

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

**THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST**

**In Session with the Mt. Pleasant Church  
Sidney, Pike County, Ky.**

**September 9, 10 and 11, 1983**

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

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**FRIDAY  
September 9, 1983**

The Sardis Association of Old Regular Baptist, the Church of Jesus Christ, assembled with the Mt. Pleasant Church, Sidney, Pike County, Kentucky on Friday before the second Saturday in September, 1983.

"You can never go home again," it has been said, yet I behold a homecoming unfold before my eyes that has been repeated year after year for nearly a century by this old Association. The gladness of having made the journey home is evident in the radiant faces of the children greeting each other with unbounded love. Ancient in practice, each gathering is as thrilling as if it were the first. Born on Friday, reaching maturity on Saturday and passing into history on Sunday, each Association has its own life, work and special memories.

Elder Edwin May, Moderator of the Sardis Association and blessed to be with us yet another year, came to the Stand to announce the Arrangements. We were deeply saddened by the news that Elder Johnnie Cline was not able to be here to introduce the Services because of the illness of his wife. Brother Ed asked Elder Lloyd SESCO, as Moderator of the Mt. Pleasant Church, to introduce for Brother Johnnie.

Elder Lloyd SESCO then opened the Services about the hour of 9:30 a.m. feeling like the Association started four days ago when the tent was being put up and the Brethren were talking and shaking hands while they worked.

Taking his Text on "my peace I give unto you," Brother Lloyd hoped the delegates had looked to God to lead and guide us in a good Association, asking Him to let us gather in love and peace. "Whatsoever we sow, that we shall reap," stated Brother Lloyd. If we have been working for peace, then peace. If we work for strife, then strife. A peaceful and lovely Association is good for the Church, the community and the hearts of the people.

Shouting came forth from our beautiful Sisters before Brother Lloyd began and continued through the singing of "I love my Savior God." Brother Lloyd then led in prayer.

According to the Arrangements made by the Brethren last year, Elder Isom Hannah came to the Stand being thankful the Lord blessed him to be here today. Feeling very humble, Brother Isom wanted to exhalt the Lord

and put down the flesh because, according to the measure of man, he does not feel that he can measure up to such a congregation of able Brethren.

Brother Isom dreamed of his Text a month ago and feels the Lord showed him Acts 13:23, "Of this man's seed hath God according to his promise raised unto Israel a Savior, Jesus." God is not slack concerning His promises and He can't fail, declared Brother Isom. The Church is trying to win the world by the sword of the Spirit but there is enmity between the world and the Church, just like the enmity that was between the Egyptians and the Children of Israel before God led them out of Egypt. The world today is a type of Egypt and God, in His own due time will lead His children out of the world by that man Jesus just as Moses led the children out of Egypt.

The Children of Israel didn't get benefit of the Rock until they had left Egypt and crossed the Red Sea. To get the benefit of that Rock, Jesus, we too must get out of the world. The benefit of life saving water did not flow from that Rock in Moses' time until it was smitten and our life saving blood and water did not flow from that Rock, Jesus, until He was smitten. Jesus was smitten, as it was written, for our benefit of salvation through the eternal plan of God, who knew what Adam would do and the Plan of Salvation was made in a Covenant between God, Jesus and the Spirit. Jesus dying on the Cross did not save anyone but by His dying the Plan was completed and a way was made for the applying of the Blood of Salvation to all men who would believe. Jesus said, "Except ye believe that I am he, ye shall die in your sins." He spoke these words signifying that He was the promised One spoken of by the Prophets to complete the Plan. We must then believe that Jesus is the promised One and have faith in the saving power of His blood, just as the children of Israel had faith in the blood applied to their door post in the land of Egypt.

Brother Isom, surely through the revelation of God, traveled in and out of both the Old and New Testament bringing up the type and figure of Jesus, the promise of His coming and much proof that Jesus is the Promised One, and a branch growing out of the root of Jesse. It doesn't take much to feed a multitude of people when it comes from the Lord, just as Jesus fed 5,000 with 5 loafs of bread and 3 fishes. And God surely fed the people today through His blessing of Brother Isom to preach a Sermon full of power and sweet as honey. Blessed be the name of the Lord, praise His high and holy name children for taking notice of us this day! How beautiful are the feet of those who bring glad tidings from a far country.

The Sardis Association delegates, and a large delegation from our corresponding Sister Associations, then assembled at the Mt. Pleasant Church where arrangements had been made for the work of the Sardis Association. As is our custom, the several non-delegate Brethren, Sisters and friends remained at the tent to further feast on that heavenly manna through the preaching of:

Elder Buford Brock, Northern New Salem Association  
Elder Ralph Howard, New Salem Association  
Elder Deb Sanders, Union Association

Elder Grover Atkins, Moderator of the New Salem Association, introduced the Service at the House and led in prayer.

We then proceeded as follows:

(1) Elder Edwin May, Moderator of the Sardis Association extended a short welcome and hoped that we all came here desiring God's will to be done in love, fellowship and peace.

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

Elder Ellis Davis  
Brother Edwin Hay  
Brother Landon Taylor

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

(4) The Letter from our host, the Mt. Pleasant 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 \$3,540.00 received from the Churches as reported in the Statistical Table and, after turning this amount over to the Treasurer, was discharged. The Committee also reported a special contribution from Sister Gertrude Stratton of \$200.00 as shown in the Treasurer's Report.

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

Elder Walter Akers, New Salem Association  
Brother John M. Mullins, Clerk, Union Association  
Elder Hurshell Hurley, Moderator, Old Friendship Association

(7) The Sardis Association then completed its organization by selecting the following officers and the Committee was discharged:

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 our 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 Mt. Pleasant Church delegation. They reported as follows:

## FRIDAY NIGHT

Elder Hobert Hamilton, New Salem Association  
Elder Roy Caudill, Northern New Salem Association  
Elder David Lester, Old Friendship Association

## SATURDAY

Elder Lacy Justice, Old Friendship Association  
Elder Rush Stanley, Philadelphia Association  
Elder Walter Akers, New Salem Association  
Elder Jimmy Dale Sanders, Union Association  
Elder Paul McClanahan, Union Association

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

Elder Frankie Scott  
Brother Lacy Walters  
Brother Charles Elkins  
Brother Ralph Hunt

(11) By regular 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 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 following delegates: John M. Mullins, Jesse L. Williamson, Fon Bowling, Carson Wright, Charles Wright, L. E. Cantrell, Frank Newsome, Gerwis Deel, Frank O'Quinn, Dewey Sexton, Edgar Deel, Victor Coleman, Paul McClanahan, Autie McClanahan, Bill Campbell, Charlie Johnson, Paul Coleman, Hoey Lester, Gary Varney, Perry Layne, Charlie Wellman, Finis O'Quinn, Arthur Duty, Jimmy Dale Sanders, Howard Coleman, Marshall Williamson, Marvin Kiser, Herman West, Francis Hubbard, Delbert Sanders, Bill Hess, Walk Sturgill, Roy Cantrell, Fred Overstreet, Earl Cantrell, John Huffman, Virgil Huffman, Rans Clevinger, Virgil Hess and Arnold Clevinger.

NEW SALEM: Represented by the following delegates: Grover Adkins, Ralph Howard, Arnold McKnight, Larry Adkins, Walter Akers, Troy Hall, Jethro Hampton, Edd Moore, Orville Hamilton, Talt Hicks, J. D. Clark, Ellis Holbrook, Hobert Bates, Freddy Kidd, Woody Pack, Hobert Hamilton, Jink Ray, Junior Fields, Ted Robinson, James Tackett, Alvin Brown, Billy Hamilton, John G. Stratton, Tavis Akers, Conley Tackett, Eddie Tackett and Jerry Newsome.

NORTHERN NEW SALEM: Represented by the following delegates: Troy Beverly, Hillard Newsome, C. W. Turner, John Mullins, Buford Brock, Calvin Birchfield, Johnny Newsome, Pete Hensley, Paul Adkins, Harrison Runyon, Donald Mullins, James Gillman, and Roy Caudill.

PHILADELPHIA: Represented by the following delegates: Douglas Colegrove, George Woods, Walter Morrison, Virgil Fields, Rollen Hollans, Homer Ruggles, L. W. Wood, Harlan Barney, Luther Ramey, Feldon Ruggles, Rush Stanley, Dick Reed, John Clark and Glen Merritt.

OLD FRIENDSHIP: Represented by the following delegates: Elzie Reed, Leonard Coleman, Lacy Justice, Orville Street, James Miller, Phillip Estep, Howard Slinger, Danny Hurley, Julius Lester, Josh Justice, Jr., Perry Hagerman, John Justice, David Lester, Dave Gibson, George Endicott, Hurshell Hurley, Robert Lester, Billy Joe May and Stark Coleman.

(13) The Moderator called for transient ministers and members of our same faith and order and received the following: James M. Ray, Donny Brown, Ralph W. E. Varney, Jr., Ernest Cochran, W. H. Cochran, Berlin Thornsbury, Earl Belcher, James Gannan and Stewart Brown.

(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 and 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 Johnny Nichols and second by Elder Clifford Maynard, the Sardis Association was adjourned until 9:00 a.m. Saturday morning.

## SATURDAY

**September 10, 1983**

Met pursuant to adjournment at the Mt. Pleasant Church house where Elder Fon Bowling, Assistant Moderator of the Union Association introduced the Services and led in prayer.

We then proceeded as follows:

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

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

(3) Appointed a Committee to take the vote of the Sardis Association delegates on who shall preach the Introductory Sermon, who shall be his alternate and who shall prepare the Circular Letter for our 1984 Association as follows:

Elder Hobert Hamilton, New Salem Association  
Elder Delbert Sanders, Union Association  
Elder Paul Adkins, Northern Salem Association

They reported as follows and were discharged:

Elder Clifford Mavnard, Preach Introductory Sermon  
Elder Wayne Herald, Alternate  
Elder Ison Hannah, Prepare 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 Junior Ruggles, Philadelphia Association  
Elder Herman West, Union Association  
Elder Alvin Brown, New Salem Association

#### SUNDAY

Elder Hillard Newsome, Northern New Salem Association  
Elder Paul Adkins, Northern New Salem Association  
Elder Delbert Sanders, Union 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 12, 1982	\$5,479.06
Less paid out for 1982:	
Printing 4,000 Minutes	\$1,900.00
Typing Minutes	100.00
Obituary refund	10.00
Total paid out for 1982	2,010.00

Balance on hand, September 9, 1983	\$3,469.06
Add 1983 receipts	

Interest earned on Savings Account	193.05
Received from the Churches	3,540.00
Received from Obituary Pictures	300.00
Other Cash contributions:	
Sister Gertrude Stratton	200.00

#### TOTAL RECEIPTS

Balance on hand, September 10, 1983	\$7,702.11
Bank Balances, First National Bank of Pikeville:	
Savings Account	\$7,674.11
Checking Account	28.00
Balance as above	\$7,702.11

(6) By move and second, it is ordered that the Clerk be appointed Secretary-Treasurer for 1983 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 Edwin May, having been chosen to prepare the 1983 Circular Letter, came to the Stand expressing thankfulness both to God and the Association for being allowed to address this beloved old Association by way of a Circular Letter and trusting the Brethren to listen carefully and, if this writing is Orthodox, accept it. With much emotion and effort Brother Ed read the Letter and on motion from Brother David Baisden, second by Brother Claude Brown, the Letter was received and ordered to be printed in our Minutes.

(9) Read a Request from Little Tavia Church to print the obituary of Brother Julius Cochran's infant child and a Request from Rosa Church to print the obituary of Brother Bill E. Cline. On motion and second, their Request was granted.

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

UNION: When convened with the Hurrigan Church at Wise County, Virginia beginning on Friday before the third Saturday in September, 1983: Edwin May, Dewey Blackburn, Merlin SESCO, Clifford Stanley, Frank White, Charles Pinson, Jim Bevins, Donnie Seaggs, Leon Robinson, Ross Cline, Willie Blackburn, Uley Perry, Dallas Maynard, James Gannon, Richard Staten, Leslie Gayle McGuire, Ballard Young, J. M. Francis, Kirk Caudill, Jr. and Ison Hannah. Letter in the hands of Brother Dewey Blackburn.

NEW SALEM: When convened at the New Salem Association Building, Minnie, Floyd County, Kentucky, beginning on the Friday before the fourth Saturday in September, 1983: James Gannon, Merlin SESCO, Dewey Blackburn, Charles Pinson, Jerry Thompson, Danny Seaggs, Kirk Caudill, Jr., Ross Cline, Uley Perry, Fred Muncey, J. L. Nichols, Hubert Glenden, Marton Duncan, Wayne Herald, Delbert Kazee, J. M. Francis, Ison Hannah, Ballard Young and Jim Bevins. Letter in the hands of Elder Wayne Herald.

NORTHERN NEW SALEM: When convened with the Little Angel Church, 5733 Saltgaber Road, Columbus, Ohio, beginning on Friday before the first Saturday in August, 1984: Donny Brown, Claude Brown, James Gannon, Edwin Hay W. H. Cochran, Julius Cochran, Delbert Kazee, W. H. Hale, Jerry Thompson, Russell Thacker, Clyde Brown, David Castle, Kelly Castle, Frank Sheppard, Tommy Adair, Chester Cochran, Monroe Ousley, Rush Runyon, Sr., Billy May, Danny Thompson and Ison Hannah. Letter in the hands of Brother Edwin Hay.

