddy but space won't permit. Children lets be good to each other and be good to Mommy for she will be lonesome without Daddy to walk along beside her. Daddy, we miss you but we'll meet you again where we will never have to say farewell.

Written by his daughter,  
Norma Lackey

## FRANCIS MARION (BUDD) PREECE

He was born February 3, 1911 at Myrtle, West Virginia and departed this life on December 20, 1976. He was the son of the late Marion Preece and Nancy Maynard Preece. He was united in marriage to Mae Tingler on September 28, 1935 and six children were born to them, namely: Helen Ruth Adkins, Francis Marion, Shirley Swain, Larry, George and Thomas. He also leaves seven grandchildren; two brothers, John and Hi; five sisters, Mary, Esta, Brookie, Mattie and Tootsie; and several aunts, uncles, neices and nephews. One grandchild and a sister, Emma, and two brothers, Jack and Harold, preceded him in death.

He joined the Regular Baptist Church and he was baptized in August 1943 and took



membership with the Rebecca Church. He was Clerk of the Rebecca Church for 32 years and also served as a Deacon for many years. He was a faithful member and loved the old Church but it grieved him very much if he knew of any trouble among the Brethren.

He had the dreadful disease cancer and was in the hospital many days and had several operations but he never complained too much.

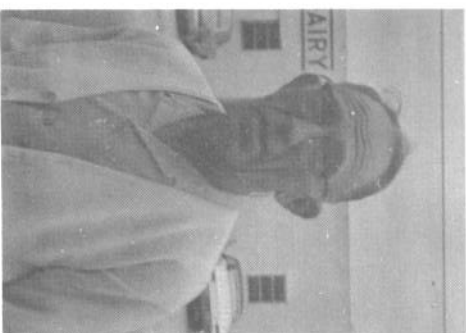
To our children that he loved dearly, he would say, "stay close and be good to each other and, if you want to go to Heaven, you must repent of your sins and be baptized."

Sadly missed by all of us,  
Written by his wife, Mae

### JOE W. ROBINSON

It is with much sadness and with the deepest love that I attempt to write the Obituary of Uncle Joe Robinson. He was the son of the late Stephen and Ora Smith Robinson. He was born March 22, 1903 in Martin County, Kentucky and deceased this life September 29, 1977.

He chose as his loving wife and companion, Hazel Wheeler Robinson and they were married July 2, 1932 and to this union were born two children, a son, Ralph Walter (Bud) of Pensicola, Florida and a daughter, Sally Reagan of Bradenton, Florida. He leaves to mourn his loss his wife and children, five grandchildren and one great-grandchild. He is survived by three sisters, Mrs. Minnie Crigger, Mrs. Bertha Cox and Mrs. Virgie Norfleet; and one brother, Oscar (Eater) Robinson; and a host of neices and nephews. One brother and two sisters preceded him in death.



He joined the Old Regular Baptist Church the fourth Sunday in June 1948 and was baptized by the hands of Elders Willie Stanley and Harold Edmonds. He placed his membership at the Mt. Pleasant Church which he later moved to the Southern Home Church of Citra, Florida. Uncle Joe spent part of his life at Sidney, Kentucky and then moved to St. Petersburg, Florida where he and his wife resided until his death. He was a devoted husband to Aunt Hazel and a loving father to Bud and Sally. He was so proud and thankful for his family and done everything he could to make them happy and they are just as thankful to have had him. He loved the Church and when we were together he always talked about how he wished he lived closer to his home Church. He couldn't visit it like he wanted to because as he got older he wasn't able to drive long distances but his heart was always there.

When we went down to Florida to attend Uncle Joe's funeral, we were

looking through his Bible that he read so many times and found this quotation that he had copied down for Bud and Sally: "I shall pass through this world but once, any good that I can do or any kindness that I can show to anyone, let me do it now, let me not defer or neglect it, for I shall not pass this way again." We will all miss him for he was a special person and we loved him so much and he always showed that he loved us. But we feel that he has laid down the old Cross and is resting in hope, waiting for the day that the Lord has promised that He would give us a crown of glory and a long white robe if we would deny ourselves, take up the Cross and follow Him.

Farewell Uncle Joe, we shall meet again in a land flowing with milk and honey where we can shout and sing forever and there will be no more sad good-bys.

Written by his Neice by marriage and Sister in the Lord,  
Mrs. David Crigger

### LOTTIE (HANKINS) BOGAR

By the help of the good Lord, I will try to write the Obituary of my beloved Mother-in-law, Lottie (Hankins) Bogar. Lottie was born July 27, 1892 and left this world September 21, 1977, making her stay on this earth 85 years and 2 months. She was the daughter of William and Lizzie (Scott) Hankins.

She was married to Joseph M. Bogar December 4, 1912. She leaves to mourn her loss three sons: Wilmer Bogar of Hardy, Kentucky, Carl Bogar of Detroit, Michigan and Carlos Bogar of Virginia Beach, Virginia. She also leaves three daughters-in-law, three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Her husband, one son and one grandson, Paul Joseph, preceded her in death.



Lottie joined the Old Regular Baptist Church in August 1918 and was a faithful member for 59 years. She was the last Charter Member of the Narrows Branch Church.

We have lost a faithful member, a loving Mother and Grandmother who will be sadly missed in this community. Lottie raised her hands in the air and went to sleep in Jesus, her soul is resting in peace now and waiting for the resurrection morning and, by the grace of God, I will meet her again some sweet day.

Written by her daughter-in-law and Sister-in hope,  
Janice Bogar

### MARY BEVINS

With much sadness, I will try with the help of God to write the Obituary of my dear Mother, Mary Bevins. She was the daughter of George Smith and

Amy Canada Smith. Mama was born on July 4, 1886 and deceased on November 6, 1976, making her 90 years, 4 months and 2 days old at death.

She was the wife of the late George W. Bevins whose life ended on June 30, 1950. They were blessed with 8 children, 5 sons and 3 daughters. Three sons preceded her in death, Johnie, Flava and Jonah, Jr. Children still living are: Wille Bevins, Turkey Creek, Kentucky; Fomnie Elkins, South Williamson, Kentucky; Ida Williamson, Raceland, Kentucky; Jim Bevins and Fincie Elkins, both of Hatfield, Kentucky. She had 42 grandchildren, 33 living and 9 dead, and 67 great-grandchildren and 8 great-great-grandchildren all of whom loved her deeply and I am sure, miss her very much.



Mama joined the Church on August 12, 1934 and placed her membership with the Pilgrim's Home Church. There she remained faithful, peaceful and loving for 42 years. Mama was loved by all who knew her and she will be missed by them all. Her seat looks so empty. I can almost see her sitting there like I have so many times, feasting in the love of our sweet Savior.

Mama is gone now, she can't come back to us but we can go to her if we all do as she did, take Jesus in our hearts and give Him full control of our life and He will lead us to a home in Heaven. She is at rest now, her troubles and worries are over and Mama is at peace and is contented. She will never be homesick anymore. Mama is gone to be with Jesus and Papa where all is peace, joy and love. I feel she is so much better off than we are. Don't worry about her she is at home now with Jesus. Mama was trying to clasp her hands and praising Jesus just before she laid her head on my breast and passed away. She fell asleep in the arms of Jesus.

