

MINUTES

OF THE

EIGHTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

**SARDIS ASSOCIATION
OF OLD REGULAR BAPTIST**

THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST

**In Session with the Dix Fork Church
Sidney, Pike County, Kentucky
September 12, 13, and 14, 1980**

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
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The Sardis Association of Old Regular Baptist, the Church of Jesus Christ, assembled with the Dix Fork Church, Sidney, Pike County, Kentucky on Friday before the second Saturday in September 1980.

Elder Edwin May, the renowned Moderator of our Sardis Association, approached the Stand to welcome the people and open this session of our Association. Brother Ed watched the many Brethren, Sisters and friends gather in and around the tent this morning happily greeting each other with warm handshaking, laughing, and hugging that truly meant, "I'm glad to see you." This prompted Brother Ed to observe aloud, "Surely God is with us because of the love abounding here today." Brother Ed further stated that while there were times he could see the river of death a little closer, he was stronger today than he was thirty years ago because of the "Hope" burning brighter in his heart.

Elder Isom Hannah, our highly regarded "Scripture" preacher, opened the Services about the hour of 9:30 a.m. praying that he might humble himself before God so that God's will would be done through his preaching today. Brother Isom requested the prayers of the congregation for God to make known unto him the mystery of the Word so that he could preach the Gospel to the people. The prayer's of the congregation were answered through the preaching of Brother Isom from his Text: Isaiah 4:2, "*In that day shall the branch of the Lord be beautiful and glorious.*" Then Brother Isom proved by the Scriptures that no divisions abide in the household of God, there are no half-brothers or half-sisters, because mother Jerusalem is the mother of all Gods children. Brother Isom then led in prayer.

Elder Johnny Cline, surely one of the most humble Brethren among us, came to the Stand and preached the Introductory Sermon from no particular Text but through expert linkage of the Scripture showed beyond any doubt the two parts of God's Church - the visible and invisible - and the baptism of the Holy Ghost required for entry into the one (invisible) and the baptism of water for entry into the other (visible). Then Brother Johnny challenged all within the sound of his voice to "choose ye this day who you will serve because no man can serve two masters."

The Sardis Association delegates and a large delegation from our corresponding Sister Associations then left the tent located at the Mt. Pleasant Church, traveled up Dix Fork to assemble at the Dix Fork Church where arrangements had been made for the work of the Sardis Association. As is our custom, the many other Brethren, Sisters and friends remained at the tent and were fed that heavenly manna thru the mystery of preaching.

Elder John Layne, Moderator of the Union Association, introduced the Services at the House and Elder Ellis Holbrook of the New Salem Association led in prayer.

We then proceeded as follows:

(1) Elder Edwin May, our Moderator, asking for the prayers of all the Brethren, stated it was good to sit down together in Brotherly love and hoped we would "let" that Brotherly love continue throughout this Association.

(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 Edwin Hay
Brother Landon Taylor

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

(4) The Letter from the Dix Fork Church being in regular form was read by the Clerk and, upon move and second, all Letters were received, the delegates seated and all Queries and Requests were referred to the Committee on Arrangements.

(5) The Committee on Finance reported \$2,390.00 received from the Churches as reported in the Statistical Table and after turning this amount over to the Treasurer, was discharged.

(6) The Moderator appointed a Committee to take the vote of the Sardis Association delegates, who were instructed to vote for a Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk and Assistant Clerk, as follows:

Brother Dexter Dixon, New Salem Association
Brother John M. Mullins, Union Association
Brother David Gilliam, Philadelphia Association

(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 move 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 and to see that the Stand be supplied with ministers as follows:

Elder Bobby Scott
Elder Ross Cline
Brother Stewart Brown
Brother Cody Stanley

(10) By move and second, the reading of our Constitution, Rules of Decorum and Articles of Faith was omitted.

(11) The Moderator called for the Letters from our corresponding Sister Associations. The following Letters were read and, by move and second, were received, the delegates seated with us in council and given the right hand of fellowship by our Moderator:

UNION: Represented by the following delegates: Jesse L. Williamson, John M. Mullins, Fon Bowling, Felix Sexton, Howard Coleman, Dewey Sexton, Jack Clevinger, Hufford Coleman, George Endicott, Orbin May, Victor Coleman, Lonnie Mounts, Delbert Sanders, Herman West, John C. Layne, Paul McClanahan, Autie McClanahan, Clarence Little, John B. Hamilton, Edgar Deel, Arnold Clevinger, Paul Coleman, Corbin Spears, Doris Adkins, Arthur Duty, Amos Bartley, Fred Rowe, Fines O'Quinn, Paris Scenters, Elmon Newsome, Perry Layne, Jessie Thacker, Marshall Williamson, Cain Coleman, N.A. England, Charles Wright and Earl Coleman.

NEW SALEM: Represented by the following delegates: Edd Moore, A. O. McKnight, Orville Hamilton, Jesse Jones, Eddie Tackett, Hatler Kiser, Tavis Akers, Arnold Tackett, Ellis Holbrook, Amos Newsome, Norman Conn, Grover Adkins, Jethro Hampton, Hobert Bates, Lonnie West, Dexter Dixon, Millis Roberts, Omery Compton, Alvin Brown, Jink Ray, Lonnie Tackett, Perry Jones, Sam Justice, George Woods and Frank Hopkins.

NORTHERN NEW SALEM: Represented by the following delegates: James Gillman, Hillard Newsome, Joshua Hicks, Pete Hensley, Stoney Blackburn, John Mullins, Maynard Ratliff, Forest Osborne, Wayne Turner, Ray Hamilton and Hiram Adkins. A resolution was referred to the Committee on Arrangement.

PHILADELPHIA: Represented by the following delegates: Rush Stanley, Rollins Hollen, Walter Morrison, W.C. Elkins, H. D. Colegrove, Lowell Adkins, David Gilliam, Harlen Barney, Emmitt Gillispie, Virgil Fields, Silas Stumbo, James Walker, Paul Morrison, Paul Boggs and Thurman Carter.

OLD FRIENDSHIP: Represented by the following delegates: Plennie Rowe, Leonard Coleman, Josh Justice, Jr., Elmer Little, Danny Hurley, Hayes Hatfield, Elzie Reed, Hurshell Hurley, Lacy Justice, Orville Street, John Justice, Matthew Justice, Walter Justice, Robert Mullins, George Baker, Freddy Vance, Howard Sliger, Phillip Estep, David Lester, Doug Sanders and Elmer Mullins.

INDIAN BOTTOM: Called for their letter and none received. (See Saturday's work for more detail.)

(12) The Moderator called for transient Ministers and members of our same faith and order and received the following: Ralph W.E. Varney, Jr., James M. Ray, J. L. Nichols and Ross Cline.

(13) The Moderator called for newly organized Churches or other Churches and Associations of our same faith and order desiring to take up correspondence and 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 Dix Fork Church delegation. They reported as follows:

FRIDAY NIGHT

- Elder Stoney Blackburn, Northern New Salem Association
- Elder S.B. Fraley, Sardis Association
- Elder Plennie Rowe, Old Friendship Association

SATURDAY

- Elder Forest Osborne, Northern New Salem Association
- Elder Hurshell Hurley, Old Friendship Association
- Elder Perry Jones, New Salem Association
- Elder Fon Bowling, Union Association

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

(16) On motion from Elder Willis Lowe and second by Elder S.D. Hensley, the Sardis Association was adjourned until 9:00 a.m. Saturday morning.

**SATURDAY
September 13, 1980**

Met pursuant to adjournment at the House after singing many of the old time songs so peculiar to and so beloved by the Old Regular Baptist.

Elder Hiram Adkins of the Northern New Salem Association opened the session with preaching and Elder Isom Hannah, Sardis Association, led in prayer.

We then proceeded as follows:

(1) Called the roll of delegates and marked the absentees.
 (2) Read the Bill of Arrangements and by move and second, received the report and discharged the Committee on Arrangements.

(3) Appointed a Committee to take the vote of the delegates on who shall preach the Introductory Sermon, who shall be his alternate and who shall prepare the Circular Letter for our 1981 Association, as follows:

- Brother John M. Mullins, Union Association
 - Brother David Gilliam, Philadelphia Association
 - Elder Hiram Adkins, Northern New Salem Association
- They reported as follows and were discharged:
 Elder Wallace Muncy, Preach the Introductory Sermon

Elder Isom Hannah, Alternate
 Elder Edwin May, prepare the Circular Letter

(4) The same Committee appointed Friday to arrange the preaching, reported the following for Saturday night and Sunday and was discharged:
SATURDAY

- Elder Hillard Newsome, Northern New Salem Association
- Elder Rush Stanley, Philadelphia Association
- Elder Ellis Holbrook, New Salem Association

SUNDAY

- Elder James Tackett, New Salem Association
- Elder Eddie Tackett, New Salem Association
- Elder Wayne Herral, Sardis Association
- Elder Edwin May, Sardis Association

(5) Called for the Association Treasurer to report and, by move and second, received the following report:

Balance on hand, September 9, 1979	\$3,199.74
Add Interest earned on Savings Account	5.98
Total available for 1979	<u>\$3,205.72</u>
Less paid out for 1979:	
Printing 3555 Minutes	\$2,088.65
Apple Orchard Church contributions sent to Mt. Pleasant Church	88.00
Total expense for 1979	<u>2,176.65</u>
Balance on hand September 12, 1980	1,029.07

Add 1980 Receipts:

Received from the Churches	\$2,390.00
Received for Obituary Pictures	290.00
Other Cash Donations:	
Chalmer Marcum	25.00
Myrtle Maynard	20.00
Tibitha Church	<u>25.00</u>
Balance on hand September 14, 1980	<u>\$3,779.07</u>

Bank Balances, First National Bank of Pikeville:

Checking Account	3,294.73
Savings Account	484.34
Balance as above	<u>\$3,779.07</u>

(6) By move and second, it is ordered that we advise the Churches to try to increase their contribution to the Association by at least 25% because of increased cost in printing.

(7) By move and second, it is ordered that the Clerk be appointed Secretary-Treasurer for 1980 and that he be allowed \$50.00 for his expense.

(8) By move and second, it is ordered that the Clerk superintend the printing of our Minutes, that he have 3,800 copies printed and that he be allowed \$100.00 for his expense.

(9) Brother Edwin Hay read the 1932 Circular Letter written by Elder Jonah Bevins and by move and second, it is ordered that we reprint it in our 1980 Minute.

(10) Read the Request from Rebecca Church, Litta Rosa Church and Okeechobee Church to remove the following from our list of Ministers:

Robert L. Robinson, excluded for fellowshipping other denominations
Carlos Gibson, excluded for double marriage
John Fouts, excluded for preaching with other denominations

By move and second, these Requests were granted and the above are no longer preaching under the License and Patronage of the Sardis Association of Old Regular Baptist.

(11) Read the Request from Southern Home Church and by move and second, granted the following:

(a) The name of Brother Robert R. Clay be omitted from the list of Liberated Brethren and included in the list of Ordained Ministers.

(b) Address change for Elder Hiram (Hi) Young.

(c) Show in the Minutes that services will be held on Monday evening after the Communion week-end. (See Union and Communion Meetings)

(d) That the Clerk send the 1980 Minutes to Elder Tommy Adair.

(12) Read the Request from Salem Church and by move and second, gave the Clerk permission to print the Obituary of Brother Alfred Hall and Sister Margaret Ratliff.

(13) Read the Request from Mary Elizabeth Church that asked how to get Ministers from Sister Churches to form a Presbytery in the ordination of Elders and Deacons. By move and second the Request was answered by reprinting Item 21 of our 1918 Minutes as follows:

Ordered, that we advise our churches, in calling for a Presbytery to ordain ministers, that we have the consent of the church to which they belong.

(14) Read the Request from Bethany Church asking that the Clerks reprint all of the Orders on our Association Book that are still enforced. A very informative discussion followed when it was learned that several of the younger Brethren, and some of the older Brethren, did not know many of the Orders now in effect in the Association Record Book. The Clerk reported that he had attempted to prepare a listing of all Orders in the Minute Book and decided such a listing might be confusing without adequate explanation and would require a lot of time and money.

By move and second, it is ordered that we carry this Item over until next year and for the Clerk to study the job and its cost and report to the Association next year.

(15) Read the Request we sent to the Indian Bottom Association with our 1980 Letter as follows:

REQUEST TO THE INDIAN BOTTOM ASSOCIATION
Sardis Association of Old Regular Baptist
to our Sister
Indian Bottom Association of Old Regular Baptist

Dear Brethren:

We, the Sardis Association of Old Regular Baptist, having met in regular session with the Mt. Pleasant Church, Sidney, Pike County, Kentucky on this 8th day of September 1979 sendeth greetings to our beloved and esteemed Sister, the Indian Bottom Association of Old Regular Baptist, when in session with the Happy Home Church at the permanent Association Building, Sassafras, Knott County, Kentucky on Friday before the first Saturday in September 1980. To all Brethren seated here today, beloved of God, called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Having debated the issue at our said Association, upon the Request from two of our Churches, it was agreed by regular move and second and without objection to send the following Request to you.

We humbly and respectfully Request that you, the Indian Bottom Association, halt the practice of using double (or multiple) married Brethren in any function of the Ministry. This practice severely strains the fabric of our Correspondence and continuation of the same, without rectification, jeopardizes the sustaining of our said Correspondence which we do not want to terminate.

We hope and pray that you will receive our Request, act upon it and provide our delegation with a reply to it.

Done and signed by Order of the Sardis Association,

Elder Edwin May, Moderator

Elder Wayne Herald, Assistant Moderator

Brother Ralph W. E. Varney, Jr., Clerk

Brother James M. Ray, Assistant Clerk

A report of our Delegates attending the 1980 Indian Bottom Association revealed that our Letter and Delegates were received and seated in regular order and that our Request was referred to the Committee on Arrangements and made an Item for Saturday's work.

When the Item came to the floor on Saturday the Indian Bottom Association Moderator advised his Association to send our Request back to us and not to send a Letter from Indian Bottom to the Sardis Association for 1980. He gave this advice to his Association because he believed or had been told that Indian Bottom would still have Correspondence with Sardis by indirect Correspondence through other Associations such as Union and New Salem.

Our Request was not discussed or debated on the floor and our Delegates were not permitted to speak on the subject. Our Moderator stated that he had attended Associations for many years and had never seen anyone preach the Introductory Sermon that was not ordained, as had been done at the 1978 Session of the Indian Bottom Association. Nor had he ever seen any Association send a Request to another Association and not be permitted to speak on the Request as was done at the 1980 Indian Bottom Association.

It was pointed out that the use of a double married man to preach the Introductory Sermon placed all attending Sardis Association Elders in the position of being in violation of a long-standing Order of the Sardis Association. (See the following Item reprinted from our 1919 Minutes.)