PHILADELPHIA: When convened at the Philadelphia Association Building, Melrose, Worthington, Kentucky, beginning on Friday before the second



Saturday in August, 1984: Claude Brown, Donny Brown, James Gannon, Edwin Hay, Chester Cochran, Billy May, Stewart Brown, Berlin Thornsbury, W. H. Cochran, Ernest Cochran, Kirk Caudill, Jr., Milford Lowe, Delbert Kazez, S. D. Hensley, Julius Cochran, Larry May, Paul Vance, Charles Pinson, Wayne Herald, Joe Evans, Andy Scott, Fred Muncey, Burgess Dials and Danny Scaggs. Letter in the hands of Elder James Gannon.

*OLD FRIENDSHIP:* When convened with the Mary Lou Church, Paynesville, West Virginia, beginning on Friday before the fourth Saturday in August, 1984: Donny Brown, James Gannon, Claude Brown, Edwin Hay, Berlin Thornsbury, Stewart Brown, Julius Cochran, Chester Cochran, Hubert Glenden, Jerry Thompson, Kirk Caudill, Jr., Ross Cline, Uley Perry, Wayne Herald, Edwin May, Albert Stanley, Glenn Williamson, Lawrence Lester, Estil Ritchie and Danny Thompson. Letter in the hands of Elder Berlin Thornsbury.

(11) Read the Request from Dix Fork Church to send letter of condolence to Philadelphia Association and Friendship Association. Discussion brought out that Brethren of these and other Associations had passed away that we were not and could not be aware of. While we do indeed mourn with all of our corresponding Sister Associations at the death of their and our beloved Brethren, we do not want to seem to show partiality in not listing all of the names. Therefore, Dix Fork Church took their Request back.

(12) Called for the Tent Committee to report and Brother Clifford Maynard reported on activity toward buying a new tent. By move and second, report was received and the Committee instructed to continue its work with a like Committee from Union Association under all of its previously granted authority.

(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) Read the Request from Little Tavia Church to reprint Item 18 of our 1919 Minute. After discussion of the wording of the Request the Delegates of Little Tavia Church asked for the Request to be returned to them for corrections and, if the Church still desired to do so, resubmit it next year for consideration.

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

(18) 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 of Church evidence of same."

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

(20) 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.

(21) By move and second, it is requested that all of our Churches who can do so should send help to the Sardis Church who will host our 1984 Association. All donations should be sent not later than June 1984.

(22) 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.

23) Read the Request from Sidney Church, Elizabeth Church and Buck Creek Church to omit the last sentence of Item 24 in our 1976 Minute. After discussion a motion was received from Brother Tommy Adair, second by Brother Monroe Ousley, to deny these Requests. An objection was filed by Brother Frank Sheppard and a vote of the Delegates showed 49 in favor of the Motion and 25 in favor of the objection. Therefore, the advice stands as it is.

(24) Read a Request to host our 1984 Association from both Sardis Church and Pilgrim's Home Church and a vote of the Delegates decided that Sardis Church shall host the 1984 Association. Sardis Church is located at Delbarton, West Virginia.

(25) It is always a blessing and a pleasure for this Association to meet in this community with the Mt. Pleasant Church. Their labor of love abounds all around us. The desire of this Church to host the Association is manifest by our being here several times over the last few years and, by unanimous voice, we tender our most humble "thank you" once again to the members of the Mt. Pleasant Church and this community at large. There are many that could be singled out for special thanks but forever implanted in my mind is the special radiance that seemed to surround that blessed old soldier of the Cross, Brother James Scott. He has served as Clerk of the Mt. Pleasant Church for many years and has seen good times and bad times come and go throughout the Association but through it all he stands at his post like the soldier he is. Quietly but effectively going about the business of the Church, he seems never to doubt that God will provide a way. Brother Jim, like so many other tried and proven soldiers in our midst, stands as a pillar of the Church that often times goes un-noticed but from whom we could all learn a lot.

We pray God's richest blessings upon each of those who worked so hard and gave so much to make this session another memorable one.

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

(27) On motion from Brother Edwin Hay, second by Brother Oscar Stepp, 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, 1984.

(28) Closing was offered by Elder Hilliard Newsome 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

### SUNDAY

September 11, 1983

Its always a new and wonderful experience when we gather for this last day together. The "homecoming" has ended for another year, we have had a good Association and everyone is happy. The pain of having to take the parting hand has been kept hidden as we enjoy being together again.

As if to foreshadow the pouring out of God's blessings on this Meeting, Brother Watts, the son-in-law of Elder Tommy Adair, came forward even before the Meeting began and gave his hand to become a member of the Old Sardis Church, the Church that will host our 1984 Session.

Amidst this backdrop of much rejoicing and shouting Elder Hilliard Newsome came forward to introduce the Services. The blessings bestowed upon Brother Hilliard were even more evidence of the Holy Ghost being bestowed upon this Meeting. Brother Hilliard then led in prayer.

Elder Paul Adkins came to the stand overjoyed and preaching Jesus Christ to be the Chief Corner Stone of the Church and the Chief Shepherd who goes before His Sheep the gates of hell shall never prevail against His Church! Brother Paul preached a Church made up of material that had been cleaned up in the field and whose outward appearance shall manifest what has taken place on the inside.

Elder Delbert Sanders came next to the stand happy at what he had seen and heard and singing. Brother Deb declared that he must abide in the calling wherein he was called and must wear the same coat in Sardis Association that he wore in Union Association because he never was a two-coated man.

Brother Deb then preached Jesus to be the Light of the world and as John preached, "He must increase but I must decrease." We have a building not made with hands. The man on the inside controls the outward man to mortify the deeds done in the body, which is the reasonable duty of man.

As a father instructing his children, Brother Deb declared we must be careful with the doctrine because greivous wolves will creep in sparing not the flock because they are hirelings and not keepers of the flock.

A stalwart leader who has steered the Sardis Association on a steady course for many years, our beloved Moderator, Elder Edwin May, came to the stand not so much preaching but rather admonishing the Brethren.

Brother Ed stated it was good, and very good, that we have assembled here today but the time is now at hand to say farewell for another year and some of us will not be back anymore. Be kind to one another. Let brotherly love continue.

Brother Ed stated that as he grew older he has learned that God is a leader who truly leads in the right way and is a keeper of His children. We don't need to do as much keeping of our Brethren as we think we do. Except the Lord build the house we labor in vain and God adds to the Church daily such as should be saved. Brother Ed then admonished all those on the outside of Christ, when you hear the Gospel of your salvation, take heed to it, seek and ye shall find, knock and it shall be opened unto you. "Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden," saith the Lord.

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

Your Clerks

## CIRCULAR LETTER

Dear Brethren of the Sardis Association of Old Regular Baptists:

Having been appointed to address you in the form of a circular letter at our last association, I will try to fulfill that request. I feel somewhat too little, too undeserving, to try to address this great body of believers in Christ Jesus. I hope the Lord will direct my mind and enable me to write the truth, as it is in Christ.

My subject will be found in Paul's letter to the Philippian Church, a letter written while Paul was in prison. PHILIPPIANS 3:10: THAT I MAY KNOW HIM, AND THE POWER OF HIS RESURRECTION, AND THE FELLOWSHIP OF HIS SUFFERING, BEING MADE CONFORMABLE UNTO HIS DEATH.

It is evident that this great desire of Paul's arose from a real knowledge of Christ, which is a principle. If we know the Lord Jesus in any measure, we shall know that there is so much more to be known of Him as will make us long to grow in the knowledge of Him. It was not ignorance of the apostle to have this desire. He had known so much of Christ, seen so much of His power, tasted so much of His Grace, that it made everything else sink into insignificance by comparison. And we may, if we look back on our own experience, see how the least manifestation of the Lord Jesus has had the same effect upon us all. The cares of the world lose their attraction. The glitter and the fashions of this world are dull to us. But how little we know, and yet for salvation and real enjoyment, how essential is this knowledge of the Lord Jesus. The desire to know Him for ourselves, this hunger and thirst after Him, and the like of enjoying Him, can be and is, at times, very painful.

We know a good deal about the Lord Jesus logically, verbally, by reading the Bible, which we ought to do. If we reverently read the Bible and have a measure of faith to mix with the truth, it will be a blessing to us! but it is not knowing about Him so much as it is to know Him, and to be acquainted with Him, that we desire most of all.

The apostle had many privileges as a Hebrew of the Hebrews, as a zealous religionist, and as blameless in the Law. But he renounced all these things. All the natural qualifications that he had, even his scholarship, he accounted as dung and dross for this one consuming desire that I may know Him. What a blessing it is to have in your heart this absorbing desire. "One thing," David said, "have I desired of the Lord: that will I seek after, that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life." To behold the beauty of the Lord and to inquire in His temple after the regeneration is what every spiritual born child desires—to be near the Lord in spirit and hope to be with Him in the Resurrection.

When Peter made confession to Christ and said, "Thou art the Son of the Living God," the Lord pronounced him blessed and declared that the knowledge came from the revelation of God. This is of great importance. No one can know the Lord or call Him Lord, only by the Holy Ghost.



If you read by the spirit's living light in John 17 (the Savior was addressing His Divine Father) you may find in your heart, a knowledge of the doctrine of Christ—that nothing can reveal it to you, except the Holy Ghost. The doctrine of Christ is a sacred doctrine, and if there are any here who desire to know the doctrine of Christ, I humbly beg you to ask the Lord to teach you that doctrine.

When the good man, whom the Lord had healed, was asked of Him, "Dost thou believe on the Son of God?" he said, "Who art Thou, Lord?" The Lord said, "Thou hast both seen Him and it is he that speaketh with thee." Then the man said, "I believe," and he worshipped Him. That is always the result of a real revelation of Christ; it produces worship. You can never really know the Lord Jesus and not love Him, cleave to Him, trust in Him, and worship Him. And there is no saving knowledge, apart from the person and work of the Lord Jesus.

He prayed to the Father and said, "Father, glorify Thou me with the glory which I had with Thee before the world was." What a mystery is there—the eternal son of the Father in truth and love, incarnate in human nature, praying in His human nature that He might be glorified with the glory which he had with Him before the world was. You may say, "But that doctrine is heaven high above us." It is true. It is a mystery we can never understand in nature. But what carnal reason cannot understand, faith can embrace in love. In the second chapter of this epistle, Paul speaks of Him: "Who being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God, but made Himself of no reputation, and took upon Him the form of a servant and was made in the likeness of man, He humbled Himself and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross." It is because it is what He is that all that He did and became and suffered is so wonderful, beneficial, profitable, and attractive to a poor soul after regeneration; and truly, none but those that have been regenerated will ever have any desire to know Him.

That I may know Him, and this knowledge is by precious faith. He is revealed to faith by the Holy Spirit through the Son of God. What a blessing to be a believer in the Son of God, and thereby, a worshipper of God the Father in spirit and in truth. Worship and conviction of sin, repentance, and salvation are inseparable; they are connected in the Scriptures and with your experience. Some of you may be heavily burdened with your guilt; you may look back over your lives to innumerable sins. You may feel they are such mountains. The guilt is so heavy you cannot bear the weight, and yet, you may have an inkling in your heart how these sins can be removed and how you can be saved from the consequences of them, and cleansed from the pollution of them—and all this through the knowledge of and contact with the Lord Jesus Christ. You may ask that your conscience be purged with that precious blood and say, "Let me know the peace of that atonement, THAT I MAY KNOW HIM, not just about Him."

No doubt, in a good meeting, His spirit bearing witness with your spirit, some of you have felt His presence with you when you have, that you are

His, that someday Heaven will be your home, and also that someday you will see Him as He is and be like Him. To know Him, to possess an interest in Him is to possess eternal life.

God has given you the power to believe in Him. Then having that power, you must believe in Him. Without faith it is impossible to please God; and if you have any faith or grace, it is a gift of God. I hear the Bible saying, "He gives you faith according to our several ability."

How many times in the Scripture you hear David begging the Lord to revive him, to quicken him. What did he mean? He meant he felt his lifelessness, the power of Christ's Resurrection. That power can never diminish. The object of faith can never change or fail. It is the power of Christ's Resurrection in your soul, raising you up in a lively hope, as Peter says, "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to His abundant mercy, hath begotten us again, unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead to an inheritance." It makes you feel your acceptance with God, by the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. Faith pierces through the veil, and anchors you in Christ; it draws you up to Him. You feel the demonstration in your heart. You feel you have access to God, acceptance with God through the meditation, the intercession of His dear Incarnate Son, now glorified. This will make Him feel precious to your soul. You may feel so death-like, so glued to the earth, so benighted and entangled; then the Lord may come in the power of His Word and spirit into your heart with life, love, and liberty; you will look and behold by faith the Lord Jesus on the right hand of God. You will trust in Him, and go on your way rejoicing that He lives to bring you to heaven by the power of His resurrection. It is the power of an endless life; and there is this about it too, very wonderful doctrine but blessed experience. As sure as Christ is risen from the dead, and death will have no more dominion over Him, so shall not sin have dominion over those who by grace are brought to Him.

It seems sometimes too much, too sacred, even to think of the fellowship of His suffering; and yet, my dear brethren, if we are to reach Heaven and enjoy God forever, it will be in the consequence of the suffering of Christ, through the fellowship of His suffering. He suffered for sin (not His own sin, for He had no sin), but the sin of His people. He suffered the curse due them, the curse of the broken law. We will never suffer that, but we suffer through temptations and by guilt on the account of our sins. Though He were a Son, learned He obedience by the things He suffered; and being made perfect. He became the author of eternal salvation to all them that obey Him.