Bless your sweet heart Mama, I have relived those last few days so many times. I would not take anything for the last days we had together. That will always be very precious to me. I will never forget them but I'll meet you all again someday. When God says to me, "you have had enough my child, come on home." We all miss you so much but this thought eases the lonely pain, my troubles will soon be over and I, too, can join you in a sweet Heaven forevermore. I will be with the one who died for me and all my loved ones.

I would like to tell my brothers and sisters, get ready if you want to see Mama again. Make peace with God while you have life, for after death there is no repentance. I beg you, please, I love you all. Call on Him today for we have no promise of tomorrow. Children, get on that train to glory before it is too late. In heaven we can all be together again and be with the one who died for us. We can be one happy family. So farewell, I love you all.

Written by one who is just waiting for those pearly gates to swing wide and for Jesus to say, "come in my child, you are home now and forever more."

Written by her daughter, who loves her very much and is living in hope of eternal life,  
Fincie Elkins

### ELIZABETH TILLER FLEETHER

With much sadness and with the help of the Lord, I will attempt to write an Obituary of my Great-aunt, Lizzie Tiller Flechter. She was born May 15, 1883 and deceased this life on May 16, 1977, making her stay on earth 94 years and 1 day. She was the daughter of Britt and Mary Ann Tiller.

She was married to Richard Dick Flechter who preceded her in death. To this union were born 10 children, four preceded her in death: John Flechter, Roxie Flechter Crum, Ollie Flechter Farmer and Mary Flechter Maynard. The remaining six are: Floyd Flechter of Tomahawk, Kentucky; T. J. Jeff Flechter of Pilgrim, Kentucky; Tommie Flechter of Beauty, Kentucky; Vicie Flechter Maynard and Sarah Flechter Smith, both of Inez, Kentucky; and Kissie Flechter Dail of Inez, Kentucky. She leaves her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren to mourn her loss.



Aunt Lizzie joined the Old Regular Baptist in the year of 1934 and was baptized by hands of Elder Shadele Pauley and placed her membership with the Sidney Church until death.

I want to say to her children that have not made peace with God, if you want to live with your Mother again you must repent and be born again. Children, Mother and Dad are gone and their voices we hear no more but I hope someday that we can meet them on that bright and peaceful shore, and by the help of our Lord, Jesus Christ, we can.

Written by her Nephew and Brother in the Church,  
Hershel Jude

### SINDA RAY

It is with much sadness and sorrow I try to write the Obituary of my dear Mother. She was born November 25, 1889 and departed this life January 3, 1977, making her stay on earth 87 years, one month and nine days. She was the daughter of Pat and Ruthie SESCO. She was married to Perry Ray on August 20, 1908 and to this union were born 12 children, two preceded her in death.

Mother joined the Regular Baptist Church in the year of 1942 and was



baptized by Elder Jonah Bevins. She placed her membership with the Pilgrim's Home Church where she lived a faithful member until death.

Left to mourn her loss is her husband, Perry Ray, and ten children, namely: Willie, Grover, Alice, Vernon, Wayne, Dessie and Stella all of Varney, Kentucky; John of Pikeville, Kentucky; Gredis of South Williamson, Kentucky; and Fannie of Oakwood, Virginia. She leaves two brothers and one sister, Meriam Sesco of Borderland, West Virginia; Westle Sesco of Turkey Creek, Kentucky; and Bonnie Hamilton of Cincinnati, Ohio. She also leaves 46 grandchildren, 76 great-grandchildren, the entire community and the Pilgrim's Home Church to mourn her passing.



Mom was sick for many years and bore her pains patiently. I believe that Mom's suffering is over and I want to say to my brothers and sisters, if we have not made our peace with God and ever expect to meet Mother again, we will have to get right with God and sail on that ship of love that anchors over in Heaven. Her place on earth is vacant now, it can never be filled anymore but praise the Lord, we'll meet her again just over the shining shore.

Written by her son, Wayne Ray  
and granddaughter, Nadine Walters

### SUSAN SHEPPARD

With the help of the Lord, I will try to write the Obituary of my beloved Mother, Susan Sheppard. She was born April 2, 1898 on Big Creek in Pike County, Kentucky and entered into her eternal rest October 23, 1975. She was the daughter of the late Jim and Betty Farley Gilman.

Mother was baptized into the Elk Fork Church by the hands of Elder W. B. Essep in the year of 1916 but the month and day is unknown.

She was united in marriage to the late Dock Sheppard at Myrtle, West Virginia and to this union was born 10 children, 6 boys and 4 girls. One son, Jim, preceded her in death. Left to mourn her loss are 5 sons, Mike and William, both of Route 1, Delbarton, West Virginia; Frank, Ira and John, all of Okeechobee, Florida; and 4 daughters, Mrs. Ada Richards of Godbyheights, West Virginia; Mrs.

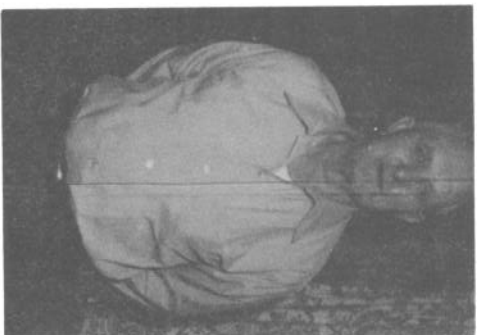


Nancy Runyon and Armina Collins, both of Route 1, Delbarton, West Virginia; and Mrs. Betty Hayes, Zanesville, Ohio. She also leaves 25 grandchildren, 28 great-grandchildren, 3 brothers, 4 sisters and a host of friends.

Written by her son,  
Mike Sheppard

### GEORGE DUNCAN

It is with a sad and aching heart that I will try, with the help of the Lord, to write the Obituary of my sweet and loving Father, George Duncan of Devord, Kentucky. Daddy was born May 28, 1904 in Pike County, Kentucky to the late Albert and Roxie (Jude) Duncan and departed this life on Tuesday, July 5, 1977 at the Highlands Regional Hospital, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, making his stay here on earth 73 years, 1 month and 8 days.



Daddy was married to Mary Jude on June 4, 1925 and to this union was born 9 children. Two preceded Daddy in death at infancy. Those of us left to mourn Daddy's passing are: his wife, Mary Duncan of Devord, Kentucky; two sons, George, Jr. (Joe) of Inez, Kentucky and Merion of Pilgrim, Kentucky; and five daughters: Mrs. Wess (Sarah) Moore of Lovely, Kentucky; Mrs. Wayne (Roxie) Tompkins of Morristown, Tennessee; Mrs. Helen Ray of Prestonsburg, Kentucky; Mrs. Bobby Kyle (Beverly Ann) Seay of Midway, Tennessee; and Miss Betty Jean Duncan of the home. Daddy leaves 22 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren. He also leaves one brother, Jim, of Florida and two sisters, Mrs. Bascom (Stella) Maynard of Beauty, Kentucky and Mrs. Howard (Effie) Tutterrow of Indiana. One brother, Mont, and three sisters, Pearl, Bertha and Edna, preceded Daddy in death.