By move and second, it is ordered that we drop Correspondence with the Indian Bottom Association until they comply with our Request set out above.

(16) By move and second, it is ordered that Item 18 of our 1919 Minute be re-printed as follows:

Ordered that we advise our Churches not to allow their Ministers to preach with any minister who has two living women.

(17) By move and second, it is ordered that we express our appreciation to the Northern New Salem Association for their thoughtfulness in sending us the following:

Letter of Condolence
To the Sardis Association

Beloved, we know that words at this time can not express the sorrow you must feel at the passing of such worthy servants as Elder Jimmy Dealey, Elder Tracy Hatfield and Elder W.H. May. Not only you but all the rest of the generation of Jesus Christ have suffered a great loss. God has called them from this world to a land of rest. May God bless us all to pray harder, walk humbler and bear a little more of the load.

Your Sister in Christ,
Northern New Salem Association
Elder Paris C. Tackett
Elder Hillard Newsome
Elder Ray Hamilton

(18) On motion and second, it is ordered that we correspond with the UNION, NEW SALEM, NORTHERN NEW SALEM, PHILADELPHIA and OLD FRIENDSHIP ASSOCIATIONS; that the Clerk prepare the Letters and a file of Minutes; and that delegates be appointed to attend as follows:

UNION: When convened with the Frozen Creek Church, Raccoon, Pike County, Kentucky on Friday before the third Saturday in September 1980: Claude Brown, Alson Thornsbury, Willie Stiltner, Jim Bevins, Charles Pinson, Oscar McCoy, J.I. Nichols, Robert Clay, Emerson Jarrell, Fred Muncy, K.H. Williamson, Delbert Kazee, Julius Cochran, James Gannon, Wayne

Herald, Ernest Cochran, Homer Collins, Milford Lowe, Lloyd Sesco and Ralph W.E. Varney, Jr. Letter in the hands of Elder Edwin May.

NEW SALEM: When convened at the permanent Association Building, Minnie, Floyd County, Kentucky on Friday before the fourth Saturday in September 1980: James Gannon, Johnny Nichols, Donny Brown, Claude Brown, Kelly Castle, Julius Cochran, Chester Cochran, Charles Pinson, Jim Bevins, Fred Muncy, Jake Francis, K.H. Williamson, Emerson Jarrell, Oscar McCoy, Edwin May, Clifford Maynard, Edwin May and Wayne Herald. Letter in the hands of Elder Wayne Herald.

NORTHERN NEW SALEM: When convened with the Pleasant View Church, Litchfield, Ohio on Friday before the first Saturday in August 1981. Edwin May, W.H. Hale, Robert Clay, Clyde Brown, Delbert Kazee, Russell Thacker, Wayne Herald, S. D. Hensley, Ralph W. E. Varney, Jr., Isom Hannah, James Gannon, Edwin May, Cashier Blackburn, Emerson Jarrell, Wallace Muncy and Sabert Nichols. Letter in the hands of Brother Edwin May.

PHILADELPHIA: When convened with the Little Rosa Church at the permanent Association Building, Melrose, Kentucky on Friday before the second Saturday in August, 1981: James Gannon, K. H. Williamson, J. M. Francis, Edwin May, Ernest Cochran, Clifford Maynard, Claude Brown, Donny Brown, Julius Cochran, Chester Cochran, W.H. Cochran, Clyde Brown, Kelly Castle, Elwood Maynard, Fred Muncy, Robert Clay, Sabert Nichols, Wallace Muncy, Johnny Cline, Mark Cline, Wayne Herald, Burlin Thornsbury, Ralph W. E. Varney, Jr. and Mike Sheppard. Letter in the hands of Elder James Gannon.

OLD FRIENDSHIP: When convened with the Mount Zion Church, Mohawk, West Virginia on Friday before the fourth Saturday in August 1981: Edwin May, Burlin Thornsbury, James Gannon, Johnny Cline, Mark Cline, Ross Cline, Clyde Brown, Russell Thacker, Stewart Brown, Donny Brown, Edwin May, Kelly Castle, Ralph W. E. Varney, Jr. and Wayne Herald. Letter in the hands of Elder Burlin Thornsbury.

(19) Called for the Tent Committee to report and Elder Clifford Maynard brought several things to our attention that needed to be done. By regular move and second, Brother Larry May of the Bent Branch Church was appointed to replace Brother Joe Warrix on the Committee and Brother Wayne Herald, Jr. of the Buck Creek Church was appointed to replace Elder Edwin May on the Committee. By further move and second, it was agreed to supply Brother Bill Brown with a helper when putting up or taking down the tent for us and to increase the amount paid to Brother Bill by \$50.00.

(20) By regular move and second, it was ordered that the advice given in Item 16 of our 1979 Minutes be reprinted 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

(21) 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.

(22) 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.

(23) A Request from the Rebecca Church asks, "In the receiving of members having more than one living companion, does the criteria of receiving the innocent party also apply to the receiving of members by other than baptism (restoration, recommendation, letter)?"

On regular move and second, the word "receive" in the following Item 24 is defined to include "any means of receiving members".

(24) 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."

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

(26) 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 that pictures of an Elder or his wife will continue to be printed free.

(27) By move and second, it is requested that all of our Churches who can do so send help to the Pilgrims Home Church who will host our 1981 Association. All donations should be sent not later than May 1981.

(28) Brethren called in Association, Union and Communion Meetings made their report which was accepted, the failures excused and all were admonished to do better next year.

(29) Since no Church made a request to host our 1981 Association, the question was placed before the delegates. Both the Pilgrim's Home Church and the Rebecca Church made a Request to host our 1981 Association. Elder James Gannon made a move to grant Rebecca Church's Request because it would be that Church's 100th birthday, second was made by Brother Charley Scott. Brother Jim Bevins objected to this move and second. Vote of the delegates showed 29 in favor of the move and 35 against it. Therefore, the Pilgrim's Home Church will host our 1981 Association.

The Pilgrim's Home Church is located at Varney, Pike County, Kentucky. Take Highway U.S. 119 from Pikeville, Kentucky toward Williamson, West Virginia and about 12 miles out, turn left onto Kentucky Route 881 and follow the black-top road about 3 miles.

(30) By regular move and second, it is ordered that we, the Sardis Association, tender our heartfelt "thank you" to the Dix Fork Church and the Community at large for their love and support during our Association. A special thanks goes to the Mt. Pleasant Church and the Bevins School for use of their facilities and for their kindness shown to everyone. We further want to recognize and thank the Deputy Sheriffs who quietly directed the traffic for us: Clifford Stakon, Richard Akers, Bob Compton and Junior Carter. To all of those who helped in so many ways, we humbly say "Thank you". Our prayer is that God will richly bless you for the wonderful things you did for us, both seen and unseen.

(31) The reading of the Minutes was omitted by regular move and second and it was ordered that these Minutes be signed by the Officers of the Sardis Association.

(32) On motion from Brother Edwin Hay, second by Brother W.H. Hale, it is ordered that the Sardis Association adjourn to the place mentioned above at our regular meeting time, the Friday before the second Saturday in September 1981.

(33) The Sardis Association then adjourned by way of prayer offered by Elder Ray Hamilton of the Northern New Salem Association.

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

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

SUNDAY
September 14, 1980

The children have heard the distant call of the Old Church that beckons us home unto these hills each September where we lay aside the trials and tribulations of this world, because we are not of this world, and join our faith and hope together with that same faith and hope of our beloved Brethren and Sisters expecting a blessing in this time world that will sustain us yet another year, if Jesus delays His coming. And surely, from the electrifying feeling that abounds here today there is reality in the religion of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Mother Jerusalem has her table set Brethren, it's supper time!

Our Moderator, Elder Edwin May, called the assembly to seats by stating that he came here today for only one purpose - to worship God. In the past two days he has enjoyed the reunion of the Brethren and Sisters who had not seen each other in a long time. Then Brother Ed announced the arrangements.

Elder James Tackett, of the New Salem Association, opened the Services about the hour of 10:00 a.m. praising God for the good news and good tidings going out in the land these past two days. God's ears have everly been open unto those who earnestly ask of Him, being sincerely hungry for the Word of God and for the power of that Word. Brother Tackett then led in prayer.

Elder Eddie Tackett, of the New Salem Association, came next to the Stand proclaiming that the Old Prophets had no loudspeakers but the voice of trumpets - a heavenly sound that came down to John "The Baptist" who blew that trumpet of power from God. A voice the people on the banks of Jordan had waited for and knew it when they heard it. That same trumpet voice was passed on to the Apostles when Jesus sent them out into the land and they were astonished at its power.

Elder Fon Bowling, Assistant Moderator of the Union Association, followed in the Stand thankful for what he had both heard and felt here today and for the past two days. Brother Fon was blessed from on high for a short

space of time to preach from his text, Genesis 24:2. *And Abraham said unto his eldest servant of his house, that ruled over all that he had, Put, I pray thee, thy hand under my thigh. And I will make thee swear by the Lord, the God of heaven, and the God of the earth, that thou shalt not take a wife unto my son of the daughters of the Canaanites, among whom I dwell. But thou shalt go unto my country, and to my kindred, and take a wife unto my son Isaac.*

Our beloved Assistant Moderator, Elder Wayne Herald, came to the Stand desiring the prayers of the Brethren that God would allow him to speak the words here today that would be upbuilding to the house of God. Brother Wayne then sang a wonderful old song before announcing his text, Revelation 9:4. *And it was commanded them that they should not hurt the grass of the earth, neither any green thing, neither any tree; but only those men which had not the seal of God in their foreheads.*

The mighty power of God was shown forth in the wonderful preaching of Brother Wayne showing us that there were 144-thousand already sealed and resurrected and that there would be no 1000 years between the blowing of the trumpet and the resurrection. The "inward man" of the children of God has eternal life but the "outward man" has only a hope.

Brother Wayne further declared that Jesus passed up the Sadducees, the Pharisees and every other religion of that day to get to the Old Baptist, John, who baptized Him in Jordan.

Thus, the cornerstone that the builders rejected was laid in Zion and Jesus spent the next 3½ years setting up His Church. This is the time the "...woman fled into the wilderness, where she hath a place prepared of God, that they should feed her there a thousand two hundred and threescore days." (Rev. 12:6). During this 3½ years Jesus put His commandments into the Church and set out examples and a way to follow. Everything else in the Church today has been added by men and can not please God. Each time the children failed to obey the law and precepts of God they got into trouble. We must put our whole trust and dependence in God who will deliver. As Elijah said, "How long halt ye between two opinions? If the Lord be God, follow him; but if Baal, then follow him." As for the Old Time Baptist, we will follow the God that can answer by fire.

Amidst much shouting and rejoicing among the people of God the meeting ended and one Sister gave her hand for membership.

Our beloved old soldier of the Cross, Elder Tommy Adair, dismissed in prayer.

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

Your Clerks

CIRCULAR LETTER

(The following is a reprint of the Circular Letter written in 1892 by Elder Jonah Beuins.)

To the Brethren and Sisters of the Sardis Association.

Having been appointed by you to write a circular letter I will try in my weak and feeble way to comply with your request, trusting God's divine providence to guide my mind and my pen. I desire to call your attention to the ninth chapter of Paul's letter to the Hebrews and first and second verses: "Then verily the first covenant had also ordinance of divine service, and a worldly sanctuary"; second verse, "For there was a tabernacle made."

In order to obtain a thorough understanding of the divine truths revealed in the old and new testaments, a familiar knowledge of the tabernacle, it's contents, of the uses to which it was put, of the organization and duties of the Israelite priesthood, and of the forms and meanings of the sacrifice and the various religious observances of the chosen people is essential.

The Tabernacle was a symbol of the visible church of God on earth. It is to the Tabernacle and its worship that David so frequently referred in Psalms. He loved it as the House of the Lord, and desired above all things to dwell in its courts all the days of his life, that he might behold its fair beauty of the Lord. In some respects the Tabernacle is regarded as a type of the church of Christ. It was beyond a doubt a type of the church of Christ. In order to understand this the better, it will be necessary to examine the arrangements and construction of the sacred tent.

THE FIRST TABERNACLE

There was a tabernacle in the camp of the Israelites previous to the erection of the one that is generally known by that name. This was doubtless the dwelling or headquarters of Moses, and the place where the public business was transacted. We find in Exodus (33-7-10) the following reference to this Tabernacle: "And Moses took the tabernacle and pitched it without the camp and called it the Tabernacle of the Congregation. And it came to pass that everyone which sought the Lord went out unto the Tabernacle of the congregation which was without the camp. And it came to pass when Moses went out unto the Tabernacle that all the people rose up and stood every man at his tent door, and looked after Moses until he was gone into the Tabernacle. And it came to pass as Moses entered into the Tabernacle the cloudy pillar descended and stood at the door of the Tabernacle, and the Lord talked with Moses. And all the people rose up and worshipped, every man in his tent door." This Tabernacle was soon given up and was replaced by the one which Moses, during his forty days' retirement in Sinai, was commanded to construct according to a specific plan described to him by the Lord himself. The Tabernacle was intended as a visible sign of God's presence with His people. As we read in the Scripture of the long residence of the Israelites in Egypt had weakened their spiritual perception and they needed ocular proof that God Himself was indeed their leader, some fixed place in their camp which

should be known as the spot especially consecrated to God, and where the people might worship Him and offer sacrifice to Him. It was soon intimated to Moses that God would fix one such place for his abode. The first ordinances revealed to Moses after the giving of the law on Sinai, related to the construction and arrangement of the Tabernacle. An exact pattern of the whole structure and all its appointments was shown to him by God in Mount Sinai, and he was commanded to instruct the execution of the mechanical part of the work to Bezaleel, of the tribe of Judah, and Aholiab, of the tribe of Dan, who were the most skillful workmen in the nation. (true type of Christ and John the Baptist.) The Tabernacle was to be erected of materials voluntarily contributed by the people, and was in every respect to be a free-will offering of the nation unto the Lord. It was set up in the Arabian desert at the foot of Mount Sinai, and was carried by the Israelites with them in their immigrations until after the conquest of Canaan, when it remained stationary for longer periods in various towns of Palestine.