If you have not suffered with Christ, it is evidence that you are none of His. I read in the scriptures where it says to call no man Father, for you have one even God and Mother Jerusalem which is above, and She is free with all Her Children; then, if you have not punished on the account of your sins you are still in your sins.

The apostle, Paul, says in Titus 3:5: "Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy, He saved us, by the washing

of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Ghost which He shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ, our Saviour, that being justified by His grace, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life."

What is it that is going to be resurrected? In Romans 8:21, Paul says, "For the creature itself shall be delivered from this bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God, for we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now, and not only they, but we ourselves also, which have the first fruits of the spirit; even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body, for we are saved by hope." So it is the body that will be raised in the morning of Resurrection. It will be a pure body, a sanctified body, and that is as early as I can preach sanctification of the body.

What is this conformity until His death? Christ died unto sin; it was for sin that He suffered and for His people that He laid down His life. His people are to reckon themselves to be dead indeed unto sin, and alive unto God through Him. Do you have grace enough to reckon yourself to be dead unto sin? If you have that grace, it will enable you to be conformable unto His death. Reckon yourself to be made a debtor, not to the flesh to live after the flesh (for if you live after the flesh you shall die), but if you through the Spirit mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live. Then the apostle could look out into the future and proclaim that I might attain unto the resurrection of life. There was not only a knowledge of Christ here below by faith, but to know Him as He is and to be forever with Him and to be like Him—that is the great desire, brethren. We hope one day of being where Christ is. We only know what we have experienced. Writing to the Corinthians, the apostle said, "To all that call upon the name of the Lord Jesus, both theirs and ours," that is a common ground for union. All prayers, all confessions, all worship go up from the church below through Jesus Christ to the Father; and, true worship is really heaven on earth. If you have ever known a few moments of worship here on earth, you have known the nature of heaven. When, through grace, we get to heaven, it will be much sweeter, purer, less tiresome, no more growing old and not being able to get out and worship God.

Farewell, your brother,  
Edwin May

## 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 Gannon, Isom Hannah, and Albert Hamilton.

**OKECHOBEE:** Second Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening. Ministers called: Tommy Adair, Albert Hamilton, James Gannon, Alfred Fields, and William Adair.

**LITTLE ROSA:** Second Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: Joe Evans, Thomas J. Dials, Woody Pack, Isom Hannah, and Moderator and Assistant Moderator attending.

### MAY

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

**TURKEY CREEK:** Second Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: David Baisden, Hurshell Huff, Ross Cline, and Thomas J. Dials.

### JUNE

**APPLE ORCHARD:** First Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 1:00 p.m. Ministers called: Bobby Scott, Milford Lowe, Jake Lowe, Jr., and James Tackett. 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., and Earl Cantrell.

**ELIZABETH:** First Saturday and Sunday. Communion Sunday. Ministers called: Hiram Adkins, Ivory Sowards, Hobert Hamilton, and Moderator attending.

**MUNNCY VALLEY:** Second Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 5:00 p.m. Ministers called: Joe Evans, Ellis Davis, and John Fouch.

**PILGRIMS REST:** Second Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: Edwin May, Bobby Scott, Ross Cline, Willie Stihner, and Moderators attending.

**BUCK CREEK:** Third Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: Wallace Muncy, Ross Cline, David Lester, Kirk Caudill, Vernon Rose, and Moderator attending.

**SIDNEY:** Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: Wallace Muncy, Milford Lowe, Isom Hannah, and Billy May.

**LITTLE VIRGIE:** Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: Steve Robinson, Jr., Hobert Hamilton, Edwin May, Virgil Hess, and Moderator attending.

## JULY

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

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

**LEANNNAH:** Second Saturday. Communion Saturday evening at 1:00 p.m. Ministers called: Woody Pack, Alson Thornbury, and Wayne Herald.

**MT. PLEASANT:** Second Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: Wayne Herald, James Tackett, Jimmy Dale Sanders, and Clifford Maynard.

**LITTLE TAVIE:** Second Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: Anthony Hamilton, Hobert Hamilton, Burlin Thornsbury, Wes Woods, Wayne Herald, and Ernest Cochran.

**BIG BRANCH:** Third Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening. Ministers called: Clifford Maynard, Wayne Herald, Virgil Fields, Willis Lowe, and J. L. Nichols.

**MARY ELIZABETH:** Third Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 5:00 p.m. Ministers called: Ross Cline, Paul Adkins, and Hobert Hamilton.

**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 Muney, Louie Muney, and Moderator attending.

## AUGUST

**TIBITHA:** First Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 5:00 p.m. Ministers called: Isom Hannah, Willie Stithner, Alson Thornbury, Ellis Davis, and Billy R. May.

**REBECCA:** Second Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 5:00 p.m. Ministers called: Paul Adkins, Ted Robinson, and Moderator attending.

**ELK FORK:** Third Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 5:00 p.m. Ministers called: Lawrence Lester, Clifford Maynard, Ellis Davis, and Johnny Newsome.

**BENT BRANCH:** Third Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 5:00 p.m. Ministers called: Wendell Hamilton, Jesse Thacker, and Isom Hannah.

**ROSA:** Third Saturday and Sunday. Communion Sunday evening. Ministers called: Eales Cotton, Burl Sturgill, David Lester, Darwin Sturgill, Johnny Newsome, Sidney Collins, and Hobert Hamilton.

**BETHANY:** Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 5:00 p.m. Ministers called: Eales Cotton, George Woods, Wallace Muney, Edward Pinson, and Andrew Maynard.

**SARDIS:** Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 5:00 p.m. Ministers called: Burlin Thornsbury, Tommy Ellis, Lloyd SESCO, and Moderator attending.

**PILGRIMS HOME:** Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Communion Sunday evening. Ministers called: Paul Adkins, Paul McClanahan, Ruben Baker, 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, John Lowe, and Clifford Maynard.

### APRIL

**SAMARIA CHURCH** will hold a memorial meeting of all deceased members of Samaria Church on Sunday after the first Saturday. Ministers called: Wallace Muney, Johnny Cline, and Fay Scott.

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

### MAY

**LEANNNAH CHURCH** will hold a memorial meeting of George Duncan at the Church on Meathouse on Sunday after the second Saturday. Ministers called: Sabert Nichols, Thomas J. Dials, Milford Lowe, Louie Muney, Wayne Herald, and Moderator attending.

**ELK FORK CHURCH** will hold a memorial meeting on the third Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: Willie Stithner, Alson Thornsbury, and Wayne Herald.

**MEMORIAL MEETING** will be held at the home of Vada, and the late Finley, Maynard on the third Sunday. Ministers called: Louie Muney, Clifford Maynard, Bradley Biliter, Milford Lowe, and King Cole.

**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 Sabert Nichols.

*TURKEY CREEK CHURCH* will hold a memorial meeting on the John C. Maynard Cemetery on Long Branch on the fourth Sunday at 11:00 a.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: Burlin Thornbury, James Tackett, Bobby Scott, Matt Justice, and Assistant Moderator attending.

*NARROWS BRANCH CHURCH* will hold a memorial meeting on the fourth Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: Lloyd Seso, Frankie Scott, Thomas J. Dials, Edwin May, Bobby Scott, Clifford Maynard, and Paul Adkins.

*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 Muny, 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. and Joe Evans.

*DIX FORK CHURCH* will hold a memorial meeting on the Cochran Cemetery on the last Saturday at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: Claude Brown, Burlin Thornbury, and Teddy Robinson.

## 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 Field, Julius Lester, Stanford Branham, and Ellis Amburgey.

*TIBBITHA CHURCH* will hold a memorial meeting for all deceased members on the first Saturday and Sunday beginning at 3:00 p.m. on Saturday evening. Ministers called: Mont Ellis, Joe Evans, Billy Brumfield, Billy May, Tommy Ellis, and John Fouch.

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

*ROSA CHURCH* will hold a memorial meeting at the Glandon Cemetery on the first Sunday. All Regular Baptist Ministers are invited.

*LEANNAH CHURCH* will hold a memorial meeting of all the deceased on Muncy Cemetery on Sunday after the second Saturday. All Regular Baptist Ministers are invited.

*MEMORIAL MEETING* will be held at the home of Okie Robinette on the third Saturday evening and Sunday. Ministers called: John Fouch, Milford Lowe, Clifford Maynard, Willie Siltner, Perry Layne, Edward Runyon, and Ison Hannah.

*BENT BRANCH CHURCH* will hold a memorial meeting on the third Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: Bill Campbell, Paul McClanahan, and Frank Newsome.

*ELK FORK CHURCH* will hold a memorial meeting on Sunday after the third Saturday on the Gillman Cemetery. Ministers called: David Baisden, Steve Robinson, Jr., Willie Varney, and Alonzo Curry.

*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 of their descendants on the Lowe Cemetery at Cuhare, Kentucky on Sunday after the fourth Saturday. Ministers called: J. L. Nichols, Willis Lowe, Clifford Maynard, Ralph Smith, and Wayne Herald.

*DIX FORK CHURCH* will hold a memorial meeting of Ballard Blackburn, Mazie Blackburn and the baby of Casher 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.

## JULY

*MEMORIAL MEETING* of Ted and Ressie Blackburn will be held at the home of their son, Dewey Blackburn, on Winn Branch on July 1st. Ministers called: Hiram Adkins, James Tackett, Ison Hannah, and Jesse Thacker.

*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, King Cole, Bobby Scott, David Baisden, and all Regular Baptist Ministers are invited. Dinner will be served nearby.

*MEMORIAL MEETING* will be held at the home of Mrs. Willard (Mae) Robinette for all the deceased on the Jeff Robinette Cemetery on the first Sunday. Ministers called: Clifford Maynard, Clarence Owens, Edgar Little, and Milford Lowe.

*LEANNAH CHURCH* will hold a memorial meeting of all the deceased in the Robinson Cemetery on Sunday after the second Saturday. Ministers called: Steve Robinson, Jr., David Baisden, Wayne Herald, and Alson Thornsbury.

*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.



*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 second Saturday beginning at 11:00 a.m. Ministers called: Edward Runyon, Isom Hannah, Charles Hall, and Ellis Davis. Church on Sunday will be moved to the Cemetery.

*NARROWS BRANCH CHURCH* will hold a memorial meeting for all the deceased on the Julius Scott Cemetery at Hardy, Kentucky 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 Sunday after the third Saturday. Ministers called: Willie Varney, Tommy Adair, Mont Ellis, and Moderator and Assistant Moderator attending.

*BIG BRANCH CHURCH* will hold a memorial meeting of the Maynard, Lowe, Taylor, Scott, Blackburn and Nichols families on Sunday after the third Saturday. Ministers called: Clifford Maynard, Virgil Fields, Wayne Herald, and Willis Lowe.

*SARDIS CHURCH* will hold a memorial meeting for the Adair deceased on the fourth Saturday and Sunday at the Church House. Ministers called: Tommy Adair, Sr. and Clifford Maynard.

*SIDNEY CHURCH* will hold a memorial meeting of Johnny Stacy and Rachel Stacy on the fourth Sunday. Ministers called: Sabert Nichols, Wallace Muncey, Milford Lowe, and Thomas J. Dials.

## AUGUST

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

*LEANNAH 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, Thomas J. Dials, and Roosevelt Lowe. There will be dinner on the ground.

*MEMORIAL MEETING* will be held on the Smith Cemetery on Rockhouse Fork at Big Creek on Sunday after the first Saturday at 11:00 a.m. Ministers called: Grover Adkins, Bobby Scott, Clifford Maynard, Louie Muncey, and Hiram Adkins.

*SAMARIA CHURCH* will hold a memorial meeting at the Dillon Cemetery on Sunday after the first Saturday. Ministers called: Isom Hannah, Ed Runyon, Fay Scott, and Billy R. 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, Fay Scott, Don Little, 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, James Tackett, Hobert Hamilton, Thomas J. Dials, and Moderator attending.

*APPLE ORCHARD CHURCH* will hold a memorial meeting on the first Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: Sabert Nichols, Virgil Fields, Andrew Maynard, Wayne Herald, and George Woods. Dinner will be served near the Church on Sunday.

*REBECCA CHURCH* will hold a memorial meeting of Elder Hi Maynard, Elder W. C. Hay, Elder M. J. Mounts and Elder A. A. Sheppard and all the deceased of the Rebecca Church on Sunday after the second Saturday. Ministers called in the 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, Alson Thomsbury, Thomas J. Dials, Rueben Baker, Bobby Scott, and Freddy Maynard.

*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, Wallace Muncey, Billy R. May, and Moderator attending.

*PILGRIM'S REST CHURCH* will hold a memorial meeting on Sunday after the second Saturday. Ministers called: Alson Thomsbury, Steve Robinson, Jr., Don Little, Hiram Adkins, and Moderator attending. Dinner will be served near the Church.

*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: Fay Scott, Isom Hannah, and Wallace Muncey.

*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 Muncey.

*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, Ed Runyon, Wallace Munney, and Clinton Moore.

*BETHANY CHURCH* will hold a memorial meeting on Sunday after the fourth Saturday, and the same Ministers used in the Communion Service 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

*MEMORIAL MEETING* will be held on the Joe Taylor Cemetery on Lower Brushy Creek on Sunday after the first Saturday. Ministers called: J. L. Nichols, Clarence Owens, and Clifford Maynard.

*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 Muney, 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 Billy R. May.

*MEMORIAL MEETING* will be held on the A. C. Young Cemetery on Sunday after the first Saturday. Ministers called: Louie Muney, Hiram Adkins, Edwin May, and Bobby Scott.

*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, Isom Hannah, Sabert Nichols, and Moderator attending.

*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: Freddy Maynard, Andrew Maynard, and Hiram Adkins.

