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OF THE  
**SARDIS ASSOCIATION**  
**OF**  
**OLD REGULAR BAPTIST**

**THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST**

**In Session with the Rebecca Church  
Myrtle, Mingo County, W. Va.  
September 10, 11 and 12, 1982**

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

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**FRIDAY**  
**September 10, 1982**

The Sardis Association of Old Regular Baptist, the Church of Jesus Christ, assembled with the Rebecca Church, Myrtle, Mingo County, West Virginia on Friday before the second Saturday in September 1982.

The sadness of having taken the parting hand last year deminished as the winter months passed slowly into spring. April begins the Communion season and starts to build the excitement of our coming together in another Association. Months of work in the Rebecca Church wind down into weeks, then days and, finally, hours. The set time of our coming together arrives as the first of the Brethren make their way up Trace Creek. Our excited happiness cannot be contained as more Brethren arrive and the congregation grows bigger. I am reminded of the excitement the prophet Elijah must have felt when, after 3½ years without rain, he saw that first little cloud afar off and watched as it grew.

Yesteryear, times of old and past Associations held with this old beloved Church are lovingly remembered as Elder Edwin May, the Moderator of Sardis Association, came to the Stand under the tent to announce the arrangements and so appropriately requested that we dedicate this Association to Elder Hi Maynard and Elder Willie Hay.

Elder Tommy Adair, an old Soldier of the Cross, opened the Services about the hour of 9:30 a.m. singing a song. While Brother Tommy did not take a specific Text he was blessed to preach on the subject of Church membership in a manner easy to be understood. He so correctly explained that giving your hand for Church membership did not automatically give fellowship with Christ but that you must first obtain fellowship with the Lord and then you are a fit subject for Church membership. He denounced those who preach your troubles are over when you obtain Church membership by expounding the troubles suffered by the Apostles. Our journey is often filled with persecutions but, as the Apostle Paul told the soldiers when the shipmen were about to flee out of the ship, "Except those abide in the ship, ye cannot be saved," we find comfort and peace in the Church. We find liberty in the Church too, for where the spirit of God is there is liberty but this same spirit will teach us how to conduct our lives and not abuse our liberty. The only true and abiding peace in this world of trouble is within the Church. Brother Tommy then led in prayer.

Having been chosen by the Brethren last year, Elder Wayne Herald, our beloved Assistant Moderator, came to the Stand to preach the Introductory Sermon from his text: "And there came unto me one of the seven angels which had the seven vials full of the seven last plagues, and talked with me, saying, Come hither, I will shew thee the bride, the Lamb's wife." (Rev. 21:9). Brother Wayne then further described the Church, the bride, the Lamb's wife and the spirit that overshadowed him with understanding flowed outward to the congregation. Trouble in the "visible" Church is caused by our own disobedience and failure to do the will of God. As in 2 Kings 21:11-15, because Manasseh King of Judah had seduced the people to do that which was evil in His sight, God said, "I will stretch over Jerusalem the line of Samaria, and the plummet of the house of Ahab: and I will wipe Jerusalem as a man wipeth a dish, wiping it, and turning it upside down."

Babylon is still in the world today, making war against the Lamb by causing the people to turn from God and to do that which is evil in His sight. The Church, God's people, cannot allow themselves to be seduced through ignorance, sluggishness and becoming too entangled in the affairs of this world. As in the days of those Kings, we commit fornication and turn from God anytime and everytime we fail to do His will.

Now, in these last days God has visited His people and laid in Zion a foundation, a true and tried foundation, a shelter in a wearisome land. Thus, sayeth the Lord, I will go to the tall cedars of Lebanon and pluck a young, tender twig and will plant it upon a high mountain (Ezekiel 17:22) and all nations shall flow unto it (Isaiah 2:2). This twig was planted in Jerusalem and the foundation laid when Christ took the 12 upon the mountain and ordained them. "O thou afflicted, tossed with tempest, and not comforted, behold, I will lay thy stones with fair colours, and lay thy foundations with sapphires." "And all thy children shall be taught of the Lord; and great shall be the peace of thy children." (Isaiah 54:11 and 13).

And with many other scriptures Brother Wayne did describe the Church wherein is safety, peace and happiness. Amen.

The Sardis Association delegates, and a host of delegates from our corresponding Sister Associations then assembled at the Rebecca Church where arrangements had been made for the work of the Sardis Association. As is our custom, the many non-delegate Brethren and the Sisters and friends remained at the tent to eat of that heavenly manna being sent down through the mystery of preaching by the following very capable Brethren:

Elder Lacy Justice, Old Friendship Association

Elder Ralph Howard, New Salem Association

Elder Roy Caudill, Northern New Salem Association

Elder Frank Newsome, Union Association

Elder Paul McClanahan of the Union Association introduced the Service at the House and led in prayer.

We then proceeded as follows:

(1) Elder Edwin May, the stalwart Moderator of the Sardis Association, came to the Stand expressing his pleasure with the large delegation present

and heartily welcomed each and every one of them. He endorsed the doctrine preached in the Introductory today and encouraged us all to take heed to it. God knows how and why we came here today and except the Lord be with this Association we work in vain. The Lord goes before us and we should ask "Lord, what will you have us to do?" Brother Ed admonished us to do all things in decency and in order and stand on our Constitution and Rules of Decorum.

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

Brother Edwin Hay

Brother Landon Taylor

Elder Ellis Davis

(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 Rebecca Church, as the host Church, was read by the Clerk and, upon regular 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 \$3,403.00 received from the Churches as reported in the Statistical Table and, after turning this amount over to the Treasurer, was discharged.

It is a pleasure to report a special donation of \$50.00 from M & M Toyato, Zebulon, Ky. delivered to us by Elder Louie Muncy.

(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 John M. Mullins, Clerk of the Union Association

Brother Dexter Dixon, Clerk of the New Salem Association

Brother Elzie Reed, Clerk of the Old Friendship 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 arrange the preaching for Friday night and Saturday consisting of one delegate from each Church in the Sardis Association and the entire Rebecca Church delegation. They reported as follows:

#### FRIDAY NIGHT

Elder David Lester, Old Friendship Association

Elder Hobert Hamilton, New Salem Association

Elder Herman West, Union Association

## SATURDAY

Elder Phillip Estep, Old Friendship Association  
Elder Okie Kent, Northern New Salem Association  
Elder Ellis Holbrook, New Salem Association  
Elder Paul Adkins, Northern New Salem Association  
Elder Woody Pack, New Salem Association

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

Brother Harold Gillman  
Brother Hi Preece  
Brother Merlon Workman

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

(12) The Moderator called for the Letters from our corresponding Sister Associations. The following Letters were read and, by regular 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: John Morgan Mullins, Jesse L. Williamson, Victor Coleman, Jimmy Dale Sanders, Fon Bowling, Junior Wellman, Paul McClanahan, Autie McClanahan, Bud Overstreet, Allen Thacker, Lee Layne, Marshall Williamson, Perry Layne, Herman West, Dempse Bolden, Gary Varney, Alvin Thornbury, Arnold Clevenger, Frank Newsome, Bill Campbell, Donald Conway, Bob Justice, Foster Huffman and Bill Brown.

**NEW SALEM:** Represented by the following delegates: Lonnie West, George Woods, Orville Hamilton, Edd Moore, Jimmy Hall, Ellis Holbrook, Arnold Tackett, Walter Akers, Norman Conn, Dexter Dixon, Harrison Nichols, Talt Hicks, Bill Tackett, Millis Roberts, Hobert Bates, A. O. McKnight, Fred Conn, Harrison Nickles, Corbet Bates, Hobert Hamilton, John A. Justice, Kasby Hamilton, Dennis Kidd, Fales Cotton, Alvin Brown, George Matthews, Calvin Birchfield and Elmer Hart.

**NORTHERN NEW SALEM:** Represented by the following delegates: Pete Hensley, Paris Tackett, Jackson Holbrooks, Roy Candill, Hillard Newsome, Paul Adkins, Troy Beverly and Okie Kent.

**PHILADELPHIA:** Represented by the following delegates: Virgil Field, David Gilliam, Paul Boggs, Doug Colegrove, Lowell Adkins, Walter Morrison, Paul Morrison, Rush Stanley, Lindsey Vance, Rollen Hollens, Dick Reed, L. W. Woods and Harlan Vaney.

**OLD FRIENDSHIP:** Represented by the following delegates: Julius Lester, Orville Street, Elzie Reed, George Baker, Howard Slinger, Henry Hagerman, Leonard Coleman, David Lester, Phillip Estep, John R. Justice, Walter Justice, Matthey Justice, Robert Mullins, David Gibson and Lacy Justice.

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

James M. Ray  
Donnie Brown  
Ralph W. E. Varney, Jr.  
Johnnie Cline  
James Gannon  
Lindsey Vance

(14) 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. None responded.

(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 Clifford R. Maynard and second by Brother Charles Pinson, the Sardis Association was adjourned until 9:00 a.m. Saturday morning.

## SATURDAY

September 11, 1982

Met pursuant to adjournment at the Rebecca Church House where Elder Paris Tackett, Assistant Moderator of the Northern New Salem Association introduced the services and Elder Roy Candill, Moderator of the Northern New Salem 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 Arrangement.

(3) Appointed a Committee to take the vote of the Sardis Association delegates on who shall preach the Introductory Sermon, who shall be his alternate and who shall prepare the Circular Letter for our 1983 Association as follows:

Elder Hillard Newsome, Northern New Salem Association  
Brother Foster Huffman, Union Association  
Elder Walter Akers, New Salem Association

They reported as follows and were discharged:

Elder Isom Hannah, Preach the Introductory Sermon  
Elder Johnnie Cline, Alternate  
Elder Edwin May, Prepare the Circular Letter

(4) The same Committee appointed Friday to arrange the preaching met to select preachers for Saturday night and Sunday. They reported as follows and were discharged.

SATURDAY NIGHT

Elder Hillard Newsome, Northern New Salem Association  
 Elder George Matthews, New Salem Association  
 Elder Rush Stanley, Philadelphia Association

SUNDAY

Elder Paul Adkins, Northern New Salem Association  
 Elder Paris Tackett, Northern New Salem Association  
 Elder Woody Pack, New Salem 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 13, 1981		\$4,544.32
Less paid out for 1981:		
Delivery of minutes	30.00	
Printing 4,000 minutes	2,912.00	
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Balance on Hand September 10, 1982		1,602.32

Add 1982 receipts:

Received from the churches	\$3,403.00
Received from Obithary pictures	300.00
Interest received on Savings Account	113.74
Other Cash donations:	
Hayes Hatfield	10.00
M & M Toyota	50.00

TOTAL RECEIPTS 3,876.74

Balance on Hand September 12, 1982

Bank balances, 1st National Bank, Pikeville, Ky.:		288.00
Checking account		5,191.06
Savings Account		
Balance as above		<u>\$5,479.06</u>

(6) By move and second, it is ordered that the Clerk be appointed Secretary-Treasurer for 1982 and that he be allowed \$50.00 for his expense.

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

(8) Elder Wayne Herald, being chosen last year to prepare a Circular Letter for inspection at our 1982 Session, approached the Stand in an humble manner and very thoughtfully read the Letter to an unusually quiet and attentive delegation. Brother Wayne's Letter was, on motion and second, received and ordered to be printed in our Minutes.

(9) Read the Request from Enon Church to print the obituary of Arnold Rose and the Request from Dix Fork Church to print the obituary of Rush Coney Williamson. On move and second their Request was granted.

(10) Read the Request from Rosa Church asking that the name of Mark Cline be removed from the list of Ordained Ministers because he stands excluded. On move and second the Request was granted and Mark Cline is no longer preaching under the authority and patronage of the Sardis Association.

(11) Ordered, by move and second, that we correspond with the UNION, NEW SALEM, NORTHERN NEW SALEM, PHILADELPHIA and OLD FRIENDSHIP ASSOCIATIONS, that the Clerk prepare the Letters and file of Minutes; and that delegates be appointed as follows:

UNION: When convened with the Ash Camp Church, Ash Camp, Pike County, Ky. beginning on Friday before the third Saturday in September, 1982: Charles Pinson, Jim Bevins, J. M. Francis, Fred Muney, Clifford Stanley, Frankie White, Alson Thornbury, Earl Belcher, K. H. Williamson, Willie Stihner, James Gannon, Lacy Walters, Frankie Scott, Stewart Brown, James Scott, Leslie McGuire, Prosper Maynard, Ballard Young, Donny Scaggs, Richard Staton, Elmer Little, Stoney Brown, Wayne Herald, Merlin Sesco, Edwin May and Burlin Thornsbury. Letter in the hands of Elder Edwin May.