Daddy joined the Church and was baptized May 28, 1968 by the hands of Elder Lewis Marcum and placed his membership with the Leannah Church where he was a faithful member until death took him. Daddy was a good Christian, an honest and hard working man. He always tried to give us children good advice and council. So, if we children just try and follow the example that Daddy set for us and repent of our sins and live for Jesus, we can be reunited with Daddy again up in Heaven some sweet day. Daddy saw Merion come to the Church and I know how happy that made him and my Mother. Daddy always liked to hear pretty gospel songs and the Word of God preached. Daddy was well versed in the Bible and, as I recall many wonderful memories of Daddy, how he'd get his Bible out at night and read to us children and Mommy. Many verses come to mind but space won't permit me to quote all of them.

We don't have to worry about Daddy anymore. He is out of his suffering here on this earth and is now resting until that resurrection morning when Jesus shall call His children and Daddy will be in that number that will hear Christ say, "Well done my child" and he will live in that bright eternal city and will receive his crown of glory and live on with Jesus forever more. So, if we want to see Daddy again we will have to make our peace with God and live every moment of our life down here for Jesus Christ. Just think of that great reunion when we could all meet Daddy over there on that bright celestial shore, if we just give ourselves to Jesus and do as the Bible tells us. In Heaven we could all be together at a family reunion up there. Daddy is gone from our midst but shall live on in our hearts forever and ever. Our home has an empty place in it now without Daddy and we miss him so very much. We all loved him and by the grace of God we can all see him again. And I feel that we all have more to go to Heaven for now than we ever did before.

Mommy, I know the homeplace is lonesome for you and Betty Jean now and you miss Daddy so very much, but Daddy is resting where there will never be any more pain. He would say to me while he was in the hospital that he wanted to go home. I thought then that he meant his home here on earth but now I feel that he was talking about the home that Jesus had prepared for him. Daddy left this world praising God. He knew he had a better home awaiting on the other side. Daddy is at peace and resting with god. I feel our loss is Heaven's gain.

Written by your daughter that loved you so very much,  
Mrs. Bobby Kyle (Beverly Ann) Seay

### MARK HANNAH

Mark Hannah, age 72, of Route 1, Kermitt, West Virginia died Friday, March 21st at the Williamson Appalachian Regional Hospital. He was born October 28, 1902 in Mingo County, West Virginia and was the son of the late Wallace and Rebecca May Hannah. He was married to Edna D. Hannah, who survives.

He was a member of the Old Regular Baptist Church, called Bethany.

Other survivors include five sons: Arnold, Clifford, Mark, Jr., Samuel and William; five daughters: Beatrice, Flora, Norma, Nelma and Magie; three brothers: Hulbert, John and Flem; and three sisters: Martha, Allie and Ada; 48 grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.

The funeral services were held at the home with Elder Ellis Davis and Elder



Isom Hannah officiating. Interment was at the Hannah Cemetery at Kermitt, West Virginia.

He is greatly missed by family, relatives and friends.

### TRIMBLE H. and ALICE VIVIAN MAYNARD

The footsteps have faded of two of God's children but the path they trod, we see. Tenderly, the Lord embraced a tired, loving Mother, Alice Vivian Maynard, and placed her at rest on the gently slopes of the Apple Orchard Cemetery to await the Lord's return. Thus, on June 29, 1974, our beloved passed from this life to the next.

Mama Vivian was born in Pike County, Kentucky on September 30, 1899 and was the daughter of James Fry Lowe and Margaret (Maynard) Lowe. She has two daughters who miss her every day in so many ways. Yes, Elmo Smith and Marie Taylor look at the still scenery there at the home place on Bent Branch at Meta, Kentucky, a place once graced by the songs on MaMa, and the working in the garden of PaPa, her kind and loving husband, Trimble H. Maynard, who soon would be called by the Lord to rest beside MaMa until time should end.



So, on October 20, 1976 PaPa took the hand of the Lord and, though it saddened the hearts of friends and loved ones, it gladdened his heart to be at peace with his Lord and to rest beside his loving wife. PaPa Maynard was born October 18, 1896 in Pike County, Kentucky and was the son of the late Andy Maynard and Polly Ann (Pinson) Maynard. As a young man he learned the ways of his father in farming the land but PaPa wanted more to do, so he earned his way into teaching school. Then, later, became the Vice President of the First National Bank of Pikeville, Pikeville, Kentucky, working there until the day the Lord called him home to be with MaMa, who he had missed so very much since she was called away. PaPa Trimble made hundreds of friends who grieve his absence. But he left a testimony that all can remember and some of it he wrote and left for us to share, "The way to Heaven is to turn right and go straight", reads one of his messages. And so, we know PaPa and MaMa sought the straight way that leads to Heaven.

They were both members of the Regular Baptist Church for many, many years. Their membership was with the Apple Orchard Church on Brushy Creek.

Sadly missed by all the family they loved,  
written by request of his daughters, Elmo and Marie,  
By Billy R. Maynard, grandson-in-law

## VIRGIE CANTRELL

I will try, by the help of God, to write an Obituary of our beloved Sister, Virgie Cantrell. She was born February 15, 1889 and departed this life July 25, 1977, making her stay here on earth 88 years 5 months and 10 days.

She was first married to Basil Stiltner and to this union 12 children were born. The sons were: Lee Stiltner of Kimper, Kentucky; Johnie Stiltner of Kimper, Kentucky. The daughters were: Berdie Smith of Kemper, Kentucky; Orea Myes of Warsaw, Indiana; and Myrtle McCoy of Ewington, Ohio. These are left to mourn the loss of Mother and five children preceded her in death. Also left are two sisters, Georgia Thornbery and Stella Asher.

Sister Virgie's first husband preceded her in death and she later married Richard Norman, who also preceded her in death. Then she later married Clint Cantrell, who also preceded her in death. She has 50 grandchildren, 106 great-grandchildren and 14 great-great-grandchildren.

Sister Virgie was a member of the Old Regular Baptist Church for 50 years. She belonged to Dix Fork Church and came in an Arm from Dix Fork Church to organize the Little Virgie Church at Kimper, Kentucky. There she remained a faithful and a loving member, always filling her seat when she was able. The Little Virgie Church was named after our beloved Sister. She filled her seat the fourth week-end in July and on Monday morning God called her home.

I want to say to all the children and grandchildren, that I feel that Sister Virgie has gone to a better home and our loss is Heaven's gain. Prepare to meet her in a better home. Her seat is empty, never to be filled any more. The family will miss her, the Church will miss her, but God knows the best. She was so faithful and always hugged my neck when I met her but I feel that I will sit down in the Kingdom with her in Heaven and with all the Saints.

So, I will close by saying, Sister Virgie sleep on, I will meet you where trouble and parting will be no more.

