

MINUTES
OF THE
NINETY-SECOND ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
SARDIS ASSOCIATION
OF
OLD REGULAR BAPTIST
THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST

**In Session with the Sardis Church
Delbarton, Mingo County, West Virginia
September 7, 8 and 9, 1984**

**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 7, 1984

The Sardis Association of Old Regular Baptist, the Church of Jesus Christ, assembled with the Sardis Church, Delbarton, Mingo County, West Virginia, on Friday before the second Saturday, 1984.

Past the old Bent Branch Church, across Bent Mountain, across Coburn Mountain, I travel from my home in Kentucky, on across Tug River into West Virginia and across Buffalo Mountain to the old Sardis Church and just over an hour passed by. What in the world would the old Brethren have thought about that? An early morning start, a good horse and a clear day would allow them to make this trip during day-light hours when these two Churches traveled to Associations at the turn of the Century. How tiresome this trip must have been and how badly they must have wanted to go!

I am overjoyed to see the Brethren again, to shake their hand, to hear from the Churches, to feel the Christian love one has for the other, to be happy about their good times and sad about their troubles and I just stand and enjoy looking into their faces and hearing their voice again. This is what those old Brethren felt and saw and made them endure the hardship. Their journey, as was mine, was worth the trip for a small taste of Heaven on earth!

Elder Edwin May, Moderator of the Sardis Association, came to the Stand to announce the arrangements. Brother Ed stirred up a lot of good memories when he recalled that 21 years had passed since the Association last met with this beloved old Sardis Church in 1963. Sweet memories of dear Brethren and Sisters attending that Association who have passed on and not with us today were fondly brought to mind and caused us to think of how swiftly time goes by. Brother Ed hoped that we have come here today sowing the seed of peace and praying the Lord would give us another good Association.

Elder Wayne Herald, Assistant Moderator of the Sardis Association, opened the Services about the hour of 9:30 a.m. desiring the prayer of those who pray for themselves. Taking for his Text: Isaiah 2:2, "and it shall come to pass in the last days, that the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established in the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow unto it." Brother Wayne was mightly blessed of the Spirit to preach Jesus Christ who brought the living waters that flowed half to the former sea and half to the hinder sea, and in winter and summer shall it be. He admonished

all Ministers to preach the Gospel of Christ unto a lost and dying world for the upbuilding of the Church, whose foundation and Chief cornerstone is Jesus. Brother Wayne then led in prayer.

In answer to the appointment of the Brethren last year, Elder Clifford Maynard offered himself to preach the Introductory Sermon. Brother Clifford, while seeking for God's will to be done, prayed that God would give him something to give to the people today. Admitting he is weak and unable and stating he had been scared to come to the Stand but felt good now because he is among the best friends he has in the world who are praying to God in his behalf.

Taking his Text: Corinthians 2:14, "But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned," Brother Clifford declared that God created man in His image to serve His purpose of giving glory to God. The plan of man won't work but the plan of God is perfect. God's plan can be seen in part from the beginning when He made man and placed him in the Garden without sin and without any worry because everything to sustain this natural man was provided. But God did not make a perfect man because if He had the man would never be able to really say, "thank you, Lord." Adam was not a perfect man and, therefore, Satan was able to work on his greatest weakness, the woman God had given him. Neither is man perfect today and Satan will find out our greatest weakness, whatsoever it may be, and sorely tempt us therein.

Known unto God were all His works and a "plan" was set up from the beginning, stated Brother Clifford. Further evidence of that plan is seen when the Law was added because of the transgressions of man. Many offerings were required of sinful man under the Law and man began to keep for himself the perfect and unblemished offerings and offered to God the half, the blemished and the lame. God, therefore, declared He would no longer receive an offering at the hand of man and revealed more of His plan through the promise of an acceptable offering unto faithful Abraham. Righteousness, or perfection, was imputed to Abraham by faith in God and not by the Law. Now, in these last days, has the acceptable offering come and righteousness is imputed to us through faith in Christ Jesus and not of works (the Law) lest any man should boast.

We can't live a good enough life without Christ to become heirs of the Kingdom or to have righteousness imputed unto us. We must be born again through faith in Christ to have righteousness imputed to us and to become heirs of the Kingdom. Thus, we see more of God's plan revealed to us through Christ Jesus and see that man's righteousness without Jesus is as filthy rags before a holy and righteous God.

The Law came not to make alive but to condemn sin in the flesh. The Scriptures say, I was once alive without the Law but sin revived and I died. (We die dead to the love of sin in the flesh in the new birth through Christ.) The sting of death is sin and the strength of sin is the Law. But thanks be to God, who giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. This corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. Then will man see perfection.

The Sardis Association delegates and a great number of delegates from our corresponding Sister Associations then assembled themselves at the Sardis 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 continue receiving that heavenly news through the preaching of:

Elder Rollens Holland, Philadelphia Association
Elder Hurshell Hurley, Old Friendship Association
Elder James Tackett, New Salem Association
Elder Paul McClanahan, Union Association

Elder Frank Newsome of the Union Association introduced the Service at the House and Elder Walter Akers of the New Salem Association led in prayer. We then proceeded as follows:

(1) Elder Edwin May, Moderator of the Sardis Association, came to the Stand extending a welcome and the right hand of fellowship to each Delegate. He reminded us all of the awesome responsibility we bore of keeping order. God's house has everly had order and as we proceed here today and every day, let Brotherly love continue.

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

Elder Ellis Davis
Brother Edwin Hay
Brother Landon Taylor

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

(4) The Clerk, having inspected the Letters for regular form and order, read the Letter from our host, the Sardis Church, 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 \$3,720.00 received from the Churches as reported in the Statistical table and, after turning this amount over to the Treasurer, was discharged.

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

Brother Jesse L. Williamson, Union Association
Brother Dexter Dixon, New Salem Association
Brother David Gilliam, Philadelphia 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 delegation from Sardis Church. They reported as follows:

FRIDAY NIGHT

Elder Forest Osborne, Northern New Salem Association
Elder Leroy Hall, Union Association
Elder Feldon Ruggles, Jr., Philadelphia Association

SATURDAY

Elder David Lester, Old Friendship Association
Elder Howard Coleman, Union Association
Elder Grover Adkins, New Salem Association
Elder Johnny Newsome, Northern New Salem Association
Elder George Woods, Philadelphia Association

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

Elder Joe Evans
Brother Chris Watts
Elder Billy Brumfield

(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 regular move and second, were received, the delegates seated with us in council and given the right hand of fellowship by our Moderator:

UNION: Represented by the following delegates: Jesse L. Williamson, John M. Mullins, Fon Bowling, Paul McClanahan, Frank Newsome, Carson Wright, Howard Murphy, Ernest Younce, Perry Layne, Jimmy Dale Sanders, Hufford Coleman, Arthur Duty, Charles Nitche, Frank Coleman, Jimmy W. Hall, Bill Campbell, Lonnie West, Marshall Williamson, Leroy Hall, John B. Hamilton, Finis O'Quinn, Howard Coleman, Amos Bartley, Edgar A. Deel, Grant Akers, Marvin Kiser, Lloyd Cable, Albert Hamilton, King Coleman and Bob Justice.

NEW SALEM: Represented by the following delegates: Ronnie McCarty, Dennis Kidd, Walter Akers, Norman Conn, Grover Adkins, Hiram Adkins, Jink Ray, Hobert Hamilton, Lee Fields, Burnest Eldridge, James Francis, Dexter Dixon, Calvin Burchfield, Wendell Hamilton, Ted Robinson, James Tackett, John Justice, Cecil Taylor, Tazzie Hamilton, Herman Hughes, J. D. Clark and Mike Campbell.

NORTHERN NEW SALEM: Represented by the following delegates: Pete Hensley, Forest Osborne, Paris Tackett, Roy Caudill, Paul Adkins, C. W. Turner, Hillard Newsome, Melvin Adams, Willie Staten, Harold Senters, George Mathews and Jamie Tickle.

PHILADELPHIA: Represented by the following delegates: Lowell Adkins, Fealden Ruggles, Jr., Glenn Merritt, Douglas Colegrove, Lindsey Vance, Irvin Breeding, Paul Morrison, Harlan Barney, Ira Adkins, Jr., Walter Morrison, George Woods, David Gilliam, Curtis Seagraves, Rush Stanley, Jacob Seagraves, Rollens Holland and Virgil Fields.

OLD FRIENDSHIP: Represented by the following delegates: Robert Lester, Dave Gibson, Danny Hurley, Leonard Coleman, David Lester, Hershell Hurley, Herbert May, John R. Justus, Josh Justice, Jr., George Baker, Howard Slinger, Perry Hagerman, Orville Street, Farley Mullins, Mathew Justus, Junior Coleman, Julius B. Lester, Moran Reynolds, Rolland Roberts and Richard Reynolds.

(13) The Moderator called for Transient ministers and members of our same faith and order and received the following: James Gannon, Ralph W. E. Varney, Jr., James M. Ray, Clifford Maynard, Chester Cochran, Willis Lowe, Lewis Marcum, Ernest Cochran and Joe Evans.

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

(16) On motion from Elder Robert R. Clay and second by Brother J. T. Watts, Sr., the Sardis Association was adjourned until 9:00 a.m. Saturday morning.

SATURDAY

September 8, 1984

Met pursuant to adjournment at the Sardis Church where Elder Fon Bowling of the Union Association, a man whose very presence is an inspiration, 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 1985 Association as follows:

Elder Hobert Hamilton, New Salem Association
Elder Paris Tackett, Northern New Salem Association
Elder Hillard Newsome, Northern New Salem Association
They reported as follows and were discharged:

Elder Isom Hannah, Preach Introductory Sermon
Elder Johnnie Cline, Alternate
Elder Wayne Herald, Prepare Circular Letter

(4) The same Committee appointed Friday to arrange the preaching met and selected the following to preach Saturday night and Sunday and were discharged:

SATURDAY NIGHT

Elder Hillard Newsome, Northern New Salem Association
 Elder Ted Robinson, New Salem Association
 Elder Rush Stanley, Philadelphia Association
 Elder Hobert Hamilton, New Salem Association

SUNDAY

Elder John R. Justus, Old Friendship Association
 Elder Paris Tackett, Northern New Salem Association
 Elder Paul Atkins, Northern New Salem Association
 Elder Edwin May, Sardis Association

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

Balance on Hand, 9-10-83		\$7,702.11
Less Paid Out for 1983:		
Tent Repair	\$1,500.00	
Typing Minutes	220.00	
Print 4,000 Minutes	2,041.60	
Bank Service Charge	10.00	
Total 1983 Expense		(3,771.60)

Balance on Hand, 9-7-84		\$3,930.51
Add 1984 Receipts:		
Interest on Savings Account	\$281.60	
Received from the Churches	3,720.00	
Received from Oblituary Pictures	210.00	
Churches Contribution for Tent	3,120.00	
Total Receipts		\$7,331.60

Balance on Hand, 9-8-84 \$11,262.11

(6) By move and second, ordered that the Clerk be appointed Secretary-Treasurer for 1984 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 4,500 copies printed and that he be allowed \$100.00 for his expense.