NEW SALEM: When convened at the New Salem Association Building, Minnie, Floyd County, Ky. beginning on Friday before the fourth Saturday in September 1982: Merton Sesco, Jim Bevins, K. H. Williamson, James Gannon, J. L. Nichols, Charles Pinson, Donny Scaggs, Fred Muney, Millard Robinette, J. M. Francis, James Scott, Earl Belcher, Oscar McCoy, Kirk Caudill, Jr., Ballard Young, Willis Lowe, Landon Taylor, S. D. Hensley, Stewart Brown, Delbert Kazee, Wallace Muney, Frankie White, Burlin Thornsbury, Prosper Maynard, Wayne Herald, Edwin May and Ross Cline. Letter in the hands of Elder Wayne Herald.

NORTHERN NEW SALEM: When convened with the Little Rebecca Church, Henry Road, Plymouth, Ohio beginning on Friday before the first Saturday in August, 1983: James Gannon, Edwin Hay, Donny Brown, Jerry Thompson, Chester Cochran, Elmer Little, Julius Cochran, Clyde Brown, Delbert Kazee, Russell Thacker, Frankie Scott, Kirk Caudill, Jr., Monroe Ousley, W. H. Cochran, S. D. Hensley, Edwin May, Burlin Thornsbury, Ross Cline and Ralph W. E. Varney, Jr. Letter in the hands of Brother Edwin Hay.

PHILADELPHIA: When convened with the Friendship Church, at the Association Building, Melrose, Worthington, Ky. beginning on Friday before the second Saturday in August, 1983: Donny Brown, Edwin Hay, Claude Brown, Julius Cochran, W. H. Cochran, Chester Cochran, K. H. Williamson, Fred Muney, Bill May, J. M. Francis, Elwood Maynard, Wallace Muney, Andy Scott, Stewart Brown, Charles Pinson, Jim Bevins, Kirk Caudill, Jr., Frankie White, Delbert Kazee, Arnold Howell, Sabert Nichols, S. D. Hensley, Clyde Brown, Prosper Maynard, Russell Thacker, Berlin Thornsbury, Edwin May, Wayne Herald, Johnny Cline, Ernest Cochran and Ross Cline. Letter in the hands of Elder James Gannon.

*OLD FRIENDSHIP*: When convened with the Little Zion Church, Panther, W. Va. beginning on Friday before the fourth Saturday in August, 1983: Ross Cline, James Cannon, Burlin Thornsberry, Edwin Hay, Donny Brown, Claude Brown, Julius Cochran, W. H. Cochran, Chester Cochran, Hubert Glander, Jerry Thompson, Johnny Cline, Elmer Little, Fred Muncy, Mont Ellis, Glen Williamson, Frankie Scott, Danny Thompson Stewart Brown, Prosper Maynard, Russell Thacker, Floyd Williamson, Albert Stanley and Estil Ritchie. Letter in the hands of Elder Burlin Thornsberry.

(12) A Tent Committee report was made and Brother Bill Brown, as caretaker of the tent, gave his views on the condition of the tent. By move and second, the report was accepted and it was ordered that the Sardis Tent Committee be authorized to meet and work with the Union Tent Committee to sell the tent and buy a new one, if they jointly so decide, on the same 50%-50% cost basis arrangement we now have with Union Association.

(13) By move and second, Item (14) of our 1975 Minute is reprinted, without the preamble, as follows:

Dingess, W. Va.  
September 13, 1975

Sardis Association  
of Old Regular Baptist

Brethren:

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

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

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

We believe the Sardis Association should advise the Churches to advise their members—both Brethren and Sisters—to dress soberly and modestly and to conduct themselves in a manner that becometh a Child of God. We believe that each Child of God will adorn themselves in such a manner that they can easily be identified from the World. We feel the Bible, the infallible Word of God, sets forth and the Spirit will teach us how we should dress and conduct ourselves.

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

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

(14) 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.

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

(16) 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 (17) is defined to include "any means of receiving members."

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

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

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

(20) By move and second, it is requested that all of our Churches who can do so should send help to the Mt. Pleasant Church who will host our 1983 Association. All donations should be sent not later than June 1983.

(21) The report of the Brethren called in Association, Union and Communion Meetings was made and they were commended for a job well done. How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the gospel of truth to our people. We extend both honor and respect to you for fulfilling the wishes of the congregations.

(22) A Request from the Muncy Valley Church asking that we drop the last sentence of Item (24) in our 1976 Minutes that reads, "We also advise our Churches to only give Letters for convenience to members who are in good standing," met with a move from Elder Tommy Adair, second by Brother Stewart Brown, to send the Request back and let the advise stand as it is. Objection was filed by Elder Tommy Ellis and a vote of the delegates showed 46 in favor of the move and 20 against it. Therefore, the advice stands as it is.

(23) Ordered that we grant the Request of the Mt. Pleasant Church to host the 1983 session of the Sardis Association. The Mt. Pleasant Church is located at Sidney, Pike County, Ky. about mid-way between Pikeville, Ky. and Williamson, W. Va. on U.S. Highway 119 and adjoining the Bevins Grade School.

(24) We, the Sardis Association, recognize the much labor of love that went into hosting this old Association and we, by unanimous voice, tender our most sincere "thank you" to the wonderful community of Myrtle, W. Va. and to the Rebecca Church for the outpouring of their hospitality and careful love we received during the entire three days. The many hours of preparation and planning were evident by the smoothness and clockwork timing with which you performed.

Many people through the manifold blessings of God made such an offering possible. We can recognize only a few in the space we have but truly wish we could list the names and deeds of everyone. A special thanks to Danny Moore and E & M Real Estate of Matewan for the unrestricted use of the spacious lot that provided a site for the tent, ample parking and a place to serve food; to C. L. Miller, Gary Hall and Clyde Lester and the Appalachian Power Co. for timely electricity to the site; to Dallas Runyon for use of the portable power unit; to Bill Runyon for use of his truck and time in getting the tent; and to Paul Brunfield, Charles Hay, Marion George, Tommy Preece, Billy Ray and Grover Runyon who helped with the tent site, watched the tent and helped with the parking. There was a very special group of young people who, without any fanfare or audience, went about the job of serving and cleaning up. And we couldn't forget the many Brethren and Sisters of our nearby Churches, especially Samaria, Bethany and Sardis, and the ever so many friends of the Rebecca Church.

May God bless each and everyone of you and return unto you tenfold every deed and act of kindness shown unto us in prayer.

(25) Ordered that the reading of these Minutes be omitted and that they be signed by the Officers of the Sardis Association.

(26) On motion from Elder Robert R. Clay, second by Elder S. D. Hensley, 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, 1983.

(27) Closing was offered by Elder Walter Akers and the Sardis Association then adjourned by way of prayer.

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

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

We met on this beautiful Sabbath morning with mixed emotions of being so thankful for another good Association and sadness that it would end today. What if, dearly beloved, we could meet like this forever? Someday we will because God has set the time, Jesus has pitched His tent in the place and the Spirit is calling the delegates. Glory to God, just think about what a meeting that will be!

According to the Arrangements, Elder Paul Adkins thoughtfully approached the Stand, confessing his weakness and dependency upon God. Brother Paul Introduced the Service by asking the congregation to look to the Creator, and not the creature, for that heavenly manna we desire. He was carried out in the spirit to preach of the riches of God's love and how precious it is to us. Brother Paul then led in prayer.

Elder Paris Tackett came next to the Stand singing that beautiful hymn, "Keys to the Kingdom." Brother Paris was diligent in his discourse and declared he was glad when they said, let us go up to the house of the Lord. Because the ways of God stand forever but the ways of man are for naught. We can't sing the songs of Zion if our hearts are hung on a willow and we must, therefore, get in the land of Zion to obtain the blessings of God.

When the wind of Zion begins to blow it brings joy, peace and comfort to the children of God who can't help shouting. When the wind of Zion blew for Moses the children of God went across the Red Sea dry shod and rejoicing. There is nothing too hard for the Lord and the devil has just as much power as we let him have. But after the sea had covered the Egyptians, rejoicing time was over and it was time to continue the journey. The children soon begin to complain, they complained about the bitter water and God sweetened it up by telling Moses to put a branch in it; they looked back into Egypt for bread and God gave them manna; and with the many other complaints they had, God took care of them.

Our lives today parallel those of the children of Israel, rejoicing time is here right now but we will soon adjourn and it will be time to continue our journey. Where the Spirit of the Lord is there is manna all around but when the Spirit has departed hunger sets in. Brother Paris admonished all to not look back into Egypt for food but continue our journey with patience everly looking to God who will abundantly supply our needs but maybe not all of our wants.

Next in the Stand was Elder Woody Pack. Among much shouting from our Sisters, he sang "Some Bright Morning". Brother Woody stated he wants to eat from that table too and gets a little bit jealous when he hears of a good meeting because he wasn't there.

Brother Woody declared that when the gospel is preached there is a heart to receive it; when the food from Mother Jerusalem comes down there is someone to eat it; and when there is a song to be sung there will be someone to sing it. God doesn't work in vain and He will make a way where there ain't no way visible to us. How can we sing a song of Zion in a strange land?

## CIRCULAR LETTER

The feeling of the power of God lets us dwell now and again in the land of Zion. Rejoice when you are blessed with that feeling and whatsoever He tells you to do, do it! He won't make anybody come to Him but to all He has given time and space for repentance. Come now, its time to get up, gird yourselves about and put on your sandals. It's time to go!

Tired in body but rejoicing in the spirit, our beloved Moderator, Elder Edwin May, came to the Stand thankful that God had brought these preaching Brethren our way today. He admonished all to take particular heed to what had been preached today because surely God had filled their mouth.

Brother Ed declared this old ship has been sailing for a long time and we Old Baptist believe in traveling right on through the sunshine and through the storms. Search the scriptures for they do testify of God. There is just one way from earth to heaven and "I am the way" saith the Lord. We must be willing to give up every bit of this world for the Lord. It takes the Lord just a moment to save us but sometimes it takes a long time to become willing to give up the things of this world.

Is there not a cause when trouble comes among us? God's children never did get into trouble without a forewarning from God. Sometimes we need to stand still and see the salvation of the Lord and when the way is made clear then march on. To know when to stand and when to march we must grow in the grace of the Lord. In the beginning we need milk and if we are never weaned we never grow much.

Be ye not deceived, God is not mocked. Be ye up and about your Father's business. If we don't do our duty we can't have the joy of salvation the Lord wants us to have. But we don't have to force religion, just let it grow and "let brotherly love continue."

It was befitting that our young but capable Elder Tommy Dials dismissed in prayer.

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

Your Clerks

Dear Brothers and Sisters  
of the Sardis Association

Having been chosen at the 1981 Session to prepare a Circular Letter for your inspection at our 1982 Session, I feel very unworthy but I feel that God is able to give me something to say or write.

I will call your attention to the Acts of the Apostles, 3rd Chapter and 22nd verse, "For Moses truly said unto the fathers, A prophet shall the Lord your God raise up unto you of your brethren, like unto me; him shall ye hear in all things whatsoever he shall say unto you." If you notice in the 20th verse of that Chapter the writer says, "And he shall send Jesus Christ, which before was preached unto you."

So according to the scriptures he must have been referring to Jesus Christ as that Prophet that was to be like him. As Moses was a mediator between the children of Israel and God so Christ is a mediator between the Church and God today.

**Christ and Moses were alike because they were both preserved in infancy.**

Pharaoh charged all his people saying, "every son that is born ye shall cast into the river and every daughter ye shall save alive," but God gave Moses' mother a mind what to do.

When she could no longer hide him she took for him an Ark of Bulrushes and daubed it with slime and with pitch and put the child therein and she laid it in the flags by the river brink. The deliverance came when Pharaoh's daughter took him up and nourished him for her own son. (Acts. 7:21).

**Christ was preserved in infancy in the same likeness.**

"And when they were departed, behold, the Angel of the Lord appeareth to Joseph in a dream, saying, Arise, and take the young child and his mother, and flee into Egypt, and be thou there until I bring thee word: for Herod will seek the young child to destroy him." (Matt. 2:13)

"Then Herod, when he saw that he was mocked of the wise men, was exceeding wroth, and sent forth, and slew all the children that were in Bethlehem, and in all the coasts thereof, from two years old and under, according to the time which he had diligently enquired of the wise men." (Matt. 2:16)

**Both fasted forty days and forty nights.**

When the Lord taken Moses upon Mt. Sinai and gave him the Law upon the two tables of stone he was there with the Lord forty days and forty nights. He did neither eat bread, nor drink water and God wrote upon the tables of stone the word of the covenant, the Ten Commandments. (Ex. 34:28)

**Christ fasted forty days and forty nights.**

"Then was Jesus led up of the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil. And when he had fasted forty days and forty nights, he was afterward an hungred." (Matt. 4:1-2)



### **Both controlled Sea.**

"And Moses stretched out his hand over the sea; and the Lord caused the sea to go back by a strong east wind all that night, and made the sea dry land, and the waters were divided. And the children of Israel went into the midst of the sea upon the dry ground; and the waters were a wall unto them on their right hand, and on their left." (Exod. 14:21-22)

### **Christ controlled Sea.**

"And when he was entered into a ship, his disciples followed him. And, behold, there arose a great tempest in the sea, inasmuch that the ship was covered with the waves; but he was asleep. And his disciples came to him, and awoke him." He saith unto them, "Why are you fearful, O ye of little faith? Then he arose, and rebuked the winds and the sea; and there was a great calm." (Matt. 8:23 to 26)

### **Both appeared after death.**

When Christ went upon the Mount of transfiguration and was transfigured before them, His face did shine as the sun. His raiment was white as the light and, behold, there appeared unto them Moses and Elias talking with Him.