The tabernacle was simply a tent, rich and elaborate in design and construction, but still a tent. Jehovah, Lord of the Universe, condescended to dwell on earth in the same manner as his people, thus affording a most striking proof that His infinite love stops at nothing when seeking to bless His children. The materials of which the sacred tent was composed were so costly that skeptics have questioned whether they could be furnished by a nomadic race. The tabernacle exceeded in costliness and splendor in proportion to the slender means of a nomadic people, magnificence of any cathedral of the present day, compared with the wealth of the surrounding population. One of the most remarkable facts in the history of the tabernacle is that Moses was commanded to collect these materials by voluntary contribution. No one was required to give a fixed sum. His piety and zeal were the measure of his donation. Each one was to give according to his ability and inclination. And the Lord spoke unto Moses, saying, speak unto the children of Israel, that they bring me an offering; of every man that giveth it willingly with his heart, ye shall take my offering. And this is the offering which ye shall take of them: gold, and silver and brass and blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine linen, and goat's hair, and rams skins, dyed red, and badgers skins, and shittim-wood. Of these materials Moses erected the tabernacle of worship, according as God sheweth him in the mount, and all Israel was subject to their leader or commander, Moses being a true type of Christ. This tabernacle worship is the church, under the law. And we see who its occupants are. Now to find the church under Grace, what do we look for: Church (1) signifies a religious assembly selected and called out of the world by the doctrine of the gospel, to worship the true God in Christ, according to his work, 1 Cor. 1-2; Unto the Church of God which is at Corinth. To them that are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, with all that in every place call upon the name of Jesus Christ our Lord both theirs and ours. Rev. 2-7. He that hath an ear, let him hear what the spirit saith unto the churches: (2) All the elect of God, of what nation soever from the beginning to the end of the world. Who make but one body whereof Jesus Christ is the head. Cal. 1-18.

And he is the head of the body of the church: who is the beginning the first born from the dead. That in all things he might have the pre-eminence: (3) the faithful of some one family, together with such Christians of the same faith as were wont to assemble with them for solemn worship. (Rom. 16-5). Likewise greet the church that is in their house, salute my well beloved Epænetus who is the first fruits of Achaia unto Christ. (Gal. 4-15) Salute the brethren which are in Laodicea, and Nymphas and the church which is in his house. Philemon 2nd verse: And to our beloved Apphia, and Archippus our fellow soldier, and to the church in thy house. (4) The faithful of some one province. 2 Thes. 1-1: Paul, and Selvanus, unto the church of Thessalonians in God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. Christ teaches the disciples concerning trespasss, Mat. 18-17. Tell it to the church, but if he neglect to hear the church let him be unto thee as an heathen man and a publican. There is many other scriptures in God's bible to affirm the truthfulness of the tabernacle worship under the law, and to show without a question of a doubt that God translated Zion out from under the law, to re-establish her under grace and called it the church. And did sit His king upon His holy hill of Zion, and gave his people a new name, which I haven't the space to take up, but I want to show the purpose God had in the Church. Ia. 33-5. The Lord is exalted: he hath filled Zion with judgment and righteousness. 14 verse. The sinners in Zion are afraid, fearfulness hath surpassed the hypocrites. 24 verse. And the inhabitant shall not say, I am sick, the people that dwell therein shall be forgiven their iniquity. Jesus forgave the sins of all that did receive him and they became sons of God. Isa. 62-1. For Zion sake will I not hold my peace, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest until the righteousness thereof go forth as brightness and the salvation thereof as a lamp that burneth. Jer. 33-9. And it (the church) shall be to me a name of joy, a praise and an honor before all the nations of the earth, which shall bear all the good that I do unto them. Jesus said, "Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works, and glorify our Father who art in Heaven." I cannot refrain from speaking to you here of some of the damnable sins which is not only detrimental to the church, but also to our nation. I first call your attention to the prophet Ezra who was a learned and pious Jewish priest residing at Babylon in the time of Artaxerxes; in some way he obtained the favor of the King, who in the seventh year of his reign, granted Ezra leave to go to Jerusalem with a company of priests, Levites, singers, etc. Ezra's object was to establish religious reform among the Jews, who were in danger of losing their distinction and character as worshippers of God. His mission was successful on applying himself to the work of reformation, Ezra found the people already infected with the evil that had proved the root of all former mischief, intermarriage with the idolatrous nations around them. His first care was to impress them with the enormity of the sin. The example of his public mourning and prayer led some of the chief persons to come forward, and at their suggestion the whole people were summoned to Jerusalem on penalty of forfeiture and expulsion from the congregations, and when they assembled, and having confessed their sin, they proceeded to the remedy with order and deliberation. All the strange wives were put away, including even those who had borne children. Go read the book of Ezra.

It is the custom in the east to make marriages the occasion of great rejoicing. Each is required to attire himself in garments suitable to the occasion, and a neglect to do this is considered an insult to the host. Our Lord has taken this custom as the subject of the parable related in the 22nd chapter of St. Matthew's gospel, from which we may learn the necessity of providing ourselves with the wedding garment of righteousness, without which no man may be admitted to the marriage supper of the Lamb. It will be interesting to note here that the Bible doctrine of marriage is that of one wife to one man.

Marriage (1) signifies a civil contract, by which a man and woman are joined together which was instituted by God for prevention of uncleanness, and that they might help and comfort one another. Gen. 2:18-22-23. John 2-1, I Cor. 7-2. Nevertheless to avoid fornication let every man have his own wife. (Not another man's wife) and let every woman have her own husband, (not another woman's husband) Heb. 13-4. Marriage is honorable in all and the bed undefiled; but whoremongers and adulterers God will judge. Jer. 3-1. If a man put away his wife, and she go from him and become another man's shall he return unto her again? Shall not that land be greatly polluted. (Jer. 5-7-8) (Jer. 7-9-10), (Jer. 23-10), (Ezek. 15-5-6), (Hez. 4-1-2), (Matt. 5-32). Whosoever shall put away his wife saving for the cause of fornication causeth her to commit adultery. And whosoever shall marry her that is divorced committeth adultery. (Mark 10-11-12), (Luke 16-18), (Rom. 7-3). So then if, while her husband liveth she is married to another man, she shall be called an adulteress. (Gal. 5-19). The works of the flesh are manifest, which are these: "Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness (Rev. 22-19) says, "And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book, and with all these scriptures of truth it makes me cry out Oh! that my head were water and mine eyes a fountain of tears that I might weep day and night for the slain of the daughter of my people. Let mine eyes run down with tears night and day and let them not cease; for the virgin daughter of my people is broken with a great breach, with a very grievous blow. Ye that have escaped the sword remember the Lord. Afar off and let Jerusalem come into your mind. Reproach and shame has crept into the church, for strangers are come into the sanctuaries of the Lord's house.

Now Brothers and Sisters, this letter is running into to much space and I must close by saying to you, "Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers, for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness, and what communion hath light with darkness? May God help each one of us to live more faithful and may our lives be set on the candlestick.

Brethren and Sisters, pray for this, your unworthy servant, in hope of eternal life.

Signed,
Elder Jonah Bevins

UNION AND COMMUNION MEETINGS AND MINISTERS TO ATTEND

APRIL

SOUTHERN HOME: Friday before the first Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening. Services will be held Friday evening and Monday evening. Ministers called: Joe Evans, Billy Brumfield, Monroe Ousley, Albert Hamilton, Clifford Maynard, Steve Robinson, Jr., David Baisden, Ed May and Mont Ellis.

OKEECHOBEE: Second Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 5:00 p.m. Ministers called: Tommy Adair, Alfred Fields, Albert Hamilton, Ison Hannah, Ed May and Clifford Maynard.

LITTLE ROSA: Second Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: Wallace Muncy, Woody Paek, Ison Hannah, John Castle, Wayne Herald and Ted Glanden.

MAY

SALEM: First Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: Charlie Johnson, Ison Hannah, Steve Robinson, Jr. and John Hall.

TURKEY CREEK: Second Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: James Gannon, Wallace Muncy, Andrew Maynard, Ernest Cochran and Moderator attending.

JUNE

APPLE ORCHARD: First Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 1:00 p.m. Ministers called: Virgil Fields, Hurshell Huff, Tom Dials and Wallace Muncy. Dinner served near by.

ENON: First Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: Clifford Maynard, Mark Cline and Johnny Cline.

MUNCY VALLEY: Second Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 5:00 p.m. Ministers called: All Regular Baptist Ministers invited.

PILGRIM'S REST: Second Saturday and Sunday. Communion Sunday evening. Ministers called: Milford Lowe, Jimmy Dale Sanders, Ed May, Wallace Muncy and Moderators attending. Dinner on the ground.

BUCK CREEK: Third Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: Hiram Adkins, Baxter Osborne, David Lester, Freddy Kidd, Jimmy Dye and Moderator attending.

SIDNEY: Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: Ted Robinson, Wayne Howard, Wallace Muncy and Clifford Maynard.

LITTLE VIRGIE: Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: Grover Adkins, Steve Robinson, Jr., Tommy Ellis and Moderator attending.

JULY

DIX FORK: First Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: Eddie Tackett, James Tackett, Jimmy Dale Sanders, Frank Thacker and Calvin Adkins.

SAMARIA: First Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 5:00 p.m. Ministers called: Ison Hannah, Steve Robinson, Jr., George Woods, Ellis Davis, Joe Evans, Forest Osborne and Andrew Maynard.

ELIZABETH: First Saturday and Sunday. Communion Sunday. Ministers called: Wayne Herald, Freddy Kidd, Wallace Muncy and Hershell Huff.

LEANNAH: Second Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 1:00 p.m. Ministers called: Louie Muncy, Mark Cline, Johnny Cline and Billy May.

MT. PLEASANT: Second Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: Mark Cline, James Tackett, Hobert Hamilton, and Alvin Osborne.

LITTLE TAVIE: Second Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: Calvin Adkins, Anthony Hamilton, Hobert Hamilton, Burlin Thornsberry, Johnny Bentley and Ison Hannah.

BIG BRANCH: Third Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 1:00 p.m. Ministers called: Freddy Maynard, Clifford Maynard, Howard Coleman and Virgil Fields.

MARY ELIZABETH: Third Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 6:00 p.m. Ministers called: Virgil Fields, Ted Robinson and Hobert Hamilton.

NARROWS BRANCH: Friday before the fourth Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: Wayne Herald, Ed May, Hobert Hamilton, David Crigger, Ronald Scott, Wallace Muncy and Moderator attending.

AUGUST

TIBITHA: First Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 5:00 p.m. Ministers called: Ison Hannah, Willie Stikner, Alson Thornsberry and Ed May.

REBECCA: Second Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 5:00 p.m. Ministers called: Jimmy Miller, Virgil Fields, Berlin Thornsberry and Ross Cline.

ELK FORK: Third Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 5:00 p.m. Ministers called: Mark Cline, Lawrence Lester and Bill May.

BENT BRANCH: Third Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 5:00 p.m. Ministers called Kermit Newsome, Wayne Herald and Edwin May.

ROSA: Third Saturday and Sunday. Communion Sunday evening. Ministers called: Eales Cotton, Burl Sturgill, Luther Conn, David Lester and Steve Robinson, Jr.

BETHANY: Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 5:00 p.m. Ministers called: Charlie Evans, Eales Cotton, George Woods, Wallace Muncy, Edward Runyon and Andrew Maynard.

SARDIS: Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 5:00 p.m. Ministers called: Ed May, Lawrence Lester, Billy May, Alson Thornsberry and Moderator attending.

PILGRIM'S HOME: Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Communion Sunday evening. Ministers called: Grover Adkins, Freddy Maynard, Bobby Scott and Moderators attending.

MEMORIAL MEETINGS

MARCH

OKEECHOBEE CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting for all deceased members of Okeechobee Church on the second Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: Louie Muncy, Edwin Hay, Ellis Amburgy and Eddy Tackett.

APRIL

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

MAY

LEANNAH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of George Duncan at the Church on Meathouse on Sunday after the second Saturday. Ministers called: Sabert Nichols, Tom Dials, Milford Lowe, Louie Muncy and Wayne Herald.

ELK FORK CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the third Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: Willie Siltner, Alson Thornsberry and Clifford Maynard.

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

MARY ELIZABETH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the third Sunday in memory of Zella Mae (Farley) Harrison. Ministers called: Wallace

Muncy, Clifford Maynard, Bobby Scott, Fay Scott, and Assistant Moderator attending. Dinner will be served near by.

LITTLE VIRGIE CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting for all deceased members and friends of the Little Virgie Church on the fourth Sunday. Ministers called: Berlin Thornsberry, James Tackett, Matt Justice, Milford Lowe and Assistant Moderator attending.

NARROWS BRANCH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the fourth Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: Loyd Sisco, Frankie Scott, Tommy Dials, Alson Thornsberry, Edwin May and Clifford Maynard.

SIDNEY CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of Jobe Blackburn and all the deceased on that cemetery on the fourth Sunday. Ministers called: Wayne Herald, Tom Dials, Milford Lowe and Ed Runyon.

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 Sunday after the fourth Saturday on the Justice Cemetery at Lando, West Virginia in memory of Clayburn and Dolly Justice, Children and Grandchildren. Ministers called: Steve Robinson, Jr., David Baisden, Johnny Cline, Raymond Smith, and Mark Cline.

MEMORIAL MEETING will be held for all the deceased on the Cochran Cemetery at Dix Fork at 4:00 p.m. on the last Saturday. Ministers called: Claude Brown, Berlin Thornsberry, David Crigger and Tom Robinson.

MEMORIAL MEETING will be held on the Stanley Cemetery at Dix Fork on the last Sunday. All Regular Baptist ministers are invited. Also, a Meeting up the hollow at the Brown Cemetery at 4:00 p.m.

SARDIS CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the Pigeon Roost Cemetery on May 30th at 2:30 p.m. Ministers called: Steve Robinson, Jr., and Joe Evans.

MEMORIAL MEETING will be held at the home of Finley and Vada Maynard on the odd Sunday, May 31st. Ministers called: Louie Muncy, Willie Stiltner, Chester Belcher, Allen Thacker, Perry Layne, and Ralph Smith. Dinner will be served.

MEMORIAL MEETING will be held at the home of Mrs. Willard (May) Robinette for all the deceased on the Jeff Robinette Cemetery on May 31st at 11:00 a.m. Ministers called: Clifford Maynard, Edwin May, Clarence Owens and Glenn Maddox.

JUNE

SOUTHERN HOME CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the first Saturday and Sunday for all members of Southern Home Church. Ministers called: Millis Roberts, Earl Belcher and Alfred Fields.

TIBITHA CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting for all deceased members on the first Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: Mont Ellis, Joe Evans, Billy Brumfield and Ellis Davis.

DIX FORK CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the Morris Cemetery on the first Sunday. All Regular Baptist Ministers are invited.

LEANNAH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of all the deceased on Muncy Cemetery on Sunday after the second Saturday. Ministers called: Steve Robinson, Jr., Clifford Maynard, Freddy Maynard, Virgil Fields and Ted Robinson.

MEMORIAL MEETING will be held at the home of Okie Robinette on the third Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: John Fouch, Chester Belcher, Edward Runyon, Isom Hannah, Charley Evans, Willie Stiltner and Perry Layne.

BENT BRANCH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the third Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: Tommy Dials, Kermit Newsome, David Stone and David Baisden.

ELK FORK CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the third Saturday and Sunday on the Gilman Cemetery. Ministers called: Joe Evans, Raymond Smith, David Baisden and Willie Varney.