(8) Elder Isom Hannah, selected to prepare the 1984 Circular Letter, came forward relating he never felt inspired until he began writing this Letter and his mind was on one subject but he wrote on another. Brother Isom read his Letter in the same powerful way he preaches and, on move and second, the Letter was received and ordered to be printed in our Minutes.

(9) Ordered, by move and second, that we correspond with the Union Association, New Salem Association, Northern New Salem Association, Philadelphia Association and 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 Hurricane Church at Wise, Wise County, Virginia, beginning on Friday before the third Saturday in September, 1984: Edwin May, Wayne Herald, James Gannon, Louie Muncey, John Lowe, Frank Lowe, Stewart Brown, Burlin Thornsbury, Charles Pinson, Robert R. Clay, Homer Collins, Jim Bevins, John Henry Elkins, S. D. Hensley, Danny Runyon, Dale Williamson, Jake Francis, Fred Muncey, Earl Belcher, Isom Hannah, K. H. Williamson and J. T. Watts, Sr. Letter in the hands of Elder Edwin May.

NEW SALEM: When convened at the New Salem Association Building, Minnie, Floyd County, Kentucky, beginning on Friday before the fourth Saturday in September, 1984: Wayne Herald, Edwin May, Louie Muncey, Homer Collins, Charles Pinson, Leonard Napier, Delbert Kazee, James Gannon, Edwin Hay, Burlin Thornsbury, Stewart Brown, Danny Scaggs, Troy Walters, Johnny Nichols, Merlin SESCO, Fred Muncey, Kelly Castle, David Castle, John Henry Elkins, Clifford Maynard, Isom Hannah and Jim Bevins. Letter in the hands of Elder Wayne Herald.

NORTHERN NEW SALEM: When convened with the Pleasant View Church, Litchfield, Ohio, beginning on Friday before the first Saturday in August, 1985: Edwin Hay, Donny Brown, Louie Muncey, James Gannon, L. W. Woods, Monroe Ousley, R. F. Runyon, Sr., Julius Cochran, Charles Pinson, Leonard Napier, Clyde Brown, Delbert Kazee, Claude Brown, Isom Hannah, Paul Vance, Billy May, S. D. Hensley, Edwin May, Chester Cochran, W. H. Cochran and Earl Belcher. Letter in the hands of Brother Edwin Hay.

PHILADELPHIA: When convened at the Philadelphia Association Building, Metrose, Worthington, Kentucky, beginning on Friday before the second Saturday in August, 1985: James Gannon, Edwin Hay, Louie Muncey, Donny Brown, Julius Cochran, Delbert Kazee, Clyde Brown, S. D. Hensley, Claude Brown, Charles Pinson, Donny Scaggs, Chester Cochran, W. H. Cochran, Leonard Napier, James Baisden, Paul Vance, Billy May, Ernest Cochran, Edwin May, Fred Muncey, Stewart Brown, Burlin Thornsbury and L. W. Woods. Letter in the hands of Elder James Gannon.

OLD FRIENDSHIP: When convened with the Bee Branch Church, Stacy, Virginia, beginning on Friday before the fourth Saturday in August, 1985: Burlin Thornsbury, Edwin Hay, James Gannon, Donny Brown, Julius Cochran, Stewart Brown, L. W. Woods, Chester Cochran, W. H. Cochran, Claude Brown, Frankie Scott, Johnnie Cline, Ross Cline, Uley Perry, Estel Ritchie, Steve Robinson, Donny Scaggs, Charles Pinson, Jerry Thompson, Louie Muncey and Edwin May. Letter is in the hands of Elder Burlin Thornsbury.

(10) By regular move and second, it is ordered that Elder Tommy Adair and Elder Steve Robinson write a Resolution to honor all Ordained Ministers in the Sardis Association who have deceased since our last Association. (Clerk's Note: The Resolution is printed after the Circular Letter.)

(11) Called for our Tent Committee to make a report. Elder Clifford Maynard, as Chairman of our Committee, reminded us that we own 50% of the tent and trailer with Union Association owning the other 50% and were, therefore, responsible for half the cost of maintaining them. He reported we had paid

\$1,500.00 for rebuilding a trailer that was designed to store and transport the tent and fold out to make a Stand. He stated the tent had also been repaired, that Union Association had already paid all of that cost and we needed to reimburse Union for our half of the expense today but we need money and authority to do so.

Brother Bill Brown of the Union Association gave a detailed report on what had been done to the tent and trailer, why it was necessary and the cost of the work. Brother Bill has taken care of the tent and trailer from the time they were first bought and has done an outstanding job. We appreciate your efforts Brother Bill for a job well done.

By move and second, it is ordered that each Church in the Sardis Association pay its part of the tent and trailer repair by sending to the Treasurer the same amount of money each Church sent to the Association this year. These contributions are to be sent as soon as possible.

CLERKS NOTE: All Churches had not sent their contribution at the time these Minutes were printed. The total amount received is shown in the Treasurer's Report and the amount sent by each Church is shown in the Statistical Table.

By move and second, the Tent Committee Report is received and ordered to continue its work with a like Committee from Union Association under all of its previously granted authority.

(12) 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

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

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

(15) By move and second, a Request from Little Tavie Church was granted to reprint Item 18 of our 1919 Minute, which was as follows:

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

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

On regular move and second, the word "receive" in the following Item (17) is defined to include "any means of receiving members."

(17) In answer to the questions, "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 their cause of fornication, such cases to have Gospel or Church evidence of same."

(18) Read a Request from Sardis Church to rescind Item 13 of our 1980 Minute concerning the calling of a Presbytery to ordain Ministers and Deacons. Much discussion on current and past practice of Sardis Association Churches was had. A move and second to reject the Request met with an objection filed by Elder Tommy Adair. A vote of the delegates showed 58 in favor of the motion and 15 in favor of the objection. Therefore, the Request is denied.

(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 Turkey Creek Church who will host our 1985 Association. All donations should be sent not later than June 1985.

SUNDAY
September 9, 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) By move and second, granted the Request from Rebecca Church to remove the name of Maynard Hay from our list of Ordained Ministers, since he is no longer a member of the Church, and to remove the name of Mike Shepard from our list of Liberated Brethren, since he has moved his Letter to another Association that we are in correspondence with.

(24) Read the Request to host our 1985 Association from both the Pilgrim's Home Church and the Turkey Creek Church. After discussion, a vote of the delegates decided that Turkey Creek Church shall host the 1985 Sardis Association.

Turkey Creek Church is located at Turkey Creek, Kentucky, about 3-miles West of Williamson, West Virginia.

(25) With sincere pleasure, it is ordered that we tender our thanks to the Sardis Church in particular and the community at large. A lot of love was mixed with the work and tender care that abounded throughout the preparations made to insure that this Association would be a success and that we lacked for nothing. We realize the months of hard work necessary in preparation for the hundreds of people attending the Association and truly wish we could single out each name for a special "thank-you." We can and do pray that God will so single out each of you for His special blessings on those who contributed in any way. However, a special thanks is made to the Kiwanis Club for the use of the field; to Roy Robertson for the freezer truck and ice machine; to Mark Sizemore and Scott Erwin for work on the bridge; to Johnny Mayhorn for use of the water and electricity; to Bill Endicott for grading off behind the Church; and to George Brumfield for watching the tent.

(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 Elder Robert R. Clay, second from Elder S. D. Hensley, it is ordered that the Sardis Association adjourn to the place mentioned above at our regular meeting time, the Friday before the second Saturday in September, 1985.

(28) Closing was offered by Elder C. W. Turner of the Northern New Salem Association 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 morning rolled around all too soon and, as any parting of loved ones, brings a quiet sadness in the knowledge that soon we will part. The joyous melody of the singing on Friday has, somehow and without our intent, gone out of our voices and we sing with a forlorn note. Its hard to make a joyous sound in Zion when your heart is hung on a willow. As if in keeping with the mood, Elder Tommy Adair, Sr. came to the Stand and sang his song of Farewell.

Our Moderator came forward to announce the arrangements and extended the apology of Elder Paris Tackett for not being here today because he had been called in a funeral. Elder Wayne Herald was selected to take his place.

Elder John Justice of the Old Friendship Association came forward singing, introduced the Services and led in prayer.

Elder Paul Adkins of the Northern New Salem Association came to the Stand desiring the prayers of the people and with much emotion related his personal experience with the prayers of God's people which he believes, and his experience proves, brought him back from the brink of death more than once.

Brother Paul admonished the young people to remember the Lord "in" their youth and the older people to remember the Lord "of" their youth. He further admonished the Moderators to watch over the flock a little closer. The good Shepherd cares for the Sheep.

Elder Wayne Herald, our beloved Assistant Moderator, came forth proclaiming that God is a Spirit and them that worship Him must worship Him in Spirit and in truth. Brother Wayne chose for his Text, Hebrews 6:1: "Therefore, leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on unto perfection; not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works, and of faith toward God."

Brother Wayne, in the power of the Spirit, did deliver a memorable sermon showing that we must travel the entire road of repentance before the seal is applied. Brother Wayne declared that after we have dug deep enough to get on that rock we can't be moved. Brother Wayne compared the Ark as a type and figure of the Seal of Christ, for after God sealed the Ark as a type never broken and those souls inside the Ark went out the top. We too, if we have received the Seal of Christ, will go up to meet the Lord.

Elder Edwin May, our esteemed Moderator, approached the Stand to close out this Association hoping that at sometime during the setting of this Association someone had stood still and considered, "what kind of ground am I standing on?" Brother Ed admonished the people to not build their house on the sand but to dig deep and build on the rock. Except God build the house, we labor in vain.

Brother Ed reminded the congregation that because of sin there is no lasting satisfaction in this world. The true and lasting satisfaction will not come until we awake in His likeness. The love of the Brethren, one to the other, brings a measure of satisfaction and, Brother Ed declared, let Brotherly love continue.

The sadness of departing in our hearts was turned to joy when, as the invitation was given, Brother Randy Runyon came forward to give his hand to the Church and requested baptism. It was pleasing to the soul to witness the baptism of this grandson of Elder Ester Hopkins. Brother Ester served the people and the Churches most of his life and was still serving, as he had been doing for many years, the Sardis Association as Moderator at his death. Brother Ester's leadership continues to guide us.