This was after the death of Moses when they appeared there to comfort Him and spoke of His death, or His decease, which He should accomplish at Jerusalem. Peter, James and John were men in nature. They could not comfort Him as Moses and Elias which had past over death's other side.

### **Christ appeared after death.**

On the Cross of Calvary He cried with a loud voice and gave up the ghost, and the Vail of the Temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom. But before He was nailed to the cross He said, 'I gave my back to the smiters, and my cheeks to them that pluck off the hair: I hid not my face from shame and spitting.'" (Isaiah 50:6)

Oh, what agony He must have suffered for you and I. Yes, we say for the sin of the world. We should be the most thankful people in the world. We that have come in possession of His Holy Spirit. That we can have that great hope of the Resurrection of the Body. We will be like Him for we shall see Him as He is.

### **According to the Scriptures.**

One Apostle betrayed Him, another denied Him, the other Apostles forsaken Him. Yes, I suppose we all turned away from Him sometime in our life.

He is despised and rejected of men, a man of sorrow and acquainted with grief. We hid as it were our faces from Him. All we like sheep have gone astray. We have turned every one to his own way. The Lord hath laid on Him the iniquity of us all. (Isaiah :53)

He was to be a Prophet like Moses, and a Priest like Melchizedek, and a King like David.

He was the Shepherd of Israel. He opened the eyes of the blind. He opened the ears of the deaf. He was a light to the Gentiles, the son of man and yet the Son of God.

He was betrayed for thirty pieces of Silver. He was made a little lower than the Angels for the suffering of death. He was numbered with transgressors. He had His hands and His feet pierced, and garments parted and lots cast for.

He was forsaken of his father on the cross. He went to the grave not to see corruption.

The same body that was crucified on the cross was laid in the grave. The same body that was laid in the grave came out the third day, and the same body that came out the third day ascended to Heaven. He will be forever the Lamb and the Son of God, the Vicarious sufferer, and the Divine Bridegroom of His redeemed Church. He awaits the appointed time when His father will say go down in a cloud with power and great glory and resurrect my people that sleep in the dust of the earth, and they shall be caught up together to meet the Lord. What a comfortable promise of going to Heaven, both soul and body. Where there will be no sorrow, no death. Where time and Eternity meets. Time will stop but Eternity will be like God, forever and ever.

So Brothers and Sisters, I will close this letter by saying, as the Apostle Paul did in 2nd Cor. 5:1, "For we know that if our earthly house of this Tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens."

### **So Brothers farewell.**

Your Brother in Christ,  
Elder Wayne Herald

**UNION AND COMMUNION MEETINGS  
AND  
MINISTERS TO ATTEND**

**APRIL**

**SOUTHERN HOME:** First Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening. Ministers called: Joe Evans, Billy Brumfield, Monroe Ousley, Clifford Maynard, James Cannon, Ison Hannah, Jimmy Dale Sanders and Fon Bowling.

**OKECHOBEE:** Second Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening. Ministers called: Tommy Adair, Albert Hamilton, Eddie Tackett, Maynard Hay and Ison Hannah.

**LITTLE ROSA:** Second Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: Wallace Muncy, Woody Pack, Ison Hannah, Wayne Herald and Billy Ray May.

**MAY**

**SALEM:** First Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: Charlie Johnson, Ison Hannah and Harold Edmonds.

**TURKEY CREEK:** Second Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: Freddy Maynard, Wayne Herald, Ross Cline, with Moderator and Assistant Moderator attending.

**JUNE**

**APPLE ORCHARD:** First Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 1:00 p.m. Ministers called Virgil Fields, Milford Lowe, Sabert Nichols, Tom Dials, Hershell Huff and Wallace Muncy. Dinner served near the church on Sunday.

**ENON:** First Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: Clifford Maynard, Hobert Hamilton, Steve Robinson, Jr., Don Little and Grover Adkins.

**ELIZABETH:** First Saturday and Sunday. Communion Sunday. Ministers called: Virgil Fields, Hobert Hamilton, Milford Lowe, and Moderator attending.

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

**PILGRIMS REST:** Second Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: Clifford Maynard, Louie Muncy, John B. Hamilton and Milford Lowe.

**BUCK CREEK:** Third Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: Wallace Muncy, Ross Cline, David Lester, Buddy Carly, Kelly Castle and Moderator attending.

**SIDNEY:** Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called Wayne Herald, Wallace Muncy, Milford Lowe, Ison Hannah, and Freddy Maynard.

**LITTLE VIRGIE:** Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: Steve Robinson, Jr., Hiram Adkins, Edwin May, Ralph Smith and Moderator attending.

**JULY**

**DIX FORK:** First Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: Eddie Tackett, David Lester, Orbin May, and Wayne Herald.

**SAMARIA:** First Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 5:00 p.m. Ministers called: Ison Hannah, Steve Robinson, Jr., George Woods, Joe Evans and Wayne Herald.

**LEANNAH:** Second Saturday. Communion Saturday evening at 1:00 p.m. Ministers called: Wallace Muncy, Alson Thornbury, and Wayne Herald.

**MT. PLEASANT:** Second Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: Deb Sanders, Alvin Osborne, James Tackett and Moderator attending.

**LITTLE TAVIE:** Second Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: Anthony Hamilton, Hobert Hamilton, Burin Thomsbury, Deb Sanders, Willis Tolliver and Claude Brown.

**BIG BRANCH:** Third Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 1:00 p.m. Ministers called: Clifford Maynard, Ison Hannah, Virgil Fields and Moderator attending.

**MARY ELIZABETH:** Third Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: Ross Cline, Andrew Maynard, Alson Thornbury and Freddy Maynard.

**NARROWS BRANCH:** Our Union Meeting starts on Friday before the fourth Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: Wayne Herald, Edwin 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 Stiltner, Alson Thornbury, Ellis Davis, Wayne Herald and Edwin May.

**REBECCA:** Second Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 5:00 p.m. Ministers called: Ross Cline, Ison Hannah, Paul Adkins, and Hillard Newsome.

**EIK FORK:** Third Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 5:00 p.m. Ministers called: Lawrence Lester, Bill May and Joe Evans.

**BENT BRANCH:** Third Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 5:00 p.m. Ministers called: Deb Sanders, Jimmy Dale Sanders, James Tackett, Monroe Jones and Hershell Huff.

**ROSA:** Third Saturday and Sunday. Communion Sunday evening. Ministers called: Eales Cotton, Burl Sturgill, David Lester, Darvin Sturgill, Johnny Newsome, Hershell Hurley and Sidney Collins.

**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: Bill May, Alson Thornsbury, George Woods and Burlin Thornsbury.

**PILGRIM'S HOME:** Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Communion Sunday evening. Ministers called: Milford Lowe, John B. Hamilton, Walter Akers 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: Edwin Hay, Ellis Amburgy, Julius Lester, Henry Barney and Louie Munney.

#### APRIL

**MEMORIAL MEETING** of Victoria Smith and Joseph Thornsbury will be held at the Mt. Pleasant Church on Sunday after the second Saturday. Ministers called: Edwin May, Clifford Maynard, Wayne Herald, Hershel Huff, and Lloyd SESCO.

#### MAY

**SIDNEY CHURCH** will hold a special memorial meeting at the home of Walker Scott on Blaine Creek in Lawrence County on May 1st. Ministers called: Sabert Nichols, Wayne Herald, Milford Lowe, Tom Dials and James Tackett.

**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 Munney, Wayne Herald and Moderator attending.

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

**BIG BRANCH CHURCH** will hold a memorial meeting of the Ratliff, McCoy, Morrison and Blackburn Families on Sunday after the third Saturday. Ministers called: Ernest Cochran, David Crigger, J. L. Nichols and Freddy Maynard.

**TURKEY CREEK CHURCH** will hold a memorial meeting on the John C. Maynard Cemetery on Long Branch on the fourth Sunday at 4:00 p.m. in memory of Angelina Maynard and deceased members of the family. Ministers called: Andrew Maynard, Lewis Marcum, Fay Scott and Freddy Maynard.

**LITTLE VIRGIE CHURCH** will hold a memorial meeting for all deceased members and friends of the Little Virgie Church on Sunday after the fourth Saturday. Ministers called: Berlin Thornsbury, Ison Hannah, Matt Justice, and Assistant Moderator attending.

**NARROWS BRANCH CHURCH** will hold a memorial meeting on the fourth Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: Lloyd SESCO, Frankie Scott, Tommy Dials, Alson Thornsbury, Edwin May, Bobby Scott 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, Milford Lowe, Ed Runyon, Wallace Muncy and Moderator attending.

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

**MEMORIAL MEETING** will be held on the Stanley Cemetery at Dix Fork on the last Sunday. All Regular Baptist ministers are invited. Also, a Meeting will be held at the Brown Branch 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., Joe Evans and David Baisden.

**MEMORIAL MEETING** will be held at the home of Finley and Vada Maynard on the old Sunday at 11:00 a.m. Ministers called: Louie Munney, Edwin May, Frank Newsome and John B. Hamilton. Dinner will be served.

**DIX FORK CHURCH** will hold a memorial meeting on the Cochran Cemetery on the last Saturday at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: Hiram Atkins, Burlin Thornsbury and Ernest Cochran.

#### JUNE

**SOUTHERN HOME CHURCH** will hold a memorial meeting on the first Saturday and Sunday for all members of Southern Home Church. Ministers called: Alfred Fields, Julius Lester, Louie Munney, Stanford Branham and Albert Hamilton.

**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, Billy May, and Tommy Ellis.

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

**ROSA CHURCH** will hold a memorial meeting at the Glandan Cemetery on the first Sunday. Ministers called: 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: Wallace Muncy, Wayne Herald, Tom Dials, Freddy Maynard, Virgil Fields and Moderator attending.

*MEMORIAL MEETING* will be held at the home of Okie Robinette on the third Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: John Fouch, Chester Belcher, Louie Muncey, Milford Lowe, Clifford Maynard, Willie Stlmer and Perry Layne.

*BENT BRANCH CHURCH* will hold a memorial meeting on the third Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: Hiram Adkins, Don Little and Wallace Muncey.

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

*DIX FORK CHURCH* will hold a memorial meeting for Marvin Stanley, Emma Stanley and Bill Grigger on the third Saturday at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: All of the Dix Fork Church Ministers.

*BIG BRANCH CHURCH* will hold a memorial meeting of Johnie Nichols, Sr., and wife and all their descendants on the Lowe Cemetery at Guharae, Kentucky on Sunday after the fourth Saturday. Ministers called: J. L. Nichols, Roosevelt Lowe, Clifford Maynard, and Ralph Smith.

## JULY

*TURKEY CREEK CHURCH* will hold a memorial meeting in the head of Long Branch on the Reed Cemetery on the first Sunday. Ministers called: Willis Lowe, Louie Muncey, Bobby Scott, Wayne Herald, Andrew Maynard and all Regular Baptist ministers are invited. Dinner will be served nearby.

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

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

*NARROWS BRANCH CHURCH* will hold a memorial meeting for all the deceased on the Julius Scott Cemetery at Hardy, Ky. on Sunday after the third Saturday. Ministers called: Edwin May, Bobby Scott, Wayne Herald, Grover Adkins, and Paul Adkins.

*ELK FORK CHURCH* will hold a memorial meeting at the home of J. T. Watts on Trace Creek on Sunday after the third Saturday. Ministers called: Willie Varney, Tommy Adair, Sr., Steve Robinson, Jr., and Mont Ellis.

*BIG BRANCH CHURCH* will hold a memorial meeting of the Maynard, Lowe, Taylor and Scott families on Sunday after the third Saturday. Ministers called: Ison Hannah, Clifford Maynard, Virgil Fields, J. L. Nichols and Fay Scott.