DIX FORK CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting for Marvin Stanley, Emma Stanley and Bill Crigger on the third Saturday at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: David Crigger, Hobert Hamilton, and Jimmy Dale Sanders.

BIG BRANCH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of Johnnie Nichols, Sr. and wife and all the deceased on the Lowe Cemetery at Gulnare, Kentucky on Sunday after the fourth Saturday. Ministers called: J.L. Nichols, Roosevelt Lowe, Clifford Maynard, Milford Lowe, and Sabert Nichols.

JULY

TURKEY CREEK CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting in the head of Long Branch on the Reed Cemetery on the first Sunday. Ministers called: Willie Lowe, Louie Muncy, Bobby Scott, Aldin Osborne, Wayne Herald and all Regular Baptist ministers are invited. Dinner will be served near by.

MEMORIAL MEETING of Ballard Blackburn and baby of Cashier and Opal Blackburn will be held on the Blackburn Cemetery at Dix Fork on Sunday after the first Saturday. All Regular Baptist ministers are invited.

LEANNAH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of all the deceased in the Robinson Cemetery on Sunday after the second Saturday. Ministers called: Edwin May, Steve Robinson, Jr., Clifford Maynard, David Baisden, Virgil Fields and Alison Thornsbury.

ELK FORK CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting at the home of J.T. Watts on Sunday after the third Saturday. Ministers called: Willie Varney, Tommy Adair, Sr., 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: Edwin May, Bobby Scott, Wayne Herald and Grover Adkins.

BIG BRANCH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of the Taylor and Scott family and the Mont Lowe family on Sunday after the third Saturday. Ministers called: Clifford Maynard, Virgil Fields and Howard Coleman.

SARDIS CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting for the Adair descendants Sunday after the fourth Saturday. Ministers called: Tommy Adair, Sr., Willie Varney, Raymond Smith, David Baisden and Steve Robinson, Jr.

SIDNEY CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of Rachel Stacy on the fourth Sunday. Ministers called: Tom Dials, Milford Lowe, and Sabert Nichols.

AUGUST

LEANNAH 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, Wayne Herald, Tom Dials and Ted Robinson.

MEMORIAL MEETING will be held on the Smith Cemetery on Rockhouse Fork of Big Creek on the first Sunday. Ministers called: Grover Adkins, Edwin May, Bobby Scott and Clifford Maynard.

SAMARIA CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting at the Dillon Cemetery on Sunday after the first Saturday. Ministers called: Steve Robinson, Jr., Isom Hannah, Ed Runyon and Fay Scott.

ENON CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the first Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: Wayne Herald, Clifford Maynard and David Baisden.

DIX FORK CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting for all the 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: Milford Lowe, Eales Cotton, George Woods and J.L. Nichols. Dinner will be served near by.

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

LEANNAH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the Lowe Cemetery on the second Sunday. Ministers called: Ernest Cochran, Milford Lowe, Freddy Maynard, Clifford Maynard, Wayne Herald 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: Kelly Castle, Charlie Evans, Hobert Hamilton, David Crigger, Fay Scott, Lloyd Seseo and Moderator attending.

PILGRIM'S REST CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the second Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: Mac Chapman, Louie Muncy, Don Little, Bobby Scott and Moderators attending. Dinner on the ground.

MEMORIAL MEETING on the Blackburn Cemetery at Marrowbone, West Virginia will be held on Sunday after the second Saturday. Ministers called: Wayne Herald, Sabert Nichols, Tom Dials and Milford Lowe.

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: Freddy Maynard, Isom Hannah, Hiram Adkins and Willis Lowe.

SAMARIA CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the Hannah Cemetery on Sunday after the third Saturday. Ministers called: Isom Hannah, Edward Runyon, Sabert Nichols and Steve Robinson, Jr.

BIG BRANCH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the McCoy Cemetery on Sunday after the third Saturday. Ministers called: Ernest Cochran, Clifford Maynard, J.L. Nichols and Sabert Nichols.

BUCK CREEK CHURCH will give away to a memorial meeting on Sunday after the third Saturday to be held at the Dave Jude Cemetery on Peter Cave in Martin County. Ministers called: Wayne Herald, Sabert Nichols, Milford Lowe and Wallace Muncy.

SIDNEY CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting for the deceased members of Sidney Church on Sunday after the fourth Saturday. Ministers called: Wayne Herald, Hurshell Huff, Howard Coleman, Freddy Maynard and Woody Pack.

MEMORIAL MEETING on the Henry Taylor Cemetery will be held on Sunday after the fourth Saturday. Ministers called: Ernest Cochran, J.L. Nichols, Clifford Maynard, Virgil Fields and Elmer Mullins.

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.

MEMORIAL MEETING of Ted Blackburn will be held at the home of his son, Dewey Blackburn, on Wims Branch on August 30th. Minister called James Tackett.

SEPTEMBER

LEANNAH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting near the Leannah Church of Tom McCoy and others buried in the Buck Branch Cemetery and of Monay McCoy and others buried in the McCoy Cemetery in the head of Meathouse Fork of Wolf Creek on the first Sunday. Ministers called: Milford Lowe, Clinton Howard, Louie Muncy, Edwin May, Steve Robinson, Jr., Fay Scott and Freddy Maynard.

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, Hobert Hamilton, Joe Evans and Wallace Muncy.

MEMORIAL MEETING will be held on the A.C. and Wesley Young Cemetery in memory of Bessie Young and others on Sunday after the first Saturday. Ministers called: Willis Lowe, Frankie Scott, Wallace Muncy, Thomas J. Dials and Louie Muncy. There will be dinner on the ground.

MEMORIAL MEETING will be held at the Joe Taylor Cemetery on lower Brushy Creek on Sunday after the first Saturday. Ministers called: Edwin May, Clifford Maynard and Clarence Owens.

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: Ross Cline, Sabert Nichols, Wayne Herald, Ivory Sowards, Tom Dials, and Kelly Castle.

MARY ELIZABETH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of Elder Wallace Jackson, George Fraley, Donnie Lowe and others on the third Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: Charlie Johnson, Ted Robinson, Lloyd Senco and Moderator attending.

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.L. Nichols, Willie Lowe, Ernest Cochran and Clifford Williams.

BETHANY CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on Sunday after the third Saturday at the May Cemetery in the Flatwoods on Marrowbone Creek, West Virginia. All Regular Baptist Ministers are invited.

MEMORIAL MEETING of Johnny Jude and son and of the Howells will be held on the fourth Sunday. Ministers called: Milford Lowe, Clinton Howard, Virgil Fields and Isom Hannah.

OCTOBER

ELIZABETH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the first Saturday and Sunday for all deceased members of Elizabeth Church. Ministers called: Tom Dials, Milford Lowe, Isom Hannah and Ross Cline.

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, Louie Muncy and Zee Holbrook.

TURKEY CREEK CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting the second Saturday and Sunday for all deceased members of Turkey Creek Church. Ministers called: Freddy Maynard, Charley Johnson, Clifford Maynard 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, Clifford Maynard and Alvin Osborne.

LITTLE TAVIE CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the second Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: James Tackett, Ted Robinson, Ernest Cochran, Buddy McCarty and Rush Stanley.

LEANNAH will hold a memorial meeting on the Scott Cemetery in the head of Finley Fork on Sunday after the second Saturday. Ministers called: Steve Robinson, Jr., Clifford Williams, Sabert Nichols and Wallace Muncy.

ROSA CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of all deceased members of the Rosa Church on the third Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: Lloyd Sesco, David Baisden, Isom Hannah and Louie Muncy.

SIDNEY CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of John Jude, Bill Jude, Ornie Jude and her son, J.T. Jude, on the fourth Sunday. Ministers called: Tom Dials, Clinton Howard, Sabert Nichols and Howard Coleman.

PILGRIM'S HOME CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the fourth Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: Milford Lowe, Andrew Maynard, Hiram Adkins and Moderators attending.

OBITUARIES

GUSTA YOUNG

Gusta Young, age 63, of Varney, Ky. died at 9:05 a.m., March 26, 1980 at the Williamson Regional Hospital at South Williamson, Ky. after a short illness.

Born in Pike County, Ky., she was the daughter of Lacy and Kissiah Ray. She was married to Willard Young on April 18, 1936. She joined the Old Regular Baptist Church on January 1, 1950.

Survivors include her husband, Willard Young; five sons: Virgil Young, Hardy, Ky.; Burgis Eugene Young, Larry Neal Young, Gary Lloyd and Danny Kenneth Young, all of Varney, Ky.; one son preceded her in death; four brothers: Amos Ray, Jessie Roscoe Ray and Jack Ray, all of Varney, Ky., and Lacy Thomas Ray of Piso, Ky.; two brothers, Ben Ray and Russel Ray, preceded her in death; six sisters: Gracie Charles and Nancie McKenney, both of Warren, Mich., Leonora Stagers of Meta, Ky., Ollie Hinkle of Virginia, Martha McCoy of Florida and Mary Ann of Varney, Ky.; 9 grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Funeral services were held March 29 at the Pilgrim's Home Church at Varney, Ky. with Elders Edwin May, Grover Adkins, Hiram Adkins and others officiating. Burial followed in the Tom Ray Cemetery at Varney, Ky. under the direction of the J.W. Call and Son Funeral Home.

Written by her husband,
Willard Young and by
Elmo Williamson

Someday I will be gone and it looks like it won't be long. You can read this when I am sleeping under the sod of the valley just waiting for that great day when all the dead shall arise again. I won't be afflicted there, I will be well again.

Written by Gusta Young
(date unknown)

CRAFT MAYNARD

Craft Maynard, son of the late George and Artie Williamson Maynard, was born November 22, 1908 and died January 23, 1980. He was married December 16, 1933 to Elizabeth Myrtle Lowe, who survives him along with



two daughters, Lois Jean Johnson of Louisville, Kentucky and Artie Ruth Taylor of Route One, Pikeville, Ky., four grandchildren, Larry Wayne, Donald Lloyd and Paulne Elizabeth Johnson of Louisville, Kentucky, and Stephen Hoyt Taylor of Route One, Pikeville, Ky. He has four sisters: Nancy Elkins and Alice Murphy of Meta, Ky.; Mary Stanley of Piso, Ky.; Condolea Runyon of Florida; and Della Ray (deceased). He has two brothers, Arthur Maynard of McCombs, Ky. and Christopher (Kip) Maynard (deceased).

I knew Brother Craft for over forty years and found him to be very honest, patient, decent and, in my opinion, as near as man can be to perfect without being a Christian. But, being a strong, busy, hard-working man, he failed to choose "that good part" until he became unable to work and this inability through sickness and age reminded him of his need for salvation. For, having known for many years that he was not acceptable with God, his good health and his own strength and ability hindered him for seeing how badly he needed the Lord because he did not feel a present need for anything more than he already had. But, when he was brought down to an almost helpless condition he was able to see more clearly the reality of death and a need for a different strength. For the strength which he had been depending on was sufficient so long as it lasted but now he saw this strength fleeing him never to return again. So he returned to the only one who has ever promised any help beyond this life and now, no longer having any confidence in his own strength, was able to turn his whole heart to God who accepted his offering and, on December 5, 1979, Brother Craft was baptized to become a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Old Regular Baptist called Apple Orchard.

And now in conclusion let us all remember that every knee shall bow and every tongue shall confess. We can bow and confess in this life and live forever or we can wait until the resurrection and still have to bow and confess and die forever. It is an individual decision which we must live with or die with, and that forever.

Written by Elder Clifford R. Maynard,
Assisted by Artie Ruth Taylor

HOBERT GRAHAM

He was born December 12, 1896, departed this life, April 16, 1980, making his stay here on earth 83 years, 4 months and 4 days. He was the son of William and Rachel Graham. He met and married Jessie Moore in 1918. To this union was born 10 children. Three of these children preceded him in death. Left to mourn his passing are his beloved wife, Jessie, four sons: Don



of Fairborn, Ohio; Claude and Mack of Beaver Creek and Bill of Dayton, Ohio; three daughters: Oretha Gatliff and Peggy Ann Hilty of Medway, Ohio; Thelma Wellman of Louisa, Ky. He leaves 19 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren. He also leaves one brother: Walter Graham of Ervin, Texas and two sisters: Julia Belcher of New York and Lillie Blackburn of Kenova, W. Va. He will be missed by a host of relatives, friends, brothers and sisters in the Church.

As he started raising a young family he came to realize there was something missing in his life, which was the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. He was converted and baptized in 1922. In 1929 he was ordained an Elder or Preacher. He experienced many storms as an Elder but he was faithful to this calling for almost 52 years. He belonged to the Buck Creek Church of Old Regular Baptist in Beauty, Ky.

He was a devoted husband and father who loved and was so proud of his family. In the later years his desires were to have a nice home and a car so that he and Jessie could go to church. He was heard to have said that by the help of God, he accomplished in life what he set out to do. He will be missed by us all.

Written by Elder Ellis W. Amburgey
and his beloved wife, Jessie

MARGARET GROSS RATLIFF

It is with a sad heart that I try to write the Obituary of my grandmother, Margaret Gross Ratliff. She was born January 16, 1885 and departed this life September 14, 1976, making her stay here on earth 91 years, 8 months and 2 days. She was the daughter of Hezzie and Lydia Gross.

She was married to Ferdie Ratliff on April 17, 1902 and to this union were born two children: Trimble Ratliff and Goldie Haynes, both of Route 1, Pikeville, Ky. Her husband preceded her in death on March 14, 1952.

She was a member of the Old Regular Baptist Church for as long as I can remember. She is gone but will never be forgotten.

Written by her granddaughter and husband
Goldie and Stallard Hall



ALFRED HALL

It is with much sadness that I try to write the obituary of my loving father, Alfred Hall. He was born October 18, 1890 and departed this life February 2, 1979, making his stay here on earth 88 years, 3 months and 2 days.

He was first married May 12, 1912 to Mary Roberts Hall and to this union was born five sons: Bradford Hall, Pikeville, Ky.; Dalfred Hall, Shelbiana, Ky.; Dallard Hall, Michigan; Stallard Hall, Pikeville, Ky.; and Dallas Hall, Michigan. His first wife, Mary, preceded him in death in 1946.

He later married Madgie (Hall) Hall who survives.

Written by his son and
daughter-in-law,
Stallard and Goldie Hall



JORDAN TAYLOR

Jordan Taylor, son of the late John B. and Sophia Maynard Taylor, was born June 2, 1893 and died March 2, 1979.

Brother Jordan was married to Vasti Fields, September 28, 1911 and to this marriage was born three children, Esta May Taylor (deceased), Effie J. Blackburn of Guthare, Ky. and Arthur Taylor of California. He also leaves four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Brother Jordan was a member of the Apple Orchard Old Regular Baptist Church of Jesus Christ where he attended as long as his health permitted.