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

Your Clerk

CIRCULAR LETTER

Dear Brothers and Sisters of the Sardis Association:

Having been appointed by the delegates last year to write a letter for your approval at this session, I hope to be moved upon by the Holy Ghost that the things which I write may be approved, and that I may be able, as Paul did, when he wrote his Epistle to the Thessalonians, in Chapter Two, Verse Thirteen: "Thank God without ceasing because, when ye received the word of God, which ye heard of us, ye received it not as the word of men, but as it is in truth the word of God which effectually worketh also in you that believe."

Oh, Brethren, here are the effects which it has upon our lives when it works in us that believe. The next verse says, "For ye, became followers of the churches which in Judea are in Christ Jesus for ye also have suffered like things of your own countrymen, even as they have of the Jews." So, you can see from this scripture Brethren, that when any church is in Christ Jesus, and follows Him it has to suffer many things from them in your own country.

Oh, Brethren, can't you see this being fulfilled today. We don't only have to suffer from them that are out of the churches, that have the wisdom of this world, but from them that say that they are led and directed by the spirit of God, but reject what the spirit bids them to do through the written word.

I want to be brief as possible and show you a few of the things we have to suffer from them that say they have the spirit of Christ, but reject His council, and when I am through with them, the scripture may be fulfilled in one sense as the old prophet of God, Isaiah, in the Thirty-Fifth chapter said: "Strengthen ye the weak hands, and confirm the feeble knees. Say to them that are of a fearful heart, be strong, fear not, behold your God will come with vengeance, even God with a recompence; He will come and save you."

And as He did come and save the people from the hands of them that hated Him and performed the mercy promised to their fathers, by delivering them from the curse of the broken Law. Even so will He come and take us to heaven to enjoy the blessings of heaven forever more.

Here are some of the things we have to suffer for today from them all around us. They say that men can come any time they will. But our wills must be given by the spirit, and power of God to come to God by Jesus Christ. Because the word of God says that, "No man can come to me, except the father which hath sent me draw him; and I will raise him up at the last day." John: Six and Forty-Four. In First Corinthians, the Second Chapter and the Fourteenth verse, the scripture says, "But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God; for they are foolishness unto him; neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned." Brethren, that's why we have to suffer so much today. They are trying to worship God by their nature and the way which the spirit leads the church to follow are foolish unto them, and not know them by nature. That's why that they speak evil of the things that they know not but what they know as natural brute beasts made

to be taken and destroyed, speak evil of the things that they understand not; and shall utterly perish in their own corruption.

Brethren, I can't write the things that are in my heart at this time. It would take up too much space in the minutes. I was hoping to show you when I thought the church started, by whom, and where, and the doctrine she believes and practices. And the customs she has left for us to follow. I can't close this letter without showing you one of them, my heart has such a burden for the word of God.

Remember the text from which I started, that they received the word not as it is the word of man but as it is in truth, the word of God. And that they became followers of the churches which in Judea are in Christ. And one of them customs was that the true churches was to practice and follow, was not to allow men to have long hair, and the women to have short hair. For He said in First Corinthians, the Eleventh Chapter, "But if any man seem to be contentious, We have no such custom neither the churches of God." So brethren I feel this is the effect the word of God has on them that are being led of the spirit of Christ.

Brethren and Sisters of the Sardis Association, and all in whose hands this may fall, if approved by you, I hope you are blessed as much in receiving this letter as I have been in writing it unto you. I have had to stop two or three times to wipe tears from my eyes for the love and burden of the word of God, and I hope to be blessed to preach unto you what He has blessed me to see, if it can be His will.

Your Humble Servant;

Elder Isom Hannah

Whereas it was ordered by Motion and Second that Elder Tommy Adair and Elder Steve Robinson write a Resolution to be printed in our 1984 Minutes to mark the death of three of our beloved Elders. Passing from our midst since our last Association were Elder Willie Varney, Elder Ted Clanden and Elder Kirk Caudill, Jr.

RESOLUTION

Whereas Elder Willie Varney, a stalwart brother and Elder of the Old Baptist Church, fought the battle with firmness and steadfastness of faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and the old Baptist principles. He was moderator of several churches during his 33 years of labor in the Family of God. He is resting from his labors, we believe, in the paradise of God. May his family and friends be comforted by the thought that our loss is his great gain. May God bless you.

Whereas Elder Ted Clanden, a much loved and respected brother by all who knew him, labored in the vineyard with much patience and fought a good fight, and was willing to suffer affliction for a few days on earth that he might receive a crown of glory which fadeth not away. To all his family and those who loved him, I say, let us follow his example as he followed Jesus. I believe we will meet Brother Ted again. May God bless you.

Whereas Elder Kirk Caudill, Jr., a beloved minister and soldier of God, armed with the sword of the Spirit, fought the good fight of faith until the Lord called him home. We believe Brother Kirk is at rest from his labor, has gained his reward, and is at peace in Heaven where he will suffer no more. To his friends and loved ones, knowing the pain of losing one so dear, we bestow our deepest sympathy. May God bless you.

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we memorialize this Ninety-Second Annual Session of the Sardis Association to these beloved brethren. May God bless you, is our prayer, Amen.

Elder Tommy Adair

Elder Steve Robinson

UNION AND COMMUNION MEETINGS AND MINISTERS TO ATTEND

APRIL

SOUTHERN HOME: First Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening. Ministers called: Joe Evans, Billy Brumfield, Monroe Ousley, Clifford Maynard, James Cannon, Isom Hannah, and Willis Lowe.

OKECHOBEE: Second Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening. Ministers called: Tommy Adair, Albert Hamilton, James Cannon, William Adair, Walter Mullins and Joe Evans.

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 attending.

MAY

SALEM: First Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: Charle Johnson, Steve Robinson, Jr., Mont Ellis and Isom Hannah.

TURKEY CREEK: Second Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: Elbert Secso, Isom Hannah, Richard Staton and Edwin May.

JUNE

APPLE ORCHARD: First Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 1:00 p.m. Ministers called: Louie Muncy, Billy May, Earl Cantrell, Willis Tolver 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: Hobert Hamilton, Steve Robinson, Jr., Richard Staton and Elbert Secso.

ELIZABETH: First Saturday and Sunday. Communion Sunday. Ministers called: Ivory Sowards, Hobert Hamilton, Woody Pack and Hayden Hannah.

MUNCY VALLEY: Second Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 5:00 p.m. Ministers called: Joe Evans, Willie Stiltner, Louie Muncy, Clifford Maynard, Andrew Maynard and Edwin May.

PILGRIMS REST: Second Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: Edwin May, Bobby Scott, Junior Lowe and Clifford Maynard.

BUCK CREEK: Third Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: Wallace Muncy, James Tackett, David Lester, Vernon Rose, Woody Pack and Moderator attending.

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

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, Elbert Secso 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 and Joe Evans.

SAMARIA: First Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 5:00 p.m. Ministers called: Isom Hannah, George Woods, Joe Evans, Wayne Herald, Sabert Nichols, Wallace Muncy and Edwin Hay.

LEANNAH: Second Saturday. Communion Saturday evening at 1:00 p.m. Ministers called: Alson Thornbury, James Tackett and Hobert Hamilton.

MT. PLEASANT: Second Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: Wayne Herald, James Tackett, Donald Little and Paul Adkins.

LITTLE TAVIE: Second Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: Claude Brown, David Lester, Burlin Thornsbury, Orbin May and Hershel Hurley.

BIG BRANCH: Third Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 1:00 p.m. Ministers called: Clifford Maynard, Steve Robinson, Jr. and Moderator attending.

MARY ELIZABETH: Third Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 5:00 p.m. Ministers called: Paul Adkins, Edwin May, Isom Hannah and Wendell 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, Hobert Hamilton, David Crigger, Ronald Scott, Wallace Muncy, Louie Muncy and Richard Staton.

AUGUST

TIBITHA: First Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 5:00 p.m. Ministers called: Isom Hannah, Willie Stiltner, 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, Hobert Hamilton, Wayne Herald and Edward Runyon.

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

BENT BRANCH: Third Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 5:00 p.m. Ministers called: Don Little, Thomas J. Dials, Jimmy Dale Sanders and Richard Staton.

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

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

SARDIS: Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Communion Saturday evening at 5:00 p.m. Ministers called: Burlin Thornsbury, Edward Runyon, George Woods and Clifford Maynard.

PILCRIMS HOME: Fourth Saturday and Sunday. Communion Sunday evening. Ministers called: Don Little, Isom Hannah, Wayne Herald and Moderators attending.

MEMORIAL MEETINGS

MARCH

OKEECHOBEE CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of all deceased members of Okeechobee Church on the second Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: Edwin Hay, Ellis Amburgy, John Lowe, Clifford Maynard, Gene Ratliff and Eddie Tackett.

APRIL

SAMARIA CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of all deceased members of Samaria Church on Sunday after the first Saturday. Ministers called: Wallace Muncey, Fay Scott, Milford Lowe and Isom Hannah.

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, Richard Staton, Hursell Huff and Moderator attending.

MAY

MEMORIAL MEETING of Bob and Nancy Farley will be held at the home of Elbert and Martha SESCO on Long Branch on the first Sunday at 6:00 p.m. Ministers called: Hobert Hamilton, Wendell Hamilton, Bobby Scott, King Coleman and all Regular Baptist Ministers invited.

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

ELK FORK CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the third Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: Wille Stiltner, Lloyd SESCO and Alison Thornbury.

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 Angeline Maynard and deceased members of the family. Ministers called: Andrew Maynard, Elbert SESCO, Fay Scott, Richard Staton and Freddy Maynard. Dinner will be served.

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 Thornsbury, James Tackett, Virgil Fields, Matt Justice and Assistant Moderator attending.

NARROWS BRANCH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the fourth Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: Frank Newsome, Frankie Scott, Thomas J. Dials, Edwin May, Elbert SESCO, 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 Muncey 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: Joe Evans and Billy Brumfield.

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 Thornsbury 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: Albert Hamilton, Walter Mullins and Elbert SESCO.

TIBITHA CHURCH will hold 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 Nuncy 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 Stiltner, Perry Layne, Edward Runyon and Ison Hannah.

BENT BRANCH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the third Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: Richard Staton, Elbert SESCO, James Tackett and Moderator attending.

ELK FORK CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on Sunday after the third Saturday on the Gilman Cemetery. Ministers called: Raymond Smith, Steve Robinson, Jr., Joe Evans and Alonzo Curry.

DIX FORK CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the Marvin Stanley Cemetery for Marvin Stanley, Emma Stanley and Bill Crigger on the third Saturday at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: All Regular Baptist 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 Guthare, Kentucky, on Sunday after the fourth Saturday. Ministers called: J. L. Nichols, Willis Lowe, Clifford Maynard and Ralph Smith.