*REBECCA CHURCH* will hold a memorial meeting for all the deceased at the A. J. Gilman Cemetery on the right hand fork of Laurel Creek on Sunday after the third Saturday beginning at 11:00 a.m. Ministers called: Edward Runyon, Ison Hannah, Charles Hall and Ellis Davis.

*DIX FORK CHURCH* will hold a memorial meeting of Ballard Blackburn, Mazie Blackburn and the baby of Cashier and Opal Blackburn on the Blackburn Cemetery on the last Saturday at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: Charley Johnson, James Gannon and Stoney Blackburn.

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

*SIDNEY CHURCH* will hold a memorial meeting of Johnny Stacy and Rachel Stacy on the fourth Sunday. Ministers called: Ross Cline, Sabert Nichols, Clinton Howard, Milford Lowe and Moderator attending.

*MEMORIAL MEETING* will be held at the home of Mrs. Willard (Mae) Robinette for all the deceased on the Jeff Robinette Cemetery on July 31st at 11:00 a.m. Ministers called: Clifford Maynard, Clarence Owens, Marvin Hall, and Milford Lowe.

*MEMORIAL MEETING* of Ted Blackburn will be held at the home of his son, Dewey Blackburn, on Wims Branch on July 31st. Ministers called: Wayne Herald, Edwin May, Hiram Adkins and James Tackett.

## AUGUST

*ROSA CHURCH* will hold a memorial meeting in memory of the Cline Family on the right fork of Gilbert Creek on the first Sunday. Ministers called: All Regular Baptist Ministers are invited.

*LEANNAN CHURCH* will hold a memorial meeting of George Lowe, Jane Lowe, Sam Staton, Lora Staton and Joseph Staton on Pigeon Roost Fork of Wolf Creek on the first Sunday. Ministers called: Milford Lowe, Wayne Herald, Tom Dials, Roosevelt Lowe. There will be dinner on the ground.

*SAMARIA CHURCH* will hold a memorial meeting at the Dillon Cemetery on Sunday after the first Saturday. Ministers called: Ison Hannah, Ed Runyon, Fay Scott and Bill May.

*ENON CHURCH* will hold a memorial meeting for all the deceased members of Enon Church on the first Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: David Baisden, Hiram Adkins, Joe Evans, Fay Scott, Reuben Baker and Louie Muncey.

*DIX FORK CHURCH* will hold a memorial meeting of all the deceased members of Dix Fork Church on the first Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: Jethro Hampton, Ison Hannah, N. A. England, Woody Pack, Paul Adkins and Moderator attending.

*APPLE ORCHARD CHURCH* will hold a memorial meeting on the first Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: Ross Cline, Luther Conn, George Woods and Alson Thornsby. Dinner will be served near the Church on Sunday.

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

*LEANNAH CHURCH* will hold a memorial meeting of all the deceased on the Lowe Cemetery and of Clinton B. and Marie Lowe that are buried at Maher, W. Va. on the second Sunday. Ministers called: Ernest Cochran, Milford Lowe, and Alson Thornsbury.

*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, Hobert Hamilton, David Crigger, Fay Scott, Thomas J. Dials and Moderator attending.

*PILGRIM'S REST CHURCH* will hold a memorial meeting on Sunday after the second Saturday. Ministers called: Alson Thornsbury, Steve Robinson, Jr., Frank Newsome and Tompny Dials.

*BUCK CREEK CHURCH* will hold a memorial meeting on the Blackburn Cemetery at Marrowbone, West Virginia on Sunday after the second Saturday. Ministers called: Wayne Herald, Sabert Nichols, Tom Dials and Kirk Caudill.

*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: Bill May, Bobby Scott, David Crigger and Alvin Osborne.

*SAMARIA CHURCH* will hold a memorial meeting on the Hannah Cemetery on Sunday after the third Saturday. Ministers called: Isom Hannah, Edward Runyon, Bill May and Joe Evans.

*BIG BRANCH CHURCH* will hold a memorial meeting of the McCoy family 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. Ministers called: Wayne Herald, Sabert Nichols, Milford Lowe and Wallace Muncy.

*SIDNEY CHURCH* will hold a memorial meeting of all the deceased members and all that are buried on Bascom Maynard Cemetery on Peter Cave on Sunday after the fourth Saturday. Ministers called: Wayne Herald, Ted Robinson, Freddy Maynard and Woody Pack.

*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.

*BIG BRANCH CHURCH* will hold a memorial meeting at the Henry Taylor Cemetery on Sunday after the fourth Saturday. Ministers called: Clifford Maynard, Ernest Cochran, Virgil Fields, and J. L. Nichols.

**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 Money 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, Hobert Hamilton, Joe Evans and Bill May.

*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.

*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 Sunday after the third Saturday. Ministers called: Bobby Scott, Paul Adkins, Kirk Caudill, Wayne Herald and Sabert Nichols.

*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: Virgil Fields, Isom Hannah and Wayne Herald.

*MEMORIAL MEETING* will be held at Asker McCoy's home in memory of his parents and others on Sunday after the third Saturday. Ministers called: Willis Lowe, Ernest Cochran, Virgil Fields and J. L. Nichols.

*SIDNEY CHURCH* will hold a memorial meeting of Johnny Jude and two sons and of the Howells on the fourth Sunday. Ministers called: Milford Lowe, Sabert Nichols, Clinton Howard, Wayne Herald and Moderator attending.

**OCTOBER**

*ELIZABETH CHURCH* will hold a memorial meeting on the first Saturday and Sunday for all deceased members of Elizabeth Church. Ministers called: Ross Cline, Johnie Cline, Frank Newsome and Moderator attending.

*SALEM CHURCH* will hold a memorial meeting on the first Saturday and Sunday for all deceased members of Salem Church. Ministers called: Wayne Herald, Bobby Scott, Zee Holbrook and Steve Robinson, Jr.

*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 Evans, James Gannon, Louie Muncy and Moderator attending.

*MT. PLEASANT CHURCH* will hold a memorial meeting for all the deceased members of Mt. Pleasant Church on the second Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: Hershell Huff, Woody Pack, Clifford Maynard and Moderator attending.

**LITTLE TAVIE CHURCH** will hold a memorial meeting on the second Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: Ted Robinson, David Crigger, Sam Franks, Josh Hicks, Ivory Savers and Donnie Brown.

**LEANNAH CHURCH** will hold a memorial meeting on the Scott Cemetery in the head of Finley Fork on Sunday after the second Saturday. Ministers called: 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: David Baisden, Ison Hannah, Louie Muncy, Edward Runyon, Luther Conn, Lacy Justice, Jr., Steve Robinson, Jr. and John R. Justice.

**SIDNEY CHURCH** will hold a memorial meeting of John Jude, Bell Jude, Annie Jude and her son, T. J. Jude, on the fourth Sunday at the Church House. Ministers called: Tom Dials, Howard Coleman and Virgil Fields.

**PILGRIM'S HOME CHURCH** will hold a memorial meeting on the fourth Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: Don Little, Grover Adkins, Ruben Baker and Moderators attending.

## OBITUARIES

### RESSIE BLACKBURN

It is with great sadness that we write the obituary of our dear mother. Mother worked hard, both naturally and spiritually, for us children. Mother and dad are now peacefully reunited in death awaiting that great Resurrection Day.

Ressie Taylor Blackburn, a daughter of the late James Taylor and Rosie Scott Taylor Kimberlain, was born in Pike County, Kentucky, March 15, 1906. She became a member of the Bent Branch Regular Baptist Church in 1944. Her husband, Teddy Blackburn, a Deacon at the Bent Branch Church, pre-deceased her. Mother and dad were long and faithful members of the church. Two sons, Roy and Joe, two sisters, Lessie McCoy and Tessa Morrison, one brother, Jessie, and one grandchild, Billy, also preceded mother in death.

Mother died September 8, 1982. Surviving are 6 sons: George, Fred, Jr., John, Dewey and James; one daughter, Janice Collins; 18 grandchildren; and 6 great-grandchildren.

We feel sure mother is now resting from her labors, although she is sadly missed by us children and all who knew her.

Written by  
Her Children

### DELICIE WILLIAMS

With much grief and sadness I will try and write the obituary of our beautiful and beloved mother, Sister Delcie Williams.

She was born May 25, 1911 at Pikeville, Ky. and was the daughter of the late Whetzel and Anzie Adkins. She departed this life September 29, 1981.

She was married to the late Elder David (Dave) Williams and to this union was born the following children: Donald Williams of Mansfield, La.; Gorden Lee of Aflex, Ky.; Rickie Howard of Gorden, Ga.; Minnie Alice Goins of Aflex, Ky.; Janet Trout of Burnwell, Ky.; Sue Williams of Stone, Ky.; Edna Truskowski of Norfolk, Va.; Kay Bevins of Gordon, Ga.; and Juanita Matney of Franklin, Ohio.

There are so many wonderful things I could tell you about our Mother but



all that knew her can understand that words cannot describe her. She loved her church. A devoted wife and mother, a loving smile and a kind word for everyone. We loved her so much, but God loved and needed her more. She is at rest with our beloved father and they walk the beautiful streets paved with gold together. They are with God. We miss them and love them so very much but our loss is heaven's gain.

Written by the  
Children and Grandchildren

## MAZIE SMITH BLACKBURN

With a sad heart and many sweet memories, I will try to write the obituary of my mother, Mazie Smith Blackburn.

She was the daughter of the late Bud and Armina Varney Smith. Mom was born June 30, 1895, and departed this life on September 23, 1981 at the Pikeville Hospital, making her stay on earth 86 years, 2 months and 23 days.

She was married to the late James Ballard Blackburn. To this union were born ten children, three boys and seven girls. The sons are: Willie Casper Blackburn and Wayne Blackburn of Sidney, Ky.; and Paris Blackburn of Galena, Ohio. The daughters are: Mrs. George (Sylvia) Smith, Mrs. Vernon

(Darlene) Crigger, Mrs. William Coda (Leona) Stanley, and Mrs. Ermal (Dolly) Deskins, all of Sidney, Ky.; Mrs. Ralph (Jean H.) Williamson of Baltimore, Maryland; Mrs. Rush (Armina) Stanley of Greenup, Ky.; and Mrs. Melford (Yvonne) Howell of Columbus, Ohio. She also leaves to mourn her loss 26 grandchildren, 46 great-grandchildren, and a host of friends and relatives. She was preceded in death by 2 grandchildren, 9 brothers and 5 sisters.

She joined the Dix Fork Regular Baptist Church and was baptized on the first Sunday in April, 1939 by the hands of Elders Jim Thomsbury and Ellison Coleman. She lived faithful until her death.

Mom, we children will miss you. We loved you so much. We are so thankful to God for the precious memories that we have of you. Sleep on Mom until Jesus comes again. Then we will be reunited never to have any more troubles or partings. Until we meet again, I pray God will bless my brother and sisters to understand. As you have said to me, "The Lord will provide."

Sadly written by one who loved  
her more than words can express,  
Her Son and Brother-In-Hope,  
Elder Paris Blackburn

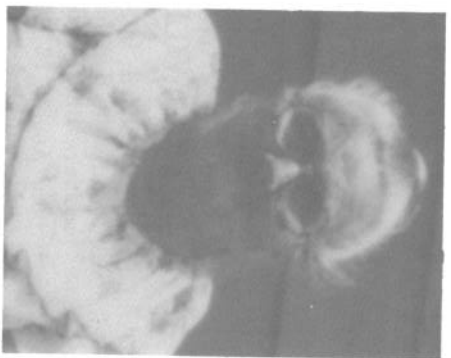


## GLADYS WILLIAMSON

With God being my strength, I will try to write the obituary of our precious and beloved Mother.

Mommy was born August 29, 1908 and deceased this life August 3, 1982, making her stay here on earth 73 years, 11 months and 27 days. Her parents, James Harvey and Martha Jane (Hankins) Crigger, both preceded her in death. Being one of the oldest of 10 children, she was a great help to her mother as she has told us how hard she worked during her childhood days. But she also talked of the playful times.

In her early years Mommy met and married our sweet and humble Daddy, Omer Williamson. To this union were born 8 children. Three sons preceded her in death, two of them, Perry and Clifford in an infant stage. Okie died in 1969 which was great sorrow and grief for Mommy. She shed so many tears. Left to mourn our loss are four daughters and one son; Anna Lois Baldwin of Winchester, Ky.; Barbara Sue Deskins of Romeo, Michigan; Hazel Thacker, Bessie Mae Stacy and Clinton, Jr., all of Sidney, Ky. One of the great joys of Mommy's life were her 18 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren. She loved little children and always had a special smile for them.



Mommy's natural brothers and sisters were very special to her also. They will all miss her deeply. Her five sisters are Bessie Pauley, Opal Blackburn, Inis Brown and Edith Williamson, all of Sidney, Ky.; and Marie Allen of Monaville, W. Va. Her two brothers are: Earl and Cecil Crigger, also of Sidney. One sister, Hazel Smith and one brother, Perry Andrew, preceded her in death. She also leaves behind a great number of friends and neighbors who were so good and kind to her during her sickness.