Written by Chester Belcher  
By the request of Brother Willie Stiltner  
and Sister Zelle Stiltner

**JOHN J. SCOTT**

It is with a heavy and sorrowful heart, and by the help of God, that I attempt to write the Obituary of my deeply loved Grandfather and Brother in



Christ, John J. Scott. Paw was born on February 7, 1905 at Hardy, Kentucky to Will and Arminda (Runyon) Scott. And the Lord saw fit to give him rest from his labors on February 21, 1977, making his stay on earth 77 years and 14 days.

He was married to Gay Justice Scott and to this union was born eight children, five daughters: Erlene Stiltner, Leetta Thornbury, Ruth Williams and Nolaie Coleman, all of Kimper, Kentucky, and Loraine Breeden of Huntington, West Virginia; and three sons: Chester, an infant son who preceded him in death; Ester of Kimper, Kentucky; and Charles of Phyllis, Kentucky. Other survivors include one half-brother, three sisters, twenty-three grandchildren and fifteen great-grandchildren. These and a great many other relatives and friends mourn the loss of this beloved Brother but we feel our loss is Heaven's gain.

Grandpa professed a hope in Christ and joined the Old Regular Baptist Church on the first Sunday in November 1949, taking his membership with the Little Virgie Church. He remained a true and faithful member until God called him home. He served the Little Virgie Church diligently and faithfully as an ordained Deacon for many years and as Clerk and Treasurer for over thirteen years.

He will always be loved and missed by the ones he left behind. Though I shall never be with Paw again on this earth, I have a strong hope of meeting him around the beautiful throne of God. And we thank God for those precious memories that flood our souls.

So, friends and relatives, if you ever want to see Grandpa again you will have to give your whole heart to the Lord, who can save your souls and take you to that beautiful paradise of God where, I feel with all my heart, Paw is resting.

Written by his grandson and Brother in Christ,  
Alvin Thornbury

**SUSAN (SMITH) (BURGETT) MAYNARD**

In my grief and sorrow and with an aching heart, I will attempt to write an Obituary of my dear, sweet Mother, Susan (Canada) (Smith) (Burgett) Maynard. A daughter of Mont Canada and Victoria (Runyon) Canada, she was born November 7, 1898 at Canada, Kentucky, and very peacefully and so very quietly she slipped away from us and this life on Saturday evening, August 6, 1977 about 9:10 p.m.

Mother was married to Elder Jonah Smith on June 18, 1920 and to this



union were born eight children. Willie, Justin and Alice preceded her in death, as did her first husband, my dearly beloved Daddy, Jonah Smith, who passed away on January 18, 1950. Mother was also preceded in death by her second husband, my kind, loving step-father, Julius Burgett, who deceased this life December 24, 1964.

The children she loved so dearly and has left to mourn her passing are: John B. Smith of Columbus, Ohio; Mrs. Myrtle Maynard of Afton, Kentucky; Jonah Smith, Jr., Mrs. Odessa Sutherland and Mrs. Birdie Wolford, all of Turkey Creek, Kentucky. Along with her five children, Mother leaves her present husband, Stanford Maynard of Turkey Creek, Kentucky. She also leaves 28 grandchildren; 30 great-grandchildren; four half-sisters; five half-brothers; and a great host of friends and relatives to mourn her passing.

Mother joined the Old Regular Baptist Church and was baptized by Elder A. J. Case and Elder W. L. Varney on February 4, 1930, placing her membership with the Pilgrim's Home Church. She later moved her membership by Letter to the Turkey Creek Church of Old Regular Baptist where she remained a true and faithful member until her death.

It is sad and very lonely without Mother to visit and talk with. I miss her more each passing day. Each time I went home Mother always made me feel welcome and loved. She was known throughout the community as a loving Mother and a kind and helpful neighbor. She was loved by everyone who knew her. She always liked to be busy in the kitchen and never wanted anyone to leave her house without eating something. She dearly loved to be able to cook and feed her Brothers and Sisters in the Church.

I know we will always miss Mother's sweet smiling face, her words of prayer and good counsel. But Mother has left a comfort in our hearts today with the knowledge that she has exchanged her home here on this earth to a beautiful home of peace and rest where she will see no more trouble, sorrow, pain nor heartaches. And if we live a humble Christian life, as Mother did, and follow her teachings and faithful footsteps in the path of righteousness, there with her we may be also.

Written by her daughter, who loved her deeply,  
Mrs. Birdie Wolford

### ELDER EMERY ETTER

With much love and an aching heart, I will try, with the help of my good and precious Master, to write a few lines in memory of our loving Father, Elder Emery Etter. He was born in Martin County, Kentucky on March 8, 1904 and



died May 27, 1975. He was the son of the late Emery Melvin and Sirelda Hensley Etter.

Daddy married Nina Dean Etter on March 26, 1927 and she preceded him in death on June 29, 1968. To this union was born 9 children and two daughters, Mary Francis and Lou Veta Nell, preceded them in death.

In June 1969 Daddy married the former Mary Diamond, who survives. He left behind his wife, 7 children: Mrs. Linda Diamond of Taylorsville; Mrs. Bessie Dotson, Ray, Willis and Bobby, all of Columbus; and Arnold of Williamson; 16 grandchildren; and 5 great-grandchildren. He also leaves 10 step-children: Mrs. Jean Lowe and Douglas Dea-mond of Columbus; Mrs. Anita Starr, Mrs. Melissa Lottridge, Jimmy, Cecil and Tommy, all of Taylorville; Billy and Burns, Jr. of Varney; and Mrs. Denise Jude of Williamson; and 15 step-grandchildren.

Daddy also left 2 brothers, Ira of Hatfield, Kentucky and George of Columbus, and 1 sister, Mrs. Ella Marcum of Maher. He was preceded in death by 3 sisters and 2 brothers. He also left a host of friends and relatives.

Daddy was a member of the United Baptist Church for many years and on the 4th Sunday in April 1971 he was baptized at the hands of Elder Joe Evans and Elder Jimmy Deeley into the Sardis Church of Old Regular Baptist. He was a Minister of God for over 40 years.

We all miss the kind and comforting words of Daddy. His wisdom with age in serving God was far greater than ours. He wanted so much for his children to make peace and live for God. I feel with all of my heart that Daddy made his peace and is at rest with the God he loved so well.

If we can all live and trust in God, our family circle will be mended one day.

Written by a daughter who lives in hope  
of meeting him in Heaven,  
Mrs. Linda Diamond

### RUSH WILLIAMSON

By request of the family and with the help coming from on high, I will attempt to write the Obituary of a dear friend and Brother in Christ, Brother Rush Williamson. Daddy Rush, as we all called him, was born May 2, 1901 and passed out of this troublesome world May 10, 1977, thus making his stay here on earth 76 years and 8 days. He was the son of the late Buck and Polly Ann Williamson.