SIDNEY CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of Walker Scott at his homeplace on Blaine Creek in Lawrence County, Kentucky, on June 30th. Ministers called: Milford Lowe, Wallace Muncey, Sabert Nichols and Virgil Fields.

MEMORIAL MEETING will be held at the home of Vada Maynard on Sunday, June 30th at 4:00 p.m. Ministers called: Louie Muncey, Clifford Maynard, Richard Staton, King Coleman and Elbert SESCO.

MEMORIAL MEETING of Ted and Ressie Blackburn will be held at the home of their son, Dewey Blackburn, on Winn Branch on June 30th at 10:00 a.m. Ministers called: Hiram Adkins, James Tackett, Ison Hannah and Jesse Thacker.

JULY

TURKEY CREEK CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting in the head of Long Branch on the Reed Cemetery on the first Sunday. Ministers called: Willis Lowe, King Coleman, Bobby Scott, Elbert SESCO, Richard Staton, Hobert Hamilton and all Regular Baptist Ministers are invited. Dinner will be served nearby.

LEANNAH CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of Garnet Maynard on Sunday after the first Saturday on the cemetery near her home. Ministers called: Hiram Adkins, Ross Cline, Freddy Maynard and Ison Hannah.

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 Batsden, Wayne Herald and Alson Thornbury.

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, Ison 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, Paul Adkins and Frankie Scott.

ELK FORK CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting at the home of J. T. Watts on Sunday after the third Saturday. Ministers called: Tommy Adair and Mont Ellis.

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, Hiram Adkins and J. L. Nichols.

SARDIS CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the Adair cemetery on Sunday after the fourth Saturday. Ministers called: Tommy Adair, Sr., Clifford Maynard, Mont Ellis and Billy Adair.

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 Cline 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 1:00 a.m. Ministers called: Grover Adkins, Bobby Scott, Clifford Maynard and Wayne Herald.

SAMARIA CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting at the Dillon Cemetery on Sunday after the first Saturday. Ministers called: Ison Hannah, Ed Runyon, Billy R. May and Paul Vance.

ENON CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting for all the deceased members of Enon Church on the first Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: Don Little, Louie Muncey and Wayne Herald.

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, Hershel Hurley and Orbin May.

APPLE ORCHARD CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the first Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: Don Little, Hiram Adkins, Ruben Baker and Isom Hannah. Dinner will be served near the Church on Sunday.

REBECCA CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of Elders Hi Maynard W. C. Hay, M. J. Mounts and A. A. Sheppard and for F. M. Preece 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 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 Thornbury, Thomas J. Dials and Burin Thornsbury.

LITTLE ROSA CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting for all deceased members of Little Rosa Church on Sunday after the second Saturday. Ministers called: Kelly Castle, Hobert Hamilton, David Crigger, Fay Scott, Wallace Muney, Billy R. May and Moderator attending.

PIGRIM'S REST CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on Sunday after the second Saturday. Ministers called: Steve Robinson, Jr., Don Little, Hiram Adkins and Lloyd Seseo.

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 Leonard Napier.

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: Virgil Fields, Grover Adkins and Burin Thornsbury.

SAMARIA CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the Hannah Cemetery on Sunday after the third Saturday. Ministers called: Isom Hannah, Edward Runyon, Billy R. May and Paul Vance.

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 Muney.

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, Wallace Muney, Woody Pack, Ernest Cochran and Milford Lowe.

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.

SEPTEMBER

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

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, Billy R. May and Paul Vance.

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: Paul Adkins, Sabert Nichols, James Tackett, Ross Cline, Alson Thornbury 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: Ross Cline, Alson Thornbury and Wallace Muney.

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, J. L. Nichols and Hurshell Huff.

SIDNEY CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of Johnny Jude and two sons, and of the Howells on the fourth Sunday. Ministers called: Milford Lowe, Sabert Nichols, Alson Thornbury, Wayne Herald and Roosevelt Lowe.

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, Wallace Muney and Hayden Hannah.

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, Bobby Scott 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: Wayne Herald, Ross Cline and Hurshel Huff.

MT. PLEASANT CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting for all deceased members of Mt. Pleasant Church on the second Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: Edwin May, Isom Hannah, Hobert Hamilton and Wendell Hamilton.

LITTLE TAVIE CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the second Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: David Crigger, George Woods, Ernest Cochran and Eddie Tackett.

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

ROSA CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting of all deceased members of the Rosa Church on the third Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: Isom Hannah, Edward Runyon, Lacy Justice, Steve Robinson, Jr., John R. Justice, Raymond Smith and Herman West.

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, Wayne Herald, Clinton Howard and Thomas J. Dials.

PIGRIM'S HOME CHURCH will hold a memorial meeting on the fourth Saturday and Sunday. Ministers called: Paul Adkins, Wendell Hamilton, Ruben Baker and Moderators attending.

OBITUARIES

ELDER WILLIE VARNEY

It is with a broken heart, and with the help of God, that I will attempt to write an obituary of my sweet and loving daddy, Elder Willie Varney.

Daddy was born in Pike County, Kentucky on March 14, 1914 and deceased this life on April 24, 1984 at home. He was the son of the late Don Varney and Mintie (Francis) Varney.

He leaves to mourn his loss, my precious mother, Parlee (Justice) Varney, to whom he was married forty-seven years; nine children: Ronald Varney (who preceded him in death), Donald L. Varney of Pataskala, Ohio, Margaret Ann Sleeper of Reynoldsburg, Ohio, James H. Varney of Ragland, W. Va., Mintie G. Gilman of Lorain, Ohio, Dolly Fay Baisden, Johnny Ray Varney, and Clayburn Varney of Ragland, W. Va.; and Glenna Sue Robinson of Delbarton, W. Va.; eleven grandchildren; one great-granddaughter; one brother, John L. Varney, Delbarton, W. Va.; and one sister, Fannie Maynard Thornsburg of Stone, Ky.

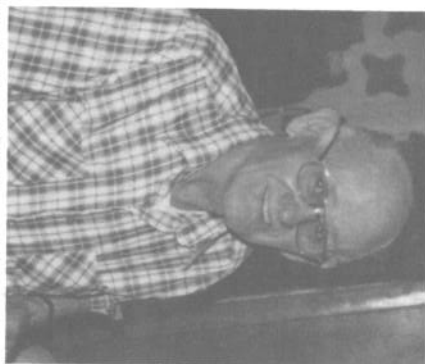
Daddy belonged to the Old Regular Baptist Church called Sardis at Delbarton, W. Va. where he was Moderator for many years. He and mother were baptized on June 3, 1951 by Elder Tommy Adair and Elder Cecil Evans. He also served as Moderator at other Churches through the years. Daddy was blessed to preach God's word until the day he died, thirty some years.

Daddy suffered a lot in the last several years with heart attacks and strokes but he always told us he wanted to do his suffering here. He had two blockages to his brain and the doctors told us that he shouldn't have been able to have a conversation. But, Thanks be to God, he could always talk with us and preach because he had the greatest doctor within him, Our Lord. He always prayed for the Lord to let him die at home and in his right mind and I thank the Lord that is the way He took him. It seemed he just went to sleep, and I believe he did, in the arms of Jesus.

I know he is deeply missed at the Old Sardis Church. He was not only a light to the Church and to us children but also to the community in which he lived. He was loved and will be missed by all who knew him. I guess, where I miss him most is at the table saying his own special Table Grace, and at Christmas times he would tell us all to gather round and sing a song and hold prayer before any gifts were opened. I could go on and on but space just wouldn't hold all I could say about my sweet daddy.

So to Mom, who so patiently took care of him so many years, I know you will miss him most of all. And to the children, let's live the way dad taught us, and take care of mom. Most of all, you who haven't made peace with God, I pray that you will take heed to what Daddy taught us and turn to the Lord as some of us have done so our family circle will not be broken in Heaven.

Written by his loving and broken-hearted daughter,
and Sister-in-The Lord, Mintie G. Gilman



ELDER TED GLANDEN

In Loving Memories, I will try to write the obituary of my Dear, Sweet Husband, Ted was born January 12, 1919 at Paisden, W. Va. to the late John H. and Susie (Perry) Glanden. He deceased this life May 28, 1984 making his stay here on earth 65 years, 5 months and 14 days.

He was married to Dale (Blankenship) Glanden and to this union was born 3 children, 10 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

He joined the Rosa Old Regular Baptist Church on the third Saturday in February 1950 and was an ordained minister for 20 years. He was ordained December 21, 1964. He was a true believer in God and was always for everything that corresponded with the Bible.

I will say this to my children, which Daddy loved very much, if you ever see Daddy again fall out with sin and go to the one that's called Jesus. Me, myself, I expect to meet him again around that beautiful throne of God.



My Heart Aches with Pain,
Written by his loving Wife, Dale Glanden

REBECCA (MAYNARD) THOMPSON

With a heavy heart and the help of our Lord, we will try and write the obituary of our beloved Mother, Rebecca Maynard Thompson.

Mom was born on April 26, 1906 at Dix Fork, Ky. Mom died at 2:40 a.m. on May 25, 1984 at the Appalachian Regional Hospital surrounded by her children. She left us with a broken heart and lots of loving memories. This made her stay on earth 78 years and 29 days.

She was the daughter of the late Jack Maynard and Ella Brown Maynard. Mommy married Daddy, the late Clayton Thompson, on March 31, 1928. To this union was born 10 children, two of which died at birth. Eight children survives: Clayton Lewis Thompson, Jr., and Claude of Chillicothe, Ohio; Bill Thompson of Glenmoore, Pa.; Bobby and Johnny Lee Thompson of Williamson, W. Va.; and Jack Thompson of Forest Hills, Ky.; two daughters, Dollie Curry and Mrs. Charlie (Nancy) Harrison of



Chattooy. Mommy leaves 18 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren; one brother, Johnny Maynard, of Dix Fork, Ky.; one half-brother, Everett Maynard of Ohio; and two half-sisters, Susie Leester of Huntington, W. Va. and Hazel Williams of Ohio.

Mom joined the Old Regular Baptist Church around 20 years ago and placed her membership with the Dix Fork Church. Mom loved to go to Church but was unable to attend the last several years because of illness.

God blessed us with a very special Mommy and Daddy. They worked hard raising the children and we loved them deeply. I would like to say to my brothers and my sisters, be good to each other and help one another. If we want to see Mommy and Daddy again, we will have to be worthy of going to Heaven. I am glad that Mommy is with Daddy. They are both in God's hands now. But our great loss is Heaven's gain.