When I think of how disabled he was the last several months on earth, I am so thankful that God prepared a paradise for His people to enter into at the end of this life and that Brother Jordan has passed from much suffering into this paradise never to suffer again.

To the many friends and relatives, let us never forget that we, too, must die and, if we are to be in the Resurrection of the Righteous, we must have Christ in our lives this side of the grave.

By Elder Clifford R. Maynard

JULIUS SCOTT

By request I will attempt, by the help of the Lord, to write an Obituary of a dear, beloved Brother in the Lord, Julius Scott, who was born December 1, 1896 and departed this life October 13, 1979 making 82 years and 10 months that God blessed him to live upon earth.

He was first married to Sarah York Scott and to this union was born one son and five daughters. His first wife preceded him in death and he was married to Yantice Justice Scott who also preceded him in death. He later married Carrie Taylor Scott who survives with his five daughters and one son and a host of friends and relatives and Christian Brothers and Sisters to mourn his passing.

Brother Julius joined the Regular Baptist family on December 7, 1941 and took membership with Sardis Church at Delbarton, West Virginia. He later was ordained Deacon, and served as Trustee and was faithful and efficient in his calling.

He showed great interest in the welfare and prosperity of the Church. He supported the Church much financially toward remodeling and furnishing the Sardis Church and done it joyfully and with pride. He mentioned different times to me that he would like to live long enough to see the bank note paid off but, unfortunately he was called away before it was paid off.

Needless to say, Brother Julius will be missed. He certainly will not only be missed by the Church but by his many acquaintances and friends, neighbors and relatives.

I thank God for the privilege of knowing Brother Julius and the opportunity to spend many hours, days and nights with him. I probably knew him as well as anyone. We loved each other as brothers and after he got sick with that dreadful cancer, he would have his wife to call me and Brother Steve Robinson to come nearly everyday to his bedside, which we did regardless of what we were doing, we would go. We don't regret one minute we spent with him which was our duty to do so.

He would tell us that he loved his children and his wife who were so good to him and took the best of care of him, which I personally know they done an exceptionally good job caring for him.

So, in closing, let me say to the family, you have lost a good husband and father. I have lost one of my best friends and the Church has lost a good member. But I feel our loss is Heaven's gain. So, to the ones that don't know Christ in a free pardon of sin, let me persuade you to seek the Lord before it is too late. I feel you will have to serve the Lord in order to meet Brother Julius again. I feel he has gone to that good land where he will have a glorified body that can never suffer anymore.

Written by one that loved him very much,
A Brother in Christ,
George Martin

EMMA STANLEY

With much sadness I will try to write the Obituary of Sister Emma (Ma) Stanley. Sister Emma was born in Pike County, Kentucky on April 23, 1891, departing this life on August 31, 1980 making her stay here on earth 89 years, 4 months, and 8 days. She was the daughter of the late Will Scott and Arminda (Runyon) Scott. She was married to Elder Willie Stanley in the year of 1912. Brother Willie preceded her in death January 4, 1977, three sisters, two brothers, two grandchildren and one great-grand child also preceded her in death. To Brother Willie and Sister Emma were born six children. Two daughters died in infancy, four children surviving are: three sons, Ervil, Virgil, and William Earsel Stanley, all of Hardy, Kentucky and one daughter, Miss Birdie Stanley of Hardy, Kentucky. Also, nine grandchildren, fourteen great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren. Additional survivors include a sister, Mrs. Russell (Bessie) Thacker of Hardy, Kentucky and one half-brother, Verlin Scott of Smithfield, Kentucky.



Sister Emma (Ma) Stanley joined the Narrows Branch Church of Old Regular Baptist the 4th Sunday in May 1936. She was baptized by the hands of Elder Jonah Bevins and Elder Ester Hopkins. She was a faithful member for over 44 years, always filling her seat, until sickness kept her away. Sister Emma (Ma) will be sadly missed by the Church members, the large family she leaves behind, a large host of friends and all who knew and loved her. She loved us all so well, always wanting to feed the Church Brothers and Sisters, as well as family and friends. We will miss her sweet face. Dear Brothers, Sisters, family and friends, don't weep for Sister Emma (Ma), she is far better sleeping and resting in peace with Jesus, waiting for the great and noble day of The Great Resurrection Day. We believe our loss down here on earth is Heaven's eternal gain.

There are many good words and deeds we could say of Sister Emma, but we would not deem it necessary for all who knew and loved her knew the good life she lived. Also, how good and kind she was with everyone. Dear Emma, sleep on, we hope to meet you and Brother Willie and all the Saints of God some sweet day.

Written by request of the Family,
A Brother in Hope of Eternal Life,
Brother Clyde Brown

ELDER DAVID (Dave) WILLIAMS

With much grief and sorrow, we will try and write the Obituary of our beloved husband and father, Brother Dave Williams. He was born August 6, 1907 at Johns Creek, Pike County, Kentucky and deceased this life November 18, 1979.

He was married to Delcie (Adkins) Williams and to this union was born the following children: Edna Truskowski of Norfolk, Va.; Juanita Matney of Franklin, Ohio; Minnie A. Goins, Sue Williams, and Janet Trout, all of Aflex, Ky.; Kay Bevins of Gordon, Ga.; and Donald Lee Williams of Mansfield, La. There are 34 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren.

He professed a hope in Christ and his willing heart signified his love of God's work in the Church. He was an ordained Minister and remained faithful to his calling until death. Time and time again he forced his feeble body to the Stand, when called upon by the Brethren, to preach the goodness of God's love to all humanity.

His warm smile and loving ways will greet us no more here on earth but will be renewed again in Heaven where God will wipe away all tears. Daddy is gone from us but by the grace of God we will see him again. We miss him so much but our loss is Heaven's gain.

Written by his wife,
Delcie, and children

MABEL (WILLIAMSON) BEVINS

Sister Mabel (Williamson) Bevins, age 80, was born August 25, 1899, the daughter of the late Roland T. and Sarah (Smith) Williamson. She departed this life to be with Christ on March 13, 1980, after many months of suffering, looking forward to a better home in heaven with God the Father and His Son, who she accepted and received forgiveness of her sins, thereby being reconciled to God by the death of Christ on Calvary she shall be saved by his "Perfect Life."

She was married to Bogar Bevins, who preceded her in death, and to this union was born three daughters: Mrs. Thelma Headen and Miss Juanita Bevins, both of Goody, Kentucky and Mrs. Salley Gugelchuch of



South Point, Ohio and two sons, Joseph Bevins of Robinette, W. Va. and Kenneth Bevins of Goody, Ky. Additional survivors include: two sisters, Mrs. Elsie West and Georgia Williamson, both of Canada, Ky; ten grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

From a small boy until God called her home I have many memories of Sister Mabel's life in her home and community, her life in Christ after the "New Birth" had taken place in her heart, her possession of the gifts of the Holy Spirit - love, peace, long suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith and meekness. She made a profession of faith and was baptized October 7, 1945 by Elder B.H. Bevins into the fellowship of the Salem Church where she remained faithful until death.

To Sister Mabel's unsaved family and friends through the miracle of the "New Birth," God can save you from your sins and record your name in the Lamb's Book of Life, if you will only believe on the Lord Jesus Christ (for God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through Him might be saved." Put your trust in Him now and receive everlasting life.

Sister Mabel's life would be comparable to Solomon's writing of Proverbs 31:10 through 31, she loved her family, home and eateth not the bread of idleness.

Written by request of the Family,
Her Brother in Christ,
Calvin C. Bevins

QUENTIN R. BEVINS

Brother Quentin R. Bevins, age 61, was born December 14, 1918, the son of the late Elder Jonah and Ella (Harris) Bevins. He departed this life to be with Christ on February 28, 1980, his physical body made from the dirt of the earth went back to the dust of the earth but his spirit and soul, which are eternal and could never be destroyed by death, are conscious in Paradise with God awaiting the resurrection of his body from the grave.

He was married to Clara (Marcum) Bevins, who survives, on September 30, 1945 and to this union was born one son, Bobby Lee Bevins of Berea, Ky. Additional survivors include two granddaughters, Amy and Julie Bevins of Berea and three sisters, Mrs. Carson (Sally Jane) Fairchild of Jackson, Ohio, Mrs. Irene Kelsay of Williamson, W. Va. and Mrs. Magdaline Combs of Goody, Ky. He was preceded in death by a sister, Lola (Bevins) Pauley and three brothers, Clyde, Okey and Ester Marvin (Eck) Bevins.



Brother Quentin, through the hearing of the Word and through the convicting power of the Holy Spirit, saw himself as a lost, helpless sinner and accepted the shed blood of the Lord, Jesus Christ, on Calvary's Cross, received remission of his sins and upon the entering of the Holy Spirit into his heart, from that moment on, he knew that his name was written in the Lamb's Book of Life and all was well with his soul. Upon this profession of faith he was baptized March 8, 1942, by Elders Jonah and Harrison Bevins and became a member of the Salem Church. He also served as Deacon until his death.

When Jesus Christ returns at the time of the Resurrection, through the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, he is going to change Brother Quentin and all our Christian loved ones, friends, and neighbors who have gone from corrupt physical bodies into glorified bodies. Their souls and spirits will again come from Paradise and go back into their bodies and they will possess new glorified bodies over in the Gloryland, rejoicing throughout the endless ages of God's eternities. Oh, My, what a blessed thought it is! When the blood-bought Church of Jesus Christ gathers around the great throne of God and we sing the glorious songs of a new world in a new body throughout eternity!

Written by his Nephew and Brother in Christ,
Calvin C. Bevins

SARAH SMITH HATFIELD

Sister Sarah was born January 23, 1905 in Pike County, Ky. and died September 4, 1980 at her home following a long illness. She was the daughter of the late Lewis P. Smith and Minnie Oney Smith and was married to Howard H. Hatfield, who preceded her in death. She is survived by four sons, Bert Hatfield, of Hardy, Ky., Joe E. Hatfield of Toler, Ky., James Hatfield of Sidney, Ky., and Roy C. Hatfield of Belfry, Ky. Other survivors include 15 grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren, a brother, Mart Smith of Sidney, Ky., and two sisters, Dorothy Clevinger of Sidney, Ky., and Fay Woods of Akron, Ohio. Two sons preceded her in death, John Lee and H. Layton.

She joined the Church on July 2, 1980 and was baptized by the hands of Elder Lloyd Seseo and Elder David Crigger and placed her membership with the Mt. Pleasant Church. Sister Sarah sent word that she wanted to be baptized and several of the Brethren and Sisters gathered in her home for services. When she gave her hand to become a member of the Church she said that the Lord came into her room one night and stood before her and said, "You are forgiven." She also sent word to some of her friends when she was in the hospital that she had seen the Lord again.



She lived a quite and peaceable life and was a good neighbor but she knew that it took being born again to have eternal life. So she chose the good part that will never be taken from her. Sister Sarah has never been ashamed of the Lord. Everytime I was permitted to talk to her she always talked about Him and how good He had been to her. Now she has entered into that peaceful rest and her voice has been made silent but the precious memories she left behind will be cherished by her family and friends. I feel with all my heart that we will meet again beyond this veil of tears where parting is no more.

Written by one that loved her,
Geraldine Crigger

WILLARD BLAIR

"Blessed are they which die in the Lord from henceforth; yea saith the Spirit that they may rest from their labors; and their works do follow them." And so it was with Willard, one of fraternal twin boys, born into the parentage of Frank and Virginia Stepp Blair at Canterbury, W. Va.

On December 19, 1928 he and Irene Deskins, daughter of Killace and Carrie Maynard Deskins were united in marriage. She gave up a career as an educator to devote her time to rearing their family of seven children, namely: Mrs. Homer "Annette" Dameron, of Stone, Ky., Mrs. Charles "Wanda" Sheppard, Gahanna, Ohio, Mrs. Billy "Merle" Sheppard, Lenora, W. Va., Mrs. Charles "Carrie" Alexander, Williamson, W. Va., Mrs. Paul "Joyce" Schultz, Argos, Ind., Gary Blair, Lenora, W. Va., and Howard Blair, Buffalo Grove, Ill. Also surviving are 18 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren, 2 brothers, Fred, Williamson, W. Va., Morrie of Lenore, W. Va., and one sister, Mrs. Booker "Wanda" Short, Glen Burnie, Md. One brother preceded him in death.

During a memorial service on the Lackey Cemetery on August 25, 1933, he made a profession of faith and was baptized in Laurel Creek the following Sunday with Elder Frank Canterbury and George R. Sheppard officiating. Among the 10 converts baptized that day was Bro. James White, a well known soldier of the Cross.

After his conversion, Willard obeyed the call of the Master to the ministry and became a liberated minister, publishing glad tidings of great joy to the world until his passing. He officiated as clerk for 12 years and was gifted to sing Zion's songs with sincerity and great power, especially the one that he likened unto his life "I put off the Old Coat and Put on the New".

During his 47 years affiliation with the Bethany Church and Sardis Association he had missed only 4 sessions. No Brother was more dedicated to



the cause of the church than he and was happy in the service of the Master and wanted to share this happiness with others. He stood like a soldier and died at his post.

One month prior to Willard's death his twin brother, Morrie, following in his footsteps, gave his life to God. His late father and mother, one daughter and his sister belonged to the same church at one time.

He was educated in the public schools, a railroader, miner, honorary Ky. Colonel, member of Old Regular Baptist Church and was retired from the State Road Commission.

His body, which has fallen in dull mortality, will rise again in the Resurrection to bloom in the freshness, splendor and glory of a new life with a body likened unto Christ's most glorious one.

The Family

ONA JANE (RUNNYON) REED

It is with much sadness and sorrow that I sit and try to write the Obituary of my sweet and dear Grandmother. She was born September 29, 1890 and died January 7, 1980, making her stay here on earth 89 years 4 months and 7 days.

Grandma was known to all who knew her as Maw Reed. She was loved and respected by all who knew her. We are all going to miss her but we know that she has gone to a more beautiful and peaceful home with God.

During her stay here on earth she was united in marriage to Hiarm Reed who I'm sure is with her in heaven now. To this union was born 10 children, six preceded her in death and four are left to mourn her loss. They are her daughters, Mrs. Hazel Lowe, of Turkey Creek, Ky., Mrs. Alice Webb of Madison Heights, Michigan, Mrs. Mae Daniels of Williamson, W. Va. and one son, Mr. Johnny Reed of Turkey Creek, Ky. Also left to mourn her loss is one foster daughter, Mrs. Vice Robinette of Varney, Ky., 25 grandchildren, 53 great-grandchildren and many good friends and neighbors.

She was a long and devoted member of the Old Regular Baptist Church up until her death. We will continue to always have beautiful, fond memories of Grandma and hope that someday we will all join her and Granddaddy in heaven.