He met in early life and married Susan (Cochran) Williamson, who still survives. Unto this union was born ten children: Mrs. Opal Mullins of Lima,



Ohio: Mrs. Cassel Deskins of Arizona; Mrs. Normie Williamson, Mrs. Anna Jane Smith, Mrs. Roberta Carrithers, Mrs. Maxie Jones, Kenneth Williamson, Zack Williamson and John, Jr. Williamson, all of Detroit, Michigan; and Jeff Williamson of Sidney, Kentucky. Also left to mourn his loss are five brothers: Jack, Johnny, and George, all of Sidney, Kentucky; Ben of Huddy, Kentucky; Arvil of Goody, Kentucky; and one half-brother, Garland Cochran, of Sidney, Kentucky; numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren; a host of friends and loved ones.

Daddy Rush confessed a hope in Christ the first Saturday in May 1954 and was baptized by the hands of Elder Charlie Johnson and Elder Ernest Cochran. His membership was placed with the Dix Fork Church. For several years he was unable to attend Church due to his afflictions but I never went to visit that he didn't talk about the Bible and about the goodness of God. A few days before he died we heard him murmuring "Amazing Grace". I believe Daddy Rush is singing loudly today with the Angels in Heaven and he is so happy and at peace around the paradise of God.

I would like to say to Sister Susan, Big Mommy, as we all knew her, he talked so many times of the years you both shared together in raising such a large family but he came down to the river of death that we all must face, but press on a few more days and you will be able to meet him over on that golden shore.

Also, to the children who loved him dearly and helped him in every way they could to make his pain more bearable, Dad is gone now but I believe if he could speak he would tell you he wouldn't want to come back to this toilsome life, but he would tell you to get ready while you have life and opportunity to meet him in that country where there is no more sickness nor death.

Sadly missed by one who loved him also,

Mrs. Jerry Stacey

### ROY C. WILLIAMSON

Uncle Roy was a mountain of a man but as gentle as a warm spring wind blowing softly through the trees. His massive strength was never really tested because the man that lived inside of him reached out to all mankind with a love so powerful that he never once made an enemy, to my knowledge, in his 80 years on earth. Born January 11, 1897 in Pike County, Kentucky the son of Harve and Isabell Goff Williamson, he spent all of his life at Forest Hills (formerly Road Fork), Kentucky and passed away March 22, 1977. He retired at age 70 from the Norfolk and Western Railroad in 1967, after some 48 years of dedicated service.

Uncle Roy is survived by his lovely wife, Lotus E. Varney Williamson, the only daughter of the late A. M. and Mary M. Rutherford Varney, whom he married on July 2, 1920. They were blessed with three truly marvelous children, Jesse Lee Williamson of Kingsport, Tennessee who serves the Bethany Old Regular Baptist Church as Deacon and the Union Association of Old Regular Baptist as Assistant Clerk; Mrs. June Williamson Smith who preceded him in death; and Mrs. Joanna Copley of Forest Hill, Kentucky

whose husband, Sid Copley, is pastor of the Stone Baptist Church and a Vice President of the First National Bank of Pikeville. Several years ago when the health of both Uncle Roy and Aunt Lotus began to fail, Joanna began taking care of them as the need arose and later, as their condition grew worse, she and Sid moved them into their home entirely where Joanna, ever so tenderly and patiently, cared for them.

He was really proud of his grandsons, Wayne Williamson, Dan Williamson and Jesse L. Williamson, Jr., the father of his only great-granddaughter, Penny Williamson, all of Kingsport, Tennessee; Bruce Copley, Cohen Copley and Jack Allen Copley, all of Forest Hills, Kentucky. Additional survivors include a half-brother, Vernal Williamson of Berea, Ohio; four half-sisters, Mrs. Elizabeth Gooslin of Berea, Ohio, Mrs. Lucretia Cecil of Phoenix, Arizona, Mrs. Eula Newsome and Mrs. Esta Pennington, both of Pikeville, Kentucky; and two step-sisters, Mrs. Lassie Billiter of Pikeville, Kentucky and Mrs. Niza Bevins of Williamson, West Virginia.

Uncle Roy became a member of the Salem Old Regular Baptist Church in 1947 where he, along with Aunt Lotus, remained a faithful and active member for some 30 years. Uncle Roy also served the Salem Church as a Deacon for the last several years of his life.

The life this quiet and gentle man lived has been and will continue to be an inspiration to all who knew him and, especially to his grandsons and to us,

His Nephews

### VIRGIE BLACKBURN

I will try, by the help of God, to write the Obituary of my dear, sweet Mother, Virgie (Jude) Blackburn. She was the daughter of the late John and Mary Belle Jude. Mom was born November 27, 1909 and deceased this life December 15, 1976, making her stay here on earth 67 years and 19 days.

She was married to Wade Blackburn and to this union was born nine children: Elias Blackburn and Opal Faye Sartin, both of Pilgrim, Kentucky; Ida Mae Evans of Crum, West Virginia; John, Vadis and Archie Blackburn, all of Route 1, Kermit, West Virginia; Margaret Jude of Richardson, Kentucky; Jasper Blackburn of Rupert, West Virginia; and Nokie Dean Stacy of Beauty, Kentucky.

Mom confessed a hope in Christ several years ago, back in 1934, and was baptized by Elder Shadle Pauley. Mom placed her membership with Old Sidney Church at Threeforks, Kentucky but later moved it to Buck Creek Church at Beauty, Kentucky.



Mom also leaves three brothers to mourn her loss: Elmer and Warren G. Jude of Pilgrim, Kentucky; and Butler Jude of Beauty, Kentucky; 36 grandchildren; and 4 great-grandchildren.

Mom was a sweet, loving Mother to us children and a faithful wife to Dad. Mom always gave council to her children and would say, "children, be good to one another." I am sure if we follow in Mom's footsteps, we will meet Mom again in Heaven someday. But I am saying to Dad, my brothers, sisters and myself, if we ever see Mom again we must follow her footsteps in the Lord.

Written by her daughter, who loves and misses her so much,  
Nokie Dean Stacy

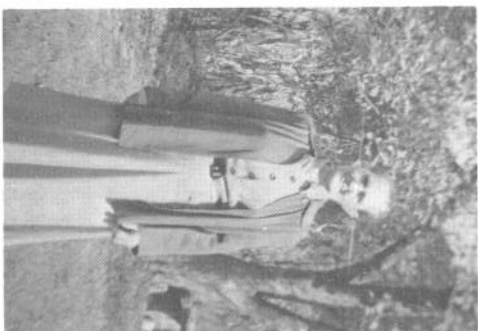
### FANNIE ROBINETTE

With much sadness, we will try to write the Obituary of Sister Fannie Robinette. She was born October 13, 1892 and departed this life December 8, 1975 making her stay on earth 83 years, 1 month and 20 days. She was the daughter of the late Mont Stanley and Dona Smith Stanley. She was the wife of the late Lilburn Robinette.

She confessed a hope in Christ November 1, 1949 and placed her membership with the Pilgrim's Home Church of Old Regular Baptist where she lived a faithful member until death.