*MEMORIAL MEETING* will be held at Oscar 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 of the Howells on the fourth Sunday. Ministers called: Milford Lowe, Sabert Nichols, Clinton Howard, Wayne Herald, and Moderator attending.

*SIDNEY CHURCH* will hold a memorial meeting of Walker Scott at his homeplace on Blaine Creek in Lawrence County, Kentucky on September 30th. Ministers called: Milford Lowe, Kirk Caudill, Jr., Wallace Munney, and Thomas J. Dials.

## OCTOBER

*ELIZABETH CHURCH* will hold a memorial meeting on the first Saturday and Sunday for all deceased members of Elizabeth Church. Ministers called: Isom Hannah, Edwin May, Wallace Munney, 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, Edwin May, Milford Lowe, and Moderator attending.

*TURKEY CREEK CHURCH* will hold a memorial meeting the second Saturday and Sunday for all deceased members of Turkey Creek Church. Ministers called: Steve Robinson, Jr., Wayne Herald, James Cannon, Harold Edmunds, and Moderator attending.

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

*LITTLE TAVIE CHURCH* will hold a memorial meeting on the second Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: David Crigger, Donnie Brown, David Lester, Okie Kent and Orbin May.

*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 Muney.

*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, Isom Hannah, Edward Runyon, Luther Conn, Lacy Justice, Steve Robinson, Jr., John R. Justice, and Raymond Smith.

*SIDNEY CHURCH* will hold a memorial meeting of John Jude, Bell Jude, Annie Jude and her son, T. J., on the fourth Sunday. Ministers called: Virgil Fields, Milford Lowe, and Wayne Herald.

*PILGRIM'S HOME CHURCH* will hold a memorial meeting on the fourth Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: Frank Newsome, Monroe Jones, Wayne Herald, and Moderators attending.

## OBITUARIES

### CLAYTON BURRIS

Although his voice is stilled now by death, the precious memories of a dear, kind and loving husband and father will always be with us. We feel that Clayton left us for a better home in Glory on July 14, 1983 after a long illness.

He was born November 6, 1906 at Varney, Kentucky. He was the son of the late James David and Emma Young Burris, long time residents of South Williamson, Kentucky.

He is survived by his wife, Magdalene (Clark) Burris; a son, Robert Clayton Burris of South Williamson; and two brothers: Floyd H. Burris of Huntington, W. Va. and John L. Burris of Frankfort, Kentucky. He was preceded in death by a sister, Bonnie Lipscomb of Clarksburg, W. Va., and a brother, Raymond B. Burris of Vinton, Ohio.



Clayton became a member of the Turkey Creek Old Regular Baptist Church being baptized November 13, 1966 by Elders Willis Lowe and Wayne Herald. He remained a faithful member until his illness prevented his attending.

So many times I have awakened in the early hours of the morning to find him up reading his Bible, praying and praising God. It seemed that he had a deep hunger to fill his soul with God's word and all of the good things that God has promised to them that love and obey Him.

This has made us often think of the scripture found in Matthew, chapter 5, verse 6, from the Sermon on the Mount, "Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled."

Clayton was a humble man, good to his family and was never happier than when attending Church or doing something to help others, especially his friends and neighbors, whenever the need arose.

He never complained about his illness and always had a smile for us and for those who came to visit him. So many times he would say, "I just want to go on, meet me in Heaven."

We loved him and miss him so much and our hearts are deeply saddened by our loss, but we have a great hope that we will meet again in a better world where our troubles and sorrows will be no more.

Written by his wife, Magdalene Burris,  
and son, Robert (Bob) Burris

### EDNA BELLE (CAREY) ESTEP

With many fond and loving memories, I will try with the help of the Lord to write the obituary of my beloved Mother, Edna Belle (Carey) Estep. She was born March 28, 1934 at Laurel Creek, W. Va., daughter of the late Nathan and Elvia (Canterbury) Carey. She was married September 7, 1957 to the late Clarence Estep who preceded her in death. Born to them were two children, Nathan Kenneth Estep and Judith Elaine Nichols, both of Lenora, W. Va. She had six granddaughters and one grandson.

She also leaves two sisters, Betty Ruth Tomblin and Mary Helen Craighead, both of Laurel, who miss her very much. A brother, Joe Carey, and a sister, Tolie Carey, who preceded her in death.

She was a member of the Bethany Old Regular Baptist Church. She loved the Church and was a firm believer in Jesus Christ, our Lord. When asked about the Church she would always say, "when I think of Church, I think of the Old Regular Baptist and to me that's 'The Church.'" It always made her happy to see people going to Church.

God saw fit to call Mommy home February 2, 1983. I would describe her life here on earth, as I believe all who knew her would, as the Samaritan who the Lord spoke of in Luke 10:30-36. She was always doing something for someone else.

Mommy suffered a lot of sorrow on this earth and a lot of pain from cancer but God's Holy Word speaks of a better place in Rev. 21:4 and in Romans 8:18 speaks of the sufferings of this present time.

Mommy was, I believe, one of God's little children. So, friends and family, read I Cor. 2:9 and lets prepare to join her in Heaven someday.

Written by her beloved daughter,  
Judy Nicholas and sisters



### MICHAEL JULIUS COCHRAN

I will try to write the obituary of Michael Julius Cochran, son of Julius and Donna Cochran of Pt. Pleasant, W. Va. He was born November 9, 1975 and departed this life November 9, 1975, making his stay on earth two hours. In addition to his parents he leaves to mourn our loss, one brother, Donald Troy, at home; three half-brothers, Johnny, Larry and Bobby, all of Pt. Pleasant; three half-sisters, Mary Smalley of New Concord, Ohio and Janet Hall and Debbie Straats of Pt. Pleasant. We know he is at rest with Christ

by the mercy of God. We now have a little boy four years old and the baby that died, as David said, can no more come to me but by the grace of God we can go to him.

Sadly missed by his family,  
Written by his Dad,  
Brother Julius Cochran

### CHARLIE GILLMAN

With great sadness we try to write the obituary of our father. Dad, was born March 9, 1900, the son of Bill and Phoebe Gillman, he departed this life February 3, 1982, making his stay on earth 81 years, 10 months and 3 days. He was married to Bertha (Mullins) who preceded him in death. He became a member of the Tibbitha Church in 1974 and was a faithful member.

He is survived by one brother, four sisters; and nine children, as follows: Willie, Thelma, Charles, Reather, Archie, Mitchell, Pearlle and Phoebe. There are 14 grandchildren and many more relatives and friends. He was a wonderful father. He was good to mother and they had a wonderful life together.

He would often talk about a wonderful home he would have someday. We believe he is at rest now and we miss him. We love you Daddy.

Sadly missed by his family,  
Written by all his children,  
The Gillman Family



### BERTHA (MULLINS) GILLMAN

With a sad heart and many sweet memories we try to write the obituary of our sweet mother, whom we love and miss very much. Mom was born July 9, 1921 to the late Will and Rosie Mullins and departed this life May 14, 1979, making her stay on earth 57 years, 9 months and 13 days. She was married to Charlie Gillman January 13, 1953. She became a member of Tibbitha Church in 1974.

She is survived by four sisters; nine children, Willie, Charles, Thelma, Reather, Archie, Mitchell, Pearlle and Phoebe; fourteen grandchildren; and many more relatives and friends.

We know that Dad and Mom are in a much better place and their suffering is now over. They are together again forever. Mom had a wonderful life and she is at peace where there will never be any pain or tears. We miss her dearly. We love you Mom.

Sadly missed by her children,  
Written by her children,  
The Gillman Family

### BILL E. CLINE

Brother Bill E. Cline was born April 2, 1912, at Baisden, W. Va. He was the son of John F. Cline and Eliza Lambert Cline. He deceased this life June 17, 1982, having been blessed to live 70 years, 2 months and 15 days.

He was married to Mallie Cline of Baisden, W. Va. To this union was born five children: Rex Cline and Ernest Cline of Baisden, W. Va.; Freda Cline Kerns of Charleston, W. Va.; Rita Cline of Baisden, W. Va.; and Ruby Cline Ritchie of Charleston, W. Va. He also has 16 grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren. He was a coal miner and a member of LU 1078 at Baisden, W. Va. He was a sick man for the last 10 years of his life and a cheerful giver to those who were in need.

When he knew that the physicians of this world were failing, he took inventory of his past life and began begging God for His mercies. On December 5, 1981, he called for the Brothers of Rosa Church to have a meeting at his home. In the close of the meeting he gave his hand to become a member of the Rosa Church and because of his sickness and a bypass in his side his family and doctors never agreed for him to be baptized, which was his desire.

So I feel that his soul is resting in the Paradise of God and his body will be raised in Glory in the General Resurrection.

Written by,  
Elder Ross Cline

### CHARLOTTE (LOTTIE) FARLEY

With the help of the good Lord and by request of the relatives, I will try to write the obituary of Sister Lottie, as we all knew her.

Sister Lottie was born August 3, 1899, at Delbarton, W. Va. She deceased this life at the Williamson Memorial Hospital on May 13, 1983, making her stay here on earth 83 years, 9 months, and 10 days.

She was the daughter of the late Harrison and Cecelia Romans Farley. One son preceded her in death, William Farley. Surviving are one brother, Charles H. Farley of Milford, Ohio; one sister, Virginia Wheeler, address unknown; and 2 grandsons. One brother also preceded her in death, Elbert Farley.

Sister Lottie was a member of the Old Regular Baptist Church called Sardis. She was faithful to attend church as long as she was able. She was a good person toward the sick. She would send flowers to the hospital to show her love and kindness to the patients that were so dear to her.

Sister Lottie will be missed by the Old Sardis Church, her relatives and her neighbors. I believe Sister Lottie has gone on to reach her reward, where Jesus said He would go and prepare a place for all that love and serve Him. Some sweet day I believe we will meet Sister Lottie in that beautiful home where all will be peace, joy, and love forever.

Written by a Brother in Christ,  
Brother Clayburn Varney





## A. C. YOUNG

By the help of the Lord, I am trying to write the obituary of my beloved husband, A. C. Young. He was the son of the late James and Bessie Young of Varney, Ky. He was born on January 3, 1923 and passed away on August 11, 1983, making his life 60 years long. He leaves behind his step-mother, Mary Maxie Young; five sisters: Martha, Ona, Sophia, Easter and Jean; and five brothers: Robert, Edward, Harry, Scottie, and Jackie. One brother preceded him in death, Hardin Young.

He joined the Old Regular Baptist Church on July 16, 1972. He was baptized by Elder Willis Lowe, and was a member of Old Pilgrim Home Church. He lived a good and faithful life until God called him away.

He was united in marriage to Bertha Mae Robnett and to this union was born twelve children who are all living and miss him sadly. They are as follows: James, Jessie, Venice, Denzil, Roger, Ben, Tracy, Nelson, Toy, Nina, Mavis and Verlie. He also leaves 24 grandchildren, one great-grandchild; and a host of friends who sadly miss him.

He was a hard-working, good and kind man to all he met. He had a long hard battle with cancer, but God took him home out of his pain. He will leave an awful empty place in our hearts but we must go on and strive to meet him in heaven someday.

Written by his beloved wife,

Bertha Mae Young, and daughter-in-law,

Margaret Young

## WALKER SCOTT

By the help of our loving Saviour, Jesus Christ, with much sadness, grief and sorrow, I will, through many tears, try to write the obituary of my loving father.

Daddy deceased from this earth after 69 years, 2 months and 25 days. Daddy was born September 22, 1913, at Laura, Kentucky. He was the son of the late Manford and Laura Maynard Scott who preceded him in death.

On July 6, 1934, he was married to Reba Dye and to this union was born six children, four girls: Pat Jude, Laura, Kentucky; Mary Maynard, Pilgrim, Kentucky; America Moore, Inez, Kentucky; and Nada Davis, Lavalette, West Virginia; and two boys: James W. Scott and John Scott, both of Louisa, Kentucky. Other sur-



vivors include his wife, Reba Scott of Louisa, Kentucky; one brother, Andy Scott of Kenova, West Virginia; and three sisters, Sue Pauley, Laura, Kentucky; Belle Copley and Truley Jude, both of Inez, Kentucky. He left 18 grandchildren, 6 great-grandchildren and a lot of friends and neighbors to mourn his death.

Daddy joined the Old Regular Baptist Church on May 24, 1950. He was baptized by the hands of Elder Bill Jude and Elder Clinton Howard. He placed his membership with the Old Sidney Church where he remained a member for some 33 years. Daddy always filled his seat until he got so sick he couldn't go. He missed going to church so much. I would go and see Daddy on Sunday and he always asked about his Brothers and Sisters of the Church. He loved all of them so much.

Daddy's chair is empty now, he wont come back to us but we can go to him if we'll all do as he did—take Jesus in our hearts and give Him full control of our life and He will lead us to a beautiful home in heaven where Daddy is. Daddy is at rest now, no more trouble or pain will he have to suffer. He knew he had a better home awaiting him on the other side and he was ready to go on home. We all know our loss is heaven's gain.

Daddy's life was somewhat like a rose which was in bloom for such a short time. He continued to smile while his pain grew greater. Somehow I'm sure all this was for a purpose. Daddy was always ready to help anyone who needed him. There are so many good things I could write about Daddy that paper could not hold it all. He was always ready to help us children.

The last time I saw Daddy to talk to him was two weeks before he died. He was sitting in his chair at home when I started to leave him to come home. I always kissed him and mom both bye. When I bent over to kiss him, he looked up at me and took my hand in his and made me promise him I'd go to the doctor. He always worried about his kids.