In 1938, at the age of 30, our Mommy gave her hand to become a member of the Dix Fork Church being baptized by the hands of Henry C. Maynard and Elder Ellis Coleman. This September will be 44 years and she remained a faithful member, always filling her seat when she was able. As her body got weaker, her faith grew stronger. She tried to tell us a week ago of that better home she had. She raised her arms and pointed at Jesus, who, I'm sure she seen. She also wanted a drink of Holy Water. I believe with all my heart, our Mommy viewed her future home and is now drinking from that fountain of pure water today.

Her grandson, Ricky, was in the room at the hospital the night she died. He said her breath left her and she was just so peaceful. He also said he felt a presence in the room and he couldn't move. It was no doubt the Death Angel who stepped down and it was ended on earth for Mommy. But she

will live again. There will never be no more pain or sorrow for her, just peace and happiness forever and ever.

Our home here on earth will never be the same. We'll miss her so much but our loss is Heaven's gain. Mommy is at rest now from all her labors. I wouldn't want to call her back in this old troublesome world. So sleep on dear Mommy. I have a wonderful Hope within me to meet you and I'll wait with patience until that Great Homecoming Day.

Written by her loving daughter,  
Bessie Mae Stacey

## WILLIE STANLEY

Trusting to be guided by God's holy hand, I will try to write the obituary of my dear and precious father, Willie Stanley.

Dad was born August 12, 1895 in Pike County, Kentucky and passed away May 29, 1982 after a long illness and much suffering, which I believe he endured with patience looking to the coming of Christ.

He was the son of the late Mont and Caldonia Smith Stanley.

He accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as his Savior in September 1937 and became a member of the Pilgrim Home Church of the Old Regular Baptist. In January 1969 Dad came with an arm from the Pilgrim Home Church to establish the Pilgrim Rest Church.

Dad was a faithful member as long as he was able to attend. He was a Deacon for twenty some years.

In 1920 Dad was married to Gracie Hinkle who preceded him in death in 1939. To this union were born 6 boys, four of whom preceded him in death.

In 1944 Dad was married to Mary Maynard and to this union were born 6 children. Left to mourn the loss of my dear Father is his wife, Mary Maynard Stanley, and 8 children: Lee Roy and Ezra Lee, both of Ecorse, Michigan; Oliver Stanley of Detroit, Michigan; Margaret Young, Betty Sue Maynard, Irene Stanley, Mary Helen Burke and Larry Stanley, all of Pisco, Kentucky; 12 grandchildren and one great-grandchild. He also leaves one whole sister, Annie SESCO of Meta, Kentucky; two half-sisters, Pernie Stanley and Truda Maynard both of Pisco, Ky.; and one half-brother, Carlos Stanley of Pikeville, Ky.

He was a World War I veteran and a member of the Disabled American Veterans.

Beside the family, he leaves a host of friends and relatives and the Pilgrim Rest Church to mourn the loss. Dad, we will miss you so much but we know and believe that our loss is heaven's gain. We all love you Daddy.

Written by his Son and Brother in Christ,  
Lee Roy Stanley



## TRULY BOWLING

It is with a saddened heart I will try to write the obituary of my dear mother-in-law, Truly Bowling, who departed this life to live at peace with Jesus on October 1, 1981, making her stay here on earth 77 years, 11 months and 25 days. She was the daughter of John and Mintie Maynard.

She was married to Alvin Bowling and to this union were born the following children and left to mourn her leaving: Thomas Lee Bowling, Turkey Creek, Ky.; Dallas G. Bowling, Phoenix, Ariz.; Ocie Mills, Williamson, W. Va.; Maggie Frazier, Mansfield, Ohio; and Verda King, Belfry, Ky. She had 17 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

My mother-in-law was a dear person who never complained even when she was suffering. She was a member of the Turkey Creek Regular Baptist Church.

The void in our lives cannot be filled but we know Mom is resting in the arms of sweet Jesus.

Written by her daughter-in-law  
and sister in the Lord,  
Janet Bowling



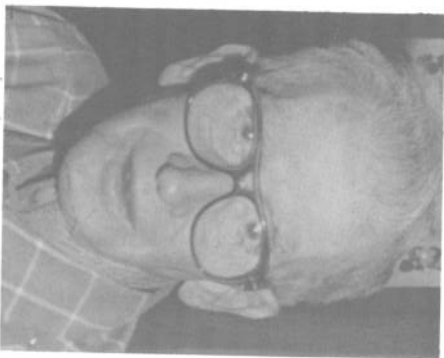
## ISAAC SHERMAN BURKE

In loving memory I will try to write the obituary of my father, Isaac Sherman Burke. He was born May 24, 1902 and departed this life August 25, 1982, making his stay here on earth 80 years, 3 months and 1 day.

Daddy was the son of the late Albert and Alice (Conley) Burke. He retired from the N & W Railway and was a member of the Turkey Creek Regular Baptist Church.

He was united in marriage to Trula (McCoy) Burke. To this union was born five children, two sons and three daughters: Leroy of Roanoke, Va.; Billy Ray and Goldie B. Francis of Riner, Va.; Roberta B. Varney of Charlotte, N. C.; and Delores B. Robinette of Floyd, Va. He leaves 18 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren. He also is survived by one brother, Birdie of Portsmouth, Ohio, and two sisters, Stella Wells of Orlando, Fla. and Helen Price of Fort Gay, W. Va.

Daddy labored hard all of his life. He believed in caring for his wife and





children and loved us all. I could write pages on the good things about my Daddy but I believe his friends and neighbors saw his good works.

I believe our loss is heaven's gain. Daddy suffered in his illness but now he is at rest with our Lord, Jesus Christ. We will always miss him but I pray all of the children and every member of our family will be able to see Daddy again, which is possible through accepting the Lord, Jesus Christ as their Savior and becoming children of His.

Written by his daughter,  
Goldean

## JAMES VARNNEY, JR.

Brother James Varnney, Jr. was born December 20, 1916 and died September 6, 1981. He was the son of James F. Varnney, Sr. and Hester Payne Varnney, both of whom preceded him in death. Has was married to Josephine Clark and four children were born of this union; one daughter, Betty R. Wilkerson, Nashville, Tenn. and three sons: James G. Varnney, Sparr, Fla.; Stephen (Steve) Varnney, Turkey Creek, Ky. and Mark B. Varnney, Ocala, Fla. There are seven grandchildren.



Brother James came into the Old Regular Baptist family at Turkey Creek, Ky. on February 15, 1953. He was baptized by Elders Ken Varnney and B. H. Bevins. His passing from our midst was so sudden that it was a great shock to his family, the Church and his many friends.

As I write I cannot dispel a feeling of sorrow for the loss of this dear Brother, while I do rejoice in the Hope I have for Brother James. I still miss his presence so much at the little Southern Home Church where he attended regularly. Space would not permit the many good things I could say about Brother James. He was a craftsman, he labored with his hands, he created beautiful works and I must mention that he was one of the greatest fishermen I ever knew. I have many witnesses to that effect. Sister Josephine can attest to the fact that he was a wonderful husband and his children can truly say that he was a wise and loving Father and Grandfather but, above all the things I have mentioned, he was a true and humble Christian. Unpretentious and unassuming, he was steadfast and unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord. I believe when the Lord comes again He will bring Brother James with him.

To Brother James' family and many friends, may God bless you and I hope we can live in such a manner that we will leave the kind of testimony that Brother James left.

Written by a Brother in Hope of Eternal Life,  
Elder Tommy Adair, Sr.

## WILL H. PINSON

It is with a sad and broken heart that I will try to write the obituary of my dear dad, Will H. Pinson. He was born July 5, 1893 and he left this world for a better place April 2, 1982, making his stay here on earth 88 years, 9 months and 2 days. He was the son of the late Aaron and Margaret (Davis) Pinson. He had 7 brothers: George, John, Boon, Van, Sam, York and James, all preceded him in death. Two sisters also preceded him in death, Vicy Moon and Sarah Alley.



Dad was married to Trinnie Blackburn Pinson and to this union eight children were born. Six preceded him in death: Raymond, Condor, Clayton, Minnie, Fonnie, and George. Two were left to mourn his loss, Dixie Francis and Layton Pinson, both of Sidney, Ky.

Dad was a member of the Regular Baptist Church for several years. Dad and Mom lived a long, happy life together. Mom, Layton, and I miss our dad so very much. Mom is so lonely without him but by the love and grace of God we can all be with him. I feel our loss is heaven's gain.

Written by the daughter who loved him,  
Dixie Francis

## JAMES SMITH

With a prayerful heart and great respect, I shall begin the obituary of James Smith. The Lord having given him seventy full years, James Smith was born July 6, 1911. He was the son of Wallace Smith and Sally Hurley Smith Taylor of Pike County. James went to be with the Lord on January 21, 1982 after a short illness. James was a most faithful Deacon in the Old Regular Baptist Church of Bent Branch, Meta, Ky. He is survived by his wife, Elmo Maynard Smith, whom he married on March 16, 1935. The Smiths spent their forty-seven years in Eastern Ky. and Williamson, W. Va. but spent the last 20 or so years on Bent Branch, Meta, Ky. James had recently retired from a long career in woodworks. Here in the rolling hills of Eastern Ky. they raised their only two children, a son, Louie Reynold Smith of Rockford, Ill., and a daughter, Jennifer Lynn Smith Maynard of Keene Village, Racoon, Ky. James had 5 grandchildren, one great-grandson and one sister, Bertha Thompson of Williamson, W. Va.



James shall be sadly missed by his wife, family and many friends, especially those in the Church he loved so much. It was on September 20, 1975 that James gave his hand to the Church and was baptized by Elder Ed May and Elder Lloyd Sesco of the Bent Branch Church. James, later selected and ordained Deacon by his brethren, loved to visit the churches throughout the country-side with his faithful companion. Jim was noted for his friendly, humble nature and gentleness. He was a good father, taking great care to provide the things his family needed, including his never failing love. He was a hard worker and was respected by his neighbors as a good neighbor and a good citizen. James Smith was truly a man that could have shared the words and thoughts of Paul from the Holy Scriptures II Tim 4: 7 and 8: "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith. Henceforth, there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge shall give me at that day; and not to me only but unto all them also that love his appearing."

Sadly missed by his wife and family, who cherish the day of the Lord when they shall meet Daddy once again and abide there forever in Heaven with the Lord Jesus.

Prepared by Billy R. Maynard, Son-in-law,  
and aided by Elmo Smith, wife of the deceased

### ALVA TACKETT

In loving memory I will try to write this obituary of our Mother and grandmother, Alva Tackett. Mamaw was born February 22, 1908 in Alabama to the late Pete and Matilda Broadhead of Beltry, Ky. Mamaw left this earth on March 14, 1982, making her stay here 74 years.

Mamaw was married to the late Neise Tackett, who preceded her in death July 10, 1979. To this union was born 7 children. Two preceded them in death.

Mamaw joined the Old Regular Baptist Church of Jesus Christ in 1965. She was baptized by Elders Willis Lowe and Henry C. Maynard.

Left to mourn her death are: one daughter, Ruth Davidson of Jenkins, and four sons: Bobby Cleo, Benny and Ronnie of Canada, Ky.; and Woodrow of Jenkins, Ky.

I believe Mamaw is happy now. After Papaw died she was never happy because she missed him so much.

We all miss Mamaw but we know she is in a much better place now and her suffering is over.

Written by her Granddaughter,  
Debbie Tackett



It is with a sad heart that I try to write the obituary of my mother-in-law, Belle Williamson. Mamaw was born March 5, 1907 to Lewis and Rosa Francis and departed this life at 9:10 p.m. on July 13, 1982, making her stay on earth 75 years, 3 months and 8 days.

She was married on July 1, 1926 to J. L. Williamson, Sr., who departed this life on September 27, 1971. To this union was born 6 children: Kenneth Williamson of Hatfield, Ky.; J. L. Williamson Jr. of Forest Hills, Ky.; and Ralph Williamson, Joyce Young and Betty R. Lowe of Varney, Ky. One daughter, Ola Mae, preceded her in death.

Mamaw has 13 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren. She has 3 living brothers: Twyman Francis of Canada, Ky.; Troy Francis of Varney, Ky.; and Jordan (Jerry) of Ocala, Fla. She also has 4 living sisters: Edna McCoy of South Williamson, Ky.; Letha Johnson of North Matewan, W. Va.; Fern Cox of Fla.; and Kansas Day of Indiana.

Mamaw has been a member of the Regular Baptist Church since August 29, 1943. Her membership being placed with Pilgrim Home Church at Varney, Ky.