She has left to mourn her loss two sons, Landon Robinette of Varney, Kentucky and Clinton Robinette of Joe's Creek, Kentucky; four daughters, Ledna Young and Earnestine England of Pontiac, Michigan; Minnie Oetzel of Holly, Michigan; and Maxine Davis of Varney, Kentucky; two brothers, Willie Stanley of Piso, Kentucky and Carlos Stanley of Owsley, Kentucky; three sisters, Annie SESCO of Meta, Kentucky; Pernie Stanley and Trudy Maynard of PISO, Kentucky; 21 grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren. She also leaves five foster grandchildren, Earnest V. Robinette, Varney, Kentucky; Clayton F. Robinette, Larry Robinette and Brenda L. Wilson all of Pontiac, Michigan; and Reba Webb of Pikeville, Kentucky. Three sons and one daughter preceded her in death.

We have lost a good Mother and the Church a wonderful member but we



feel our loss is Heaven's gain. Children, don't weep for Mother. We feel she is resting in Christ Jesus, our Lord. Prepare in this life to meet her because after death there is no repentance.

Written by Sisters in hope of eternal life, Bessie Robinette and  
Sophia Williamson

### FLOYD THOMPSON

With much sadness, I will attempt to write the Obituary of my dear husband, Floyd Thompson. He was born December 29, 1895 at Chattaroy, West Virginia. He was the son of Hilbert and Sara Ann Harris Thompson, both deceased.

He was married to Mary Roberts Thompson and to this union was born three children, they are: Walter (Bunk) of Hunt, West Virginia; Franklin of Springfield, Virginia; and Mrs. Dora Mae Runyon of Verner, West Virginia. Also surviving are: a brother, Charlie of Coal Mountain, West Virginia; a sister, Mrs. Rebecca Tiller of Cherry Tree, West Virginia; and four grandchildren.

He was a member of the Rosa Church of Old Regular Baptist and was a faithful member until God called him away. He went to Church as long as he was able to attend.

He is missed very much by us and, I feel, he is missed by the Rosa Church. I believe our loss is Heaven's gain and, by the grace of God, we can meet him again in Heaven, where there will be no more death.

Written by his wife,  
Mrs. Mary Roberts Thompson

### JOHN CALVARY MAYNARD

My beloved husband, John Calvary Maynard, died of a stroke on Thursday, December 16, 1976 in the Williamson Memorial Hospital at 2:00 p.m. after staying here on earth 76 years, 4 months and 19 days. He was the son of Owen Linzy Maynard and Nary Mae Damron Maynard and was born July 27, 1900 at Milam in Wayne County, W.Va.

He was married to Miss Missouri Falsome Kiser from Calley in Dickenson County, Va. on Saturday, April 11, 1925 by Elder Ester Hopkins at his home in Goody, Ky. No children were born to this union.

He was baptized by Elder Harrison Bevins on Sunday, July 8, 1945 and was a member of the Salem Regular Baptist Church at Goody, Ky. for more than 31 years. He loved to go to Church.

He was in the U. S. Army for 1942 to 1943 then worked as a Mechanic for



Mingo Motor Company, Citizens Motor Company and was an Auto Mechanic Instructor with the Mingo County Trade School for 1945 to 1955. He worked at Hubbard Motor Company last. He had a stroke on March 18, 1963 and had to retire.

He loved to hear the old time songs and preaching. I miss him ever so much at home and in the Church but I'm waiting to meet him in that great day of the resurrection when Jesus comes to take us home to live with Him, where love, peace, joy and happiness will be forever more with the family of God.

Written by his lonely and heart-broken wife,  
Missouri

### HAZEL GRACE LESTER

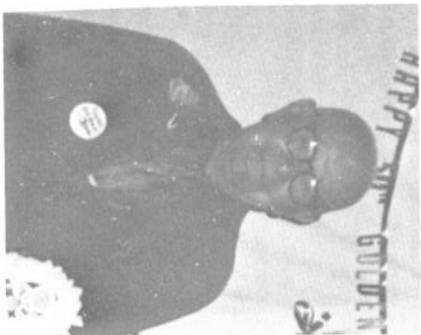
With much sadness and a heavy heart, I will try to write the Obituary of our loving Mother and wife. She is gone now but not forgotten. Mom was born May 18, 1933 at Batsden, West Virginia and deceased this life July 25, 1976. She was the daughter of Marshall and Echel Lester. Marshall preceded her in death. She was a member of the Rosa Regular Baptist Church at Batsden, West Virginia for 37 days. She was baptized by Elder Johnny Cline and Elder Mark Cline.

She was the wife of Buford Lester, who survives. She was the Mother of four children, one son, Joey Lester, and three daughters: Zelda Lester, Linda Lea Cline and Rosemary Blankenship. She has one granddaughter, Georgetta Blankenship. She has one brother, Raymond Lester, who survives. She had two brothers and three sisters who preceded her in death. She leaves behind an everlasting flame to all her loved ones and all that knew her. Too sweet to be forgotten.

Written by her loving daughter,  
Zelda Lester

### BILLIE LOU ROMANS

It is with a heavy heart and much sadness, and with the help of the Lord, I will try to write the Obituary of my loving wife, Billie Lou Romans. She was born on November 10, 1929 and left us for a better place on April 11, 1977. She was born in Williamson, West Virginia to Grace (Booten) Blakely and



Harold Woods, who preceded her in death.

She was married to Kermit Romans of Hatfield, Kentucky and in this union they were granted three children: Kermit (Pete) Romans of Allen Park, Michigan; Larry Lynn Romans of Hatfield, Kentucky; and George E. (Joe) Romans, who preceded her in death. She has five grandchildren and many friends and relatives who mourn her death.

She joined the Church on September 9, 1973 and was baptized by the hands of Elder Grover Adkins and Elder Ernest Cochran, placing her membership with the Mary Elizabeth Church.

My dear Bill had great hopes. She faced death with no fears. I will serve and live for the Lord so He will grant to me the Eternal Life in Heaven, like I believe my dear Bill has been rewarded. I thank the Lord for the precious time we had together.

Sadly missed by,  
Kermit Romans

### ROLAND T. GIBSON

It is with much sadness, and by the help of the Lord, I will try to write an Obituary of Brother Roland T. Gibson. He was born in Pike County, Kentucky July 10, 1903 and departed this life August 19, 1977, making his stay on earth 74 years, 1 month and 9 days at death. He was the son of the late William and Rose Ann (Maynard) Gibson.

He was united in marriage to Onie (Maynard) Gibson of Varney, Kentucky. He left his wife, one son, four grandchildren, one sister, Ora Pierce, and one half-brother, Frank Gibson, to mourn his loss. Two sisters, one brother and one half-brother preceded him in death, names as follows: Sister Elizabeth Clevinger, Cora Curry, John Gibson and his Half-brother, Charlie Gibson.

Brother Roland professed a hope in Christ the fourth Saturday in May 1967. He was baptized by the hands of Elder Wayne Herald and Brother Willard Young. He placed his membership with the Pilgrim's Home Church of Old Regular Baptist where he lived a faithful member until death. Brother Roland always filled his seat in the Church as long as he was able. He was sick for many years and stayed in a Nursing Home for four years. His suffering is



over and, if not mistaken in himself, is resting in peace and just waiting for Jesus to call him home. The Pilgrim's Home Church has lost a good member, the neighborhood a good neighbor and his family a good father.