Written by her daughters,
Dollie Curry and Nancy Harrison

VICIE GILLMAN HENDRICKS

Vicie Gillman Hendricks was born October 14, 1896 at Whitmore, W. Va., daughter of the late William (Bill) Gillman and Pheobe Stone Gillman, and deceased this life on November 13, 1983. She was a member of the Tabitha Baptist Church since June, 1924.

She was the mother of twelve children, six boys and six girls; Lomnire Emmett, deceased; Virda Iva, Bradenton, Fla.; William B. Hendricks, Chauncey, W. Va.; Alice H. Cannon, Mt. Olivetale, Ohio; Minnie deceased; Randalls Hendricks, Stanton, Va.; Lewis Hendricks, deceased; Pheobe Funes, Chauncey, W. Va.; Ruby Woods, Bradenton, Fla.; and Wendell Hendricks, Bradenton, Fla.

Mother was a kind and gentle mother to all her children and to everyone that knew her. She always had a faithful prayer for all her loved ones. God has called her away to her home in Heaven and I believe that she is resting in peace and joy. She left me this message, to be a friend in Jesus, our Saviour, that we might meet her in that eternal home.

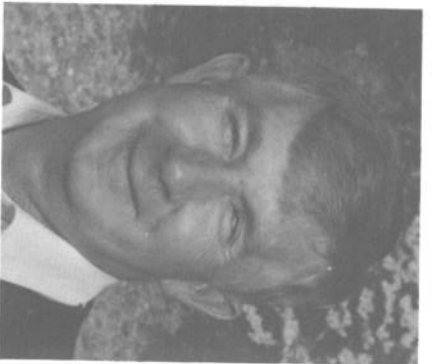
I know that I will miss her everyday of my life.

Her son,
Tolbert.



ELDER KIRK CAUDILL, JR.

With much sadness, I will try to write part of the obituary of my dear husband, Elder Kirk Caudill, Jr., who passed away April 13, 1984. He was 50 years old and the son of the late Kirk and Martha Le-master Caudill of Louisa, Ky. He was married to Eula Castle on November 10, 1950. To this union was born four children: Michael Caudill, Athens, Ohio; Juanita K. Webb, Fort Gay, W. Va.; Nora Porter, Huntington, W. Va.; and Deanna Caudill at home. Also surviving are four grand-children, six brothers and two sisters. Two brothers and two sisters preceded him in death.



Kirk had a serious accident in 1975 and never had another well day but the good Lord let him live until he was saved and joined the Church. He said the last three years was the best part of his life. When he was in the hospital he told me to tell all his friends not to cry over him, he was going home. I've heard him pray so much for me and the children and our friends who don't know the Lord. I hope some day we can say Daddy's God is our God. Our home will never be the same. We miss him so much.

Written by his lonely wife
who loved him very much,
Eula Caudill

Brother Kirk Caudill, Jr. was converted and baptised into the Old Regular Baptist Church on the 4th Tuesday in June, 1981. He lived in such a way that all who knew him loved him. He will be greatly missed by all, especially the Church. Brother Jr. was a shining example of a man who is born of God's divine Spirit and who was very zealous of good works which is commanded of people professing Godliness. His God and our God called him to the ministry to proclaim life and salvation to lost men and women which he fulfilled very fervently. He was ordained a minister by Elizabeth Church early in his christian life and traveled far and near to fulfill his calling even though his health was against him. We know and feel that Elizabeth Church has lost a wonderful Brother, the people a true friend, and the Association a humble servant. In writing this humble obituary, we are trying to give Brother Jr. the honor we feel he deserved but most of all his obedience to his maker.

To his children, his companion, and his brothers and sisters (the ones who are still unsaved) we want to say what Brother Jr. would have said to you, "to inherit eternal life you must be born again".

We, the Elizabeth Church, feel to know that Brother Jr. is at rest in the paradise of God and as sure as there is a God in Heaven, he will come forth in the great and grand and noble resurrection with a body free from pain and agony that he suffered so much here on earth. Sleep on, Brother Jr., for a

short while and we whom you have left to mourn will meet you where we will separate no more, where you won't have to cease from singing the songs you loved to sing but will shout and sing God's praises throughout a never ending eternity. Farewell, Brother, until we meet again and may God's blessings rest upon the ones you have left behind.

Written by his brother-in-law,
Elder Kelly Castle

OSCAR FLETCHER

It is with much sadness that I will try, with the help of the Lord, to write the obituary of my beloved husband, Oscar Fletcher, who departed this life to be with Christ on April 26, 1984.

He was born May 14, 1938 to Jeff Fletcher and the late Easte (Jude) Fletcher; making his stay here on earth 45 years, 11 months and 12 days. He was married to Linda (Muney) Fletcher on February 27, 1965 and to this union were born two lovely children, Melissa (Fletcher) Scott and Angela Dawn Fletcher, both of Three Forks, Ky.



Oscar professed a hope in Christ and gave his hand to be baptized on the second Sunday in March 1972. He was a devoted husband and Father who loved and was so proud of his family. He leaves to mourn his death his wife, Linda Fletcher, and two daughters, Melissa Scott and Angela Fletcher; his Father, Jeff Fletcher, seven brothers: Johnny, Joe, Matt, Arthur, Glen, Melvin and Arnold, one brother, Henry, preceded him in death; and six sisters: Mae Steton, Elizabeth Howell, Lillian Stacy, Dolly Maynard and Janet Jude, two sisters preceded him in death, Gracie and Margaret Fletcher.

There are many good words and deeds we could say of Oscar but we feel it's not necessary for all who knew him knew the good life he lived. His warm smile and loving ways will not greet us here on earth no more but will be renewed again in Heaven where God will wipe away all tears. Oscar is gone from us now, but by the Grace of God we will see him again in Heaven some day.

I want to say to my children, Daddy is not dead, he is only sleeping and if you will do what your Daddy tried to teach you to do and follow after Christ and obey the Bible you will meet Daddy again someday. We all miss Oscar so much, but we feel our loss is Heaven's gain. Sadly missed by loving wife and family.

Written by Wife,
Linda Fletcher and Niece, Kathy Allen

BELLE (YOUNG) BEVINS

We are proud to write an obituary of our Mother and grandmother, Belle Young Bevins. She was born at Varney Ky. on February 4, 1901. The daughter of the late A. J. (Butler) Young and Minnie (Williamson) Young. She departed this life December 15, 1983, making her stay on earth 81 years.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Willie Bevins, one granddaughter, one great-granddaughter, two brothers and a sister. She is survived by one daughter, Ethel Mae Staton, of Turkey Creek, Ky., two brothers, two sisters and four grandchildren.

She was a member of the Old Regular Baptist Church at Turkey Creek, Ky. A faithful member always filling her seat until sickness kept her away. She was a firm believer in our Lord, Jesus Christ, always looking forward to the coming of our Lord and the great resurrection, where she could dwell with the Lord forever.

We miss her very much but we believe our loss is Heaven's gain.

Written by the family

LILLIAN GLATICE MAYNARD

With much sadness and an aching heart we will try to write the obituary of our Dear Mother and Grandmother, Lillian Glalice (Stamper) Maynard. She was born in Spartanburg, North Carolina on April 13, 1895, the daughter of Lee and Martha (Richardson) Stamper.

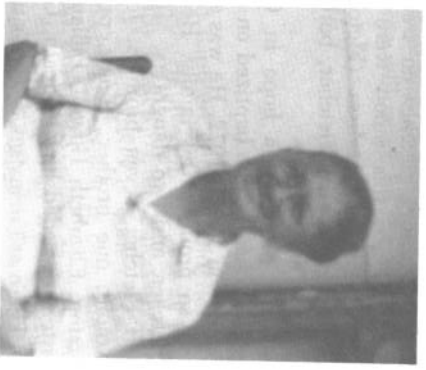
She was married to Willie Lowe, who preceded her in death in December, 1917, and to this union was born one child, Minta Mae Lowe (Robinson) Maynard of Citra, Fla.

She then married Eldon (Doc) Maynard, who also preceded her in death in May, 1965. To this union were born four children: Eldon Maynard of Varney, Ky.; Gene Maynard, of Panama City, Fla.; Martha Nichols of Guthare, Ky.; and Dora Griffey of Ocala, Fla. She also leaves one stepdaughter, Luna Namath of Tennessee.

She is survived by 21 grandchildren, 59 great-grandchildren and 6 great-great-grandchildren; one sister, Neelie Marcum, and one brother, Clifford Stamper, both of West Virginia. She was preceded in death by three brothers. Mommy also leaves a host of other relatives and friends to mourn her loss.

Maw joined the Apple Orchard Church in the year of 1938 and lived a faithful member. Maw will be very much missed by us all.

Written by her Son, Eldon Maynard and Granddaughter, Linda Gale Muney



PEARL LESTER

With a sad and aching heart, I will try to write the obituary of my dear, loving mother, Pearl Lester. She was so good to everyone she met. Mom was born February 15, 1908 and passed away on April 6, 1984.

Mom was married to Lee Lester, who preceded her in death, and to this union was born 10 children. Three preceded her in death.

Mom suffered so much in this life but I was with her the day God called her home. I am thankful that she went so easy. I want to tell my brothers and sisters, if they want to see Mom again, they will have to fall out with sin. I believe our loss is Heaven's gain and I believe I will meet Mom again someday.

Written by her Daughter, Alma Trent

JETTIE TAYLOR

In loving memory I will attempt to write the obituary of a dear old sister I met some years ago. I have fond memories of the times I visited her and Brother Clinton in their humble home and the good meetings we worshipped together in Church.

Sister Jettie was the daughter of the late Andrew and Letha Scalf SESCO. She was born September 10, 1898 at Guthare, Kentucky and passed away from this life on May 11, 1984. She was married to the late Clinton Taylor on May 11, 1918 and to this union were born three sons: Clinton Taylor, Jr, Catlettsburg, Ky.; Okey Taylor, Williams, West Virginia; and Donald Taylor, Prestonsburg, Ky.; and four daughters: Gladys Blackburn, McCombs, Ky.; Carleen Blackburn, Johns Creek, Ky.; Elizabeth McCoy, Turkey Creek, Ky.; and Angeline Lowe, McCombs, Ky. She is also survived by one sister, Georgia Scott; twenty-nine grandchildren; thirty-five great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren; with relatives and friends to mourn her passing.

Sister Jettie became a member of the Old Regular Baptist Church, at Big Branch, on August 30, 1952. She was baptized by the hands of Elder J. R.



Coleman and Elder J. L. Nichols. She remained a true and faithful member. You children and grandchildren have lost a good mother and grandmother and the Big Branch Church a wonderful sister. I believe she is at rest just waiting for Jesus to call her to Heaven, a land where she will never grow old. May God bless all of you children and any of you that have not made peace with God, don't wait too late. Life here is drifting by and you must be born again if you want to meet mother in Heaven.