Written by her devoted granddaughter,
Mrs. Barbara Ann Willis



CHESTER COMBS

Brother Chester Combs, age 63, was born January 25, 1917, the son of the late Shade and Elizabeth Ellen Combs. He departed this life to be with Christ on July 14, 1980 and to receive his hope which is laid up for him in Heaven, an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled that fadeeth not away. He knew that in God's Heavenly wardrobe hangs for him a beautiful robe, a robe of righteousness, a robe made snowy white by the blood of the Lamb of God.

He was married to Mary Magdaline (Bevins) Combs, who survives, on November 17, 1945. Additional survivors include three sisters, Mrs. Nan Handshoe of Handshoe, Ky., Mrs. Laura Ramey of Kennelsville, Ind. and Mrs. Molly Handshoe of Ill.; three brothers, Franklin T. Combs of Elm Rock, Curtis and Jasper Combs, of Knox, Ind.

Through the miracle of the "New Birth" God saved Brother Chester from his sins, and recorded his name in the Lamb's Book of Life. Upon his profession of faith he was received into the fellowship of the United Baptist Church at Elm Rock, Ky. In October 1945, after his marriage to Sister Maggie, and choosing to live and follow his vocation in life in this area, he was baptized May 3, 1952 by Elder B.H. Bevins and received into the fellowship of the Salem Church, where he gave thanks to God for His unspeakable gift to a lost and dying world, through Jesus Christ, His Son, that we may have forgiveness of sin, have our names written in the Lamb's Book of Life and be on our way to the gloryland to live forever with Him.

To Brother Chester's unsaved family and friends, Jesus Christ came into this world to save sinners from a devil's hell and, if you will put your trust in Him, He will save you from your past, present and future sins, writing your name in the Lamb's Book of Life. Then you can put on the helmet of Salvation and never again will those thoughts of doubt as to your salvation need come into your mind.

Written by his Nephew and Brother in Christ,
Calvin C. Bevins

LYDIA B. THOMPSON

It is with much sadness and a very broken heart that I try to write the
Obituary of my dear sweet mother.

Lydia B. Thompson of Baisden, W. Va. died March 17, 1980 at her home. She made her home here on God's green earth 81 years, 5 months and 2 days. She was married to my wonderful Dad, Dave Thompson, who preceded her in death almost twenty-two years ago. To this union they were blessed to have



nine children, Clarence (Tootie) Thompson, who preceded her in death, Vernia Gladen, Myrtle, Ray, Lee Roy, Emerson, Benny Joe, Edra Rose, and Danny Allen Thompson and a granddaughter, Teresa J. Thompson, whom she raised. But the best thing that ever happened to my dear sweet mother was that forty-seven years ago she came to the point in life where she needed the Lord. So in 1933 she was baptized by Elder Perry Cline into the Rosa Regular Baptist Church. The 47 years she was a faithful member and always filled her seat in the church and sometimes she would go when she wasn't able to. Her children realize now that what she was striving for all those 47 years was that wonderful man called Jesus, who is King of all Kings and who had promised her a mansion up in Heaven where she will never be sick anymore and where she will never have anymore heartaches, troubles or pain. In this life Mom had her share of heartaches, pain, troubles and trials but thanks be to that great wonderful man called Jesus who helped her through all of these things and saved her soul so she would have a better place to go when he called her home to live with Him. She took her pain in stride and her children are so very thankful that God gave us a mother like she was. For, to us children, she was like the bright and morning star who could ease our pain and go as far as she could for us children, not only her children but to everyone she knew. Mom was just a wonderful mother whom we loved so very much and when God took her home to live with Him to rest for her toils and labors it almost broke our hearts. I guess, to be as good as she was to her children and to everyone she knew, we thought she could not die and leave us, but we realize now that God needed her and He knew she needed a rest for she had done her work here on this earth well and it was time to come home to Heaven to live with Him. Giving her up was the hardest thing we had to do but I thank God she won't have to suffer anymore.

She was sick for about two months but she wasn't in a lot of pain. She slept about all the time. She would look forward to her Brothers and Sisters coming down in the evenings to have Church with her or just to sing and pray with her.

Her desire most of all in this life was to see her children get right with God and come to the Church. Just the night before she died she said, "If I could live to see my children come to the church." It wasn't Mom's fault that we were not in the Church when she died because she sure brought us up and taught us the right way to go. If we put the devil behind us we still can meet her some sweet day. She got to see two of her children come to the church and be baptized and since she died she has had another son who has joined the church and has been baptized. I believe some of her other children are trying to be better boys and girls before it's too late. I couldn't promise my dear,



sweet mother that I would meet her in Heaven, because I was a sinner, but I told her that maybe some day I would be a good Christian. I hope so, for I want to meet my dear sweet mother again.

Yes, Mother is gone from all her children and loved ones her in this world and if we ever expect to see Mom again we will have to put Satan behind us and pick up our cross and follow Jesus like she did. Mom, we miss you so very much but you have more now than you have ever had before. I know we were good to you and tried to give you everything but we couldn't give you what Jesus has given you.

Sadly written by a very loving and a very thankful daughter

Edra Rose Thompson,

EPSON MAYNARD

With much sadness and a broken heart I will try to write the Obituary of our dear daddy, Epson Maynard. Daddy died July 30, 1980. He was born March 1, 1905, making his stay here on earth 75 years and four months. He was the son of the late Fields Maynard and Dora Fields Maynard. He was a member of the Apple Orchard Church and was baptized October 5, 1969 by Elder Ellis Davis and Elder Willie White.



Daddy left behind to mourn his loss, a wife, Lucy Maynard of McCombs, Kentucky; four sons, W.F. Maynard, Paul Maynard and Freddie Maynard all of McCombs, and Elwood Maynard of Rush, Ky.; five daughters, Irene Remington and Lois Bennett of Summerfield, Fla.; Parline Jeffers and Doris Biddix of Belleview, Fla.; and Beatrice Morrison of McCombs; and one brother, Elmer Maynard of Anthony, Fla. He also left 25 grandchildren, 3 great-grandchildren, 2 step-grandchildren and 6 step-great-grandchildren. Daddy had one brother Ellis Maynard and one sister, Pearl Maynard Collin who preceded him in death.

I would like to say to the children that Daddy is sleeping with Jesus in that city called Heaven. Be good to mother because she needs your care. Children, if you want to see Daddy, make peace with God. We will always miss Daddy but we can meet him if we do what God commanded us to do.

Farewell Daddy, I believe I will meet you again some day. May God bless all the children, I pray.

Written by his son,
Freddie Maynard

AMOS LOWE

With the help of God, I will try to write the Obituary of my brother-in-law, Amos Lowe, who departed this life on February 15, 1980. He was born August 14, 1907 the son of the late Lawyer and Evie Lowe. He has one sister, Armenda Moore of Pilgrim, and one brother, John Langley Lowe, who survives.

He was married to Elsie Jones Lowe, who survives, and to this union were born five children: Ervin Lowe, of Lovely, Ky.; Margie Lowe Elkins of Lexington, Ky.; Alma Lowe Thompson of Varney, Ky.; and Dean Lowe of Meta, Ky., who all survive. He had 14 grandchildren and 1 great-granddaughter who survives.



Brother Amos accepted Christ as his personal Savior in November 1979, at the Pikeville Methodist Hospital and placed his membership at the Bent Branch Church. Brother Amos leaves a host of friends and family to mourn his loss, although our hearts are heavy laden, we can all rejoice by knowing that our loss is truly Heaven's gain.

Sadly missed by wife;

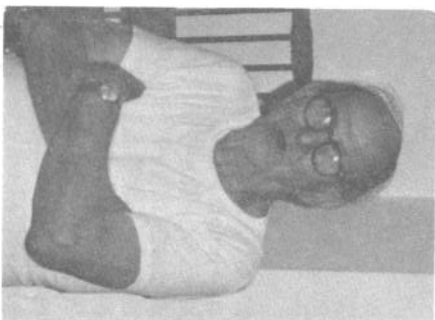
Elsie Lowe and children

Written by Brother Wallace Muncy

CARLOS OSCAR GRUBB

Brother Carlos Grubb, the son of Malen and Maggie Grubb was born February 9, 1905 at Dingess, W.Va. and deceased this life September 21, 1979.

He was married to Rebecca Adair Grubb, May 18, 1929 and to this union was born four children, three of whom preceded him in death, and surviving is one daughter, Mrs. Melvin (Maudie) Mahorn of Ravenswood, W.Va. Also surviving are four step-sons: Elder Tommy Adair and Johnny Adair of Ocala, Florida; Henry Adair of Sacramento, California; and George Adair of Los Angeles, California; thirty nine grandchildren and a number of great-grandchildren. He also leaves two sisters: Mrs. Ethel Baisden of Delbarton, W.Va. and Mrs. Roxie Russell of Michigan. One brother, Clarence (Ted) Grubb, one step-daughter, and one step-son preceded him in death.



Pa joined the Old Regular Baptist Church Setpember 21, 1958 and was baptized at the hand of Elders Tommy Adair and Cecil Evans. He lived an humble christian life for 21 years. He really enjoyed going to church and being in the good meetings. Just one month before he died he was in the Communion meeting at Old Sardis Church at Delbarton, W.Va. and enjoyed it so much, washing the Brothers' feet. It was one of the happiest meetings we have seen at this old church. He seemed to have a premonition that this would be his last. He had arthritis in his legs and it was hard for him to get down but he got down and washed the Brothers' feet with tears running down his cheeks. He was so humble, we truly believe that Pa died at his post. We can say to all the family with a full assurance of faith that we are living in hope of meeting Pa after this life is over. Our sorrowing and grieving is not for Pa because we believe he is with God but for the void his passing has made in our lives that never can be filled.

We would like to say to all his grandchildren and great-grandchildren who have not accepted Christ as their personal Savior, if you ever want to see Pa again you will have to seek the Lord and live an humble christian life the way he did, so that one day we may all meet in Heaven around the throne of God where we'll never have to part anymore.

Written by Ones who loved him,
His niece, Margaret Adair and
Granddaughter, Rebecca Jarrell

OPAL CLEO MOORE

It is with sadness and a broken heart and with the Lord's help, I'll try to write the Obituary of my dear, sweet, loving mother. She was born February 27, 1926 and departed this life November 2, 1979, making her stay here on earth 53 years, 8 months and 6 days. She was the daughter of the late Logan and Nevah Spencer.

Mom was united in marriage to Ulysses Howard Moore on October 11, 1943 and to this union was born one daughter and four sons. One son, Paul H. Moore, preceded her in death in 1967 at the age of twenty. She leaves three sons, Roger Lee Moore and Michael Edward Moore both of Taylorsville, W.Va.; Danny Ray Moore of McCarr, Ky.; and one daughter, Opal Louise Blankenship who stayed with her mother at McCarr, Ky.

She also leaves three brothers, James Spencer of McCarr, Ky.; Elmer Spencer of South Shore, Ky.; and George B. Spencer of Cary, Illinois. One brother, Albert Spencer, preceded her in death. Three sisters, Mary Smith of



McCarr, Ky.; Gracie Carter of Greenup, Ky., and Ocie Presley of Omar, W.Va. One sister, Myrtle Scott, preceded her in death. She leaves eight grandchildren and one granddaughter, Rebecca Ann, two days old, preceded her in death.

Mom joined the Eron Old Regular Baptist Church in 1965 and was baptized by the late Elder Jonah Ester Williamson and Elder Lloyd Seso. Mom was a faithful member and always filled her seat. She had a heart operation in July, 1979 and wasn't able to go to Church as she wanted to. Mom loved the Church and her Brothers and Sisters.

I am so thankful that Jesus saved my soul and He is my Saviour and I was blessed to worship God with Mom. I want to follow in Mom's footsteps. She knew she would soon be leaving us and said she was ready to go. I want to say to Daddy and the kids, if you want to be with Mom again, accept Jesus as your Saviour and repent. He loves you, why wait? Death is sure, be ready when he calls for you and we can be with Mom again. We love and miss you Mom.

Written by her daughter who loved her so much,
Opal Louise Blankenship

TOM SMITH

On February 5, 1980 Tom Smith passed from this life at the age of 89, leaving a memory and a deep sadness to those that knew him and loved him. He was my Poppaw whom I dearly loved and miss.

Poppaw was born August 31, 1890 in Pike County, Kentucky to the late John and Rebecca Smith, the second of seven children. Three sisters, Sarah Scott, Minnie Young, Laura Howard and one brother, Hiram Smith, preceded him in death. Two sisters, America Deskinds of Meta, Kentucky and Fannie Maynard of Rt. 1, Pikeville, Kentucky, survive him.

On March 16, 1916 he married Jane Maynard and to this marriage of 64-years was born seven children and left to mourn his passing are three daughters and one son: Muza Jenkins of Rt. 1, Pikeville, Ky., Ruth Clements of Pontiac, Mich., Opal Chaney of Ocala, Fla., and Ralph Smith of Rt. 1, Pikeville, Ky., one son, Paris Smith, and two daughters, Mable Smith and Barbara Reed, preceded him in death.

Poppaw and Mommaw were residents of Pisco, Ky., for many years but for the past year and a half they resided with their son and daughter of Johns Creek. He professed a hope in Jesus Christ and was a member of the Pilgrim's Rest Church of the Old Regular Baptist at Pisco, Ky.



Poppaw was a farmer and timberman, or lumber-jack. Some of my fondest memories are of the times when he would talk of the days when he would take rafts of logs down Johns Creek in his earlier days. Another fond memory is of our pillow fights. We used to have a pillow fight each night when I was small. He would laugh and play with me for a long time. In Poppaw's later years he grew quieter and more withdrawn to himself but we all understood and loved him dearly.

To Momma, the three daughters, one son, 29 grandchildren, a host of great-grandchildren and numerous friends, there will always be sweet memories of Poppaw to treasure in our hearts. We are especially thankful that he lived a long and useful life and most importantly, that he was a loving husband, father and grandfather.

Written by his granddaughter,
Linda Kay Justice

ADRON LOWE

Many wonderful memories of my childhood days run through my mind as I attempt to write the Obituary of Uncle Adron Lowe, known by most people as Blind Adron because he had been blind since he was a small child.

He was born February 7, 1897. In August of 1920 he was married to Aunt Annie Nichols Lowe and they had four children, Mary Lowe, Hayes Lowe, Maxine Lowe and Otchie Lowe. Otchie Lowe preceded him in death. Adron died March 27, 1980.

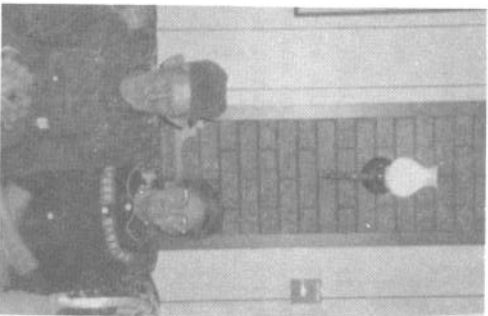
He joined the Old Regular Baptist Church and was baptized by Elder John Lowe and Elder Ernest Cochran. He attended Church when he could. His last few years on earth found him past walking.