Children, be good to Mother. May the good Lord richly bless you all.

Written as requested,  
Sister Sophia Williamson

### ELDER WILLIE STANLEY

By the help of the Lord, I will attempt to write the Obituary of my dear father, Elder Willie Stanley. He was born November 13, 1890 and departed this life January 4, 1977, making his stay on earth 86 years and 2 months. He was the son of the late John and Eva May Stanley.

He was married to Emma (Scott) Stanley in the year of 1912 and to this union was born six children. Two daughters preceded him in death and four are still living, they are: Ervil, Virgil, Birdie and Ersel, all of Hardy, Kentucky.



He leaves one sister, Mrs. Luna Ball of Pinsonfork, Kentucky; two half-brothers, Glen Stanley of Pikeville, Kentucky and Ernest Stanley of Chicago, Illinois; nine grandchildren; fourteen great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild. Three sisters and one brother preceded him in death.

He was a member of the Old Regular Baptist Church at Narrows Branch and was baptized in July 1940 by the hands of Elder W. C. Hay and Elder Ester Hopkins. Dad always filled his seat at Church when he was able. He is missed at the Church, as well as, at home.

So, grandchildren, just live a life so you can meet Pa someday. I believe Dad is resting now with Jesus in Heaven. We miss him very much but I believe we will be with him again on that great resurrection day.

With hope of eternal life, we will meet again.  
Written by his daughter,  
Birdie Stanley

### GARNETT VANCE

It is with a sad heart that I will try to write an Obituary of my dear sister, Garnett Vance, whose passing has left an empty place in all our hearts. Garnett was born at Hanover, W. Va. on August 23, 1914 the daughter of Elder William and Chloe Riffe. She deceased this life on May 17, 1977. She is survived by her husband, Grover Vance of Delbarton, W. Va.; one daughter, June Vance of Williamson, W. Va.; one son, Edward Robinson of Virginia Beach,

Va.; four sisters, Myrtle Curry of Taylorsville, W. Va., Zella Vance of Va.; Zula Johnson of Michigan and Georgia Ferguson of Chapmanville, W. Va.; one brother, Ballard Riffe of Alderson, W. Va.; and three grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two sisters, Bessie Canterbury and Willie Riffe; and two brothers, Mack Riffe and Litsel Riffe.

Garnett was a member of the Tibitha Regular Baptist Church and was baptized by Elder Mont Ellis and Elder Charley Evans.

Garnett suffered a long time in her life with cancer but she took her illness and pain with patience that only the Lord can give. She was a light to all who knew her because of her cheerful and patient attitude. We all know that her prayers were answered when the Lord took her away from the painful world she lived in. We believe she is now happy and at peace with our Lord and we will see her again if we live a Christian life as Sister Garnett did.

Written by her sister,  
Georgia Ferguson

### GARNETT MAYHORN HALL

It is with much sadness I attempt to write the Obituary of a loving Sister in Christ, Garnett Mayhorn Hall. She was born in Mingo County, W. Va. on December 6, 1919 and deceased this life on October 27, 1976. She was the daughter of the late John and Sue Adams Mayhorn.

She was united in marriage to Grover C. Hall and to this union was born seven sons: Frank Hall of Harrison, Ohio; Charley Hall of E. Liverpool, Ohio; John Hall, Grady Hall and Brady Hall, all of Lenore, W. Va.; Tony Hall and Monroe Hall of the home at Lenore, W. Va.; Tony Hall and Monroe Hall of the home at Lenore, W. Va.; and four daughters: Mae Bevins and Billie Joyce Runyon of S. Williamson, Ky.; Faye McCoy of Lenore, W. Va.; and Linda Kaye, at home.

She had one brother, Fred Mayhorn of Virginia, and three sisters: Stella Evans of St. Albans, W. Va.; and Dora Brewer and Chloe White, both of Lenore, W. Va.

Sister Garnett joined the Old Regular Baptist Church at the age of 13 and





lived a faithful life until death called her away. She is sadly missed by her husband, children, the Church and many friends. I want to say to all of you, if you want to see her again, you will have to repent and be born again and live the life she did.

Written by,  
Elder Ellis Davis

### CURTIS ROBINETTE

Now, with much sadness, loneliness and broken heart, that I try to write the Obituary of one who was so dear to me in life, my dear, loving husband, Curtis Robinette. He was the son of Rosco and Dixie (Smith) Robinette who preceded him in death. He was born February 21, 1911 at Hatfield, Kentucky and departed this life October 29, 1976, making his stay on earth 65 years, 8 months and 20 days. He was united in marriage to Bertha (Young) Robinette December 3, 1933 and to this union was born four children: Joyce Gilliam of Hilton, New York; Glorice Robinette of Lexington, Kentucky; John Lloyd Robinette of Hatfield, Kentucky; and Bobby Charles Robinette who preceded him in death in 1934 at the age of 7-weeks. He leaves one whole brother, Millard Robinette of Hatfield, Kentucky, and two whole sisters, Birdie Alice Young and Lucy Elkins, both of Lexington, Kentucky; four half-brothers, Tom B., Rush and Charlie Chapman and Victor Canada; one half-sister, Rebecca Napier of Williamson, West Virginia; along with a host of friends to mourn his loss but our loss is Heaven's eternal gain.

He joined the Old Regular Baptist Church of Jesus Christ the fourth Sunday in September 1974 and was baptized by the hands of Elder Tracy Hatfield and Elder Grover Adkins. He placed his membership with the Pilgrim's Home Church at Varney, Kentucky where he lived a faithful member until the death angel called him home where he won't have no more pain or heart aches to bare. He won't need no cane to walk with because he won't be a cripple up in Heaven. He is gone from this world of pain and sorrow to a home not made by hands.

Our little home is so lonely since he has gone away. I pray, Oh God, you move these tears from my eyes so I can see to write; help me hold up, give me the courage to go on; and make me able to live and be of some comfort and light to our children so that they will never forget the good council that Daddy has given them. Children, he left us many times, went out and labored all day but we looked for him when evening came. His labors are over here and he has left a world of sorrow and gone where it's all peace, joy and happiness and no pain. And now, I want to say to mine and his children and grandchildren, Daddy is gone to a home that is without heartaches or pain and I believe he is



just another shining star, from his testimony on his hospital bed. He awoke from sleep and said, "I feel as tho I'm feasting from the Mother of Jerusalem's table. I wish you could just know how I feel right now." Children, you lost a good Daddy and one who loved you with all his heart but Mommie has lost one she loved so dearly. He held my heart and my love in his hands. When my pains were hard for me to bare he soothed the pain with his loving care. Now children, we can go to Daddy but he won't be back to us. He left us a loving hope that will shine to you in the darkest places. I know Daddy loved the Brothers and Sisters of the Church everywhere. As long as he was able to go home to Church he couldn't hardly wait to get started. We all miss him and I will most of all but my loss is Heaven's gain. I believe God loved him best of all and moved the pain and took him home to rest over on that golden shore. I'll meet you Daddy.