The night Daddy died the doctor came to my bedside and told me that Daddy was in a deep coma. I begged him to let me go and see him but he said, no. Daddy, I'll be with you someday where there will be no doctor to separate us. Daddy, I loved you so much.

Written by a daughter and his wife, who loved him so dearly,

His wife, Reba Scott

His daughter, America Moore

## MINNIE LOWE NICHOLS

I will try, by the guiding spirit of the great I Am, to write a short obituary of my loving Mother, Mintie Lowe Nichols, which has been delayed for many years. She was born March 20, 1865 and deceased this life September 12, 1902, making her stay on this earth 37 years, 6 months and 23 days. She was the daughter of Arian and Mary Jane Lowe and a member of the Apple Orchard Church.

She was married to William Bill Nichols and to this union was born 8 children, 3 girls and 5 boys. She left her husband and 10 brothers and sisters to mourn her loss. The brothers, George Lowe, Lark Lowe and Bud Lowe.

The sisters, Nancy Maynard, Leana Maynard, Rachel Maynard, Victoria Elkins, Rebecca Hale and Melisha Gibson.

I was about 19 months old and not old enough to realize anything about a mother but as years passed by and as I grew older I began to realize the need for a mother. I can remember going out to myself and crying and trying to pray for many years. One night she came and woke me up. She rubbed her hand over my head and I opened my eyes and Mother was standing by my bed. I most surely seen it was Mother and I knew her. She had on the most beautiful white robe I ever saw. I know if I go to Heaven I will know her.

I want to say to all my brothers and sisters, if you want to see mother again you will have to repent and be born again, not of a corruptible seed but of an uncorruptible seed by the word of God which liveth and abideth forever.

So, I pray that God will help me to live a life that I can be with Mother where we will part no more.

Written by her most weak  
and unworthy son,

J. L. Nichols

## VICTORIA (JONES) CLINE

It is with great sadness that I try to write the obituary of my mother, Victoria (Jones) Cline. She was a member of the Old Regular Baptist Church at Buck Creek. She was born March 20, 1916 to the late Erelon Jones and Gustoria (Jude) Jones of the Meat House Fork of Wolf Creek. She died February 27, 1983, at the age of 66, making her stay here on earth 66 years, 11 months and 21 days.

She was the wife of Walker Cline of Inez, Ky. They were married on October 14, 1934, making their life together a total of 48 years, 4 months and 13 days.

Survivors include her husband; three sons: Paul Cline of Inez, Ky.; Glen S. Cline

of Melon, Ky.; and Prentice Cline of Inez, Ky.; and three daughters: Christine (Cline) Maynard of Inez, Ky.; Rodean (Cline) Blaine of Grove City, Ohio; and Irene (Cline) Stason of Pilgrim, Ky. She had 15 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren, all of whom survive. She had eight sisters, two of whom are deceased, Rebecca Jude and Gurtie Lowe, both of Pilgrim, Ky. Surviving sisters are: Mae Marcum, Bertha Muncey and Jean Marcum, all of Hatfield, Ky.; Bessie McCarthy of Warfield, Ky.; Sadie Preece of Logan, W. Va.; and Elsie Lowe of Pikeville, Ky.

Mom will be sadly missed by all the family and her friends and neighbors.

Written with love, by her daughter,  
Christine (Cline) Maynard



## KISSIAH MAE (DARTON) RAY

With much sadness in my heart, I'll try and write the obituary of my Mama. One that I loved so very much and still do. She's gone to live with Jesus and she won't have to be helped around up there. She'll be skipping down the streets of gold and praising the Lord forever more.

Kissiah Mae (Dorton) Ray was born May 7, 1901, and departed this life on March 12, 1983, making her stay here 81 years, 10 months and 5 days. She was the daughter of Kennis Roscoe Dorton and Farribell (Kelly) Dorton.

She was married to Lacy Ray who pre-  
ceded her in death on February 22, 1965.  
To this union was born thirteen children:

Amos Ray; Jesse Ray; Mary Ann Jones of Varney, Ky.; Lacy Thomas Ray of Pizo, Ky.; Ethel Leannora Staggs of Hazel Park, Michigan; Gracie Keller; Martha McCoy of Anthony, Florida; Nancy McKinney of Warren, Michigan; and Ollie Hinkle of Oakwood, Va. Four children preceded her in death, Gusta Young; Ben Ray; Jack Ray; and Russell Ray. She leaves 51 grandchildren, 56 great-grandchildren and 13 great-great-grandchildren.

Mama joined the Pilgrim Home Church on January 29, 1950, where she remained a faithful member. She always filled her seat right beside me as long as she was able and I sure do miss going to get her and taking her to Church, but some sweet day, with the help of my Lord, I'll be with her and Papa and we won't be sick anymore.

Mama leaves three sisters: Lilly Chaffins; Mary French; and Willie Brown; along with many friends and the entire community of Brushy Creek.

Children, if you want to see Mama again, get Jesus on your bond and live for Him and we'll all meet up in Heaven someday.

Written by her Daughter,

One who loved her,

Ollie Hinkle

## SUSAN WILLIAMSON

I feel so weak and so unworthy and I know within myself I can do nothing but if the Good Lord will give me strength and if He will bless me, I will try and write the obituary of our Dear Loving Mother, Susan (Cochran) Williamson.

She was born December 18, 1904 in Pike County, Ky. to Nathrum and Nancy Jane Cochran and departed this life on April 7, 1983.

Mom was a member of the Dix Fork Regular Baptist Church for 44 years and loved to attend Church before she became afflicted in body and was unable to attend. Mom loved God's way of Living most of all.

Mom was preceded in death by our Dad Rush Williamson in the year of 1977. She was a good wife to Dad and a Loving Mother to her children.



Mom's toils, labors, heartaches, pain and suffering are all ended now. God has called her soul home to sleep in peace until Jesus comes back to take His children Home. Oh, what a Happy Meeting that will be.

Loved Ones, if we expect to meet with our Mother again, we must fall out with sin, pray sincerely, plead to God to have mercy on our soul and to forgive us of all our sins, then we will be prepared and found worthy to enter into that sweet Home of peace, rest, joy, love and happiness.

Over in that Fair Land there will be no more death, troubles or sorrows to bear. We will live peacefully with Jesus who loves us all.

Loved Ones, I am longing for that Blessed Happy Day.  
Written by: Her Daughter  
and Sister in Christ,  
Norma J. Williamson

## ADA MILLER

It is with great sadness that we will try to write the obituary of our sweet and loving mother, and with the help of the Lord from which our help cometh.

Ada Miller, born October 13, 1908 in Floyd County, Ky., died May 16, 1983, after a long illness, making her stay on earth 74 years, 7 months and 3 days. She was the daughter of the late Joe and Ella Terry of Floyd County. On October 17, 1924, she was married to Reuben Miller, who preceded her in death, and they were married for 56 years. She is survived by eight children, six girls and two boys: J. E. Miller of Johns Creek, Pikeville, Ky.; Eugene Miller, Zita Tooley, Rita Rhodes, Imogene Worrix, Joyce Justice, and Ella Jo McGuire, all of Miller's Creek Road, Pikeville, Ky.; and Mary Lou Lyons of Zebulon, Kentucky. She had nineteen grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren and one step-grandchild. She had two brothers, Quentin Terry and Joe Terry, both of Paintsville, Kentucky, and one sister, Janice Warren of Dayton, Ohio.

We all miss her so much. She was so kind and sweet. Everyone loved her and she loved everyone. Granny Miller, as she was lovingly called, was that "special" kind of person that touches your life now and then.

She joined the Old Regular Baptist Church on May 1, 1950. She attended Church regularly until her health prevented her from going very often. She loved her Brothers and Sisters and the Lord so much that she pressed on until the end. She worried about her children and grandchildren so much. But now she is resting from her labor that she did so much of. No worries or sickness can enter the place where we believe she has gone because she chose the good part that can't be taken away. She is happy with Daddy again.

Written by,  
Her Children



## FANNIE HALE

It is with much sadness and a heavy heart that I attempt to write the obituary of Sister Fannie Hale. I trust God that He will guide me with the same spirit that guided Sister Fannie from her youth until the death angel called her soul home. Sister Fannie was the daughter of the late Johnny Elliot Taylor and Sophia (Maynard) Taylor. She was born September 1, 1895, and departed this life October 14, 1982, making her stay here on earth, God's footstool, 87 years, 1 month and 13 days. Sister Fannie was united in marriage to the late Brother Alonzo Hale in 1914. To this union was born four children, namely: Brother W. H. Hale of Williamson, W. Va.; Brother John B. Hale of Wilkersonville, Ohio; Sister Sophia Williamson, who preceded her in death in 1978; and Joseph Hale who died at the age of 6 years.



Sister Fannie leaves her two sons; her eleven grandchildren; her fourteen great-grandchildren; 2 sisters, Georgia N. Hale and Virgie Pinson Maynard; a host of relatives and friends; and the entire membership of the Pilgrim's Home Church to mourn her passing. She also had 3 sisters and 3 brothers who preceded her in death, namely: Anna Pack, Bam Stepp, Ange Maynard, Tom Taylor, Jordan Taylor and John D. Taylor.

Sister Fannie professed a hope in Christ and was baptized the 2nd Sunday in June 1921 at the hands of her father, Elder Johnny E. Taylor, and Elder Heenon Maynard and placed her membership with the Big Branch Church. When her husband, Alonzo Hale, joined the Church and placed his membership with the Pilgrim's Home Church she moved her membership to the Pilgrim's Home Church. Sister Fannie was a pillar in the Church for the 61 years that God blessed her to spend in the Church. She baked the bread to be served in our Communion meetings from the time I first can remember until these last few years when her health wouldn't permit her to continue. She seemed always present when her name was called. Her warm felt, kind and sweet spoken words of counsel would be good for each of us as we journey through this lane of life.

Brother Wonder, Brother John B., Brother Hi, Sister Claude, and Sister Winnie, I feel you will see Mother and Mother-in-law again in the paradise of God. To the grandchildren and great-grandchildren and the loved ones of hers that haven't found Jesus precious to your soul and haven't accepted Him as your personal savior, do as Sister Fannie did, follow Christ and we will meet with her around the throne of God. My prayer is: May God bless and keep us all.

Written as requested  
James M. Ray



## CLYDE STANLEY

It is by request and with sadness that I attempt to write an obituary of a beloved friend, neighbor, and best of all a brother in Christ Jesus. Brother Clyde Stanley was the son of Melvin and Rosie Bell Jude Stanley. He was born near Varney, Pike County, Kentucky, on September 8, 1912. He deceased this life on March 22, 1983 at the age of 70 years, 6 months, and 14 days old.

He was married to Sister Ada Blackburn Stanley on January 11, 1936. To this union was born (3) three daughters and (3) three sons—Clendene Dye, Earnestine Wilson, Verline Pinson, Don, Jimmie, and Willard. He had 18 grandchildren together with a great host of friends and Brothers and Sisters of Salem Regular Baptist Church who will mourn his passing.



It was a pleasure to this writer to have known this humble Brother in Christ Jesus from our teenage years and extending to over fifty years. He humbly and quietly performed the task of providing for his family by the sweat of his brow. He loved to roam the woodland, and it could be said he was like Nimrod, the grandson of Noah. He became a great small game hunter. In addition, he was an excellent ginsenger in the woods he loved so well.

Brother Clyde professed a faith and hope in Christ and was baptized on July 6, 1957, into the fellowship of the Regular Baptist Church called Salem. He was baptized at the hands of Elder B. H. Bevins and Brother Chester Combs.

Brother Clyde was faithful to fill his seat and was ever ready to help his Brothers and Sisters, as well as, friends. By serving the Church as janitor, he was faithful to take care of the Church building and grounds.

To Brother Clyde's children I say, I believe your Daddy has chosen the good part and by his pious walk, ways, and testimony, is now resting in the paradise of God waiting for the resurrection of his body. Always remember his counsel and be good and help your mother. Trust and believe in your father's God and Saviour, Jesus Christ, who promises never to leave or forsake those that put their trust in Him. There is a crown laid up for those that love the appearing of the coming of the Son of Man.

May the Lord comfort and add His blessings.  
Yours in the Hope of eternal life,  
Brother W. H. Hale

## VASTI FIELDS TAYLOR

Born May 1, 1894 the daughter of the late Hillard and Jane Hale Fields deceased this life November 14, 1982 at the age of 88.

Sister Vasti was married to the late Jordan Taylor on September 28, 1911 and to this marriage was born three children, Esea May Taylor (deceased),

Effie J. Blackburn of Culhane, Ky. and Arthur Taylor of California. She also leaves five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Sister Vasti was baptized in August 1925 by Elder Heemon Maynard to become a member of the Apple Orchard Regular Baptist Church of Jesus Christ where she remained a faithful member until death.

When I remember the courage and determination with which Sister Vasti walked through life I like to think of it as a manifestation of her strong faith in God. This faith did not fail her and at the end of her labor God had a rest prepared for her into which she entered. Now she and Brother Jordan both are awaiting the day God promised to send His Son Jesus to deliver their bodies from the grave so they can be together with Christ and all of us who are cleansed by His blood.