On my way to or from school I used to stop and watch Adron chop wood or drive a nail and think how God must be watching over him, keeping him from getting hurt or snake bit. God was with Daniel in the lions den and I believe that He watches over all His children.

Adron is gone but the good memories he left will remain. I believe that on the morning of the Resurrection, Adron will get up with eyes that can see and forever be with the Lord.

His nephew,
Jack Nichols

P.S. Just a word by J.L. Nichols. I have known Brother Adron most of my life. He was a lovely Brother. We have spent many days together. I have



worked with him in the log woods where we sawed timber. I would carry the crosscut saw and he would follow behind me carrying the hammer and wedges. He would drive the wedges most of the time.

There are many good things I could say about Brother Adron but it is not what I say about him that counts, it's what God knows about him. So may God bless his companion and children.

I love you all.

PRUDENCE ROSEBERRY

With a sad and heavy heart I will try to write the Obituary of my loving sister, who I loved so much, Prudence Roseberry. She was born June 24, 1912 and departed this life June 19, 1980, making her stay on earth 67 years, 6 months and 5 days. She was the daughter of Henry and Dollie Varney, who preceded her in death. Prudence leaves one son, Jack Roseberry, and one granddaughter to mourn her loss. One daughter preceded her in death.

She was a member of the Old Regular Baptist Church of Narrows Branch. No one but God knows how we miss her but we believe that she is resting in peace. She had kind and loving words for everyone and we believe that she is in Heaven today.

She leaves three sisters and four brothers to mourn her loss. Two brothers preceded her in death.

I want to say to her son, if you want to see your mother again you will have to live for God. We all loved her and will miss her so much, no one will ever know.

Written by her lonely sister,
Hester Lowe

MONTANA (TANE) CHAPMAN

With God's help I will write the Obituary of my dear husband and companion with a sad and aching heart. Montana Chapman (Tane) as everyone knew him, deceased this life February 12, 1980. He was so dear to me. We had many happy days together going to church and visiting our Brothers and Sisters in Christ.

He was born at Baisden on July 11, 1894, the son of Lewis Chapman and Belle Cline Chapman. After returning from the 1st World War, he was united in marriage to Gracie Cline, the daughter of Elder Perry Cline of Baisden. To



this union was born seven children: two daughters, Juneau Wills of Baisden and Josie Justice of Justice, W. Va.; two sons, Montana Chapman, Jr. of Baisden and Racy Chapman of Justice; and Venice and Denver Chapman who preceded him in death, as did an infant daughter, Irene. Eight grandchildren and thirteen great-grandchildren, four half-brothers and three half-sisters are with the many relatives and a host of friends left to mourn his loss, who dearly loved him.

At the age of 67, Tane realized he must make his election sure with a great and loving God and found Him precious to his soul. He was baptized into the Rosa Regular Baptist Church in March of 1967 on a cold, snowy day but the warmest day of his life to him. He continued his life stay on earth going to Church, reading his Bible and talking with his friends and neighbors about the Lord. We feel he has gone to rest with Jesus until the morning of the Resurrection, never to suffer pain or be sick anymore.

On Friday night before he passed away he called the children each one by name to his bedside and told them to meet him in Heaven. He knew he was going over home. He also waved his hand goodbye not long before the spirit of God took him away. I hope and pray that the children will take heed to their Daddy's last words and repent and put their trust in God.

We all miss the kind and compassionate words of the one we loved so dearly. He wanted so much for his children to make peace and live for God. I feel and believe with all my heart he is at rest with the God he loved so well. Sadly missed by his wife and family.

Written by his wife and daughter,
Josie

AVERY HENSLEY

It is with much sadness we will by the help of God to direct our minds write the Obituary of our loving father and a Brother in Christ, Avery Hensley. Born April 21, 1901 at Delbarton, W. Va., he departed this life on November 14th, 1979, making his stay on earth 78 years, 6 months and 24 days. He was the son of the late Alexander Hensley and Mary (Staten) Hensley.

He was united in marriage to our loving mother, Nona (Norman) Hensley, on January 23, 1924, and to this union was born 14 children, of which 5 preceded him in death, leaving our loving mother, Nona (Norman) Hensley and 9 children, 6 sons and 3 daughters, to mourn his death: Our mother, Nona Hensley of Dayton, Ohio; Elder Samuel D. and Albert R. of Hillsboro, Ohio; James P. and Robert C. of Dayton, Ohio; John H. and Tommy A. of New Castle, Delaware; Mrs. Mary C. Blevins of Morehead, Ky., Mrs. Martha M. Knox



of New Castle, Delaware, and Mrs. Nevada Mounts of Rt. 2, Delbarton, W. Va. Also left to mourn him are 54 grandchildren, 28 great-grandchildren and 1 great-great-grandchild.

Daddy joined the Old Regular Baptist Church in October 1937 and was baptized by the hands of the late Elder Asa Evans. He placed his membership at the Sardis Church at Delbarton, W. Va. In the early 1950's Daddy asked for his letter to move and help organize the Muncy Valley Church at Pie, W. Va., where he served as deacon until the time of his passing away. Daddy loved the old Church and was a faithful attendant. He loved to meet with the Brothers and Sisters of the Church to worship in spirit. We have often heard Daddy say, "One crumb from Mother's table is worth more than all the world to him."

Daddy suffered very much the last 11 months of his life following an automobile accident. Daddy's door was always open to visitors in his home. He loved to see his Brothers and Sisters in the Church come in and sit down and talk about the goodness of God's great love and mercy.

We want to say to Mommy and all the children and the Brothers and Sisters in the Church that God bless us to remember the song that Daddy sung and loved so very much, "O Fathers, Mothers, Brothers, Sisters, and Children, now our meeting is over and if I never more see you I love you in my heart. Yes, we'll land on that shore to shout and sing forever more." We further want to say to Mom and all the other children and Brothers and Sisters of the old Church that we feel with all our heart that on November 14, 1979, Daddy fell asleep in the arms of Jesus when, with a smile on his face, his farewell words were "don't worry, I'm going home," and then he went to sleep. We feel with all of our heart that Daddy's suffering is over and our great loss is Heaven's gain.

May God bless us all to remember the tender love Daddy gave and how he labored and the council he gave his children and all who knew him.

We pray in our farewell remarks that all would repent and accept Christ as their personal Saviors. Therefore, we can meet again with Daddy some sweet day where parting will be no more. May God bless and save you all is the prayers of these unworthy servants.

Written by his two oldest sons and
Brothers in the church,
Elder Samuel D. Hensley
James P. Hensley



GEORGE WASHINGTON WALTERS

This is the Obituary of my dear daddy, George Washington Walters. He was born September 11, 1893 and died February 24, 1980. He was the son of James Seaton and Susan Walters. He was a retired miner, a war veteran and was a member of the Pilgrim Home Regular Baptist Church. He is survived by his wife, Gladys Ward Walters; five sons: Bill Walters, Bradley Walters, J.S. Walters, Wilkie Walters and George Walters and four daughters; Betty Caines, Ettie Sue Tunncliff, Nancy Ann Lowe and Barbara W. Hall; one sister, Josie Jarvis of Columbus Ohio; one brother, Dewey Walters of Hatfield, Ky; one brother preceded him in death, Cash Walters; 27 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren survive him. Two sons preceded him in death.



Daddy was a man that was loved by his wife, his family and his friends. I believe the Lord was good to my daddy because he didn't have to suffer too long before the Lord took him from us. I hope he is resting in peace with the Lord and I hope we all can see him again.

Written by his daughter,
Barbara W. Hall

MINDA (BLACKBURN) FRALEY

With much sadness I will attempt to write the Obituary of my loving Mother, who passed away January 14, 1980. She was the daughter of the late Rush Blackburn and Mary (Maynard) Blackburn. She was born January 4, 1911 at Thomas, Ky.

She was married to John Fraley on March 3, 1938 and she has 2 children who loved her very much, a son, Clell Fraley of Midway, Ohio, and a daughter, Mary McCoy of Pilgrim, Ky. She had 3 grandchildren who loved her so, Connie Fraley, John Rickey Gauge and Tulle Melisia McCoy. She was "Mom" to us all and we miss her so much.

This home has never felt the same since she and dad have left us. Dad left us and went to Heaven 1 year, 6 months, and 14 days before Mom was called to join him. She has two brothers and two sisters left to mourn her loss, James Epp Blackburn, Foch Blackburn, Goldie McCoy and Vice Myers. Two brothers and two sisters preceded her in death, Essie Preece, Lucy Clay, Dewey Blackburn and Burgess Blackburn.



Her membership was with Leannah Church where she was a faithful member for thirty some years. She was a good mother and attended church everytime she could even when she was really to sick to go. She and Dad looked forward to Sunday to go to church. I have taken her to Church when she was so weak I would lead her to keep her from falling. When she was too sick to go she would have the Brothers to come to her home and have Church for her or sing one song.

She sure suffered a lot before God called her. I miss her so much but I know where she is, she is not suffering no more. I do believe if anyone is in Heaven she is. I know she and dad will be happy to be together again. I hope and pray to see Mom and Dad again when this life is over.

Written by her daughter, who loved her so much
Mary McCoy

BEN L. LOWE

It is with much sadness and tears in my eyes that I will try to write the Obituary of my beloved Daddy, Ben L. Lowe. He left this world on the twelveth day of April 1980, and was born in Pike County, Kentucky on the 11th day of June, 1911, making his stay on earth 69 years, 11 months and 29 days. He was married to the former Mary Elizabeth Maynard on April 27, 1932. He was the son of Elder Lark G. Lowe and Ellen (Young) Lowe, who preceded him in death. A brother, Fred Lowe, also preceded him in death.

Dad was a member of the Turkey Creek Old Regular Baptist Church. He was a devoted Christian, a loving Daddy to his children and a good husband to Mommy. I believe that Daddy was just a pilgrim and was never satisfied in this old sinful world. I believe that Jesus will meet Dad at the pearly white gates and welcome him in and say, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant."

Dad is at rest now. He left to mourn his loss ten children, two sons and eight daughters, Avery and David Lowe of Urbana, Ohio, Lonnie Blevins, Bessie McCoy, Virgie Canterbury and Vivian Riley all of Urbana, Ohio, Amalile Jude of Beauty, Ky., Gladys Moore of Lenore, W. Va., Ethel Butler of Huntington, W. Va. and his baby, Nancy Hall of Delbarton, W. Va.

Also left to mourn his death are four brothers, Willis and Avery of Turkey Creek, Ky. and John and Frank of Anthony, Fla.; four sisters, Bessie Allen and Sadie Pauly of Williamson, W. Va., Sarah Hazel Reed of Turkey Creek, Ky., and Mary McKeelwee of Galina, Ohio. He also leaves to mourn his death 46 grandchildren, 7 great-grandchildren and 7 step-grandchildren. Three grandchildren preceded him in death. Also he leaves a great many friends and relatives.



I'm trusting that all of Daddy's children and loved ones will remember the many things that Daddy taught them and will follow in his footsteps. He set a good example, let's try to follow him. And I would like to say to Mommy that someday you will meet Daddy again where you two will never be separated again.

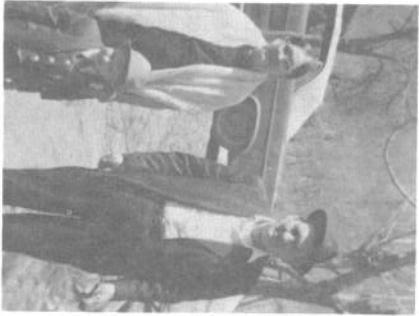
Daddy, we all miss you very much. You have gone and left us, but your memory here will stay. I hope by God's great mercy to meet again with you some sweet day.

Written by one of his daughters who loved him so very much, and the help of his sad wife.

Lonnie Blevins
Mary Lowe

WILLIAM AND SARAH LOWE

To write the Obituary of Mom and Dad is a very sad task but many precious memories come to mind and eases the burden. Dad was born August 3, 1899 and departed this life August 26, 1974. He was the son of the late George and Lade (Nunnery) Lowe. Mom was born March 1, 1904 and departed this life August 12, 1979. She was the daughter of the late Epp and Susie Stone. To this union was born five children: two daughters, Josephine Runyon and Emogene Web, and three sons, Jessie, Junior and Buster. There are 12 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren all of whom survive and are left to mourn the loss of two very dear people.



Mom and Dad both were faithful members of the Turkey Creek Church. They loved to go to Church when they were able but both had been sick for a long time but God knew their hearts and minds. I want to thank Brother Willis Lowe and Brother Bobby Scott for the services that they had at Mom's home for her, she enjoyed it so much and the members and friends that came to spend a while. May God bless you all.

Mom and Dad didn't get to tell us their last goodbye but the smile that came upon their faces for the last time, that sweet precious smile, let us know Jesus was with them. Never will I forget those smiling faces. There will be no more suffering or pain for Mom and Dad. But for us kids there will be loneliness and aching hearts for years to come. Our loss is Heaven's gain. Their light here on earth can't shine anymore for us but I know Mom and Dad both have gone to a better home.

I want to say to the family, the old homeplace is lonesome without Mom and Dad but they left us a lot of good memories and set good examples for us

all to follow and if we do we know someday we can go to a better home. Dad and Mom will be there to welcome us on and that will be the happiest days for us children. We may seem so far apart but for me each one of you is dear to my heart. God bless each one of you.

Written by
Josephine Runyon

MAXIE CURRY

It is with much sadness and a lonely heart that I will by the help of the Lord and Savior, write the Obituary of my dear mother, Maxie Curry. She was the daughter of the late Lizzie Burgett. She was born on June 9, 1916 and departed this life on October 15, 1979, making her stay on earth, the Lord's footstool, 63 years, 4 months and 6 days.

She was united in marriage to Willie Curry and to this union was born five children: John Curry, Church Curry, Eddie Curry and Elizabeth Ann Curry, all at home, and Mrs. Betty Blankenship of Turkey Creek, Ky. One son Tommy Curry preceded her in death on January 24, 1970. She also leaves two sisters, June Harris of Sidney, Ky. and Mae Eiters of Pikeville, Ky. and a host of nieces, nephews and friends to mourn her passing.

She became a member of the Turkey Creek Regular Baptist Church on October 15, 1950 by being baptized by Elders Lewis Marcum and Ken Varney. Mother was a faithful member until her illness prevented her from going. Then she called for the Brethren to come and pray with her or have Church in her home. She would be wonderfully blessed to rejoice with those she loved.