Written by a Brother in Christ that loved her,
Elder Ernest Cochran

GEORGE A. FRANCE

With a deep sadness and sorrow in my heart, I will try to write an obituary of a true friend, neighbor and brother in Church. George was born May 11, 1924 at Johns Creek, Ky., and died May 27, 1984. He was the son of the late Tom and Larrie McCoy France.

He is survived by his wife, Marie Chafin France, two daughters, Norma Brodie of New Hampshire, and Carolyn Williamson of Cleveland, Ohio; four brothers, John of Wharncliffe, Pearl and Tom, Jr., both of Columbus, Ohio; and Earl, of Wheeling, W. Va.; four sisters, Norma Taylor of Delbarton, Dolly Bailey of Columbus, Versie Bennett of Gauley Bridge and Betty Perkins of Cleveland; and eight grandchildren.

George had belonged to the Bethany Regular Baptist Church on Laurel Creek for many years. He was a firm believer in the Regular Baptist faith and attended Church as long as he was able. The Bible says a tree is known by the fruit it bears and we feel from the life he lived and the testimony I have heard him give, I believe his soul is resting under the altar of God.

To his children and loved ones, may I say that I hope you make preparation to meet Father again in this life, and this life only is the time to fall out with the ways of this world and close in with the mercy of God.

The children lost a good father whom they surely will miss but Marie has lost her life-long companion, her love and friend in joy and sorrow. Brother George has been called from a world of sorrow and trouble to a land of peace and contentment. If he could speak back to his loved ones he would say, "Don't weep for me, but rather weep for yourselves and your children." For it was the mercy of God that called Brother George out of this world of pain and sorrow to the sunny shores of Paradise, where he won't suffer any more.

Written by a sister in hope,
Ada Chafin



COON MCCOY

With prayers and hopes of seeing her someday, I write this obituary of my Dear, Sweet Mama.

Coon Pauline Ratliff McCoy, born February 13, 1894, making her stay here 89 years, 11 months and 8 days. She was the daughter of the late J. H. (Jim) and Margaret (Clay) Ratliff. She was a member of the Big Branch Church.

She was married to the late Pete McCoy and to this union was born four children: Russell Pete (deceased), Clinton McCoy, Margaret McCoy and Bertha M. Blackburn. She had four grandchildren, T. J. McCoy (deceased), Greg, Diana and Raleigh Pete Blackburn and one great-grandchild, Clifton Michael Blackburn. She also leaves one sister, Joetta Smith, and two brothers, John G. Ratliff and R. H. James. Four sisters (Riova Ratliff, Lizzie Blackburn, Byrd Blackburn, Zetta Morrison) and six brothers (Ballard, Edgar, Burley, Shirley, Strelie Ratliff and Chester James) preceded her in death. Mama, with her sweet smile and kind and loving ways, was a great inspiration to all who knew her and is sadly missed by her family and friends. She was a guiding light to all of us and I pray that we can live a life so we can be with her where we will part no more.

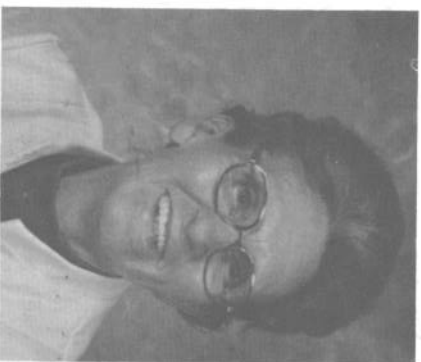
Written with Love,
By her Granddaughter, Diana Pauline Blackburn

EULA (ROBINETTE) WILLIAMSON

It is with much sadness and an aching heart, and I trust God's guidance, that I make this attempt to write this obituary of my dear Aunt and beloved sister, Sister Eula Robinette Williamson.

Sister Williamson was born at Varney, Ky., on July 4, 1915, and departed this life on July 16, 1984, making her stay here on earth, God's footstool, 69 years and 12 days.

Sister Eula was the daughter of the late William (Bill) Robinette and Mintie (Hinkle) Robinette. She was united in marriage to George Williamson on March 23, 1935. To this union were born seven children, five sons and two daughters, namely: Vernal Lee Williamson of Pontiac, Michigan; Fred Williamson of Varney, Ky.; Marvin



Ester Williamson of Anthony, Florida; Paul Vondon Williamson of Varney, Ky.; Hassel Williamson of Clarkston, Michigan; and Mrs. Shirley Moore of Lake Orion, Michigan. She was preceded in death by her father and mother, her husband, a daughter (Shelby Jean) who died in infancy, one sister, Sister Inez Thompson and five brothers, Brother Robie Robinette, Brother Lilburn Robinette, Marvin Robinette, Lee Robinette and Eldon Robinette.

Sister Eula leaves five sons; one daughter; fourteen grandchildren, two of whom spent practically all their lives with her, Donna Kay and Vondon Williamson; two great-grandchildren: two brothers, Fred Robinette and John Robinette of Pontiac, Michigan; a host of friends and relatives and the entire membership of the Pilgrim's Home Church to mourn her passing.

Sister Eula confessed a hope in Christ and was baptized into the fellowship of the Pilgrim's Home Church on October 22, 1949 at the hands of Elder Emmitt Case. Sister Eula was a devoted wife, a kind and loving mother to her children and grandchildren, and a kind friend and gentle neighbor to all. Sister Eula has bore severe pain for a great deal of her life. She bore her heart aches and suffering with great patience.

Children, Mother's suffering is over, her soul is housed in Paradise awaiting the Resurrection Day, where it will claim its own body and will live forever and ever with our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, in a land where all is peace and joy. Children, today you must say farewell to your mother. If you ever expect to meet mother again you must go to the same source she went to. That source is Jesus Christ. You must meet Jesus Christ in a pardon and remission of your sins in order to meet Mother again.

Written as requested, by a Brother in hope of eternal life,
James M. Ray

LOUISE VERNATTER CURRY

It is with much sadness and grief that I will attempt, by the help of God, to write the obituary of my sweet Mother-in-law, Louise Vernatter Curry. She departed this life on December 28, 1977. She was born September 23, 1898, making her stay on earth 79 years, 3 months, and 5 days.

She was married to Greenway Curry, in approximately the year of 1917, who preceded her in death on November 28, 1972. To this union was born 11 children. One infant son, Jack, preceded her in death on February 13, 1942. Leaving 10 children at her time of death, 5 sons and 5 daughters. The sons are: Mack, Tom, Emza, Everette and Earnest, who departed this life on December 21, 1981. The daughters are: Ermatrude Rosendo, Ida Hurst, Ivy Chaffin, Alice Curry and Edna Maynard.

Sister Louise joined the Old Regular Baptist Church called Tibitha at Omar, W. Va., approximately 1930. She was a faithful attendant until she became ill and disabled to attend the old Church.

With her death she was missed by her Brothers and Sisters of the old Church, her family and a host of friends. Even though a day doesn't pass that we don't think of her and miss her we feel that our loss was Heaven's gain. I feel with all my heart that my sweet mother-in-law is resting in peace. Sadly missed by her family and friends.

Written by a loving daughter-in-law,
Mrs. Emza Curry

ANDY and HAZEL STEPP

It is with very sad and lonely hearts, but such sweet memories, and the help of our Heavenly Father, that we will try and write the obituary of our parents, Andy and Hazel Stepp, who departed this life only sixteen-days apart.

Mom was born April 7, 1905, the daughter of the late Jim and Victoria Gillman, and departed this life September 15, 1983, making her stay on earth 78 years, 5 months and 15 days.

Dad was born on March 27, 1902, the son of the late Freddie and Liddle Stepp, and departed this life on October 1, 1983, making his stay on earth 81 years, 6 months, and 3 days.

Dad and Mom were united in marriage on December 5, 1922 and to this union was born 7 children. One son, Virgil and one daughter, Gladys, died in infancy. One daughter, Myrthel (Stepp) Bevins, preceded them in death on April 27, 1980. Surviving children are: Yonna Deskins, Hatfield, Ky.; Louise Walters, Hatfield, Ky.; Martha Sartin, Turkey Creek, Ky.; and Lassie Walters, Sidney, Ky.; and ten grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren. One grandson, Douglas Deskins preceded them in death.

They both were members of the Old Regular Baptist Church. Their membership was at the Mary Elizabeth Church. Mom joined the Church September 16, 1951 and Dad joined the Church June, 1980. They loved to fill their seat every Church time and were blessed to do so until just a short time before their death. We feel their christian life spoke for itself for the Bible said to let your light shine before this world and we feel they did this. We feel the Church has lost two very strong members and the community two of it's wonderful friends. We know, as their family, we have lost two beautiful parents, who where not only our Dad and Mom but our very best friends.

We feel with all our hearts they are resting from their long, hard labor and are awaiting that final day when all those that love and serve God can be together as one big happy family around the throne of God, where they will no longer be our Father and Mother, but our Brother and Sister.

Let's all be good to each other and wait patiently for the Lord to call us home. We pray all the family will be ready when the Lord calls and they, too, must answer and give an account of the deeds done in this world.

Mom and Dad, we will always remember your love throughout the years. Your help and inspiration and guidance on life's way. We will always remember all you've done for us, right from the very start, and love you and cherish our memories of you both with all our hearts.

Written by their natural daughters and Daughters-in-Christ,
Louise Walters, Yonna Deskins, Martha Sartin, Lassie Walters



ARTHUR BOSTIC

Although his voice is stilled now by death, the precious memories of a dear, kind, and loving father and husband will always be with us. We feel Arthur left us for a better home in Glory on February 18, 1938.

He was born January 23, 1891, to William "Bill" Bostic and Liza Jane Cochran Bostic. He was married to Annie Varney Bostic and to this union was born five children, three living and two deceased. The living are as follow: Roxie Zornes, Vicky Smith, and Hattie Hensley. Etha Bostic and Henry Edward Bostic are the deceased. He has ten grandchildren, twenty-five great-grandchildren, and six great-great-grandchildren.

Arthur was baptized by the hands of Elders J. C. Thornsbury and H. C. Maynard on February 15, 1938. On the first Saturday in April, 1938, by motion and second, he was received in full fellowship with Dix Fork Old Regular Baptist Church.

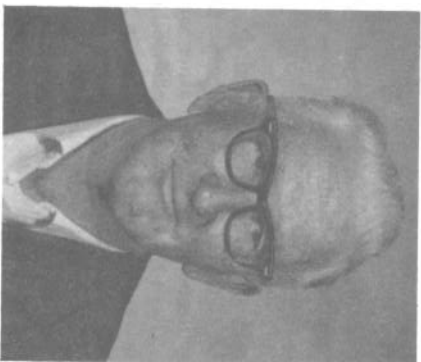
This has made us often think of the scripture found in Matthew, Chapter 5, Verse 6 from the Sermon on the Mount, "Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled."