Written by,  
Elder Clifford R. Maynard

## JOSEPH E. PAULEY

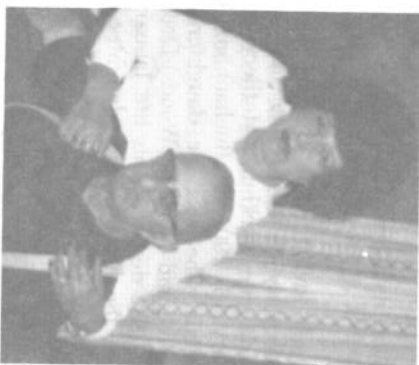
In loving memory I will try to write the obituary of Brother Joe Pauley. He was born on April 19, 1905 to Marion and Minnie (Stanley) Pauley. Brother Joe departed this life to live with Jesus on July 28, 1983, making his stay here on earth 78 years and three months.

Brother Joe was married to Grace (Varney) Pauley on May 16, 1924 and to this union was born 12 children. Sister Grace and seven children are left to mourn his loss: one daughter, Esteleen Jordan of Union Lake, Michigan; and six sons: Mitchell Pauley of Hardy, Ky.; James Earl Pauley of Slaters Branch, Ky.; Billy Pauley of Taylor, Michigan; Paul Pauley of Roseville, Michigan; Clifford Pauley of Melvindale, Michigan; and Gifford Pauley of Detroit, Michigan. A son, Freddy, a daughter, Betty Jean, and three infant babies preceded him in death. Three brothers and one sister also preceded him in death. Additional survivors include 17 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; four sisters, Mindy, Maggie, Zona and Bessie; and two brothers, Larcian and Grayson Smith.

He joined the Salem Old Regular Baptist Church in 1933 and moved his membership to Narrows Branch Old Regular Baptist Church in January 1946 and was a faithful member until his illness prevented him from attending.

Brother Joe endured his illness with patience, never complaining. I believe he is resting now from all his labor and that our loss is Heaven's gain. Brother Joe will be missed by those who knew and loved him but by the grace of God, we can meet him again. So rest on Brother Joe until we meet again on the cloud of glory.

Written by a Sister in hope,  
Janice Bogar





## LILY TAYLOR

In loving memory of our Mother, I will attempt to write this obituary. She was born in 1907 and left this earth to be with Jesus on November 22, 1982, making her stay in this old world 75 years.

She was a member of the Pilgrim Home Old Regular Baptist Church of Johns Creek in Pike County, Kentucky.

She left a husband, six children, 19 grandchildren, and 16 great grandchildren; also one sister. All of us will miss her but I am so happy to know her misery and sickness is over. She was sick for a long time but is now resting with Jesus. God bless and keep her.

Sadly missed by Husband, Children, Neighbors and Friends.



## IDA BLACKBURN

In loving memory, I will try to write the obituary of our Mother and Grandmother, Ida Jane Blackburn. Mother was born January 16, 1902, in Buchanan County, Virginia. She was the daughter of the late Fred and Cansada (Woods) Deel.

She departed this life January 18, 1983, at the home of her daughter and son-in-law, Irene and Bill Gray, in Westland, Michigan. She had made her home with them for the last 10 years of her life. She had lived most of her life in Goody, Kentucky.

Mother was married to the late James (Jimmie) Blackburn, who died December 21, 1962. To this union was born 4 children, 3 are living and one deceased. They are: Admiral Dewey Blackburn of Goody, Kentucky; Virginia Alley of Richmond, Kentucky; and Irene Gray of Westland, Michigan. One daughter, Gladys Ruth Blackburn, died in infancy. She is also survived by 8 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by 3 sisters and 3 brothers.

Mother became a member of the Salem Regular Baptist Church of Goody, Kentucky in 1932. She attended Church faithfully as long as her health permitted.

Mother will be missed by all who knew and loved her so much. But we know our loss is Heaven's gain.

Written by her son,  
Admiral D. Blackburn



## CORA MORRISON

With the help of the Lord and in much sadness, I will try to write the obituary of my mother, Cora Stanley Morrison. Mother was born January 31, 1895, and deceased this life on August 11, 1983, making her stay here on earth 88 years, 6 months and 10 days.

She was the daughter of Melvin and Lidia Smith Stanley. She was married to Robert (Bob) Morrison on August 17, 1911. To this union was born 8 children and 2 preceded her in death. She is survived by 3 daughters and 3 sons: Lizzie Lowe of Guthare, Ky.; Nora Vires and Mattie Adams of Varney, Ky.; Ervin Morrison of Turkey Creek, Ky.; Ollie James and Robert, Jr. of Varney. Her husband preceded her in death.

Mother is also survived by 21 grandchildren, 38 great-grandchildren and 3 great-great-grandchildren. She also leaves 3 half-sisters: Velva Grace, Della Murphy and Stella Scott.

Mother joined the Old Regular Baptist Church on the 1st Sunday in June in the year of 1950. She was baptized by Elders J. L. Nichols and Elder Dock Maynard. She placed her membership with the Apple Orchard Church. She attended this Church as long as her health permitted.

She will be sadly missed by her family and many friends.

Written by one who loved her very much,  
her daughter,  
Lizzie Lowe



## MARY RUSHIE SMITH

"Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth; Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them." That is the way it was with Mom. Truly the sweetest Mother and best friend a son could be blessed with.

On November 16, 1982, Mom, who at the age of 66, went to be with the Lord. Mom was born November 29, 1915 in Pike County, Ky., to the late Logan and Nevah Bays Spencer. She was preceded in death by Dad, one son, two sisters and one brother.

Mom's survivors include two sons, Ronnie Smith of McCarr, Ky. and Scotty Smith of Lexington, Ky.; Three brothers, James Spencer of Chicago, Ill. and Elmer Spencer of South Shore, Ky.; Two sisters,



Spencer of McCarr, Ky., George Spencer of South Shore, Ky.; Two sisters,

Gracie Carter of Greenup, Ky. and Ocie Presley also of Greenup, Ky.; and one special granddaughter, Jennifer Smith of McCarr, Ky.

Mom took membership with the Enon Church on February 7, 1976, where she was a faithful member for six years.

We all miss the warmth and the smiles that she so freely gave. God richly blessed us with her and by His mercy I hope to be with Mom in eternity.

Written by Her Son,  
Ronnie Smith

## ESTA SCOTT

With weakness and much sadness and with God's help, I'll try to write the obituary of my precious and dear sweet Mother, Esta Scott. She was born at Dick's Fork in Pike County, Kentucky on August 12, 1892. She was the daughter of the late George and Cela May Stanley. She died at the Mountain Manor Nursing Home in Pikeville on January 4, 1983, making her stay on this earth 90 years. She was married to my Father, Will Scott, on May 24, 1924 and to this union was born one son, Verlin Scott of Smithfield, Kentucky, six grandchildren and one great-grandchild. She also had one step-daughter, Mrs. Bessie Thacker of Hardy, Kentucky, six step-



grandchildren, seventeen step-great-grandchildren and eight step-great-great-grandchildren. She has one brother living, Albert Stanley of Sidney, Kentucky. She was preceded in death by her husband in 1951 and two older brothers and three sisters. She joined the Narrows Branch Old Regular Baptist Church on the 4th Saturday in August 1934 and remained a true and faithful member until her death and she went to Church just as long as she could go.

She is gone and left us but I feel that our loss is Heaven's gain. I'd like to say this to my children, friends and relatives—The old ship is sailing, get on board before it's too late. Jesus said take up thy Cross and follow Me. If you take up thy Cross and follow Jesus, I believe with all my heart that you'll see MaMa again around that great white throne where there will be no tears, no more pain or sorrow. Oh, what a wonderful place that must be. No doubt if Mommy could speak she would say not to worry about her, worry about ourselves. As one writer said, seek the Lord while He is near and call upon Him while He may be found. What He did for Mommy He stands ready and waiting to do for all who will call upon Him.

Before I close I'd like to leave one thought, if I never get to see my children, friends and relatives again I hope we'll meet in Heaven around that great throne of God where peace and joy will never end.

Very sadly missed by her son,  
Verlin Scott and all the Family

## TIVE HINKLE

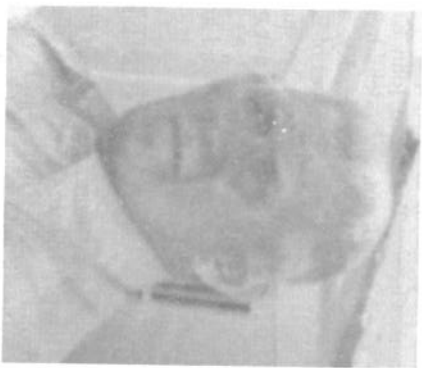
In loving memory, and with much sadness, I will try to write the obituary of my Dad, Tive Hinkle. Daddy was born October 2, 1909 and departed this life October 8, 1982, making his stay here on earth 73 years and 6 days. He was the son of Marion and Minnie (McCoy) Hinkle. Both of them preceded him in death. He was a retired coal miner.

Dad joined the Old Regular Baptist Church in the year 1938 at the Buck Creek Church. He attended Church until he was too disabled to attend.

He was united in marriage to Tennessee (Crum) Hinkle on March 15, 1930. To this union was born 12 children. Hurman and Nelson preceded him in death. Surviving are his wife, Tennessee, and the following children: Maggie Hinkle, Betty Joe Waller and James Franklin Hinkle of Beauty, Ky.; Opal Boggs, Margie Whitaker and Helen Don Stage of Mt. Sterling, Ohio; Ada Sluss, Ellen Hinkle, Georgia Hinkle and Oma Whiting of Columbus, Ohio; and sixteen grandchildren. One granddaughter preceded him in death.

He was so kind to everybody. 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 Daughter,  
Maggie Hinkle



## AUDREY LOUISE SHREEVES BROWN

With God's help, sad and broken hearted, we will try to write a few words in memory of our loving mother, Audrey Louise Shreeves Brown. Our loved ones are starting to leave but God's will must be done. Oh! Mother, how we miss you so, God in Heaven only knows. But life on earth must come to an end while life in Heaven just begins.

Mother was born on July 25, 1927, in Chapmanville, W. Va. She was a resident of Dix Fork for 46 years and was a member of the Old Regular Baptist Church for almost 32 years. She was the daughter of John Edward and Mabel Davis Shreeves, who preceded her in death. From age 10 John M. and Nancy Jane Cochran of Sidney, Ky. raised her and they also preceded her in death.

Survivors are her loving husband, George H. Brown of Sidney, Ky.; four



daughters: Nancy Thacker of Elkhorn, Ky.; Mary Jane Walters of Sidney, Ky.; Ina Ruth Smith of Phelps, Ky.; and Mabele Kingsley of Harold, Ky.; three sons: George T. Brown, John E. Brown and Stoney D. Brown, all of Sidney, Ky. She had nine grandchildren. Additional survivors are: two half-sisters, Gloria Gene Mills of Inez, Ky. and Thelma McKee of El Paso, Texas; and a half-brother, James Shreeves of El Paso, Texas.

Mother's old Bible will be our guide here on earth. Her God will be our God. Her new home can be our new home.

Written by  
Her Loving Husband and Children

### FINLEY MAYNARD

It is with much sadness I make this attempt to write the obituary of my beloved Brother in Christ and Father-in-law. Brother Finley Maynard was born December 6, 1905 and was the son of the late John and Mintie Maynard. Finley passed from this life March 22, 1983, making his stay here on God's footstool 77 years, 3 months and 12 days. He was married to Vada Ray Maynard and to this union was born 11 children, nine girls and two sons. Brother Finley gave his hand to become a member of the Pilgrim Rest Old Regular Baptist Church on January 13, 1979 and was ordained as a Deacon on May 10, 1980.



Left to mourn his death are his wife, Vada Maynard, of the home at Piso, Ky.; one son, Dallas Maynard of Piso, Ky.; seven daughters: Gladys Charles of Chicago, Ill.; Alba Young of Piso, Ky.; Nettie Blackburn of Piso, Ky.; Sadie Wiggington of Louisville, Ky.; Jo Ann Blackburn of Ypsilanti, Mich.; Minnie Bevins of Hensdale, Ill.; and Pallue Ilie of Oak Park, Ill.; one sister, Polly Ann Davis of Ashland, Ky.; 31 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; and 2 great-great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one son, Linzie Maynard; two daughters, Mabel and Louretta Maynard; two brothers, Kim and Bonn Maynard; and two sisters, Sarah Hinkle and Truly Bowling.

Brother Finley's death came so quick and there was no time to say "goodbye." His laboring hands have been folded and his nail apron and hammer laid aside. I know if he could talk to us he would say, "seek God's mercies while there is time to pray and don't store up treasures here on this earth but seek the heavenly treasures of God."

There is an empty place at the table and the old home place is not the same but we have that blessed hope of seeing Finley again. We loved him so dearly and in our hearts there is a place that can never be filled. Sadly missed by everyone that knew him.

Written by a Brother in hope.  
Foster Blackburn

### CORA NUNNERY MCCOY

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

She was born July 4, 1895 in Floyd County, Ky. She was the daughter of the late J. M. and Cynthia Baker Nunery. She was married to Tolbert McCoy, who departed from this life in April 1966.

She was baptized on July 20, 1969, and was a member of the Big Branch Baptist Church for 16 years. She has the following survivors, four sons and three daughters: Tolbert McCoy, Jr. of South Williamson, Ky.; Henry McCoy of McCombs, Ky.; Thomas McCoy of McCombs, Ky.; Ernest McCoy of McCombs, Ky.; Pearlle Crider of Varney, Ky.; Vada Elkins of Hatfield, Ky.; and Mable Maynard of Zebulon, Ky. Two sons preceded her in death, Nealie McCoy and Luther McCoy. She had one brother and a sister, John D. Nunery of Cattlesburg, Ky. and Nancy James of Louisa, Ky. She had 33 grandchildren and 23 great-grandchildren and a host of relatives and friends.