Mamaw leaves all of her family, members of the Pilgrim Home Church and a host of friends to mourn her loss.

Written by her Daughter-In-Law,  
Helen Williamson

### COMFREY (MAYNARD) JEWELL

Sister Comfrey Jewell, age 77, known as "Aunt Compie," departed this earthly life on March 13, 1982. She was the daughter of Andrew (Andy) and Mary (Runyon) Maynard, both deceased, of Myrtle, W. Va.

She became a member of the Rebecca Church of Old Regular Baptist on the second Saturday in April 1942.

She was married to Noah Jewell, who survives, and to this union three sons were born: Wallace Jewell, Williamson, W. Va.; Charles Jewell, Holden, W. Va.; and Robert Jewell, Delbarton, W. Va. (formerly of Oakwood, Va.).

She was a light to her family, neighbors, friends, and the community. She had a great and genuine interest in the welfare of the old Church and a deep concern for



those outside the ark of safety. Her seat is now empty and her presence in the community will be missed. She is now resting in hope of that great and noble day of the resurrection when these bodies will be called forth from the graves and be fashioned like unto His most glorious body. Then, as the old time song Sister Comfrey loved so well says, "We'll all be satisfied."

Written by the family and  
Brother Edwin Hay

## HOWARD COLE

Brother Howard Cole was born August 20, 1913 and died December 23, 1981 at age 68. He was the son of Sterling Cole and Thena Clark Cole, both preceded him in death. He was married to Rebecca Steger Cole on April 23, 1938. One daughter was born of this union, Mrs. Frank (Mary Ann) Traten, 2718 Oak Avenue, Mount Holly, New Jersey. Brother Cole had four grandchildren, Brian and Frank Gurdin and Gail and Joel Traten; one surviving brother, Herman Cole of Reidsville, North Carolina; two sisters, Louise Vance of Jacksonville, Florida and Edith Spitzer of Huntington, W. Va. One brother preceded him in death, Sterling Cole, Jr.



Brother Cole came to the Southern Home Church by experience of Grace and was baptized Sunday, September 29, 1981, by the hand of Elder Tommy Adair and Brother Gene Ratliff. I was just permitted to be with this Brother a very short time. He was raised by a christian mother and father of the Old Regular Baptist faith. His grandfather was old Brother Elder C. Cole, Moderator of Kyova Association many years. Brother Cole played in an orchestra 29 years and was a retired musician. He traveled extensively and at one time he visited Russia. His orchestra had an audience with the Pope, yet the training of his youth remained always in his memory. He and his wife visited my home several times. I loved to talk with him. It seemed there was a bond of love between us. He was afflicted in body and desired the Church to pray for him, which we did. He had an emergency operation on his eye and eventually, through complications, the strain on his heart was too much. I believe God called him home where his suffering is over.

To his family, to the Church, and to his friends, I believe if we will live for the Lord we will meet Brother Cole again.

Written by a Brother in Hope,  
Elder Tommy Adair, Sr.

## SALLY JANE BLACKBURN

Sister Sally Jane Blackburn, the daughter of the late Otis and Vicie Williams Williamson, was born December 7, 1898 at Canada, Ky. and deceased this life on January 8, 1982 at the Appalachian Region Hospital, making her stay here 83 years, 1 month and 1 day.

Sister Sally, as we loved to call her, was married to Millard Blackburn on March 11, 1916 by Elder William Thornsbury and to this union were born nine children, four sons and five daughters. Her husband preceded her in death on August 25, 1977.

She joined the Old Regular Baptist Church, being baptized on Sunday, September 9, 1934 at the hands of Elders Hi Maynard and Jonah Bevins, when the Sardis Association was being held at the Mount Pleasant Church. She placed her membership with the Salem Regular Baptist Church at Goody, Ky. on November 3, 1934 where she remained a faithful member until death took her from our midst.



Survivors include 4 sons, Clarence Blackburn of Sidney, Ky.; Millard Blackburn, Jr. of Otis Orchard, Washington; Charles Blackburn of Wright City, Missouri; and the Rev. Ronnie Blackburn of Fairmont, W. Va.; 5 daughters, Mrs. Jessie Browning of Belfry, Ky.; Mrs. Lillian Beverly of Slaters Branch, Ky.; Mrs. Joann Blackburn of Land Arbor, N. C.; Mrs. Bonnie Finley of Sandusky, Ohio and Mrs. Betty Heaton of Bradenton, Fla. Additional survivors include a brother, Tunis Williamson of Lexington, Ky.; three sisters, Mrs. Gertie Stratton of Kansas City, Kansas; Mrs. Marie Stanley and Miss Hazel Williamson, both of Canada, Ky.; 24 grandchildren and 21 great-grandchildren, beside a great host of friends and relatives, who are left to mourn her loss.

But we feel that our loss is her eternal gain. If she was not mistaken, she, like Mary, hath chosen that good part which shall never be taken away from her. The scripture says, "We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren." She manifested that love for her brothers and sisters by attending church regularly, when she was able to do so. It was not an unusual sight to see Sister Sally standing beside the highway on Pond Creek waiting for a bus to take her down to the Salem Church. We, brothers and sisters, have had the good pleasure to let her ride with us to church on different occasions. We usually returned home rejoicing because the good Lord had blessed us to have a good meeting. Our prayers were answered.

Yes, children we believe that your mother has finished her course in this world of sin and sorrow. But Jesus said, "Let not your heart be troubled; Ye believe in God, believe also in me. In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And

if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself, that where I am, there ye may be also." She is resting from her labors. Our prayer for all of us is that God will richly bless and save us according to His most blessed and Holy will, in Jesus name.

Written, as requested, by  
Elder Harold Edmonds

## MAE PREECE

In loving memory of our dear Mother and sister in Christ, we will try to write an obituary.

She was born September 13, 1915 at Laurel Creek, West Virginia and succumbed March 22, 1982. She was a daughter of the late Aaron and Elizabeth Tingley. She was united in marriage to the late Francis Marlon Preece on September 28, 1935 and six children were born to them, namely: Helen Ruth Adkins, Francis Marlon, Shirley Swain, Larry, George and Thomas. She also leaves 12 grandchildren; five sisters: Alice, June, Hazel, Elsie and Joyce; and two brothers: Chester and Elmer. One grandchild and three brothers, Clarence, Herman and Buster, preceded her in death.

She joined the Regular Baptist Church, was baptized in August 1943 and took membership with the Rebecca Church. She was a faithful member of the church and loved everyone in it.

She had been in ill health since the spring preceding her death, but never complained at all. She was hospitalized only 3 days at the end and her death came as a shock to us all. She gave so much love and kindness to all who knew her—a faithful member of the church, who knew her as "Sister Mae," and a beloved friend and a witness for Christ to her neighbors, co-workers and a host of friends who all knew her as "Aunt Mae".

For us left behind, her absence is a terrible grief to bear but we are comforted by the fact that she is reunited with our loving father. They are at last together in heaven with our Lord and Savior.

To us, her children, she wrote these words, "Be good to each other and help each other with your problems, if any, Go to church."

Written by her daughters,  
Ruth and Shirley



It is with much sadness and a heavy heart that we write the obituary of our dear and loving son and brother, Rush Coney Williamson.

He was born on July 4, 1938 in Pike County, Ky., and was the son of Jack and Aley (Brown) Williamson. He died July 2, 1981 at 12:26 a.m. in the Pikeville Methodist Hospital, making his stay here on earth 42 years and 29 days, for which we thank God for every precious minute.

He was married to Esta Lea (May) Williamson and to this union was born five children: Debra Lynn Justice of Phyllis, Ky.; Mark Edward Williamson, Toney Ray Williamson, Walter Darren Williamson and Crystal Gail Williamson, all of Sidney, Ky.; and a granddaughter, Amanda Sue Justice, of Phyllis, Ky.

Rush Coney asked the doctors to let him come home to church on June 26th and that night he joined the Old Regular Baptist Church. He had to go back to the hospital that night and was not baptized. With much effort on his part, he tried to come back to be baptized but became so weak and short of breath that he had to be put back in Oxygen and with much sadness, he never made it back to be baptized. His wish was to be baptized in running water.

Coney didn't want to leave his family and friends but he didn't fear death. He talked about a beautiful city up there and he told us that is where I live. He talked about a dream of hearing beautiful singing. He showed his love for his family and friends but most of all his love for his dear Savior. We believe God spared him of suffering by letting him go into a coma. He left us like he went off to sleep and, I believe, in the arms of Jesus.

Coney is survived by six brothers and four sisters: Donald Ray Williamson, George Edward Williamson, John Thomas Williamson, Roy Garland Williamson, and Janis Lou Williamson, all of Sidney, Ky.; Ulley Woodrow Williamson, Ransom, Ky.; Hie Larry Williamson, Charleston, S. C.; Ida Mae Reed, Williamson, W. Va.; Betty Jane Rose, Chattaroy, W. Va.; and Loretta Young, Chattaroy, W. Va., with a host of nieces and nephews who love him very much. He is also sadly missed by several brothers-in-laws and sister-in-laws.

Our loss is heaven's gain. I believe his spirit returned to God who gave it, his body is resting in the grave until the glorious resurrection-morning when the soul, spirit, and body will be like Christ's most glorious body. We know he left this old world of troubles and sorrows for a much better home to be in that number among the angels in heaven.

Sadly missed, but not forgotten,  
Jack and Aley Williamson and Family



## RUSH CONEY WILLIAMSON

## ULA CLINE

With the help of our dear Saviour, we will write the obituary of our dear husband and father, Ula Cline.

He was born March 4, 1922 at Baisden, the son of James Oliver and Hopie Walls Cline. He was married to the former Ida Blankenship who survives. The father of five daughters and two sons and a grandfather to twelve grandchildren.

He did his country proud, serving in World War II and risked his life when he was captured and remained a prisoner for five months.

During his life time he proved what a fighter he was when cancer invaded his body, taking his life on May 29, 1982. He fought 2½ years with this terrible disease, never giving up until the very end. He found Jesus and was baptized but never stopped praying during this terrible ordeal.

We are saddened and miss him terribly but we are at ease in that we feel he is with God and we will see him again some day.

Written by wife and daughter,  
Ida Cline and Betty Sammons



## SALLY STARR

In loving memory, and with much sadness, I will try to write the obituary of our beloved friend and sister in Christ. She was also a mother, not naturally so but with love and kindness to those she came in contact with.

Sally Starr departed this life April 1, 1982 at The Methodist Hospital, Pikeville, Ky. after an extended illness. She was born August 6, 1915, making her stay on this earth 67 years and 8 months. Sally was the daughter of William and Dixie Caines Bowling, who preceded her in death. Sally was married to Gus Starr who preceded her in death October 2, 1968. To this union no children were born.

Sister Sally gave her hand to be baptized into the Old Regular Baptist faith at the hands of Brother Louie Muncy, Brother John B. Hamilton and other



ministers at the Methodist Hospital on March 22, 1982, her membership to be at the Pilgrim Rest Church, Pso, Ky.

Left to mourn her passing are: two sisters, Sister Virgie Cline of Brushy, who Sally lived with, and Edna Maynard, a sister who lives in Florida; three brothers: two of them preceded her in death, Sidney Bowling and Ireland Bowling, and her surviving brother, Elmer Bowling, resides at Chattaroy, W. Va.

Sister Virgie Cline's children were the only children on Brushy to have two mothers because they considered Sally as their second mother. If she could talk to you today she would tell you she loved them dearly. They and their families and their children with their love and kindness made her last days easier to bear. The children are as follows: Jack Cline, who preceded her in death January 6, 1982; Virgil Cline, Varney, Ky.; Lee Cline, Columbus, Ohio; James Cline, Homer, Michigan; Mae Stanley, Ecorse, Michigan; Minta Jean Hensley, Brushy; Jackie Beane, Springport, Michigan; Marvin Junior Cline, Brushy.

Sally, you never knew a stranger and you may have entertained angels unaware. We truly believe the Lord has picked another flower for the masters' bouquet. Sally dear, we will miss your smiling face, you managed to smile even during your sickness. An empty spot will be left in our heart but we have a blessed promise we can meet you over home. When it comes time to cross over Jordan, we will meet you on the other side. A host of friends in this community will miss you so much. We love you Sally.

Written by a friend and Brother in Christ,  
Foster Blackburn

## GRACIE CHAMPMAN

Sunday evening, September 5, 1982, sitting here so sad and lonely in the home where I, Juneau Willis, was raised 61 years ago. It is so silent and still. I will try and write the obituary of my mother, who was so precious to us all.