Written by his lonely, broken hearted wife, Bertha and daughter, Glorice.

### FANNIE BOOTH MESSER

With the help of our Lord, I will try to write the Obituary of my loving Mother, Mrs. Fannie Booth Messer. At the time of her death she was 84 years old. Born July 22, 1892 at Elk Creek, Kentucky and departed this life on October 4, 1976. She was the daughter of the late Canner and Elizabeth Booth. Her husband, W. H. (Bill) Messer preceded her in death on January 4, 1955. She was also preceded in death by two brothers, Hanaford and Albert Booth. She leaves behind two daughters, Mrs. Allie Borders of Dingess, West Virginia and Mrs. Cora Evelyn Hannah, also of Dingess, West Virginia. She is also survived by one sister, Mrs. Cora Marcum; two brothers, John Booth and Jasper Booth; and sever grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

She joined the Old Regular Baptist Church at the first Sunday in August 1952 and was a member of the Bethany Church at the time of her death. Her life here on earth was a spiritual inspiration to everyone who knew and loved her.

Although, I will miss her, I feel my loss was Heaven's gain.

Written by her daughter,  
Mrs. Cora Evelyn Hannah

### LASSIE (SESCO) CLINE PARSONS

It is with much sadness that I will try to write the Obituary of my grandmother, Lassie Parsons, Ma, as she was known to all of us, was born in 1892 and departed this life November 4, 1976 at the age of 84. She was the



daughter of Patrick and Ruthi (Bowling) SESCO.

She was first married to Garfield Cline who preceeded her in death in 1943. To this union were born 10 children, eight of which preceeded her in death. Later she was married to James H. Parsons who died in 1964.

Left to mourn Ma's passing are: a son, Ernest Cline of McCombs, Ky.; a daughter, Lucy Stepp of Columbus, Ohio; two brothers, Marion SESCO of Borderland, W.Va. and Westel SESCO of Turkey Creek, Ky.; one sister, Bonnie Hamilton of Cincinnati, Ohio; twenty-eight grandchildren; and thirty-four great-grandchildren.

Ma was a member of the Old Regular Baptist Church and placed her membership at the Pilgrim's Home Church of Varney, Ky. She was a faithful member and attended as long as her health permitted.

I would like to say to our family that Ma has found a better home, one that is free from the pains and sorrows that afflicted her body. Although we all miss her, she is better off resting in her new home.

Written by her granddaughter,  
Linda Gayle Runyon

## 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 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 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 of the Authorized King James Version of the Bible are the written words of God and are the only rules of faith and practice.

*ARTICLE 3.* We believe in the doctrine of election by grace, for by grace are we 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 removed by the Association as they think proper.

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ENON: Willis Staton, Marvin Rose  
REBECCA: Mike Sheppard, Edwin Hay  
BENT BRANCH: Dewey Blackburn, Clifford Maynard, Homer Collins  
SARDIS: Mel Mahon, George Martin  
BIG BRANCH: Landon Taylor  
MARY ELIZABETH: J. D. Walters, Wallace Muncey  
BETHANY: Ison Hannah, Ellis Davis, Charles Hall  
ELK FORK: Harrison Baisden, David L. Baisden  
PILGRIM'S HOME: Marshall Williamson, J. M. Francis, K. H. Williamson  
SALEM: John P. Church, Ralph W. E. Varney, Jr., W. H. Hale  
SIDNEY:  
DIX FORK: Claude Brown, James Gannon, Stewart Brown  
NARBROWS BRANCH: Charley Scott, Virgil Stanley, George Stanley  
LEANNANAH: Steve Robinson, Jr., Sabert Nichols, Freddie Maynard  
BUCK CREEK: Delbert Kazee, Tom Dials, Marion Duncan  
TIBITHA: Charley Evans, S. D. Hensley, John Fouch  
LITTLE ROSA: Faye Scott, Lacy Marcum, Frankie White  
TURKEY CREEK: Willis Lowe, Stamp Maynard, Jimmy Varney  
SAMARIA: Ersel Prince, Larry May, Eugene Newsome  
ROSA: Johnny Cline, Mark Cline, Leslie Blair  
MUNCY VALLEY: Mont Ellis  
LITTLE VIRGIE: Willie Stiltner, Bob Justice, Alvin Thornsbury  
SOUTHERN HOME: Tommy Adair, Hiram Young, Robert Clay  
PILGRIM'S REST: Wayne Ray, Joe Worrix  
OKEECHOBEE: Monroe Ousley, Mosco Gillman, John Fouts  
ELIZABETH: Darrel Ratcliff, Kelly Castle

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	125	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	\$42	50	2 July	
APPLE ORCHARD	Andrew Maynard	75	2	0	0	0	0	3	0	39	25	1 June	
ENON	Lloyd SESCO	75	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	18	30	1 June	
REBECCA	Edward Runyon	100	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	61	50	2 Aug.	
BENT BRANCH	Edwin May	100	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	71	75	3 Aug.	
SARDIS	Steve Robinson, Jr.	150	4	0	1	0	1	0	5	86	85	4 Aug.	
BIG BRANCH	Ernest Cochran	75	1	0	0	0	6	0	0	27	25	3 July	
MARY ELIZABETH	Wallace Muncy	100	2	0	0	0	0	2	2	47	50	3 July	
BETHANY	Willie White	125	0	0	0	0	0	3	5	50	40	4 Aug.	
ELK FORK	David L. Baisden	50	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	37	50	3 Aug.	
PILGRIM'S HOME	Wayne Herald	250	1	0	2	0	1	6	2	118	100	4 Aug.	
SALEM	John P. Church	125	0	1	0	0	0	2	1	78	100	1 May	
SIDNEY	Milford Lowe	75	6	1	0	0	0	1	0	20	50	4 June	
DIX FORK	Ernest Cochran	200	2	0	0	0	0	1	1	76	75	1 July	
NARROWS BRANCH	John P. Church	100	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	52	65	4 July	
LEANNAH	John P. Church	125	3	0	0	0	1	1	4	52	75	2 July	
BUCK CREEK	Wayne Herald	125	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	43	75	3 June	
TIBITHA	Willie Varney	75	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	38	50	1 Aug.	
LITTLE ROSA	Wayne Herald	50	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	20	20	2 April	
TURKEY CREEK	Willis Lowe	125	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	76	80	2 May	
SAMARIA	Edward Runyon	75	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	43	60	1 July	
ROSA	Johnny Cline	150	1	1	0	0	0	2	2	73	75	3 Aug.	
MUNCY VALLEY	Tommy Ellis	30	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	20	20	2 June	
LITTLE VIRGIE	Lloyd SESCO	50	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	15	40	4 June	
SOUTHERN HOME	Tommy Adair	150	5	0	0	1	1	1	2	31	35	1 April	
PILGRIM'S REST	Clifford Maynard	65	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	19	40	2 June	
OKEECHOBEE	Monroe Ousley	75	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	17	50	2 April	
ELIZABETH	Kelly Castle	50	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	19	40	1 June	
TOTALS		2870	36	4	4	1	13	36	36	1288	\$1530		

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