She was a great Mother to all the children, always working hard to provide a good living for her family. She will be sadly missed by all of us, but we know she is in a better place.

Written by her daughter,  
Vada Elkins



### BULAH CASTLE

It is with a fond memory, but a sad heart, that I attempt to write this obituary of a dear loving mother who God called from this world on August 9, 1983 to free her from the pain and suffering she had so long endured. Life seemed to hold little or no pleasure for her and she talked about her eternal home, harmonizing with the scripture that, if the house of this earthly tabernacle should be dissolved, we have a building not made by hands, eternally and in the heavens. She longed to be clothed upon with that building.

Our mother was born October 24, 1895 in Johnson County, Kentucky, the daughter of the late Ulysses Grant and Missouri Daniels. She was married to John J. Castle on March 31, 1917 and to this union was born four children: Mrs. Enlah Caudill, Fort Gay, W. Va.; Elder Kelly Castle, Louisa, Ky.; and Bascom Castle and John J. Castle; all four





children; a half-brother, Beecher Daniels of Springfield, Ohio; thirteen grandchildren; fourteen great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; and a host of friends. God let her live to see her fifth generation.

She was baptized into the United Baptist Church on February 24, 1935 and became a member of the Old Regular Baptist in 1977.

I will always remember mother as a kind, loving and very patient woman. Kind and good to her family and loved by all who knew her. Although she had lost touch with reality the last years of her life she did not lose touch with her maker. The most wonderful thing I could say about mother (as was told to me by my father) was that a few days before she entered the hospital, she came through the house shouting and praising God's name saying, "I have been in the best meeting and will be going home soon". These words and her life makes us to feel and know that she is resting in the paradise of God. She was one of the "old timer's" who wasn't ashamed to raise her arms and shout God's praise.

I say to the children who remain and mourn her loss and are still unsaved, if you expect to see mother again make your peace calling and election sure with God because life is short and death is sure.

Rest on Mother, we feel it won't be long until we will meet again in that city that lies four-square that we used to hear you sing about so much.

Written by her son at the request of the family who loved her very dearly.  
Elder Kelly Castle

### MARTHA NELL (NELSON) LOCKARD

With much sadness I will try in some small way to write the obituary of my dear wife, Martha (Nelson) Lockard, who departed this life March 26, 1983. She was born April 30, 1944 and was the daughter of the late George and Rebecca (Marcum) Nelson.

She was married to Ernest M. Lockard and to this union were born three children: two sons, Stephen and Robert Lee; and one daughter, Theresa Prater. Stephen preceded her in death. She also leaves behind two brothers: Dewey and Roscoe Nelson of Turkey Creek; and four sisters: a twin, Mary Maynard, and Dorothy Sue Nelson of Turkey Creek; Alice Farley of Silver Springs, Fla.; and Polly Fletcher, Inez, Ky.

She was a member of the Turkey Creek Regular Baptist Church. Martha loved the Lord and until her illness attended as often as she could. She has many friends and loved ones who miss her very much.

Sadly Missed by Husband, Ernest, and children, Theresa & Robert



### ELDER CHARLIE EVANS

In loving memory we will try to write the obituary of Elder Charlie Evans. He was born in December 1904 and left this life on October 23, 1982, making his stay on earth 78 years. He was the son of Richard Evans and Peggy Staten. He was married to Vada Neace in 1925.

Brother Charlie joined the Old Regular Baptist Church on October 7, 1939. He was called to preach and was Ordained but we are not sure of the year. He was a faithful member until death and always filled his seat in Church. Brother Charlie let his light shine wherever he went and was so good to everyone. Lord, you know how we miss him! He loved to sing and his favorite song was "Galilee".

The Church has lost a good and faithful member and Sister Vada has lost a good husband and companion. A host of friends and loved ones miss him. We feel he is asleep in Jesus' arms and his suffering is over. We believe if we live for the Lord we will meet Brother Charlie in that heavenly home some sweet day.

Written by,  
His wife, Vada Evans  
and Sister Rose Meadows

### ELDER HENRY BARNEY, SR.

I will try to write the obituary of my dad, whose soul I believe is resting in the Paradise of God.

Elder Henry Barney, Sr. was born November 2, 1902 in Greenup County, Ky. He departed this life December 26, 1982 at the age of 80 years and 28 days. A son of the late Thomas and Ella Taylor Barney, he was a retired C & O Railroad employee and a member and minister of the Old Regular Baptist Church of Jesus Christ of Okeechobee, Florida.

He was united in marriage to our loving mother, Bessie Ratliff Barney, of Okeechobee, Fla. on November 17, 1926. From this union was born 13 children, of which 2 preceded him in death, leaving Thomas, Henry Jr., and Bernice Tolliver of Lloyd, Ky., Eva Arthur of Ashland, Ky., Herman of Gallon, Ohio, Irene Coffee of Nevada, Ohio, and Paul, James, John, Thurman and Pauline Robertson of Okeechobee, Fla. There are 42 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren.





Dad joined the Old Regular Baptist Church of Jesus Christ on the 3rd Saturday of October 1949. He was ordained a minister in 1954. He was Moderator of Little Rosa and Friendship Churches of the Philadelphia Association. He was the oldest member at the Okeechobee Church.

Many a time I have heard him say, "I have fought the fight and run the race." He preached in the Church two weeks and two days before he died. He did not believe in a man retiring from God's work. God doesn't forget a mans labor and how happy it would have made him in his last days to know that all his children had made peace with the Lord.

I believe that anyone who saw him in his last days would tell you he was as humble as a child. I believe he will receive a crown of glory from the Chief Shepherd that will not fade away. If his family and friends are to see him again we all must be born again of the spirit of God.

We want to thank everyone for the flowers, and most of all for the kindness that was shown us.

Written by his son and Brother in Christ.  
Paul E. Barney

## JANE SMITH

Jane Smith was born on February 20, 1897 in Pike County, Kentucky. On July 28, 1983 Jane passed from this life at the age of 86, leaving fond memories and a deep sadness to those that knew and loved her. We all dearly loved our grandmother.

She was the daughter of the late Christopher Columbus Maynard and Levica Ray Maynard. She was preceded in death by her sister, Meda Maynard Robinson, and her brother, George Maynard.

On March 18, 1915 Jane married Tom Smith, who preceded her in death. To this marriage of 64 years was born seven children and left to mourn her passing are three daughters and one son: Opal Miller of Ocala, Florida; Musa Jenkins of Coal Run, Kentucky; Ruth Clements of Pontiac, Michigan; and Ralph Smith of Rt. 1, Pikeville, Kentucky. One son, Paris Smith, and two daughters, Mable Smith and Barbara Reed, preceded her in death. She had 31 grandchildren, 45 great-grandchildren, two great-great-grandchildren, and numerous friends.

Jane was a resident of Pisco, Kentucky for many years. For also the last three years she stayed with her daughter, Ruth, in Pontiac, Michigan. She joined the Pilgrim Home Old Regular Baptist Church in 1919. Later she moved her letter to the newly established Pilgrims Rest Old Regular Baptist Church where she remained a member until her death. Many of the members will hold loving memories of our grandmother, just as we do.

Written by her granddaughter,  
Linda K. Justice



It is with much sadness and with the Lord's help, I'll try to write the obituary of my Mother who has gone on to be with Jesus.

Bessie (Lowe) Allen was born March 17, 1913 and departed from this life January 13, 1983, making her stay here on earth 69 years, 10 months and 13 days. She was the daughter of the late Elder Lark G. Lowe and Ellen (Young) Lowe. She was preceded in death by her late husband, Gilbert Allen, five daughters, three grandchildren and two brothers.

She left to mourn her loss 7 daughters and 3 sons: Curtis Allen of Columbus, Ohio; Lacey Ralph Allen of Williamson, W. Va.; Freddie Allen of Turkey Creek, Ky.; Mary Ruth Ramey and Barbara Blackburn both of Turkey Creek, Ky.; Eula Hyden and Louise Halloway, both of Cincinnati, Ohio and Ettie M. Maynard of Rawl, W. Va. Also left to mourn her loss are four brothers and three sisters: Willis Lowe and Avery Lowe, both of Turkey Creek, Ky.; Frank Lowe and John Lowe, both of Anthony, Fla.; Sarah Hazle Reed, Sadie Paulley, both of Turkey Creek, Ky.; and Mary McKilwee of Galena, Ohio. She also left 30 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

Mom was a member of the Turkey Creek Old Regular Baptist Church for as long as I can remember. She always trusted and believed in the Lord. She always taught us the right way to go. I believe if all her children do as they were taught we'll meet her again in Heaven. So sleep on Mom, we feel you are at rest with Jesus. I'll keep praying. We all miss you very much. The home place is not the same. By the grace of God I'll meet you again over there where we'll not have to part anymore. Sadly missed by your children and loved ones.

Written by your daughter,  
Mrs. Barbara Blackburn

## WILDA ELIZABETH YOUNG

By the help of the Lord, and much sadness in my heart, I will try to write the obituary of my Grandmother, Wilda Elizabeth Young. Grandma, as I always called her, was born February 19, 1887 and departed this life July 11, 1983, making her stay here on God's footstool 96 years, 4 months and 21 days.

She was the daughter of the late John N. Davis and Angelina (Maynard) Davis. She was married to James W. Young on February 28, 1912, who preceded her in death on February 14, 1965, and to their union were born four children: three sons, Luther Young and Geoffrey (Jack) Young of Pisco,



Ky. and Ezra Young, who preceded her in death; and one daughter, Opal Young, who also preceded her in death.

She leaves two sisters, Eula Davis of Piso, Ky. and Mrs. Bessie Burnette of Sidney, Ky., one brother, George Davis of Piso, Ky., seven grandchildren, and eleven great-grandchildren.

Grandma was Baptised into the Regular Baptist Church and became a witness for Jesus Christ on August 27, 1927 by Elders Jonah Bevins and Willis Blackburn. She placed her membership with the Pilgrim Home Church where she remained until December 28, 1968 when she along with 14 others received their letters to form an Arm for the purpose of establishing the Pilgrim Rest Church on January 25, 1969 where she remained a faithful member until death.

Grandma left us precious memories which I will always cherish. She talked to me and gave me advice. Most of all she always talked to me about Jesus. My hope is that I will meet Grandma in that Mansion God has prepared for all them that love and serve Him.

Written by her Granddaughter,  
Justine Maynard

## TRIXIE L. BLACKBURN NICHOLS

With fond memories and a mixture of sorrow at our loss and joy of having known her, I write this obituary of Sister Trixie L. Blackburn Nichols.

Of sorrow because her decease brought to an end a special friendship and love which we have all too few of in this life, of sorrow also because I did not take the time to express more often just how "Special" she was to me and the strength I gained just being around her.

Of joy because I know that God has a special rest into which she entered at death. Of joy because I expect to be with her again to part no more. Of joy also, because I feel that the love she showed me helps me to be a better person in this life. For all this I thank God who gave her this special love.



Sister Trixie was born January 21, 1903, the daughter of the late John and Mary Frona Clark Blackburn, and deceased this life on November 19, 1981 at the age of 78. She 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 of Winchester, Ky.; Wilburn Nichols of Columbus, Ohio; Mintie Blackburn of Toler, Ky.; and Mary Frona Justice of Robinson Creek, Ky. Surviving also are 8 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

Sister Trixie was baptized on August 3, 1933 by Elders Ernie Runyon and

Ester Hopkins. She placed her membership with the Big Branch Regular Baptist Church of Jesus Christ where she remained a faithful member until death.

Yes, I am sorry she had to leave us but I am so thankful to God for letting me know and enjoy the friendship and love of this dear friend and Sister and, yes, a Mother, for she treated me just as one of her own children.

I am thankful that I can tell her family and friends that Sister Trixie is waiting for us and if we want to be with her again, Christ is the way.

Written by,  
Elder Clifford R. Maynard

(CLERK'S NOTE: Because of a printing error in our 1982 Minutes the picture of Sister Trixie did not appear with her Obituary. I sincerely regret that happened and trust that Brother J. L. and the family of Sister Trixie will accept my humble apology.)

## HAZEL HATFIELD

With the help of God, I will attempt to write the obituary of my beloved mother, Hazel Hatfield. She was born August 12, 1906 in Wayne County, the daughter of William M. and Virginia Porter Thompson and departed this life January 3, 1983. She was married to the late Fred Hatfield and to his union was born three (3) sons and two (2) daughters: George Hatfield, Ravenswood, W. Va.; Herbert Hatfield, Carosa, Calif.; Freddie Hatfield, Pontiac, Michigan; Mrs. Virginia Mouns, Chattaroy, W. Va.; and Mrs. Fay Price, Williamson, W. Va.

She also leaves a sister, Mrs. Pearl Damon of Radnor; eleven (11) grandchildren and three (3) great-grandchildren; many friends and many Brothers and Sisters in Jesus Christ.

Mother made peace with God and was baptized January 13, 1963 under the hands of Elders B. H. Bevins and Ireland Harrison and was a member of The Little Rosa Old Regular Baptist Church.

She was a good and faithful Christian who loved going to church and worshipping God. Mother was a loving and kind person and is sadly missed by her family, friends and church.

Written by her daughter,  
Fay Price



## ELDER A. A. SHEPPARD

I will try to write the obituary of my husband who departed this life December 11, 1982, making his stay on earth 87 years, eight months, and three days. He was born April 8, 1895 to the late Jacob and Arminda Dempsey Sheppard.