She was born October 1, 1901, to Elder Perry Cline and Octavie Cline of Baisden, W. Va. She passed this life June 24, 1982. She was married to Montana (Tame) Champman October 2, 1919. She was preceded in death by 2 years and 4 months by her beloved husband, February 12, 1980. They had been married 59 years.

To this union were born seven children, four now living, two sons and two daughters.

She was preceded in death by two sons, Venice and Denver, and a daughter, Irene. Two sons living are Junior and Racy Champman and daughters, Josie Justice and Juneau Willis. She leaves eight grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren; three brothers, Ezra and Delbert Cline, of Baisden, and



Evert Cline of Justice. One sister, Mrs. Hallie Perry of Baisden and a host of relatives and friends to mourn her loss.

She was the oldest member of the Rosa Regular Baptist Church, a member of 60 years. She had her sins washed away in the blood of Jesus for 60 years and He accepted her as one of His little ones. She would always shout the praises of God and say, "I am not ashamed to praise Him for what He has done for me."

She loved everyone and would always give advice to her children, grandchildren and everyone else she came in contact with, especially the young ones and tell them what was right. Such as, she would tell the young girls to let their hair grow long and not to wear shorts and women not to wear pants. She believed in the old fashion way and she lived just as she believed. She went to church every chance she could.

All of us children believed she was baptized with the fire and the Holy Ghost and is now resting in the paradise of God to suffer no more. This is why we believe it so strong. When the Lord was ready for her on Monday night she said that she was looking toward heaven and that she wanted all four of my children with me.

She said, "I am going up to heaven." The nurse told me after I got to the hospital that was what she said but she lived four days longer. So I will say if you haven't lost someone you loved you don't know what it is like but the Lord knows best. Again I want to thank everyone that sent flowers and their support and sympathy in every way.

Take this message to our loved one up above and tell her how much we miss her and give her our love. Although her soul is at rest and free from pain, part of us went with her when you called her away. Her voice we loved is still and her chair is vacant in our home. It shall never be filled.

The Gracie Champman Family

## JAMES C. MUNCY

With the help of the Lord, I will attempt to write the obituary of Brother Jim Muncy.

Brother Jim was born February 14, 1900 at McClure, Ky. in Martin County. His parents were Tom and Mary (Preece) Muncy.

Brother Jim was united in marriage to Oma (Dials) Muncy on February 8, 1929 and to this union was born seven children. Glen and Curtis both preceded him in death and surviving children are: James, John and Gary of Inez, Ky.; Arthur Bady Muncy of Stantfort, Ky.; and one daughter, Elva Mae Hale of Beauty, Ky. He also has eight grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Brother Jim was baptized in October 1977 and took his membership at the Buck Creek Church where he was loved by its members. Until his sickness got too severe he seemed to have something good to say to everyone.



As we know, everyone of us must die, but we should remember there is a resurrection on the last day and while we have life and opportunity we should get ready to meet God.

Brother Jim will be missed at the Buck Creek Church, our hope is we will meet again in heaven.

Written by request of Sister Oma Muncy,  
Elder Thomas J. Dials

## ANDREW J. GILMAN

It is with much sadness and with the help of our Lord, I will try to write the obituary of my father, Andrew J. Gilman, known to everyone as Uncle Andy.

Dad was born November 7, 1896 and departed this life April 27, 1982, making his stay here on earth 85 years, 5 months and 20 days. He was the son of Sam and Martha Runyon Gilman, both of whom preceded him in death.

He was married to Edna Hall, who preceded him in death, and to this union was born five children. Two sons and three daughters: Harold Gilman, Howard Gilman, Lucretia Butcher, Martha Evans and Dorothy E. Clay. He has a host of grandchildren and great-grandchildren, one brother, Burl Gilman, and four sisters, Nannie Dempsey, Elizabeth Canterbury, Lucinda Hammesley, and Mary Dean.

Dad joined the Old Regular Baptist Church on the 3rd Sunday in August, 1917 on Trace Creek. He was baptized by Elder Hi Maynard and took his membership with the Rebecca Church on Trace Creek.

Dad was one of the greatest fathers to us children, always working hard to provide a good living for his family. He set an example for us that will never be forgotten. His greatest wish was for all his children to receive Christ into their lives as their personal Saviour.

So now to the family, I want to say that we have lost a great dad and grandfather. He cannot come back to us but we can go to him. You that have not made peace with God, if you ever expect to go to Heaven and be with Dad and Mom, you will have to make preparations on this side of the grave. "For the way a tree falls there shall it be." So, while we have life and opportunity, let's get ready to live in that place where there is no more pain and live with God forever.

Sadly written by his son and Brother-in-hope,  
Harold Gilman



## SHIRLEY MCCOY

It is with great sadness we try to write the obituary of our dear, sweet and loving father, Shirley McCoy, a member of the Leannah Church. He was born October 6, 1905 in Martin County. He was a son of the late Tom and Margaret Blackburn McCoy. He was also preceded in death by his wife, Lucy Blackburn McCoy, three sons and two daughters.

Survivors included seven sons: Almond and Virgil T. McCoy, of Pilgrim; Avery and James Clarence McCoy, both of Inez; William Raymond McCoy of Hode; and Thomas McCoy of Pikeville; three daughters: Loria Goble and Mildred Blackburn, both of DeBord, and Ruth Ann Howard of Van Lear; 32 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

He accepted Christ as his personal Savior and was baptized in August 1979 by the hands of Elder Fay Scott and Ben Scott. Shirley McCoy was a dear and kind man and we will all live with the hope that we will meet Brother Shirley McCoy on Heaven's bright shore. We can never put in words how much we loved him.

Sadly missed by family,  
Written by his daughter-in-law,  
Emma Jean McCoy

## NANCY ORA LOWE

As I try by the help of the Lord to write the obituary of my mother-in-law, Ora Lowe. She was the daughter of the late Jobe and Morning (Jude) Blackburn. She was born February 29, 1904 and departed from this life October 9, 1981, making her stay on this earth 77 years, 8 months and 9 days. She was a member of the Old Regular Baptist Church and had her membership at Turkey Creek, Ky.

She left to mourn her passing, her husband, Everette Lowe; two daughters, Mida James of Guthrie, Ky. and Mary Magaline Merello of Berea, Ohio; eight sons: Willis, Granville and Reafice Lowe, all of Turkey Creek, Ky.; Gratt Lowe of Guthrie, Ky.; James L. Lowe of Johnstown, Ohio, Everett Lowe, Jr. and Ervin Lowe, both of Elyria, Ohio and Emzie Lowe of Maryville, Tenn.; four sisters, Ida Bell Lowe, Angeline Blackburn, Rebecca Blackburn and Victoria Howard; 22



grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one daughter, two sisters and five brothers. Children, if you haven't made peace with God, do so while you have life and the opportunity to see mother again. You must meet Christ in a pardon and remission of your sins.

Written by her daughter-in-law,  
Lou Von Lowe

## ANGELINE MAYNARD

With the help of the Lord, and much sadness, I try to write the obituary of Sister Angeline Maynard. Sister Angeline Maynard was born May 9, 1902 at Hennon, Ky. She deceased this life March 16, 1982 making her stay on earth 79 years, 10 months and 7 days.

She was the daughter of the late Johnny and Sophia Manor Taylor. She was married to John C. Maynard on August 19, 1922, and to this union was born seven children: Ernestine, Christopher, John C., Jr., Immo-jean, Paul, Nancy and Carl B., who preceded her in death. She has three sisters living: Fannie, Yanguie, and Nannie. She had five brothers and two sisters that preceded her in death. She has 15 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren to mourn her loss but we believe our loss is heaven's gain.



Sister Angeline Maynard joined the Pilgrim Home Old Regular Baptist Church on May 30, 1928. She was baptized at the hands of Elder Jonah Bevins and Brother Troy Francis. She later moved her membership to Turkey Creek Regular Baptist Church and remained a faithful member until death. She always filled her seat at church as long as she was able.

Sister Angeline was sick for many years and bore her sickness with patience. When her time was near she often spoke of the little children around her bedside. One of her favorite hymns was "I Won't Have to Cross Jordan Alone." She had a friend sing it to her the night before she went away. And I believe God sent His angels to carry Sister Angeline's soul to be with Jesus.

She loved her family dearly and often told them what they must do to be saved. "Except ye be converted and become as little children ye shall in no wise enter into the Kingdom of Heaven." (Matt. 18.3).

We would like to say to everyone who knew and loved Sister Angeline, live for Jesus and love one another as she did and one great day we'll see her again where sickness, pain and death can never separate us.

Written by: Elder Andrew Maynard and  
Granddaughter, April Varney

## JONAH SMITH, JR.

It is with much sadness and a broken heart I will, by the help of the Lord, write the obituary of my dear husband.

Jonah Smith, Jr. was the son of Jonah Smith and Susan (Canada) Smith. Jonah was born on September 4, 1928 and departed this life on June 21, 1982, making his stay on this earth 53 years, 9 months and 17 days.

He was united in marriage to Grace (Taylor) Smith and to this union was born 1 daughter, Cassandra Lee Smith of Turkey Creek, Ky.

Preceding him in death were his father, mother, 2 brothers and 2 sisters. He leaves 3 sisters to mourn his death, Mrs. Myrtle Maynard, Mrs. Odessa Sutherland and Mrs. Birdie Wolford, all of Turkey Creek, Ky.



Jonah became a member of the Turkey Creek Regular Baptist Church on July 31, 1972. He was a faithful member until his death. He had a smile for everyone, even death could not take it from his face. Being a Brother in Christ and knowing Brother Smith as I did, I would like to say he was a devoted Christian, a dear friend and faithful Brother. I've talked to Brother Smith many times and his conversation was always on the Bible, the Lord, the scriptures and how beautiful heaven would be. A short time before he passed away he told Sister Smith, his sisters and me that God had let him see heaven. He said it was the most beautiful and peaceful place he had ever seen and that he was ready to go. I believe though our loss, it is heaven's gain. I know we will all miss Brother Junior but if we will live for Jesus and do as He has told us, we will see Brother Junior again.

Written by his wife, Grace Smith,  
and Elder Andrew Maynard

## TOMMY K. WHITE

It is with much sadness that I will try, with the help of our Lord, to write the obituary of our Brother, Tommy White.

He was born in September 1924 to the late John White and Columbia Clark White. He came to the end of life's journey on July 22, 1982.

He was baptized in June 1982 and became a member of Samaria Church at Dingess, W. Va.

He leaves one brother, Sammy White, and a nephew, niece and a cousin to mourn his passing.

The one's that haven't made peace with God, do so while you have life and opportunity.

Written by a cousin and Sister in Christ,  
Norma Lackey

## STELLA MAE HATFIELD

I have never had such a hard time expressing how good a person is in all my life. Mother wasn't just any ordinary woman, she was a pure lady and an exceptionally good person.

Mother was born on November 17, 1904 to the late Emily Ellis and Allen Browning at Sarah Ann, W. Va.

She married my daddy, Elder Tracy Burgess Hatfield, on March 5, 1921. This union was richly blessed with six daughters and six sons.

As I said, Mother was a good woman but she found she had a greater need in her life than daddy and her children. I don't know what year but Mother felt the Lord forgave her of her sins at an early age. She joined the Rosa Regular Baptist Church the third Sunday in August, 1933. She and Daddy were baptized the same day.

I feel Mother's life has spoken for itself. She filled her seat in the Church when she wasn't really able. She cooked for the Church for years. She kept boarders and old people that couldn't care for themselves or had no home. She was a hard worker and didn't seem to find too many jobs that she couldn't handle.

On May 20, 1982, I was visiting with Mother and she said: "I was with your Daddy all day yesterday, and, Oh Patty! We had the best time together." She just couldn't seem to tell how good it had been. I was so happy for her because Daddy has been gone almost three years and I know I'd love to see him myself. She was never content to live without Daddy. In fact, she'd say her purpose in life was gone since Daddy died.

On May 21, 1982 Mother went to the Appalachian Regional Hospital in South Williamson, Ky. She left home about noon and at 3:45 she died. Oh, my God, how we miss her! Never have I ever felt so alone. I feel that our loss is heaven's gain but honestly, I can't help but be selfish—I sure didn't want her to go! Mercy, she was my very best friend as well as my Mother. Mother has left ten children to mourn her death: Marie Bosley, Costa Mesa, California; Opal Thomas, Fort Meyers, Fla.; Tracy Jr., Forest Hills, Ky.; Ruth Wells, Sacramento, California; Julian, Anaheim, California; Rachel Hatfield, Conley, Ga.; Chester, Forest Hills, Ky.; Hayes, Hampton, W. Va.; Bennet, Conley, Ga.; and Patty Taylor, Hampden, W. Va. Mother was preceded in death by a son, Ralph and a daughter, Patsy.

One of her favorite songs was "When I can read my title clear." I have hope that her title was clear and that she and daddy are together.