Written by his daughter, Hattie Hensley,
and Sister in Hope, Thurajene Thornsbury

RILEY DILLON

It is with a sad heart but with many wonderful memories I will try to write the obituary of my beloved husband. He was born March 9, 1903 and deceased this life November 8, 1983. He was the son of the late John and Emma (Moore) Dillon. He was married to Wilda (May) Dillon on February 28, 1925 and to this union was born sixteen children. One daughter, Lola (Dillon) Taylor, preceded him in death at age forty-two. He leaves his wife, fifteen children, forty-five grandchildren, several great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild to mourn his loss.

He was a member of Bethany Church of Old Regular Baptist where he remained a faithful member until his death. He had a long lingering illness but filled his seat in the Church as long as he could go. He is missed by his Brothers and Sisters of the Church.



I was standing by his side, holding his hand, in the hospital when God called his spirit home. He went with a beautiful smile on his face that made it easier for me to bear. I want to say to his loved ones that are still out in sin, if you ever want to go to that beautiful place that Jesus went to prepare for those that love and serve Him, you will have to repent and be born again.

Before I close, I want to thank all of my Brothers and Sisters in Christ who were so good to come to our home and have Church with him. May God richly bless all of you.

Written by his wife,
Wilda (May) Dillon

PEARL (VANCE) NEWSOME

It's with much weakness that I will try to write this obituary, asking for God's help and guidance in this as in all things down through my life.

Pearl was born July 4, 1932, the eldest of 14 children born to the union of Walter Leslie and Georgia (May) Vance, who are still living. One infant brother, Clayton, preceded her in death. Surviving brothers are Kenneth, Joseph, Billy Ray, Gary, Paul and Phillip Ellis. Surviving sisters are Jacqueline Sturgill, Betty Jean Mooneyham, Margie Dillon, Phyllis Jarvis, Karen Kay Jones and Bonnie Baisden.

Pearl was the mother of 13 children and grandmother of 10. Two infant sons, Terry Lee and Joseph, preceded her in death. Surviving sons are: Glen Darrel, Terry, Ronnie, Jimmy, Jr., Michael, Leslie and Lyle. Surviving daughters are: Lois Johnson, Yvonne Vance, Diana Mitchell, Paul Vance and Faith.

Pearl was a member of Samaria Old Regular Baptist Church at Dingess. She was baptized by Elder Paul Vance and Elder Billy Ray May. She told us all the time through her illness not to worry about her. The family doesn't worry but we miss her sweet presence so much.

Pearl departed life on earth June 8, 1984, after a long illness with cancer, making her life here 51 years, 11 months and 4 days. I feel that on that day God granted her prayers. She said she had prayed to leave her body and I feel that her spirit is now resting around the throne of God. Just a few hours before her death Pearl said she was in the prettiest place she had ever seen. I believe God let her see across Jordan to where her new home is. If you want to go where I feel Pearl is, you will have to do as she done—fall out with the ways of sin, pray for God to forgive you and receive a new birth in Christ Jesus.

Written by her sister-in-law
and Sister in Christ, Judy Vance



MARTHA M. WEBB

In loving memory I will try to write the obituary of my Mother, Martha M. Webb. Mother was born March 24, 1900 at Myrtle, W. Va., in Mingo County. She was the daughter of the late Andy and Mary Runyon Maynard. She departed this life February 11, 1984 at her home at Myrtle.

Mother was married to Wallace Webb, who survives. She also had one daughter, Mary W. Siegert. She was preceded in death by three sisters and four brothers.

Mother became a member of the Rebecca Regular Baptist Church when she was 16 years old, making her a member for 68 years.

We miss you Mother but know you have a better home. May God bless you and keep you.

Sadly missed by husband, Wallace Webb,
Daughter, Mary, Neighbors and Friends



RESSIE GROSS

Sister Ressie was the daughter of the late Harpe and Thausie King Johnson, born December 9, 1896. She departed from this life May 3, 1984. She was a member of the Bent Branch Old Regular Baptist Church, being baptized by the hands of Elder Harvey Lowe and Elder Ernest Cochran on November 9, 1958.

She was married to the late Bradley Gross. To this union were born 13 children, two preceded her in death, and seven children survive her, four sons: Bradley Gross, Jr., Marvin Gross and Arnold Gross all of Rt. 1, Pikeville, Ky., and Robert Gross of Taylor, Michigan; seven daughters: Vina Cundiff and Esta Justice, both of Pikeville, Ky., Sadie Bowen of Chattahoochee, W. Va., Fay Neil May of Sidney, Ky., Betty May of Florida, Doris Gross, McCury, Ky., and Joyce Long of Wyandotte, Michigan. She leaves 68 grandchildren, 113 great-grandchildren with relatives and friends to mourn her passing.

I believe Sister Ressie's soul is resting in the paradise of God and her body will be raised in glory at the resurrection where she will not suffer from cancer and the toils of this life. May God bless you children.

Written at the request of the family, by a Brother in Christ,
Elder Ernest Cochran



GARNETT (LOWE) MAYNARD

In memoriam, of Sister Garnett (Lowe) Maynard. She was born March 18, 1938 in Martin County, Kentucky. She was the daughter of Brother Milford Lowe of Pikeville, Ky., who survives, and the late Ger-tie (Jones) Lowe.

Survivors, in addition to the father, include the husband, Roy Maynard; two sons, Terry M. Maynard and Harry M. Maynard, both of Pilgrim, Ky.; her daughter-in-law, Carolyn (Potter) Maynard; and one grand-child, Gregory M. Maynard; three brothers, Hayes Lowe, Gabe D. Lowe, and Lloyd E. Lowe, all of Pilgrim, Ky.; two sisters, Larna (Lowe) Nichols and Eunice J. (Lowe) Delong, both of Pilgrim, Ky.

Sister Garnett, after eight or nine days of being in a semi-coma, called for her husband (Roy) and talked with him, Bro. Milford and others telling them she had to go, Jesus is coming after me. She was blessed with strength to tell of the most beautiful place she had ever seen, also of the angels, and of Jesus and the little children around Him. She rejoiced much.

She is gone now, gone to be with Jesus, in that beautiful that blest forever.

Written by,

Elder Sabert Nichols and wife Larna



DOCK MULLINS

It is with much sadness that I attempt to write the obituary of my beloved grandfather.

Born May 9, 1909, the son of the late Floyd and Mary Bentley Mullins, he departed this life on January 10, 1984, making his stay on earth 74 years, 7 months and 10 days.

Being united in Holy matrimony to Trulie Maynard Mullins on July 26, 1934, given to this union were two daughters, Leona Cannon and Mary Ann Stafford, both of Sidney, Ky.; and two sons, Arnold Mullins of Marysville, Ohio and Lester Mullins of Huntington, W. Va.

Also, surviving are two brothers, Paris Mullins of Ohio, and Bill Mullins of North Carolina; five sisters, Mr. Ora Perkins and Mrs. Della V. Taylor, both of Huntington, W. Va., Mrs. Rebecca Ford of Zebulon, Ky., Mrs. Sue Ford of Elkhorn City, Ky., and Mrs. Bertha King of Ohio; twelve grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.



Grandfather was a retired miner and member of Local 5737 of the United Mine Workers of America. Being united to the Old Regular Baptist Church of Dix Fork on the first Sunday in July, 1955 and being ordained a Deacon, he served the Church with love and support until the good Lord called him to that eternal home. Yes, to some Grandfather may be dead but to others he is just asleep in Jesus Christ. As the Holy word of God teaches and what Grandfather believed in so strongly, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

I feel the words that Grandpa would leave to all of us is this, "Blessed are the dead that die in the Lord from henceforth, Yea saith the Spirit that they may rest from their labors and their works do follow after them; for the family to stand united, giving our love, support and prayers one to another."

Yes, Grandpa, your works do follow after you for we will always cherish the many kind deeds, words and smiles that you gave unto us.
Rest on until we shall meet again.

Written by one who loved you very much,
Your Grandson, Michael Elswick

MARY (CHAFINS) HIGNITE

With sadness of heart I am writing this obituary of my beloved Mother, Mary Hignite, who departed this life March 8, 1984 at the age of 57 years and 5 months. She was the daughter of Ranson and Sarah (Cantebury) Chafins, who preceded her in death.

She married James Hignite on February 11, 1945 at Puritan, W. Va., who survives, and to this union was born 11 children, one of whom preceded her in death. Ten are left to mourn her loss, namely, five daughters: Gloria, Brenda, Sarah, Nette and Deanna; and five sons: James, Jr., Lester, Freddie, Bob and George. She had 13 grandchildren, 3 brothers and 7 sisters.

Mother was a faithful member of the Bethany Old Regular Baptist Church. Everyone who knew her loved her. She will be greatly missed by her husband, children, brothers, sisters, grandchildren and a host of friends and loved ones.

Dear Jesus, Mom is with you in Heaven. She was a blessing to us while here and she taught us of Jesus and His precious love. Someday we will join her in Heaven.

Written by her daughter,
Gloria Davis



WILLIAM GRAYSON CRIGGER

As I sit here today thinking of this man that's so dear to me and watching him slowly die, I wonder how he could be so brave as death has a watchful eye. I've known him over half my life and I look back and remember all the times when he was so happy and that pleasant smile that seemed to glow on his face and I ask myself, where has it gone.

In all his daily walks, he never gave me any reason to doubt him. I never saw him lean to the left nor to the right. He always walked the straight and narrow. I now look at the suffering in his eyes and what the years have done to his small weathered face, but oh, such beauty that I see there that was formed through God's grace.

I look back and remember the little things he has done for me, and with such gentleness he treated me like his child. Seeing him lie there bearing his infirmities with such patience, has helped make me try harder to be a better person. Death may separate us and break these bonds, but it will not diminish our love for him. But now that this has happened, he will be more free than all others left behind for life is a test and this world a trial, but death is the cure for all diseases for those who are righteous.

He will not feel the pain of our parting but we who stay here will suffer. I'm glad I met this man that's been a great part of our lives. He has touched so many people in some way. He's been a loving husband, devoted father and a friend and has lived so it will be safe for us to walk in his shadow.

Dad was born June 28, 1919 at Dix Fork, Ky., and deceased this life August 22, 1984 of a lingering illness. This made his stay here 65 years, 1 month and 25 days. He was the son of the late Harmon and Mary Brown Crigger. On February 4, 1939 he was joined in marriage to Minnie Robinson Crigger, who survives, and to this union was born one son, Lloyd David Crigger. Survivors include his daughter-in-law, Geraldine, two grandchildren, Cynthia Lynn and Paul David, and two sisters, Marie Johnson and Ruth Smith. He also leaves a host of relatives and friends. One sister Jeanette preceded him in death.