He married Mary (Preece) Sheppard on February 14, 1920. To this union was born six children: namely, Andy Horn of Grove City, Ohio; Alvin, Jr., Mabel Maynard and Nancy Benjamin all of Delbarton, West Virginia; and James Sheppard of Oakwood, Virginia. One son, William, preceded him in death.

He leaves his wife, Mary, five children, 15 grandchildren and a host of friends to mourn his loss. His life was filled with love and peace for everyone. He was a good husband and a good father.

He joined the Old Regular Baptist Church in 1917. He lived a good life and loved the Brothers and Sisters of the church but in his last days was not able to attend church. I would go home and tell him we had love and peace in church and he would rejoice for he wanted peace and love in everyone.

Written by his wife,  
Mary Preece Sheppard



## STANFORD MAYNARD

By the help of the Lord and with a sorrowful heart I will try to write the obituary of Brother Stanford Maynard. Brother Stanford was born April 4, 1897 and died January 26, 1983. He was the son of Rell and Nancy Lowe Maynard. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Edna J. Maynard, and two sons.

Survivors include his present wife, Vargie Pinson Maynard; a son, Walter Maynard of Turkey Creek; three daughters, Dorothy York of Huntington, W. Va.; Claude Smith of Turkey Creek and Sally Robertson of Delbarton, W. Va.; three step-daughters, Minnie Sealf and Matilda Thompson of McCombs, Ky. and Margaret Morrison of Varney, Ky.; four brothers, John Maynard of Turkey Creek, Ky.; Van Maynard of Ocala, Fla.; Bud Maynard of Pikeville; and Lark Maynard of McCombs, Ky.; 17 grandchildren; and 18 great-grandchildren.

Brother Stanford joined the Old Regular Baptist Church at Apple Orchard in 1922, being baptized at the hands of Elder Heanon Maynard and Elder



J. E. Taylor. He was ordained a Deacon on the first Saturday in June, 1953. He moved his membership to the Turkey Creek Church on February 13, 1954 and remained a faithful member until his death.

Brother Stanford was faithful to attend Church and always worked for love and peace among the Brothers and Sisters. He will be sadly missed by many. His family and a host of friends all have their fond memories. I miss the loving smile and friendly handshake, our many conversations and I miss so very much picking up my phone and hearing that cheerful "How-de-do". But I expect to see him and talk to him in the Paradise of God where I truly believe Brother Stanford has entered into the rest that God has promised to all who love and serve Him. If we are faithful to the end, as I believe Brother Stanford was, we will have a family reunion that will last through Eternity.

To Brother Stanford's family I'd like to say, you'll miss him very much but don't grieve for him for he is resting today from his labors. Just waiting for the day we're all looking forward to.

In fondest memory,  
Elder Andrew Maynard

## ROY E. MAYNARD, SR.

It is with a broken heart and still much sadness that I will try to write the obituary of our Daddy, Roy "Elmer" Maynard, who passed from this life March 11, 1983, making his stay here on earth 66 years and 17 days, a lifetime resident of Pike County, Ky. He was born on February 22, 1917 at Zebulon, Ky., the son of the late Sam and Elizabeth Morris Maynard.

He was a veteran of World War II and a member of the Williamson Chapter of Disabled American Veterans. He was a member of the Turkey Creek Regular Baptist Church where he was a good and faithful member for 35 years. He gave his life to the Lord in March of 1948 on Easter Sunday.

Daddy was preceded in death by his wife, and our mother, Opal Mae Maynard, and a daughter, Susie Maynard Heaton. Surviving are: four sons, Roy Maynard, Jr. of Toler, Ky.; Johnny Maynard of Goody, Ky.; Jackie Maynard of Goody, Ky.; and Sammy Maynard of McAndrews, Ky.; and seven daughters: Mary Williamson, Bryson City, N. C.; Brenda McCoy, Goody, Ky.; Barbara Helvey, Goody, Ky.; Darlene Teake, Goody, Ky.; Connie Maynard, Hardy, Ky. and Kathy Gibson, Rawl, W. Va. There are 27 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren. He is also survived by 2 sisters: Alka Conte of West Haven, Conn. and Marie Lamparski; Wilmington, Del.; and 2 brothers: A. W. "Chick" Maynard of Williamson, W. Va. and Leonard Maynard of Goody, Ky.

Daddy left many, many people behind that love and miss him but no





hearts are as empty as our, the children that are left behind. But we feel our loss is Heaven's gain. He left a beautiful testimony. He was a good man and a good Christian. But most important he was ready to meet our Lord. He knew Mommy was waiting for him too, so now we know they are together with their Lord just waiting over yonder, waiting for us kids to get there too.

Sadly missed by all his love ones,  
Written by his daughter, Brenda McCoy

## 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 McConelly, 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 Chains and Gladys Drake; three brothers, Neal Rose, Ireland Rose and Marvin Rose; 14 grandchildren and one 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

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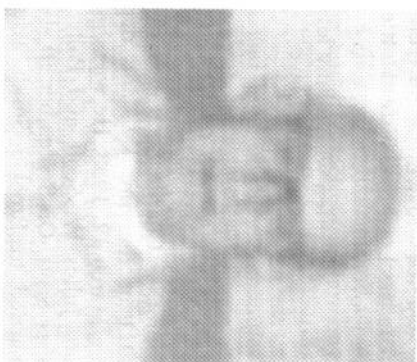


## TOLBY CURRY

Born February 28, 1887 and deceased June 5, 1982, he was married to the late Minnie Goff Curry. They had eleven children, six boys and five daughters. One son preceded him in death.

He was a member of the Old Regular Baptist Church for many years and will be sadly missed by his children and many friends.

Written and sadly missed by  
his daughter,  
Alice Pinson



## HATTIE MCCOY MOUNTS

With fond and precious memories, still so fresh in my heart and memory, I will try to write the obituary of a dear friend and Sister in Christ, Hattie McCoy Mounts was born January 30, 1896 in Pike Co., Ky. She was the daughter of the late Johnson and Vicie Varney McCoy. She died at the Appalachian Regional Hospital August 30, 1983, making her stay here 87 years and 7 months. She was married to Greenway Mounts, who also preceded her in death on October 6, 1961.

Aunt Hattie made a profession of faith in Christ the second Sunday in November, 1950 and was baptized December 9, 1950 by Elder Ken Varney. She took fellowship with the Turkey Creek Old Regular Baptist Church where she remained a loving and faithful member for 33 years. Aunt Hattie loved to go to church and always filled her seat on church time. She also loved the Brothers and Sisters.

She has left behind the following children to mourn her loss: 2 sons, Oval Mounts of Woodman, Ky. and Arnold Mounts of Goody, Ky.; 3 daughters, Mrs. Ruby Wallace of Bluefield, W. Va.; Mrs. Mary Lewis of Beckley, W. Va.; and Miss Lucille Mounts of Turkey Creek, Ky. She also leaves one sister, Pricie Jude of Inez, Ky. All of her brothers and three sisters preceded her in death. She also leaves her grandchildren.

Words can't explain all the good things the Lord has in store for those that





love Him and serve Him. I know that Sister Hattie did both. She can't come back to us but by the grace of God, if we do His Will, we can go where she is, where there will be no pain or death in that Heavenly Home. Children, serve the Lord that Sister Hattie served and get ready to meet her when this life is over.

Written with all my love,  
Sister Thelma Lowe

### C. B. (CHARLIE) SCOTT

Brother Charlie Scott was born May 2, 1911 at Ransom, Ky., and departed this life March 12, 1983. He was the son of the late Julius W. Scott and Polly (Hatfield) Sissy-Scott. On September 10, 1931 he was married to Brookie Smith, who survives, and to this union five children were born: J. C. Scott and Mrs. Ronnie (Lois) Ownes of McDonough, Ga.; Charles Scott and Joyce Ann Mannus of Griffin, Ga.; and Mrs. Edwin (Polly) Hay of Hazel Green, Al.; all surviving, along with twelve grandchildren and one great-grandchild. He had five brothers: P. J. (Pete), Ernon, and Sherman who preceded him in death, and John B. (Dock) Scott of Orahdo, Fl. and B. H. (Bankie) Scott of South Williamson, Ky., who survive along with four surviving sisters: Mrs. Virgil (Maudie) Stanley and Mrs. Luther (Magdalene) Blackburn of Hardy, Ky.; Mrs. Clarence (Georgia) Brown of Huntington, W. Va., and Mrs. Clyde (Fern) Brown of Kenova, W. Va. In addition to these, he leaves his beloved Brethren and Sisters of the Narrows Branch Church, Sardis Association, the corresponding Associations, and a host of nieces, nephews, and friends in Kentucky, West Virginia, Ohio, Indiana, Virginia, Georgia, Florida, and Alabama to mourn his departure.



Although Brother Charlie was always a good moral man who respected and honored his parents, treated his neighbors and strangers very kindly, and labored hard to provide an honest living for his family, he felt a need for obtaining those exceedingly great and precious promises given to those who believe in God to the saving of their souls through His darling son, Jesus. Based on this experience, he (Sister Brookie was baptized the same day) was baptized upon his profession of faith the fourth Sunday in April, 1944 by Elders Ester Hopkins and Lewis Smith and placed his membership with the Narrows Branch Church where he lived a faithful, devoted member and servant until God called him to rest.

By his works—being vigilant, sober, patient, grave, apt to teach, hospitable (No one, saint or sinner, friend or stranger, was ever turned away from his door or uninvited to share such that he had)—and being qualified—the husband of one wife, not a novice, holding the mystery of faith in a pure

conscience, also being proved—the Narrows Branch Church set him aside for the office of Deacon to which he was examined and ordained the fourth Saturday in July, 1946. He was faithful to this calling and served the church diligently until his death. His concern for the welfare, edification, and up-building of the church was fervent and he was a diligent watchman and vine-dresser and helped keep the old church in order and its practices in harmony with the teaching of the scriptures and the Orders and precepts of the Sardis Association.

He was a ram to the flock, a true neighbor and light in the communities in which he lived by betrending and advising both saint and sinner, a trusted and loving brother to his family, a loving and caring father to his children and grandchildren, and a true and faithful companion to his wife.

Having enlisted with Christ in an army from which there is no discharge, Brother Charlie has now laid his armor by. His warfare is over. He has fought the good fight of faith. For him to live was Christ—he would not have deviated from the principles and practices of sound doctrine—for him to die (the natural death) was gain. To go and be with Jesus Christ the better. His works will live on—in the church, in the community, in his family, among his friends. He has now entered a state of waiting—to wit: the redemption of his body which has been ransomed from the power of the grave. It will be lonesome—more so for some than others—without Brother Charlie, but by the grace of God, those whose preparations are made through Jesus Christ to the saving of their souls will meet him again in the great and noble day of the resurrection.

Farewell,  
Brothers Clyde Brown and Edwin Hay

## 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 to provide 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 the 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 are 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 induce 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 Jesus Christ is a congregation of faithful believers in Christ who have obtained fellowship with the Lord and one another, and have given themselves to the Lord and have agreed to keep up a Godly discipline according to the rules of the Gospel.

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

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

#### **RULES OF DECORUM**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

*ARTICLE 10.* The Moderator shall not interrupt or prohibit any member from speaking until he gives his right 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 reprovved by the Association as they think proper.

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MT. PLEASANT	Lloyd Sesco	150	1	2						45	100	2	July
APPLE ORCHARD	Wallace Muncy	125	1					2		44	130	1	June
ENON	Lloyd Sesco	75	1					1		20	100	1	June
REBECCA	Edward Runyon	150	11	1			2	1		71	150	2	Aug.
BENT BRANCH	Edwin May	125	2					1	1	69	150	3	Aug.
SARDIS	Steve Robinson, Jr.	150	5					1		82	175	4	Aug.
BIG BRANCH	Ernest Cochran	125	1				1	1		31	125	3	July
MARY ELIZABETH	Wallace Muncy	125	3							48	150	3	July
BETHANY	Isom Hannah	75	5				1	1	3	54	100	4	Aug.
ELK FORK	David Baisden	75	1							35	100	3	Aug.
PILGRIM'S HOME	Edwin May	250	13				1	5	1	125	190	4	Aug.
SALEM	Clifford Maynard	150						2		53	165	1	May
SIDNEY	Thomas J. Dials	150						1		32	100	4	June
DIX FORK	Ernest Cochran	200						2	1	70	200	1	July
NARROWS BRANCH	Willis Lowe	125					2	3	1	40	125	4	July
LEANNAH	Steve Robinson, Jr.	100	4							40	100	2	July
BUCK CREEK	Wayne Herald	125						2		45	125	3	June
TIBITHA	John Fouch	75	2					2		35	100	1	Aug.
LITTLE ROSA	Wayne Herald	40	1				1	2		17	50	2	April
TURKEY CREEK	Bobby Scott	150	2	2				7	1	80	150	2	May
SAMARIA	Edward Runyon	100							1	47	125	1	July
ROSA	Johnny Cline	175	1					2	2	73	160	3	Aug.
MUNCY VALLEY	Tommy Ellis	25	1						2	15	20	2	June
LITTLE VIRGIE	Lloyd Sesco	65	1							16	100	4	June
SOUTHERN HOME	Tommy Adair, Sr.	175	1	2						43	200	1	April
PILGRIM'S REST	Clifford Maynard	50	2					3		22	125	2	June
OKEECHOBEE	Monroe Ousley	75	1				1	1		18	75	2	April
ELIZABETH	Wayne Herald	75	5					1		30	75	1	June
LITTLE TAVIE	William H. Cochran	100		2			2			11	75	2	July
TOTALS		3380	65	9	0	0	11	41	13	1311	3540		