Mother bore her sickness with patience and always had a smile, even in pain. To daddy and her sons whom she loved so much, I want to say, if you want to see her again, you must repent of your sins and live for Jesus.

Her chair is empty in our home but her presence is always near. Mother is not dead, she is only sleeping in the arms of our Savior waiting for that day when He will say come. And those who are ready will meet Him and will rejoice and go up to be with Jesus and mother, there to live forevermore in that beautiful home where we will never part.

Sadly missed by Family,
Willie Curry
Written by her daughter in hope of Eternal Life,
Mrs. Betty Blankenship



MOSCOE GILMAN

It is with much sadness I will try to write the Obituary of my beloved husband, Moscoe Gilman. He was born January 11, 1900 and depart this life May 15, 1980 at the age of 80 years, 4 months and 4 days. He was the son of the late James and Betty Gilman of Mingo County, W. Va. He was married to Leota Hunt Gilman, October 29, 1919.

Survivors include his wife, Leota Gilman of Okeechobee, Fla., and his children, which includes six sons and five daughters. His sons are: James Gilman and Ernest Gilman of Delbarton, W. Va.; Alex Gilman of Chicago, Ill.; Dallas Gilman and Moscoe Gilman, Jr. of Okeechobee, Fla, William (Bill) Gilman, address unknow. His daughters are Garnet Gilman and Sarah Ann Gilman of Okeechobee, Fla.; Edith Weekley of Pennsboro, W. Va.; Mishia Coleman, West Unity, Ohio; and Ida Smith of Holden, W. Va. He is also survived by 26 grandchildren and 21 great-grandchildren; and five brothers and sisters, Barney Gilman, Ohio, Arnold Gilman, Nancy Shepard, Tennessee, Curry and Celia Baisden all of Delbarton, W. Va. Also, he is missed by a host of friends in Okeechobee, Fla.



The Okeechobee Old Regular Baptist Church, 201 S.W. 10th Ave., was organized in his home and remained there until the Church was build in late 1972. He was a good Christian, a good husband and father. My being crippled and on a walker necessitated that he do most of the cooking and the house work. However, he never let anyone go away hungry.

I don't think he ever missed filling his seat in Church until about a month before the good Lord called him home. When any of the Brothers came to see him, he always called for prayer. Elder Monroe Ousley and others were present in the Fort Pierce Hospital when the good Lord called him home and I never saw anyone more at peace when he fell asleep in Christ Jesus. We feel it won't be long, according to the scriptures, until God will come with all the Saints of God and the voice of the Arch Angel to call and awake all that sleep in Christ Jesus, the good Lord and all the children of God will go up to that New Jerusalem to be together forever.

So children, grandchildren, relatives and friends if you ever want to meet Brother Gilman again, repent and be born again.

He was a retired coal miner and was a deacon in the church for about 50 years. We could write on and on about the good things about Brother Gilman but we must come to a close by say goodbye for a few days.

Written by his beloved wife,

Leota Gilman

Assisted by Elder Monroe Ousley

IRELAND LOWE

Ireland Lowe was born April 8, 1907 at McCombs, Ky., and deceased this life April 30, 1980. Brother Ireland was very patient with his illness and he believed that God would not put more on him than he could bear. Brother Ireland made his confession to the Church on June 8, 1978 and lived in hope of living again.

He leaves his wife, Sister Edna Miller Lowe; four sons, John L., Clinton Dale and Dana, all of Hatfield, Ky., and Walter of Naugatuck, W. Va.; two daughters, Zettie Alice, Regina, Ky., and Judy Crigger of McAndrews, Ky.; eight grandchildren; three brothers, Sam Lowe of Phyllis, Ky., Amos Lowe of Hardy, Ky., and Frank Lowe of Pikeville, Ky.; and three sisters, Zella Meade of Williamson Rd., Pikeville, Ky.; Lizzie Parsons of Pikeville, Ky., and Effa Miller of Phyllis, Ky. Deceased are one brother and two sisters.

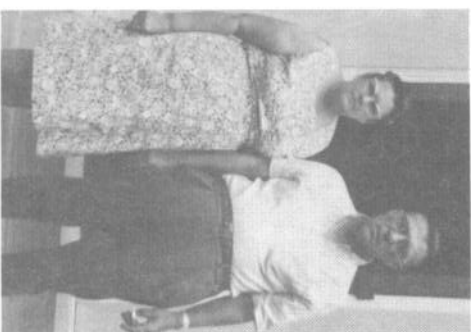
Sleep on Daddy and Grandpa, your silence will be missed. You were a loving person and a rose bud to us all. Sleep on Daddy and in that noble Resurrection day we will meet again. My grace is sufficient, sayeth the Lord.

Written by one who love him,
William Kinner Bevins and
William Kenneth Lowe

GLADYS STOTTRIDGE FRANCIS

With a sad and broken heart we will try, by the help of God, to write the Obituary of our precious mother, Gladys Francis. She was born January 28, 1913 at Toler, Ky. and departed this life January 12, 1980 at the age of 66 years, 11 months and 12 days. She was the daughter of John and Annie Stottridge.

Mother was united in marriage to Delmon H. Francis on July 13, 1931. To this union was born twelve children. She leaves her husband and four children, two daughters and two sons: Mary Lowe, Sidney, Ky.; Bonnie Ward, Williamson, W. Va.; R.B. Francis, Sidney, Ky.; and Willie Francis, Maher, W. Va.; she also leaves two sisters, Marie Smith, Nolan, W. Va., and Sally Murphy,



Ashtabula, Ohio; two brothers, Clyde and Ben Stotridge of Chillicothe, Ohio; and 19 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren: two step-children and many friends to mourn her loss. Eight children, her father and mother, two sisters, three brothers and three grandchildren preceded her in death.

Mother joined the Church in May 1946 and was baptized June 1946 by Jonah Smith and Wallace Maynard. She placed her membership with the Turkey Creek Regular Baptist Church but later moved it to the Pilgrim's Home Church. Mother remained a faithful member, filling her seat at Church when it was possible, until death. Mother left a letter to be read to the Church after her death. She told of her love of Jesus, her family and friends. She wanted so much to see all of her children turn to Jesus and live a Christian life.

Mother lived a good and faithful life, always giving good advice to us children. She was loved by everyone that knew her. Mother faced death with no fears. She told the patients in the hospital room with her to tell her family not to worry about her because she was going to a better home. I believe with all my heart that Mother is peacefully sleeping in the arms of Jesus, awaiting that great resurrection day when she will receive her blessed reward of eternal life in Heaven with Jesus.

Dear Mother, how we all miss you. How sad it is to go home and not find you there but, Mother, I pray with all my heart, that we can all meet again some sweet day to never have to part again.

Written by your daughters who love you and miss you so much,
Bonnie Ward and Mary Lowe

ELSIE HATFIELD BOGAR

It is with much sadness and a loving heart that I will try to write the Obituary of our dear mother, Elsie Bogar. Most of all, I trust the good Lord to enable me to write this.

Elsie Bogar was born November 6, 1903 and departed this life December 8, 1979, making her life 76 years, 1 month and 2 days. She was the daughter of the late Ephraim and Phoebe Hatfield.

She was married to the late Ermil Bogar and to this union was born eleven children, 8 surviving: Gladys Brookhart, Prestonsburg, Ky., L.D. and J.E. Bogar both of Hardy, Ky., Magdaline Stacy, Johnson City, Th., Ollie Caines, Tampa, Fla., Roy Lee Bogar, Pikeville, Ky., Rissie Strange, Sarasota, Fla., and Ermil Bogar, Jr., Louisville Ky. A son John Wickaliffe and 2 infants preceded her in death. Also surviving are 28 grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren and a host of relatives and friends.



She became a member of the Old Regular Baptist Church of Narrows Branch on the 4th Saturday of July, 1938 and was baptized by Elders Louis Smith and H.C. Maynard. Mamma, as we all called her, was a dear and loving mother and grandmother. She was a faithful Christian and loved her Church. She was crippled but as long as she could go she would attend Church regularly. Mamma needed help in her last years but we believe she has gone to a beautiful home where she won't need any help.

I couldn't write this without saying to Roy and Lois (her son and daughter-in-law) who were so good to her, May God bless you both. I know you miss her as we all do. Our loss is Heaven's gain and some day by the grace of God we all hope to meet her in that beautiful home where we will part no more. May God bless all her family and friends in my prayer.

Sadly missed by all her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Written by her son and daughter-in-law
Mr. and Mrs. J.E. Bogar

DANIEL WHITE

By the help of the Lord, I will try and write the Obituary of my dear dad, Daniel White. He was born June 21, 1916 and departed this life December 4, 1979 at the age of 63. He was the son of Mary White and the late Jim White, also of Lenore, W.Va.

Survivors, in addition to the mother, include the widow, Elean Harrah White; four sons, Noah and Daniel White, Jr. of Lenore; Mitchell White of Breeden, W.Va. and Clarence White of Mavisdale, Va.; seven daughters, Cosby Morgan, Betty Walls, and Christine Lester all of Hanover, W.Va.; Lucinda Canterbury, Carolyn and Marolyn White all of Lenore, W.Va. and Madeline Fields of Kermitt; four brothers, Johnny and Ollie White of Lenore, Frank White of Dans Branch and James White of Lebanon, Va.; and three sisters, Otellia Lackey, Mary Lackey, and Norma Lackey all of Lenore; 30 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren.

Dad has been a member of the Old Regular Baptist Church for many years and a good Christian man everyday of his life. He would always tell his children, "There's a better place to go to than this world of sorrow."

I just can't find the words to express how much we miss our dad, home is lonely without him. We always looked forward talking to Dad everyday. He had a kind, loving heart for everyone who knew him. He seemed to know no stranger, he loved everybody.

Written by his daughter who lived next door,
Lucinda Canterbury



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 reproved by the Association as they think proper.

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 ENON: Willis Staton, James Spencer, Chester Fields
 REBECCA: Mike Sheppard, Edwin Hay, James Gilman
 BENT BRANCH: Lloyd SESCO, Homer Collins, Clifford Maynard
 SARDIS: Willie Varney, George Martin, Cornwell Evans
 BIG BRANCH: Oscar McCoy, Landon Taylor, Charles Blackburn
 MARY ELIZABETH: Wallace Muncy, Oscar Stepp, Rell Maynard
 BETHANY: Ellis Davis Charles Hall, Isom Hannah
 ELK FORK: Harrison Baisden, Andrew Maynard, Wayne Sheppard
 PILGRIM'S HOME: Charles Pinson, J.M. Bevins, Milford Lowe
 SALEM: Roosevelt Lowe, W.H. Hale, Carl Bevins
 SIDNEY: Robert Jude, Tan Howell, Sabert Nichols
 DIX FORK: Claude Brown, James Gannon, Donny Brown
 NARROWS BRANCH: Clyde Brown, Charley Scott, Russell Thacker
 LEANNAH: Steve Robinson, Jr., Ben Robinson, Clinton Howard
 BUCK CREEK: Delbert Kazez, Tom Dials, Wayne Herald, Jr.
 TIBITHA: John Fouch, S.D. Hensley, Jack Robinette
 LITTLE ROSA: Fay Scott, Frankie White, Emerson Jarrell
 TURKEY CREEK: Conder Lockard, Roger Stepp, Willis L. Lowe
 SAMARIA: Larry May, Billy Ray May, Jeff May, Jr.
 ROSA: Johnny Cline, Mark Cline, Lawrence Lester
 MUNCY VALLEY: R.F. Runyon, Jr., Tommy Ellis, Mont Ellis
 LITTLE VIRGIE: Alson Thornsberry, Lloyd Lowe, Willie Stiltner
 SOUTHERN HOME: Hi Young, Robert R. Clay, Tommy Adair, Sr.
 PILGRIM'S REST: Foster Blackburn, Wayne Ray, Leon Robinson
 OKEECHOBEE: Monroe Ousley, Charles Clark, Charley Stewart
 ELIZABETH: Daniel Ratcliff, John Castle, Kelly Castle
 LITTLE TAVIE: Chester Cochran, William H. Cochran, Julius Cochran

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MT. PLEASANT	Lloyd Sesco	125	3	0	0	0	0	1	0	44	\$50	2	July
APPLE ORCHARD	Andrew Maynard	75	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	41	125	1	June
ENON	Lloyd Sesco	75	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	19	50	1	June
REBECCA	Edward Runyon	100	2	0	0	0	0	0	3	64	100	2	Aug.
BENT BRANCH	Edwin May	100	3	0	0	0	0	1	0	67	100	3	Aug.
SARDIS	Steve Robinson, Jr.	150	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	72	100	4	Aug.
BIG BRANCH	Ernest Cochran	85	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	31	75	3	July
MARY ELIZABETH	Wallace Muncy	125	3	2	0	0	0	3	2	52	100	3	July
BETHANY	Isom Hannah	125	10	1	0	0	0	2	0	56	100	4	Aug.
ELK FORK	David L. Baisden	75	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	33	75	3	Aug.
PILGRIM'S HOME	Edwin May	250	8	2	1	0	2	3	1	104	125	4	Aug.
SALEM	Roosevelt Lowe	100	0	0	0	0	2	4	4	61	150	1	May
SIDNEY	Thomas J. Dials	150	5	0	0	0	0	0	2	32	75	4	June
DIX FORK	Ernest Cochran	200	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	74	100	1	July
NARROWS BRANCH	Willis Lowe	100	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	46	100	4	July
LEANNAH	Steve Robinson, Jr.	100	1	0	0	0	3	0	2	48	75	2	July
BUCK CREEK	Wayne Herald	150	2	0	0	0	1	2	0	46	110	3	June
TIBITHA	Charley Evans	75	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	35	60	1	Aug.
LITTLE ROSA	Wayne Herald	50	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	18	25	2	April
TURKEY CREEK	Willis Lowe	150	0	0	0	0	1	4	2	78	100	2	May
SAMARIA	Edward Runyon	75	1	0	0	0	1	1	1	43	75	1	July
ROSA	Johnny Cline	150	7	0	1	0	0	2	0	82	105	3	Aug.
MUNCY VALLEY	Tommy Ellis	35	2	0	0	0	0	1	1	18	15	2	June
LITTLE VIRGIE	Lloyd Sesco	65	0	1	0	0	4	0	0	13	60	4	June
SOUTHERN HOME	Tommy Adair, Sr.	150	4	5	3	0	2	0	0	41	125	1	April
PILGRIM'S REST	Willie Stiltner	65	2	1	0	0	0	1	0	23	65	2	June
OKECHOBEE	Monroe Ousley	50	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	14	50	2	April
ELIZABETH	Wayne Herald	75	1	0	0	2	1	0	0	23	50	1	July
LITTLE TAVIE	Claude Brown	50	1	0	0	0	4	0	0	11	50	2	July
TOTALS		3075	63	13	5	2	22	35	21	1289	2390		