Dad was employed by the State Highway Department of Pikeville, Ky. He had respect and high regards for his fellow workers and spoke of them often. Dad was baptized the second Sunday in May, 1949, by the hands of Elders Harold Edmonds and Jonah Bevins and remained a loving and faithful member of the Dix Fork Church. He was chosen and ordained a Deacon the first Saturday in April, 1973, and also served the Church as Assistant Clerk for the past several years.

Life is empty now that he's left us here, but somehow God will help us pick up the pieces and go on, looking for the day when we, too, will pay the debt that all must pay and lay our head down at Jesus's feet and sweetly go to



sleep. I can see us now on that morning, with the light shining all around us, clasping one another's hands, embracing each other for a grand reunion where there are no goodbyes. How I rejoice to know that this day will surely come. It makes my faith grow stronger and my hope brighter.

So farewell dear loved one, we will embrace again, when that bright shining smile of yours will be placed upon your sweet glowing face to never be marred by pain nor sickness again and we shall once again walk in the shining light of God's love.

Written by one who dearly loved him,
His daughter-in-law, Geraldine

MARY (STANLEY) ROBINETTE

1892-1983

This obituary is written in memory of our dear Mother, Mary Robinette, who deceased this life November 21, 1983.

She was born April 17, 1892 to Calvin and Martha Elswick Stanley. The Lord giving her 91 wonderful years here on earth.

Ma, as everyone knew her, was married to Jeff Robinette on April 28, 1908. He preceded her in death December 14, 1958. To this union were born eleven children, nine sons and two daughters.

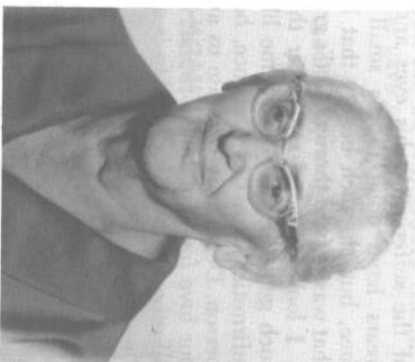
Five sons, Homer, Leonard, Willard, Ferrell, and Virgil, preceded her in death. Left to mourn her loss are Toney and George of Pikeville, Earl of Varney, John of Meta, Marie of Lexington, and Ruby of Varney. Forty-two grandchildren, sixty-four great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren, and a host of friends and relatives also mourn her loss.

Ma was baptized into the membership of the Pilgrim Home Church of Old Regular Baptist on September 28, 1952. She remained faithful, filling her seat as long as her health permitted.

Although most of Ma's life was filled with hardships and hard work, she cooked and fed people and reared her family which she loved so dearly. Through it all she seemed to always be full of joy. There is no way I could compress the many good things about Ma. She was the sweetest, most generous, compassionate and understanding mother on earth, always thanking the Lord for her many wonderful blessings.

To everyone who knew and loved Ma so dearly, love one another as she did, live for Jesus, and some day we will see her again where she will not be crippled and in pain. She is resting from all her troubles until the resurrection, where she will go home to glory and walk the streets of gold.

Written with love by her daughter-in-law,
Mae Robinette



MARVIN ROSE

Memories of Brother Marvin's cries keep ringing in my ears, "Have mercy Oh Lord, have mercy!"

I, too, need you Oh Lord, as I sit here with a sad heart praying for guidance. I feel so unworthy to write the obituary of the most humble man I ever knew on earth, God's foot stool.

God did hear Brother Marvin's cries and let his illness be short. Born in Pike County, September 28th, 1920; died June 17th, 1984; making his stay on earth 64 years, 9 months, and 13 days. Brother Marvin was the son of Tivis and Dora Hylton Rose, both deceased.

Brother Marvin married Lokie Pinion Rose on February 23, 1972. They have one son Roy Mitchell Rose.

Brother Marvin had four brothers: Neal Rose of Sharrondale, Ky.; Ireland Rose of Salyersville, Ky.; Brother Arnold Rose and Aaron Rose, both deceased. Seven sisters: Nola Mae Brownlee of Turkey Creek, Ky.; Lola June Chaffin of Crum, W. Va.; Gladys Drake of Bath, N. Y.; Stella, Zella, Virgie and Lara, all deceased.

Brother Marvin joined the Old Regular Baptist Church and was baptized August 8th, 1976, by the hands of Brother Lloyd SESCO and Brother Alson Thornbury. He placed his membership with the Enon Church. He was a most humble and faithful member until his death.

Brother Marvin leaves behind his wife Lokie, his son Mitch, and a host of relatives, friends, Brothers and Sisters in the Lord.

I thank you God for that good spirit as I wrote this obituary of Brother Marvin, and for the wonderful memories that he has left behind in my mind.

Written by request of the family:
Sister Joyce Justice



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 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 reproved by the Association as they think proper.

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Brother James M. Ray	Box 132, Varney, Ky. 41571

**CHURCH DELEGATES
TO THE 1984
SARDIS ASSOCIATION**

MT. PLEASANT: Charles Elkins, Edgar Sealf, James Scott.
APPLE ORCHARD: Charles Thompson, Elwood Maynard, John Lowe.
ENON: Willis Staton, James Spencer, Chester Fields.
REBECCA: Edwin Hay, Edward Runyon, Hi Preece.
BENT BRANCH: Homer Collins, Lloyd SESCO, Merlin SESCO.
SARDIS: John Brumfield, Greenway Estep, J. T. Watts, Sr.
BIG BRANCH: Landon Taylor, J. L. Nichols, Clinton McCoy.
MARY ELIZABETH: Oscar Stepp, J. D. Walters, Kermit Romans.
BETHANY: Ellis Davis, Isom Hannah, Charles Hall.
ELK FORK: Harrison Baisden, Wayne Sheppard, Jonah Elkins.
PILGRIM'S HOME: Danny Runyon, Fred Muncy, Millard Robinette.
SALEM: Roosevelt Lowe, W. H. Hale, Carl Bevins.
SIDNEY: John Jude, Arnold Howell, Joe Fletcher.
DIX FORK: Burlin Thornsbury, Stewart Brown, Gasher Blackburn.
NARROWS BRANCH: Clyde Brown, Russell Thacker, Virgil Stanley.
LEANNAH: Ben Robinson, Gabe Lowe, Jr., Steve Robinson, Jr.
BUCK CREEK: Delbert Kazee, Thomas J. Dials, Marion Duncan.
TIBITHA: Lionel Smith, S. D. Hensley, Jack Robinette.
LITTLE ROSA: Fay Scott, Frankie White, Emerson Jarrell.
TURKEY CREEK: Lonzie Thomas, Leroy Reed, Granvel Lowe.
SAMARIA: Billy R. May, Paul Vance, James Baisden.
ROSA: Johnnie F. Cline, Jerry Thompson, Estel Ritchie.
MUNCY VALLEY: R. F. Runyon, Sr., Tommy Ellis, Mont Ellis.
LITTLE VIRGIE: Alson Thornbury, Lloyd Lowe, Willie Stillner.
SOUTHERN HOME: Robert R. Clay, Tommy Adair, Sr., Robert Youmans.
PILGRIM'S REST: Ralph Smith, Leon Robinson, Dallas Maynard.
OKEECHOBEE: Monroe Ousley, Charley Stewart, James Barney.
ELIZABETH: Kelly Castle, Leonard Maynard, David Castle.
LITTLE TAVIE: L. W. Wood, Julius Cochran, Donnie Brown.

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PILGRIM'S REST	Piso, Ky.	Foster Blackburn, Varney, Ky. 41571
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CHURCH	MODERATOR	TENT CONTRIBUTIONS	MINUTES REQUESTED	RECEIVED BY BAPTISM	RECEIVED BY LETTER	RECEIVED BY RESTORATION	RECEIVED BY RECOMMENDATION	DISMISSED BY LETTER	DECEASED	EXCLUDED	TOTAL MEMBERSHIP	CONTRIBUTION	CHURCH TIME	UNION AND COMMUNION
MT. PLEASANT	Lloyd Sesco	100	125	1	2						45	100	2	July
APPLE ORCHARD	Wallace Muncy	130	125	1					1		44	130	1	June
ENON	Lloyd Sesco	100	75						1	1	18	100	1	June
REBECCA	Edward Runyon	150	125	1					1	1	70	150	2	Aug.
BENT BRANCH	Edwin May	150	125	1					1		69	150	3	Aug.
SARDIS	Joe Evans	200	100	5					1	2	84	200	4	Aug.
BIG BRANCH	Willis L. Lowe	125	125						2		29	125	3	July
MARY ELIZABETH	Wallace Muncy	150	125	2	2				2		50	150	3	July
BETHANY	Isom Hannah		75	1					2	1	52	100	4	Aug.
ELK FORK	David Baisden		50	4				1	1		37	150	3	Aug.
PILGRIM'S HOME	Edwin May	200	300	5	1			2	2	1	126	200	4	Aug.
SALEM	Clifford Maynard	200	150								53	200	1	May
SIDNEY	Thomas J. Dials		150	3					1		34	150	4	June
DIX FORK	Ernest Cochran	200	200					1	3		66	200	1	July
NARROWS BRANCH	Willis L. Lowe	125	125								40	125	4	July
LEANNAH	Steve Robinson, Jr.	100	100	1					1		40	100	2	July
BUCK CREEK	Wayne Herald	125	125							2	43	125	3	June
TIBITHA	John Fouch	100	75	2							37	100	1	Aug.
LITTLE ROSA	Wayne Herald	70	50						4		17	70	2	April
TURKEY CREEK	Willis L. Lowe	150	150	1	1				1	1	80	150	2	May
SAMARIA	Edward Runyon	150	100	2					1		48	150	1	July
ROSA	Johnie Cline	170	175						4	4	65	170	3	Aug.
MUNCY VALLEY	Tommy Ellis	25	20								16	25	2	June
LITTLE VIRGIE	Lloyd Sesco	75	65								16	75	4	June
SOUTHERN HOME	Tommy Adair, Sr.		175	3							46	200	1	April
PILGRIM'S REST	Clifford Maynard	100	50								23	100	2	June
OKEECHOBEE	Monroe Ousley	50	50								19	50	2	April
ELIZABETH	Wayne Herald	100	100	5					1		34	100	1	June
LITTLE TAVIE	William H. Cochran	75	100		5			2			14	75	2	July
TOTALS		3120	3310	38	11	0	0	6	26	13	1315	3720		