Could I please bid farewell to each of you from her? Please don't forget her—Her life was Old Regular Baptist!

Her Unworthy Daughter,  
Patty Taylor





## TRIXIE L. BLACKBURN NICHOLS

Born January 21, 1903, the daughter of the late John and Mary Frona Clark Blackburn and deceased this life November 19, 1981 at the age of 78.

Sister Trixie was married to Elder J. L. Nichols on August 14, 1920 and to this union was born five children: John E. Nichols, deceased; Bill J. Nichols, Winchester, Ky.; and Wilburn Nichols, Columbus, Ohio; Mintie Blackburn, Toler, Ky.; and Mary Frona Justice, Robinson Creek, Ky. Survivors also include 8 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

Sister Trixie was baptized into membership of the Big Branch Church of Jesus Christ of Old Regular Baptist on August 3, 1933 where she remained a faithful member until death.

Although most of Sister Trixie's life was lived at a time when money was very scarce, she was one of the wealthiest people I have known. It seems that most people spend their life trying to accumulate worldly wealth which they have to leave behind at death. But Sister Trixie chose that good part, the heavenly wealth which shall never be taken away and she is much richer after death than in this life.

In closing, let me say, this "wealth" that Sister Trixie chose, which is so precious in this life and more precious in the life to come, is available to everyone who believes in God and obeys the Spirit of Christ.

Written by,

Elder Clifford R. Maynard

## ARNOLD ROSE

With much sadness and a broken heart, I will try by the help of our Lord to write this obituary of my beloved uncle.

Arnold was born August 15, 1912 and deceased this life October 1, 1981 at the Williamson Appalachian Hospital after a short illness, making his stay here on earth 69 years. He was married to Elsie Rose and to this union were born no children. However, by a previous marriage he has seven children: James Rose, Gene Rose, Gary Rose, Bobby Rose, Naomia McConnelly, Diana Huff and Kathy Allen.

He gave his hand to join the church, but being so sick wasn't able to be baptized, but reached forth his trembling hand telling

of his experiences, telling through it all how good the Lord had been to him and how much he loved Him. He knew God had forgiven him of his sins and had a better home awaiting him.

He left behind his wife, Elsie Rose, three sisters, Nola Brownly, Lola June Chafins and Gladys Drake; three brothers, Neal Rose, Ireland Rose and Marvin Rose; 14 grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild. He was preceded in death by his mother and father, two sons, two brothers, two sisters and a host of friends.

We believe God called him home to rest from his labors here on earth to suffer no more. We believe our loss is Heaven's gain.

Written by his nephew and a  
Brother in Christ,  
Clifford Stanley

## ASA EVANS

In memory of my dear uncle Asa Evans, age 57, who passed away October 22, 1981. He was born October 14, 1924 at Delbarton, W. Va. He was the son of George W. and Viole Hensley Evans.

He is survived by his wife, Orpha Cisco Evans and a step-mother, Mrs. Betty Evans, and the following sisters and brothers: Mrs. Elsie Brunfield, Mrs. Rebecca Brunfield of Delbarton and also Mrs. Mary Maynard, Nelson Neil Hill of Cincinnati, Ohio; and two brothers, Albert and Pat Evans of Delbarton.

Uncle Asa was a retired, disabled miner, a former employee of Island Creek Coal Co. He served in the United States Navy during World War II and received an honorable discharge after the war ended. Except for the time of his military service and a very brief stay in Ohio, he spent his life in the hills of West Virginia that he loved so well. Uncle Asa was a kind, gentle, hard working man and above all, honest. He always spoke the truth. He asked very little of his fellow man.

To make his eternal home assured he was baptized into the Sardis Church of the Old Regular Baptist. In his last days his humble ways and his obedience to God were made known to all. His home reflected his love. The smile he always met you with continued even though the pain he suffered must have made it hard at times. Uncle Asa left this world as he came—peaceful.

I feel he went to a better home and had a joyous reunion with the loved ones that have gone on before him. He left an example to follow. Tears will eventually be easier to control when we talk of him but his memory will last until our life has ended, and to know him was to love him.

Written by his wife, Orphia Evans,  
and his niece, Clara Brunfield Martin



## CARRIE TAYLOR

On November 24, 1981, Mrs. Carrie (McCoy) Taylor passed from life unto death. But to us, her children, we feel she isn't dead, she just made a wonderful transition from a troublesome world to a beautiful land of Peace, Joy and Love, to be with our Heavenly Father forever.

Mom Taylor was born November 11, 1900 in Martin County, Ky. She was the daughter of Thomas J. McCoy and Cecilia Comette McCoy, who preceded her in death. She was married to Rush B. Taylor, McCombs, Ky. on September 29, 1917 who preceded her in death in February 1970. She was also preceded in death by three sons, William Bradley Taylor, Ironton, Ohio; and Russel and Thomas Taylor of McCombs, Ky.



Surviving are five sons: James Landon Taylor, Turkey Creek, Ky.; A. J. Taylor, Maher, W. Va.; Moses Taylor, Ironton, Ohio; Ralph Taylor, Baton Rouge, La.; and Lloyd Taylor, Fort Worth, Texas; two daughters: Faustena Sleigh, Waco, Texas; Betty Jo Baker, Cochran, Ga.; thirty-three grandchildren; and thirty-three great-grandchildren. She was survived by one brother, Bill McCoy, Prestonsburg, Ky. and four sisters, Mrs. Pearl Hensley, Maher, W. Va.; Mrs. Nancy Nichols and Mrs. Anne Collins, Inez, Ky.; and Mrs. Opal Fields, Lovely, Ky.

Our mother became a christian and was baptized into the Regular Baptist Church in July, 1944 by Elder Ellis Coleman and Elder Johnnie Nichols and placed her membership at the Big Branch Church, McCombs, Ky.

To know Mom Taylor was to love her, and I don't believe she had any enemies. She was always so understanding, kind, and loving others, although her life was not always easy and many times was difficult. But the good and happy ways of life she always portrayed leaves us beautiful memories that we will always cherish.

Mom moved from McCombs, Ky. to Ironton, Ohio in the later part of 1944, where she lived for thirty eight years. Mom always returned to her home church at every convenient opportunity she could and she never missed a Communion Meeting time until the last two years of her life due to being unable to attend. She strongly believed the Communion was one of God's Commandments that every christian should fulfill, and I believe she obeyed God and done His commandments to the best of her ability.

After becoming ill she spent the last two years of her life with her two daughters in Texas and Georgia. We won't have to worry about Mom's difficulties anymore, our hearts are aching with pain from not having her in our presence but we know the joy, peace and love she instilled in our home and

in our lives here on earth is just a foretaste of the Joy and Peace she will share in her new home with Christ, our Saviour, who died for us all. I would like to remind my brothers and sisters to meet Mom in heaven, we all need to live as she did and give our lives to Christ.

With Precious Memories,  
Written by her son and daughter-in-law,  
James Landon and Lokie Taylor

## AL WATTS

Brother Al Watts was born December 22, 1926 and deceased this life July 10, 1982. He was the son of Scott and Beula Fairchild Watts, both of whom preceded him in death. He was married the first time to Naomi Saylor. To them were born five children: three sons, Dennis Watts, Odessa, Fla.; Willard Watts, Orange City, Fla.; and Michael Watts, Rocky Mountain, N. C.; and two daughters, Mrs. Karen Davidson, Mineral Well, W. Va.; and Mrs. Teresa Schronce, Hickory, N. C. Brother Al was survived by one brother, Brady Watts of Shoemakerville, Pennsylvania; two sisters, Mrs. Janet Moore of Ashland, Ky. and Mrs. Dardy Caudill of Sciotoville, Ohio; and nine grandchildren. Brother Al was married the second time to Grace Fryer Watts of Route 1, Box 17, Deland, Fla., on March 10, 1973. No children were born of this union.

Brother Al was born and raised at Louisa, Ky. I first met him when he visited my home in Ocala, Fla. I told him how to get to the little Southern Home Church and talked a lot with him. The last talk I had with him I said, "Brother Al, I believe I've talked too much." I'll never forget what he said to me. He said, "Brother Tommy, I love to hear you talk." He came forward at our fourth Sunday meeting on June 27, 1982 and told the Church he felt the Lord had forgiven his sins and wanted to become a member. He was baptized at the end of the meeting by the hand of Elder Tommy Adair and Brother Billy Adair. When Brother Al left that day, he seemed a very happy man. He came out of the water shouting praises to God. It was truly a wonderful meeting. He told me when he left he couldn't be at the Church on Saturday for our regular meeting because he was going to visit a sick brother. I shed tears as I write. He was never permitted to come back. He took a heart attack and I believe God called him home. Brother Al was a navy veteran and, no doubt, had traveled many places but, for reasons unknown to us, God called to him in the very evening of his life and like Paul of old, he was not disobedient to the heavenly calling. To his family, I'll say I believe his suffering is over and in heaven his spirit is basking in the sunlight of love. If you want to see him again, get ready through Jesus Christ our Lord. To the Church and all his friends, we lost a good brother and friend and I am living in hope of seeing him again.

Written by a Brother in Hope,  
Elder Tommy Adair, Sr.

## CONSTITUTION OF THE SARDIS ASSOCIATION

From a long series of experiences we, the OLD REGULAR BAPTIST CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST, being baptized upon a profession of faith in Christ are convinced of the necessity of a combination of Churches in order to perpetuate a union and communion among us and to keep the order and rules of an Association according to the following plan of government.

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

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

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

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

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

**ARTICLE 6.** New Churches may be admitted into this union who shall petition by Letter and delegates and, if found upon examination to be orthodox and orderly, shall be received; and every Church in the union shall be entitled to a representative in the Association.

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

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

**ARTICLE 9.** The Association shall endeavor to furnish the Churches 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 ye saved through faith.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

*ARTICLE 12.* We believe that every doctrine that goes to encourage or indulge people in their sins or cause them to settle down on anything short of saving faith in Christ for salvation is erroneous, and such doctrine will be rejected by us.

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

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

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

### **RULES OF DECORUM**

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

*ARTICLE 2.* The Association shall have a Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk and Assistant Clerk each chosen separately by a majority vote of the delegate 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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MT. PLEASANT	Lloyd Sesco	140	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	42	100	2	July
APPLE ORCHARD	Andrew Maynard	125	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	45	125	1	June
ENON	Lloyd Sesco	75	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	20	75	1	June
REBECCA	Edward Runyon	150	1	0	2	0	1	3	1	62	150	2	Aug.
BENT BRANCH	Edwin May	100	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	69	150	3	Aug.
SARDIS	Steve Robinson, Jr.	150	4	0	0	0	0	1	3	79	150	4	Aug.
BIG BRANCH	Willis Lowe	125	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	31	125	3	July
MARY ELIZABETH	Wallace Muncy	125	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	45	125	3	July
BETHANY	Isom Hannah	125	2	0	1	0	1	1	3	52	150	4	Aug.
ELK FORK	David L. Baisden	75	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	34	100	3	Aug.
PILGRIM'S HOME	Edwin May	250	16	0	0	0	0	1	1	118	188	4	Aug.
SALEM	Clifford Maynard	150	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	55	165	1	May
SIDNEY	Thomas J. Dials	150	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	33	100	4	June
DIX FORK	Ernest Cochran	200	0	2	0	0	0	3	0	73	200	1	July
NARROWS BRANCH	Willis Lowe	125	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	46	125	4	July
LEANNAH	Steve Robinson, Jr.	75	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	36	100	2	July
BUCK CREEK	Wayne Herald	125	1	1	0	0	0	1	1	47	125	3	June
TIBITHA	John Fouch	75	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	37	100	1	Aug.
LITTLE ROSE	Wayne Herald	40	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	18	50	2	April
TURKEY CREEK	Willis Lowe	150	9	0	0	0	0	5	3	84	125	2	May
SAMARIA	Edward Runyon	110	2	1	0	0	0	1	0	48	150	1	July
ROSA	Johnnie Cline	175	2	0	0	0	0	3	1	77	150	3	Aug.
MUNCY VALLEY	Tommy Ellis	30	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	17	25	2	June
LITTLE VIRGIE	Lloyd Sesco	65	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	15	100	4	June
SOUTHERN HOME	Tommy Adair, Sr.	175	7	0	0	0	2	2	4	40	175	1	April
PILGRIM'S REST	Willie Stiltner	45	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	23	100	2	June
OKEECHOBEE	Monroe Ousley	75	5	1	0	0	1	0	1	19	75	2	April
ELIZABETH	Wayne Herald	50	1	3	0	2	3	1	0	26	50	1	June
LITTLE TAVIE	Okie Kent	50	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	50	2	July
TOTALS		3305	59	9	3	2	12	36	21	1302	3403		